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477	8/20/51	HQ LETTER TO SAC NY	2	2	
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479	8/22/51	CG LETTER TO HQ	1/2	1	
479	9/17/51	HQ LETTER TO CG WITH SEARCH SLIPS	3/2	3/2	
480	8/30/51	HQ LETTER TO AL	3	—	referred to ... See Bufile 65-58236
481	8/25/51	LA REPORT TO HQ w/ copy of cover page	7/1	7/1	
482	8/31/51	BU REPORT TO HQ w/ copy of cover page	5/1	5/1	
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489	9/15/51	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
490	9/24/51	HQ LETTER TO OTHER GOV. AG. AGENCY	2	2	
491	9/24/51	HQ LETTER TO FOREIGN SOURCE	1	1	
NR	9/24/51	HQ LETTER TO LEGAL ATTACHE PARIS, FR.	3	—	referral to another gov't agency
492	9/24/51	HENNRICH MEMO TO BELMONT	3	—	referral to another gov't agency
493	9/11/51	NY TELETYPE TO HQ	2	—	referral to another gov't agency
494	9/24/51	HQ LETTER TO LEGAL ATTACHE LONDON, EN.	2	2	
495	9/27/51	HQ LETTER TO ASST. AG.	1	1	
496	9/28/51	AL LETTER TO HQ	5	—	referral to another gov't agency

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499	9/29/51	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
500	10/6/51	DE REPORT TO HQ w/ copy of cover page	3	3	
501	10/7/51	LEGAL ATTACHE, PARIS LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
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505	9 10/19/51	HQ LETTER TO AL WITH ENCLOSURES	2	—	referral to another gov't agency
NR	10/12/51	HQ LETTER TO ASST. AG	2	—	referral to another gov't agency
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507	10/15/51	AL LETTER TO HQ	1	1	

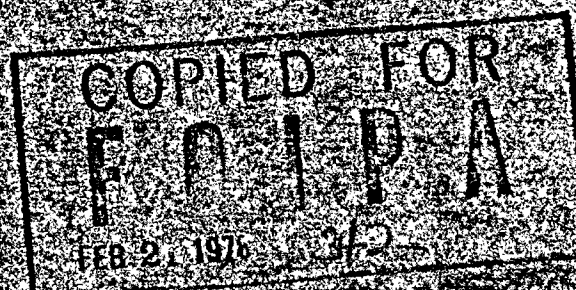
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510	11/15/51	HQ LETTER TO LEGAL ATTACHE LONDON, EN.	1	1	
511	10/18/51	ISU LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
512	10/17/51	NY LETTER TO HQ	6	6	
513	10/18/51	HQ LETTER TO ASST. AG	1	1	
514	10/23/51	OTHER GOV. AGENCY LETTER TO HQ	1	-	referral to another gov't agency
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SAC, NEW YORK

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August 20, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was., et al  
ESPIONAGE - R  
New York 65-15360

Rerep Special Agent Robert F. Royal, dated August 3, 1951, at New York City, in the above-captioned matter.

You are authorized to furnish a copy of that report to the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York.

A review of the above report reflects that on page 33 there is set forth information obtained as a result of an interview which was had with Gary Pickard. It is noted that according to Pickard, during the Christmas vacation period of 1949 either Max Finestone or himself invited John David Lyle, Harold Lindsay Gatty, Ronald Gatty, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Poirier to spend the Christmas holiday period with them in their apartment at 65 Morton Street, New York City. It was pointed out that all of these individuals were students at Cornell University. Pickard further advised that it was necessary for them to improvise sleeping facilities by making beds on the floor to handle the overflow group.

In this respect, as is pointed out in this report, Mr. Elwyn, Jr., the Superintendent at 65 Morton Street, advised during this Christmas period he had occasion to visit Apartment 6-I which was occupied by Finestone and Pickard in order to repair the plumbing in the bathroom. He stated he noted upon entering the apartment that there were seven men in the apartment and sleeping bags laid out on the living room floor.

Inasmuch as Pickard, who is apparently cooperating in furnishing information concerning this matter, advised he did not recall any such visit by Mr. Elwyn during this holiday period it would appear that this occurred during the two days when he had left New York City in order to visit his parents. Although Mr. Elwyn indicated that he saw seven men in the apartment on that occasion the identities of only four of these men can be accounted for on the basis of Pickard's statement concerning the visitors in that apartment. It is therefore desired that during the interviews requested of the Los Angeles and

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A check of Bufiles has failed to locate any identifiable subversive info re John David Lyle, Ronald & Harold Lindsay Gatty, or Mr. and Mrs. Norman Poirier.

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Kansas City Offices an effort be made to specifically determine whether there were any other persons present in this apartment during any portion of the period during which they stayed at the apartment.

It should be specifically ascertained during the course of the interviews with John David Lyle and Harold Lindsay Gatty whether William Perl and possibly Weldon Bruce Dayton may have joined them and stayed in the apartment during this period. It is noted here for your information that Dayton was an instructor at Cornell University and his wife, Carol Dayton, fled from the United States with subject Sarant. The photographs of Perl and Dayton should be exhibited during these interviews.

For the further information of Kansas City and Los Angeles, any information indicating the presence of Perl and Dayton in this apartment would be of material value in connection with the possible future prosecution of Dayton for perjury. It is noted that Dayton has denied ever being in the apartment at 65 Morton Street or having had any acquaintance or association with William Perl. He has further denied having had any contact with Finestone in New York City.

It is further suggested for the consideration of the New York Division that interviews with Ronald Gatty and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Poirier, the latter being allegedly from Worcester, Massachusetts, along the same lines might be of importance in connection with this matter as well as the perjury investigation concerning Dayton.

On page 43 of refrep it is noted that Max Finestone resided in an apartment at 173 West End Avenue with one Harry Shaich. Inasmuch as a check of Bufiles has failed to indicate any identifiable subversive record concerning Shaich you are authorized to interview him concerning any information he may possess regarding Finestone, as well as the other members of the Rosenberg espionage network.

This investigation should be given prompt attention, and any information developed which would be of interest and evidentiary value in connection with the Dayton perjury case should be reported under the caption "William Bruce Dayton; Espionage - R" (Bufile 65-59336), in which case the Boston Division is the office of origin.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JAMES M.  
McINERNEY  
DIRECTOR, FBI

August 16, 1951

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There is being transmitted herewith for your information one copy of the report of Special Agent Robert F. Royal, dated August 9, 1951, at New York City, in the above-captioned matter.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 22, 1951

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was,  
LOUISE ROSS SARANT  
ESPIONAGE - R

Rerep of SA ROBERT F. ROYAL dated April 14, 1951 at New York, New York, Albany letter to SAC Chicago dated May 29, 1951, report of SA FRANCIS X. JAHN dated July 5, 1951 at Baltimore, Maryland, Albany letter to SAC Boston dated July 23, 1951.

The Albany office in referenced letters has requested that Chicago interview MURRAY PESHKIN and LAURIE BROWN, both instructors at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, concerning their knowledge of WELDON BRUCE DAYTON and his association with ALFRED SARANT.

It was ascertained on August 20, 1951 that both PESHKIN and BROWN are currently employed as instructors at Northwestern University.

Chicago indices contain no information relative to PESHKIN or BROWN.

Bureau permission is requested to interview PESHKIN and BROWN.

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cc: Albany (65-1664)

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Reurlet August 22, 1951, requesting Bureau permission to interview Murray Peshkin and Laurie Brown, both of whom are presently instructors at Northwestern University.

A check has been made of Bufiles concerning Peshkin and Brown and there is being set forth hereinafter for your information the substance of the available subversive information appearing therein, which information has not previously been furnished to your office:

In the case entitled "Federation of American Scientists; Internal Security - C," the report of SA E. Hyatt Mossburg dated 8-12-47 at Washington, D. C. sets forth a list of the members of the Executive Committee of FAS. This list was made available by Confidential Informant [redacted] and reflects that Murray Peshkin, Magazine Committee, was connected with the Los Alamos Association, Santa Fe, New Mexico. (100-344452-33) b7D

The report of SA T. A. Bronstad dated 7-13-42 at Albany, New York, in the case entitled "Young Communist League, Ithaca Area, New York; Internal Security - C" contains information concerning one Laurie Mark Brown. This report reflects that a Mrs. Lela Tisdal of Ithaca indicated Laurie Brown was known to be an active leader of the American Student Union on the Cornell campus. Further, that a Robert Lewis is reported to have given Brown a mimeograph machine previously used by the YCL.

(61-177-1-8) RECORDED  
In the case entitled "American Student Union; Internal Security - R," the report of SA S. B. Beachum, Jr., dated 1-23-42 at Albany reflects that one Foster N. Coffin, Director of the Willard Street Hall, Cornell University, disclosed that the ASU through Laurie Mark Brown made application for a meeting room in that hall on November 28 and December 4, 1941.

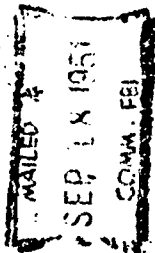
Peshkin and Brown were former associates of Sarant and Weldon Bruce Dayton at Cornell U., Ithaca, NY. It is anticipated that additional info concerning the associations & activities of Sarant & Dayton may be obtained as result of these interviews.

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In this same file, the report of SA T. A. Bronstad dated 7-17-42 at Albany indicates that Donald H. Moyer, Counselor of Students, Cornell University, exhibited a letter dated April 26, 1942, directed to Dr. E. K. Graham, Secretary of that university. This letter was from Laurie Brown, who was described as a leader of the ASU, and advised that as of that date the ASU no longer existed on the Cornell campus. Further that, according to Edward Whiting, Assistant Director of the Willard Strait Hall, the front organization known as the War Council made its appearance on the Cornell campus in April, 1942. According to Professor A. W. Gibson, the leaders of the War Council were also connected with the ASU and among these leaders was Laurie Brown, who was the Financial Chairman and Treasurer of the group.

(61-7497-261, 292)

The report of SA Donald E. Roney dated 11-25-49 at Albany in the case entitled "Federation of American Scientists; Internal Security - C," sets forth the results of an interview with Dean Carleton C. Murdock, Professor of Physics and Dean of the University Faculty. According to Dean Murdock, Laurie Brown was Treasurer of the Association of Scientists of Cornell University, which was the local chapter of the FAS. This Cornell group went on record as favoring the free international exchange of scientific information about the atomic bomb. (100-344452-278)

In the case entitled "John A. Scott, Registration Act; Internal Security - C," the report of SA John G. Fleming dated 7-21-42 at Albany reflects that according to Professor A. W. Gibson of Cornell University, Laurie Mark Brown was an associate of Scott and considered to be a member of the YCL. Scott was reported as being an associate of a number of Communists and other individuals who attempted to organize the Student War Council at Cornell University.

(97-973-8)

Inasmuch as reflet indicated that a check of your files reflected no information concerning Peshkin and Brown, you are authorized to conduct interviews with these individuals

concerning their knowledge of the activities and associates of Dayton and Sarant as previously requested by the Albany division.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/29/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/20, 22, 25/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>SA THOMAS E. BRYANT</b>	<b>VMM</b>
TITLE <b>ALFRED ESPAMINONDAS SARANT, was; LOUISE ROSS SARANT, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

JOHN DAVID LYLE states he met MAXWELL FINESTONE, JAMES WEINSTEIN and GARY PICKARD in 1947-1948 while attending Cornell University. Later visited and lived with them in New York City. Recalls Christmas, 1949, holiday visit to Morton St. apartment. States those present were FINESTONE, PICKARD, LINDSEY GATTY, NORMAN POIRIER, SHIRLEY POIRIER, himself, and ARTHUR BANKS, former roommate of LYLE; also stayed one night at apartment during this period. Furnished names several associates of FINESTONE. WILLIAM PERL and subject unknown to LYLE. Believes photograph and name VIVIAN GLASSMAN familiar; unable to identify other photographs. Recalls going to Morton Street apartment with PICKARD after FINESTONE had moved to obtain pieces of furniture from basement at which time saw superintendent of building. Photographs of LYLE transmitted herewith to New York.

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JOHN DAVID LYLE was interviewed on August 20, 1951 at the Los Angeles Office. LYLE stated he is presently residing with his mother and father at 108 1/2 South Sultana Avenue, Temple City, California, Telephone ATLantic 68970. He stated within the next

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10 days he expects to return to New York where he can be reached care of SCOTT, MERIDETH Literary Agents, where he expects to be employed as editor of a new writer's magazine. He stated he is presently subletting an apartment at 27 Elliot Road, Lexington, Massachusetts. However, if he obtains employment as expected in New York City he will release this apartment and live in New York City.

LYLE stated that he met MAXWELL FINESTONE at Cornell University in the fall of 1947 through 2 students who had asked him to live with them, namely, LEONARD MARSACK and MARVIN MILLS. He stated that FINESTONE was a friend of theirs and during the time he resided with them FINESTONE visited their apartment on several occasions. At that time, according to LYLE, FINESTONE was attending the International Labor Relations School at Cornell University. He stated that he saw FINESTONE regularly until about the fall of 1949 at which time FINESTONE went to New York having left school in June 1949. Subsequent to FINESTONE's departure from the University in the fall of 1949, LYLE stated he occasionally visited New York City at which time he would stay with FINESTONE at his apartment on Morton Street. LYLE recalled that the street number was 55 Morton Street. However, he stated he was not certain of this number. He definitely recalled that the apartment was on the 5th or 6th floor and located in the rear of the building. He stated on these occasions when he visited FINESTONE at the Morton Street apartment, GARY PICKARD, whom he had met at Cornell University in the fall of 1949, was living with FINESTONE.

LYLE stated that in the latter part of January 1950 he and LINDSEY GATTY, a fellow student at Cornell University, went to New York City where they moved into the apartment located at 418 East 9th Street, which was then occupied by FINESTONE, PICKARD and JAMES WEINSTEIN, whom LYLE had previously met at Cornell University and who was a close friend of FINESTONE. LYLE stated that all resided at this apartment for about 2 weeks after which GATTY, PICKARD and LYLE obtained their own apartment at 780 Greenwich Street and FINESTONE and WEINSTEIN remained at 418 East 9th Street.

LYLE stated that during the times he visited FINESTONE on weekends at the Morton Street apartment house he did not recall meeting anyone, although he stated it was possible that friends of FINESTONE's may have dropped in during these trips. He stated, however, that during the time he resided with FINESTONE, et al, at the 9th Street apartment and subsequently when he visited FINESTONE after having obtained his own apartment, he met many of

their friends and recalls specifically JACK MINKOFF and his wife. He stated MINKOFF was a former student at Cornell University and he did not know whether the latter was a particular friend of FINESTONE or WEINSTEIN. LYLE also recalled at one gathering at the 9th Street apartment, subsequent to the time he had moved, among the guests of FINESTONE and WEINSTEIN was PAUL ROBESON, JR., son of the negro singer, and his wife. LYLE advised that PAUL ROBESON, JR. and JACK MINKOFF had been roommates at Cornell University. Also at this gathering LYLE recalled one DANNY MARION, whom he identified as a former student at Cornell University and whom he believed was attending Columbia University at the present time. In addition, a young couple named BOBBY and MARY FEIDEN (phonetic), also former students at Cornell University, were present at this time. Among the guests, the majority of whom were former Cornell students, was a close friend of FINESTONE's one MARTY MORAN, whom LYLE described as a union organizer in Pennsylvania, possibly representing the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, although LYLE was not certain of this. LYLE stated MORAN was a frequent visitor at FINESTONE's as was another guest on this occasion, one JOHN MARQUESSE who is believed by LYLE to be presently attending Cornell University. In this connection LYLE pointed out FINESTONE and his friends regularly frequented an Italian restaurant named JOHN CARDINELLI'S located on Houston Street near the intersection of Sullivan, and that MORAN, MARQUESSE, and FINESTONE went to this restaurant on many occasions. At that time LYLE stated this restaurant was identified by a large red awning.

In addition to the above individuals, also present was RUEY RANORR (phonetic) and wife MARILYN who were former students at Cornell University and lived in the neighborhood a few blocks north of 9th Street. Both of these individuals were friendly with FINESTONE and WEINSTEIN, according to LYLE. LYLE could not recall any other individuals present at this time.

LYLE advised that while at Cornell University FINESTONE and WEINSTEIN were members of a campus political organization known as The Young Progressives of America, which LYLE described as the "most left wing organization on the campus". LYLE stated he could not recall the specific occasion but believes that at one time or another FINESTONE asked him to join this organization which he declined. However, FINESTONE was active in the organization and he recalls that on one occasion the Young Progressives of America invited HOWARD FAST, the novelist, to speak before the group and FINESTONE invited LYLE to go with him to Syracuse, New York to drive FAST from there to Ithaca. LYLE stated he accompanied FINESTONE and was introduced by him to FAST.

With regard to his visit to New York City during the Christmas vacation of 1949, LYLE stated he recalled being in New England at this time and around December 26 or 27th he drove from Boston in his jeep and brought with him NORMAN POIRIER and his wife, SHIRLEY POIRIER. LYLE stated he had been in the Navy with POIRIER and following his return from the Navy POIRIER attended Cornell University at which time LYLE introduced POIRIER to FINESTONE and WEINSTEIN. LYLE stated that they went to the Morton Street apartment and when they arrived FINESTONE, PICKARD and GATTY were there. He stated he believes that a girlfriend of PICKARD's was also present although she may have dropped in at some time during the next few days. LYLE could not recall the name of this girl other than the nickname "NONNIE". LYLE stated that all of the above were present at this apartment from around December 26 or 27 to about January 2nd and in addition, on at least one night, ARTHUR B. BANKS, a former roommate of LYLE's at Cornell who presently resides at 5153 Sherrier Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., also spent the night at this apartment. On this occasion LYLE stated the following individuals would have been present at one time or another in the apartment: FINESTONE, PICKARD, GATTY, BANKS, NORMAN POIRIER, SHIRLEY POIRIER, and LYLE. LYLE stated that 2 or 3 people shared the bed and couch and 1 or 2 slept on the floor. He stated he believes that on one or two occasions to relieve the congestion he stayed at the Hotel Lexington. LYLE stated that during this period he, GATTY and BANKS attended social affairs sponsored by the New York debutante set and that to the best of his knowledge PICKARD and FINESTONE were working and he saw very little of them.

LYLE explained that the use of the apartment at Morton Street was for economic reasons and was not used as a place for social gatherings but rather as simply a place to sleep. LYLE stated that during this period he does not recall any individuals other than the above visiting the apartment for any purpose. At this time LYLE was shown a photograph of WILLIAM PERL and stated he had never seen PERL to the best of his knowledge and that the latter was unknown to him by name.

With regard to the apartment at Morton Street, he stated that FINESTONE on one occasion explained to him that it belonged to friends of FINESTONE named SARANT, who were then living in New Jersey but had formerly lived in the apartment and were retaining it since they might return to New York. Later, at the time FINESTONE gave up the apartment, he explained to LYLE that the SARANTS had decided to release the apartment. To the best of his knowledge LYLE stated he believed the mail box at this apartment bore the name SARANT. Photographs of ALFRED SARANT were displayed

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to LYLE who was unable to identify them and stated he never recalls hearing the name other than in the course of the above explanation by FINESTONE.

LYLE stated that after PICKARD, GATTY, and he obtained their apartment, FINESTONE offered them a couch and 2 chairs which had formerly been in the Morton Street apartment and which were then stored in the basement of the MORTON Street apartment building. He stated that he recalls to the best of his knowledge in the latter part of January 1950 going to the Morton Street apartment house with PICKARD, contacting the superintendent of this building, and obtaining the above mentioned furniture from the basement. He states he recalls seeing one or two of the tenants of the building in the hallway during the time they were moving this furniture but was unable to identify these individuals by name. He described the superintendent as being of average size, possibly in his forties.

Concerning FINESTONE, LYLE stated that he was practically without funds on most occasions. However, WEINSTEIN appeared to have sufficient funds as his family was wealthy.

LYLE recalled that at one time FINESTONE had a girl-friend whom he was fond of named BETTY BEUHLER (phonetic). LYLE recalls being introduced to BEUHLER by FINESTONE at her apartment in Greenwich Village, the address of which he could not recall. LYLE stated that BEUHLER was a folk singer by occupation although he was not familiar with her employment, if any.

LYLE stated that he believes WEINSTEIN left Cornell in June 1949 and thereafter attended Columbia Law School. He stated he understood WEINSTEIN also worked for the Progressive Party in New York during his residence with FINESTONE.

During his association with FINESTONE and WEINSTEIN, LYLE stated neither mentioned or indicated membership in the Communist Party although from FINESTONE's conversation in particular LYLE regarded him as "definitely very left wing." When asked to explain this description LYLE stated he recalled that on several occasions during the time legislation was pending to outlaw the Communist Party that FINESTONE was bitterly opposed to this and so expressed himself.

LYLE stated that during his association with FINESTONE and WEINSTEIN no indication was given by either that they were engaged in any suspicious activities and that at no time was he ever requested by them to perform any service.

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Photographs of the following individuals were displayed to LYLE with negative results:

WILLIAM PERL  
ALFRED SARANT  
LOUISE SARANT  
WELDON BRUCE DAYTON  
MORTON SOBELL  
JULIUS ROSENBERG  
ETHEL ROSENBERG  
MAX ELITCHER  
HELEN ELITCHER  
NATHAN SUSSMAN  
HETTI SAVIDGE  
RUTH GREENGLASS  
DAVID GREENGLASS  
MIKE SIDOROVICH  
JOEL BARR  
WILANOR GLASSMAN.

STANLEY ROBERT RICH - LYLE stated that the photograph of RICH looked familiar, however, he could not place him nor did the name sound familiar to him.

VIVIAN GLASSMAN - LYLE stated the photograph of GLASSMAN looked familiar and the name also sounded familiar but he could not recall meeting GLASSMAN. However, he stated it was possible she could have attended one of the gatherings at FINESTONE's apartment.

MAXWELL FINESTONE - LYLE immediately identified FINESTONE from the photograph.

ENCLOSURES:

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4 photographs of JOHN DAVID LYLE

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Information copies of instant report are designated for several offices in view of the fact that these offices are actively participating in instant investigation.

Two copies of instant report are being designated for the Washington Field Office in view of the fact that the office of origin may desire that office to interview ARTHUR BANKS. However, no action in this regard should be taken unless specifically advised by the office of origin.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT F. ROYAL dated 8/3/51 at New York.



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TITLE <b>ALFRED ESPAMINONDAS SARANT, was; LOUISE ROSS SARANT, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

JOHN DAVID LYLE states he met MAXWELL FINESTONE, JAMES WEINSTEIN and GARY PICKARD in 1947-1948 while attending Cornell University. Later visited and lived with them in New York City. Recalls Christmas, 1949, holiday visit to Morton St. apartment. States those present were FINESTONE, PICKARD, LINDSEY GATTY, NORMAN POIRIER, SHIRLEY POIRIER, himself, and ARTHUR BANKS, former roommate of LYLE; also stayed one night at apartment during this period. Furnished names several associates of FINESTONE. WILLIAM PERL and subject unknown to LYLE. Believes photograph and name VIVIAN GLASSMAN familiar; unable to identify other photographs. Recalls going to Morton Street apartment with PICKARD after FINESTONE had moved to obtain pieces of furniture from basement at which time saw superintendent of building. Photographs of LYLE transmitted herewith to New York.

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**DETAILS:**

JOHN DAVID LYLE was interviewed on August 20, 1951 at the Los Angeles Office. LYLE stated he is presently residing with his mother and father at 108 1/2 South Sultana Avenue, Temple City, California, Telephone ATLantic 68970. He stated within the next

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TITLE <b>ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was. ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. ROBERT T. CRAIG, Jamestown, N.Y., identified photo of FINESTONE as being individual who used her telephone in New York City in connection with his employment with the American Research Bureau. States she first met FINESTONE when he applied for a position with the Lever Bros. in New York City in late 1950. States FINESTONE declined to sign employment affidavit concerning membership in the Communist Party as being against his principles. Mrs. CRAIG states she never visited the 65 Morton Place apartment, New York City. Recalls JOHN MOORE as friend of GARY PICKARD's divorced wife's family. Knows CLAIRE DIARCY and FRANA KLEIN. She states one SUNNY PORTER is a Communist and may be a friend of FINESTONE. Photos of all individuals furnished the Buffalo Office shown Mrs. CRAIG with negative results.

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DETAILS: AT JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK

ROBERT T. CRAIG, Manager of the Goodyear Tire Store, Third and Pendergast Streets, advised that he resides with his wife at 44 West Ninth Street, Jamestown, New York.

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Mrs. CRAIG advised that her full name is JOAN RENEE PICKARD

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~~MEANS:~~  
CRAIG, the wife of ROBERT T. CRAIG. She stated she is twenty-four years of age and has resided at 44 West Ninth Street, Jamestown, New York since May 16, 1951. She advised that previous to coming to Jamestown, New York, she resided at 809 Ardmore Avenue, Erie, Pennsylvania from October 18, 1950 to May 16, 1951. Previous to that period, she resided at 100 Sunnyside Avenue, Pleasantville, New York and at 72 East Eighty-sixth Street, New York City from February, 1948 to July, 1949. From October, 1949 to June, 1950, she advised she resided at 5 Riverside Drive, New York City. She stated that while she resided at 5 Riverside Drive, the following three young women resided with her: BETTY RITTER, MARILYN MITCHELL and BARRIE REID.

Mrs. CRAIG was shown a photograph of FINESTONE. She advised she knew him as MAX FINESTONE and first met him in the fall of 1949 in New York City. She stated that her brother, GARY, and FINESTONE had requested permission to use her telephone to receive phone calls from their employer, the American Research Bureau. She recalled that probably five or six telephone calls were in fact received from the American Research Bureau requesting that either GARY or FINESTONE contact that Bureau either by phone or a personal appearance in the office the following morning. She stated she could not recall any calls from any other source whatever as having been for either her brother or FINESTONE.

She stated that the first time she met FINESTONE was actually at her place of employment, the Lever Bros. Company of 505 Park Avenue, New York City. She stated that her brother had telephoned her concerning a possible position with Lever Bros. for FINESTONE. Mrs. CRAIG stated that in her capacity as Psychological Test Administrator, it was her duty to interview prospective applicants for her company. She stated she recalls that she had told her brother to have FINESTONE come to the Shelton Hotel, Lexington and Forty-ninth Street, New York City, where all prospective employees were being interviewed. She recalled that FINESTONE appeared at her office one day in either October or November of 1949 and that she furnished him an application to fill out there and then. She stated that within one-half hour, FINESTONE told her that the application would do him no good inasmuch as he could not sign the application. She advised that there is a paragraph in the application inquiring of prospective applicants whether or not they have ever held membership in the Communist Party or other such groups. She stated that FINESTONE had told her that he could not sign the application as it would be against his principles. She advised that inasmuch as he did not sign the application he was not further considered for a position with her company. She stated that inasmuch as the application had not been completed, she had torn it up. She stated further that on this date was the only occasion she had had personal contact with FINESTONE.

Concerning the apartment at 65 Morton Place, New York City, she advised that she had never visited that apartment or that address at any time.

She recalled that her brother had informed her that he was living with FINESTONE at that address at no cost to himself. GARY had further informed her that a friend of FINESTONE's was letting FINESTONE use his apartment while this friend was away from the city. She stated she did not recall if her brother had ever told her of this friend's identity. She stated that as far as she could recall, only GARY and MAX stayed at that apartment.

She stated that the names of JAMES WEINSTEIN and WELDON BRUCE DAYTON were unknown to her.

Concerning JOHN MOORE who resided in an apartment located at the corner of Lexington and Forty-fourth Street, New York City, she recalled that her brother had informed her that he had stayed two or three days at MOORE's apartment sometime early in 1950. She stated that JOHN MOORE is a friend of her brother's divorced wife's family. She stated she had no information concerning JOHN MOORE

Concerning CLAIRE D'ARCY HAUSDORFF, she stated that CLAIRE was married and divorced on the West Coast sometime in 1945. She stated that at about Christmas, 1950, she married one DON HAUSDORFF and that they presently reside at Apartment 5-B, 352 West Eighteenth Street, New York, New York.

Concerning FRANA KLEIN of 7 East Eighty-fifth Street, New York City, she stated FRANA is a former girlfriend of her brother, GARY.

She stated she had no information concerning BETTY BOEHLER of 178 East Seventy-first Street, New York City, New York.

Concerning any possible friends or associates of FINESTONE, she stated that one SUNNY PORTER may be a friend of FINESTONE. She stated that SUNNY PORTER had attended Cornell University and that her brother GARY had met her there in 1949. She stated that her brother, GARY, had informed her that SUNNY PORTER had visited Italy during the summer of 1950 but that the purpose of this visit was unknown to her. She stated that CLAIRE D'ARCY had told her that SUNNY PORTER was a Communist and was further of the opinion that CLAIRE D'ARCY had informed her that SUNNY PORTER was a friend of FINESTONE. She stated that CLAIRE D'ARCY had described SUNNY PORTER to her as a voluptuous blonde

The photographs furnished the Buffalo Office of the following individuals in connection with the ROSENBERG case were shown Mrs. CRAIG with negative results, with the exception of the ROSENBERGS and GREENGLASS, whose photographs she had seen in the paper in connection with the espionage trial

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RUTH GREENGLASS and her husband *DAVID GREENGLASS*  
Mr. and Mrs. JULIUS ROSENBERG;  
Mr. and Mrs. MORTON SOBELL; *MRS. MORTON SOBELL*  
Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED SARANT;  
Mr. and Mrs. MAX ELITCHER;  
MICHAEL SIDROVICH;  
JOHN BARR;  
WILLIAM PERL;  
WELDON BRUCE DAYTON.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT F. ROYAL dated 8/3/51 at New York City.

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TITLE <b>ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was., Alfie Sarant, Alfredo Sarant, Bruce Dayton; LOUISE JACQUELINE ROSS SARANT, was., Louise Jacqueline Rubel, "Puss" Sarant</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

HAROLD L. GATTY, Co. B, Class 36, AOC Div., Ft. Riley, Ks. advised DAVID LYLE, NORMAND POIRIER and wife, SHIRLEY, invited by MAX FINESTONE and GARY PICKARD to stay at 65 Morton St. during Christmas Holiday, 1949. No one else stayed there. Slept on floor. GATTY advised never saw WILLIAM PERL or DAYTON before.

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**DETAILS:**

At Fort Riley, Kansas

HAROLD LINDSEY GATTY, Company B, Class 36, A.O.C. Division, gave his association with GARY PICKARD, MAXWELL FINESTONE, as follows:

He stated that he met GARY PICKARD at Cornell University at Ithaca, New York around July or August of 1949 through a mutual acquaintance named MARILYN PORTER, now MRS. JAMES SHERWOOD, who presently resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He stated that he saw PICKARD quite often until PICKARD left Ithaca, New York in September, 1949 when he went to Pleasantville, New York to his home and then on to New York where he resided at 65 Morton Street. He stated that he saw PICKARD again during the Christmas Holidays of 1949 when DAVID, NORMAND POIRIER, and his wife, SHIRLEY, and himself, who were all stu-

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dents at Cornell, were invited by MAX ~~FINESTONE~~ and GARY PICKARD to stay at their apartment at 65 Morton Street. He stated they stayed there for approximately four to ten days. He stated that they only stayed there at night and did not associate with ~~FINESTONE~~ or PICKARD or ~~FINESTONE~~'s crowd. He stated that ~~LYLE~~, POIRIER, POIRIER's wife, and himself returned to Cornell on January 2, 1950. He said a few weeks later during final examinations at Cornell, PICKARD came back to Ithaca for a few days. GATTY advised that he and LYLE, and their roommate, ARTHUR BANKS, put PICKARD up in their apartment at 140 College Avenue, Ithaca, New York while he was there.

After graduation the first of February, 1950, GATTY stated, he went to New York City and, being out of a job and short on money, he stayed at 418 Ninth Street, at WEINSTEIN's and ~~FINESTONE~~'s apartment. He stated that he stayed there with PICKARD, WEINSTEIN, ~~FINESTONE~~ and LYLE until LYLE, PICKARD, and himself rented an apartment at 780 Greenwich Street approximately two weeks after moving in with ~~FINESTONE~~ and WEINSTEIN. He stated that about August, 1950 PICKARD left New York to go to Las Vegas, Nevada to obtain a divorce and he and LYLE moved to 353 West 57th Street, Apartment 4-D. He advised that he stayed there a couple of weeks and enlisted in the Army on September 12, 1950.

He stated that he met MAXWELL ~~FINESTONE~~ during the Christmas of 1948 in New York City. He said that he was closely associated with ~~FINESTONE~~ at Cornell until ~~FINESTONE~~ graduated about June, 1949. He stated that ~~FINESTONE~~'s home is in Ithaca, New York and he saw him frequently until he moved to New York City. He advised that after LYLE, PICKARD, and himself moved to 780 Greenwich Street, he did not see much of ~~FINESTONE~~ or WEINSTEIN.

GATTY stated that he met JAMES ~~WEINSTEIN~~ through MAX ~~FINESTONE~~ at Cornell during early, 1949. He stated that he may have known him earlier but he could not recall ever having met him before. He stated WEINSTEIN and ~~FINESTONE~~ were always together while they were at school and he drank beer and partied with them some. He stated that they were living at 418 East 9th Street when he enlisted in the Army in September, 1950. He stated that several times at drinking parties that PICKARD, LYLE, and himself would get in "bull sessions" and argue political issues with WEINSTEIN and ~~FINESTONE~~. He stated upon several occasions ~~FINESTONE~~ and WEINSTEIN tried to persuade them to join various organizations such as the N.Y.C.P., the AYD, and about six other clubs at Cornell University that Communist sympathizers belonged to. He stated that LYLE and himself never had anything to do with them and he believed that PICKARD did not either.

The photographs of ~~FINESTONE~~, PERL, DAYTON, ROSENBERG, GLASSMAN (ELEANOR), and SARANT were shown to GATTY and he stated that he never saw WILLIAM PERL before but he did recognize ~~FINESTONE~~ and thought he had met SARANT at Ithaca, New York during the summer of 1949. He stated that he went for a ride with ~~FINESTONE~~ out to the house that SARANT was building in Ithaca. He stated that he was nosing around the house and did not know what ~~FINESTONE~~ and SARANT talked about. He said he never saw SARANT again.

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GATTY stated that FINESTONE told him that SARANT gave him the apartment at 65 Morton Street for a place to stay while SARANT and his wife were away. He stated that he never saw SARANT or PERL while he was staying there during the Christmas Holiday of 1949 and had no reason to question FINESTONE any further about the apartment. He said that he did not notice anything unusual happening in the apartment at 65 Morton Street during the Christmas Holiday of 1949 but that he wouldn't because he was only there at night time. He said that the apartment had very little furniture and no telephone at that time. He stated that LYIE, POIRIER, and his wife, SHIRLEY, and himself slept on the floor while they were at 65 Morton Street.

GATTY stated that he could not recall seeing MR. ELWIN, the Superintendent of the Apartments at 65 Morton Street, during the Holidays. He said that while they were staying at 65 Morton Street during the Christmas Holidays of 1949, there were no other persons present in this apartment during the time that they stayed there. He further advised that he never saw WELDON BRUCE DAYTON during the Holidays at 65 Morton Street.

Enclosure to New York: One photograph of HAROLD L. GATTY.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent ROBERT F. ROYAL at New York dated 8-3-51.  
Bureau letter to New York dated 8-20-51.

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At New York

Display photo of HAROLD L. GATTY to MR. & MRS. FLOYD ELWIN, JR.  
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Re New York teletype to Bureau and Albany dated August 31, 1951.

The file on SARA NAIMA LANDMAN ROSSANT in the Miami Division has been reviewed and it has not been possible to establish any connection between the ROSSANTS and Mrs. VICTOR K. D. ROSS of Ithaca, New York, mother-in-law of the Subject, ALFRED E. SARANT.

From information in the Immigration & Naturalization Service file on SARA NAIMA LANDMAN ROSSANT it was reflected that she was born in London, England, July 19, 1919 and apparently had resided in London most of her life until coming to the United States in February of 1950. Mrs. ROSSANT, under relatives, listed only her husband, MURRAY JUSTUS ROSSANT, her father, SAMUEL LANDMAN, and her mother, AUGUSTA LANDMAN, nee JOMANSKA. She did not indicate any other relatives in the United States.

During previous investigation in the SARANT Case, contact was had with one WALTER D. PERRY, the Manager of Trees, Inc., which is VICTOR ROSS's business in Miami. During these previous contacts, PERRY was queried as to whether or not VICTOR ROSS had any relatives or special friends in Miami and PERRY had stated that, to the best of his knowledge, ROSS did not have any such relatives or friends.

None of the investigation conducted either in the SARANT Case or of Mrs. ROSSANT has indicated any connection or family relationship whatsoever between Mrs. ROSS and Mrs. ROSSANT. RUC.

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TITLE <b>ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was. LOUISE ROSS SARANT, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

On 7-12-51, LOUISE SARANT advised that she desired no further interviews or contacts by the FBI, stating that she has furnished all information in her possession. Information received that she sold the SARANT residence, Cayuga Heights Road, RD 1, Ithaca, N. Y. on 7-25-51 to WILLIAM MOONEY WOODWARD for \$12,000. She has given no change of address to the Ithaca Post Office, but investigation reflects that she and her children are residing in a cottage located on the property of her step-father, VICTOR K. D. ROSS, West Shore, Lake Cayuga, RD 4, Ithaca, N. Y. Confidential Informant advises that he believes LOUISE SARANT and MAX FINESTONE are romantically inclined and that he has heard that they had a love affair in New York City prior to her marriage to ALFRED SARANT. No additional information received concerning the present whereabouts of male subject.

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**Details:**

Re: REFUSAL OF LOUISE SARANT TO BE INTERVIEWED

On July 12, 1951, LOUISE SARANT advised the writer that she desired no further interviews or contacts by the FBI. She stated that she has furnished all information of pertinency known by her; that she fully cooperated when testifying before the Federal Grand Jury in New York City; and that additional interviews would be only a waste of her time. At this time, she positively refused to answer any questions put to her.

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Re: SALE OF THE SARANT RESIDENCE, CAYUGA HEIGHTS ROAD,  
RD 1, ITHACA, NEW YORK

On July 30, 1951, Albany Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that he had learned that VICTOR K. D. ROSS, LOUISE SARANT's step-father, had been attempting to sell the SARANT residence, and that he believed that a sale had recently been consummated through the Ithaca Savings and Loan Association.

Albany Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that on July 25, 1951, LOUISE SARANT, as seller, conveyed the SARANT residence on Cayuga Heights Road to WILLIAM MOONEY WOODWARD for the purchase price of \$12,000.00, it being estimated that \$3,400.00 would be necessary to complete construction. At the time of sale, the Ithaca Savings Bank held a mortgage with an unpaid balance of \$5,700.76. This mortgage was assumed and increased to \$9,100.00 by the Ithaca Savings and Loan Association. It was estimated by this informant that LOUISE SARANT received approximately \$4,800.00, less broker's fee from the sale of this property, VICTOR K. D. ROSS acting as broker. This informant stated that LOUISE SARANT, at the time of closing, displayed a power of attorney executed by her husband. Informant was not in possession of any additional information, and he advised that he did not know any future plans on the part of Mrs. SARANT.

Re: CHANGE IN RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF LOUISE SARANT AND  
CHILDREN

Albany Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that the SARANT telephone, Ithaca 7466, was ordered disconnected on August 16, 1951. Instructions were given to mail the final bill to Mrs. SARANT, Cayuga Heights Road.

Mr. E. F. SLOUGHTER, Ithaca Postmaster, advised that there is no order for change of address on file for the subject. It was learned from Albany Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, that mail is still being received for Mrs. SARANT at her old residence, but that apparently she or someone is picking this mail up from the rural mailbox from time to time. This informant stated that he is positive that

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she is no longer residing at this address. Albany Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that LOUISE SARANT has been receiving mail since approximately the first of August at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. VICTOR K. D. ROSS, West Shore, Lake Cayuga, RD 4, Ithaca, New York.

Albany Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that VICTOR K. D. ROSS, in addition to his own residence, owns a cottage located between his house and the lake front on the West Shore, and that he has seen the SARANT children at this cottage. Mr. LAWRENCE RUMSEY, who owns a summer home adjoining the ROSS property, advised that Mrs. SARANT and her children recently moved into the lake cottage and apparently have taken up temporary residence there.

Re: CANVASS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOPS

In an effort to ascertain if ALFRED SARANT and CAROL DAYTON had passport photographs taken prior to their departure from Ithaca, a canvass was made of shops specializing in this type of photography. The following concerns were contacted with negative results:

Bennett's Studio, 214 East State Street.  
Spires Photographers, 108 North Plain Street.  
Tompkins Studio, 134 East State Street.

Re: ALLEGED APPEARANCE OF ALFRED SARANT IN ITHACA

On June 16, 1951, Albany Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that he had heard [REDACTED] b7D that subject had returned to Ithaca for a very short period. HANSEN was interviewed at the National Army Store, where he is employed as manager. He advised that sometime early in June, while he was in an inebriated condition, some person told him that SARANT had returned to Ithaca, remained for a few hours, and immediately left. HANSEN stated that he could not be sure of the identity of the person who furnished this information, but that it might possibly have been SEYMOUR HOROWITZ, a Cornell University student, who also had worked for the subject for a short time.

HOROWITZ was interviewed by Agents of the New York Office at his residence in Mt. Kisco, New York. He denied ever making such a statement to HANSEN, adding that he did not know ALFRED SARANT. He advised that he had worked as a painter for DON BENNETT and CARL GOLDEN for about a month in August, 1950. It will be noted that BENNETT operated SARANT's painting business for a short time after SARANT left Ithaca.



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HANSEN was recontacted upon the basis of HOROWITZ's denial. He stated that most probably it was not HOROWITZ who made this statement, to him, but that he had not been able to recall where he did hear this information.

Albany Confidential Informant T-7; FRANK ~~LA~~ ROCK, SARANT's former business partner; Confidential Informant T-4, and DONALD BENNETT, former employee of SARANT, were all contacted to ascertain if they had heard anything concerning subject returning to Ithaca, with negative results.

Re: CONTACTS OF MRS. ALFRED SARANT

Albany Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, has advised that LOUISE SARANT's main correspondent is her grandmother, Mrs. LOUISE ~~BRANDT~~, in New York City. Additional correspondents, according to this informant, are:

BELLA S. ~~ABZUG~~, 205 West 34th St., New York City.  
W. BRUCE ~~DAYTON~~.  
Mrs. W. ~~MOEB~~, East Patchogue, New York.

With reference to the above, the identities of DAYTON and ABZUG are known, ABZUG being LOUISE SARANT's attorney.

On August 29, 1951, Confidential Informant T-8 advised that a letter had been received at the VICTOR K. D. ROSS residence, where LOUISE SARANT is now residing, addressed to Mrs. ROSS and postmarked August 24, 1951. Informant advised that the sender's name was not legible, but that it appeared to be ~~ROSSARNT~~ or ~~ROSSANT~~ and that the envelope was from the Hotel Earle, New York City. This informant later advised of the receipt of a second similar letter postmarked August 28, 1951, New York City. It will be noted that the sender's name is a possible combination of ROSS and SARANT.

As set forth previously, Confidential Informant T-3 has advised that the SARANT telephone (Ithaca 7466) was disconnected on August 16, 1951. This informant further advised that LOUISE SARANT has been in telephonic contact with BRUCE ~~DAYTON~~ in Cambridge and Jamaica Plains, Massachusetts, and that she had made a collect call to this number from Boston (Jamaica 4-7452) on June 21, 1951. It was further learned that a collect call had been made to the Ithaca number from New York City (Trafalgar 4-9882) on June 19, 1951.

Albany Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised that the following telegrams had emanated from Ithaca telephone 7466. These messages are quoted in their entirety:

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"June 3, 1951

"JACK SHULMAN, Apt. 20-3  
342 West 71st Street  
New York City

"Will return Monday sometime. Sorry but must stay. Urgent.

"FRANCESCA"

"July 9, 1951

"Mrs. VICTOR ROSS  
121 Zamora Avenue  
Coral Gables, Florida

"Address is care of Mr. RALPH PAINTER, 5570 Grayton Road,  
Detroit, Michigan. We are all well.

"Love, PUSS" *SARANT*

It will be noted that from the content of the second telegram, it is not possible to conclude if "PUSS" (Mrs. SARANT) is advising her mother of where she herself may be reached, or if she is furnishing the address of some individual as requested by her mother.

Informant received from Confidential Informants T-3 and T-9 may be introduced in court only upon issuance of a proper subpoena.

Re: INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECTS' BANK ACCOUNT

Albany Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised that a joint checking account of ALFRED and LOUISE SARANT at the First National Bank of Ithaca had a balance of \$942.77 as of August 17, 1951. This informant stated that checks drawn on this account have all been local in nature and that all deposits and withdrawals have been made by Mrs. SARANT. There have been no foreign items. Deposits to this account from the first of the year are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
January 5, 1951	\$125.00
January 15, 1951	297.00
March 5, 1951	80.00
March 19, 1951	25.00
April 3, 1951	60.00
May 16, 1951	50.00
May 25, 1951	220.36
June 26, 1951	100.60

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June 29, 1951	\$250.00
July 6, 1951	180.00
July 19, 1951	124.58
August 7, 1951	829.24

Informant advised that the last deposit consisted of two checks in the amounts of \$699.24 and \$130.00.

Re: MISCELLANEOUS INTERVIEWS

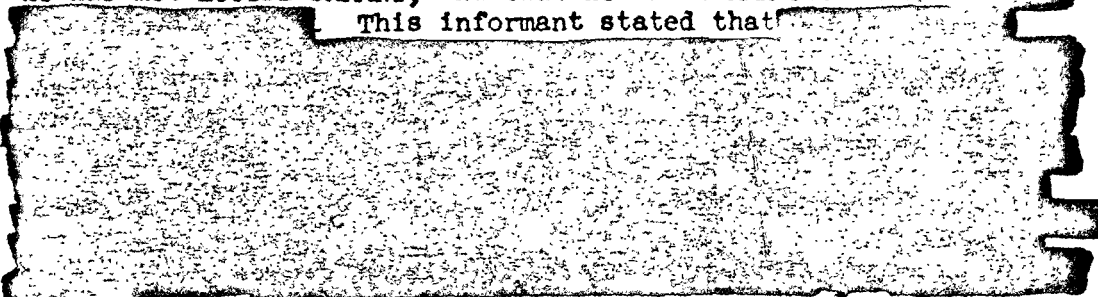
DONALD BENNETT, who is employed as a fireman by the City of Ithaca, and who was also employed by ALFRED SARANT as a painter, was recontacted. BENNETT advised that SARANT was a good man to work for and that he never had suspected him of any subversive activity. He was questioned concerning any contacts of SARANT and was displayed photographs of JULIUS ROSENBERG, WILLIAM PERL, JOEL BARR and VIVIAN GLASSMAN. BENNETT stated that none of these persons are familiar to him and that he does not associate these photographs with any of SARANT's contacts. BENNETT did state that he was acquainted with MAX FINESTONE, having met him while he was also employed by SARANT. It is BENNETT's understanding that FINESTONE and LOUISE SARANT met in high school and that they at one time went together. He added that they have always seemed to be very good friends. BENNETT advised that he never heard any mention of an apartment at 65 Morton Street, New York City, or any connection between FINESTONE and the SARANTS with regard to any apartment in New York City.

BENNETT was questioned concerning the relationship between ALFRED SARANT and HANS BETHE and PHILIP MORRISON. He advised that he has seen these individuals in and about Ithaca, but he never saw them with SARANT. He stated that he recalls something that ALFRED SARANT once told him about trying to get BETHE to help him enter Cornell University Graduate School, but that this is the only time SARANT ever mentioned BETHE, and that he does not believe that they were ever close friends. He does not remember SARANT ever mentioning MORRISON.

BENNETT stated that he does not believe that ALFRED SARANT premeditated leaving Ithaca and his family when he did, because only a few weeks before he left he ordered a set of ladders from Montgomery Ward, these ladders being delivered after he left town. However, BENNETT recalled that when SARANT left for New York City, he told him that he would be in charge of the painters in his absence and that VIC ROSS had his power of attorney if any questions with regard to contracts arose.

Albany Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, advised that he was never acquainted with ALFRED SARANT, but that he has met LOUISE SARANT, and that he knows MAX FINESTONE

This informant stated that



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Informant stated that he believes that MAX most probably lived with LOUISE SARANT prior to her marriage, that they are still romantically inclined, and that they may possibly marry if and when LOUISE obtains a divorce.

Informant stated that he never heard any mention of MAX residing at an apartment at 65 Morton Street, New York City, but that HUGH CHAFFIN told him that BRUCE DAYTON had been questioned about this address.

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Copies of this report are being designated for certain offices for informational purposes because of their possible interest in this investigation.

INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant T-1 is [REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] Ithaca Savings Bank, contacted by SA WALTER JOHNSTON, who requested that his identity be kept confidential.

Confidential Informant T-2 is [REDACTED] Ithaca Savings and Loan Association, contacted by the writer, who requested that his identity be kept confidential. b7D

Confidential Informant T-3 is [REDACTED] New York Telephone Company, Ithaca, New York, contacted by the writer on a confidential basis. b7D

Confidential Informant T-4 is [REDACTED] Ithaca Post Office, contacted by the writer. b7D

Confidential Informant T-5 is [REDACTED] Ithaca Post Office, contacted by the writer. b7D

Confidential Informant T-6 is a surveillance of the residence and property of VICTOR K. D. ROSS, RD 4, Ithaca, New York, by the writer on August 23, 1951.

Confidential Informant T-7 is [REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] contacted by the writer on a confidential basis.

Confidential Informant T-8 is a mail cover at the Ithaca Post Office on subject's residence.

Confidential Informant T-9 is [REDACTED] b7D  
Western Union Office, Ithaca, New York, contacted by the writer on a confidential basis.

Confidential Informant T-10 is [REDACTED] b7D  
First National Bank of Ithaca, contacted by the writer on a confidential basis.

Confidential Informant T-11 is [REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] contacted by the writer on a confidential basis.

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LEADS

THE DETROIT OFFICE

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will identify RALPH PAINTER, 5570 Grayton Road, and attempt to ascertain if LOUISE SARANT has been a visitor at this address.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

AT EAST PATCHOGUE, NEW YORK

Will identify and report any information appearing in office files concerning Mrs. W. LOEB, who wrote a letter to LOUISE SARANT postmarked August 5, 1951 at East Patchogue.

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will attempt to identify "ROSSARNT" or "ROSSANT" at the Hotel Earle, who has been in communication with Mrs. VICTOR ROSS. (This lead previously set forth in teletype dated August 29, 1951)

Will identify the subscriber to telephone number Trafalgar 4-9882. A collect call was made from this phone to the SARANT residence (Ithaca 7466) on June 19, 1951.

Will identify FRANCESCA and JACK SHULMAN, Apartment 20-3, 342 West 71st Street. Apparently FRANCESCA was visiting LOUISE SARANT in Ithaca in June, 1951.

THE ALBANY OFFICE

AT ITHACA, NEW YORK

Will maintain mail cover and toll call check on the residence and telephone of VICTOR K. D. ROSS, RD4, as well as mail cover on former residence of subject, until change of address is given at the Ithaca Post Office.

Will maintain contact with LAWRENCE RUMSEY, RD 4, for the purpose of determining any activity on the part of subject while residing with her parents.

Will maintain contact with [REDACTED]  
and with [REDACTED]

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Will furnish mail tracing to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate handwriting examination if New York cannot identify "ROSSARNT" or "ROSSANT" at the Hotel Earle, New York City. Such tracing of letter postmarked August 28, 1951, has been made an exhibit.

REFERENCE

Report of SA PETER F. MAXSON, 5-31-51, Albany.

Report of SA ROBERT F. ROYAL, 8-3-51, New York: *see ser. 476*

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ALBANY

FILE NO. 65-1664

REPORT MADE AT <b>ALBANY, NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-11-51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-16;7-12,13,30; 8-9,10,11,13,16,17, 21,23,28,29-51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>PETER F. MAXSON atn</b>
TITLE <b>ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was. LOUISE ROSS SARANT, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On 7-12-51, LOUISE SARANT advised that she desired no further interviews or contacts by the FBI, stating that she has furnished all information in her possession. Information received that she sold the SARANT residence, Cayuga Heights Road, RD 1, Ithaca, N. Y. on 7-25-51 to WILLIAM MOONEY WOODWARD for \$12,000. She has given no change of address to the Ithaca Post Office, but investigation reflects that she and her children are residing in a cottage located on the property of her step-father, VICTOR K. D. ROSS, West Shore, Lake Cayuga, RD 4, Ithaca, N. Y. Confidential Informant advises that he believes LOUISE SARANT and MAX FINESTONE are romantically inclined and that he has heard that they had a love affair in New York City prior to her marriage to ALFRED SARANT. No additional information received concerning the present whereabouts of male subject.

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## Details:

Re: REFUSAL OF LOUISE SARANT TO BE INTERVIEWED

On July 12, 1951, LOUISE SARANT advised the writer that she desired no further interviews or contacts by the FBI. She stated that she has furnished all information of pertinency known by her; that she fully cooperated when testifying before the Federal Grand Jury in New York City; and that additional interviews would be only a waste of her time. At this time, she positively refused to answer any questions put to her.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9-11-51

FROM : SAC, Albany

SUBJECT: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was.

LOUISE ROSS SARANT, was.

ESPIONAGE - R *ARS ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT*  
(Bufile 65-59242)

Enclosed herewith for both the Bureau and New York are copies of report of SA PETER F. MAXSON dated September 11, 1951 at Albany.

Rerep SA ROBERT F. ROYAL, dated August 3, 1951 at New York, wherein certain information was requested of this office, as set forth on the lead page.

With reference to toll calls for subject's residence phone (Ithaca 7466), all available toll call slips have been examined by this office earlier in this investigation. For the information of the New York Office, toll call slips are kept for only six months.

With reference to interviews with HANS BETHE and PHILIP MORRISON, the desirability of such interviews has been left to the discretion of the Bureau.

With reference to money order records at the Ithaca Post Office, all available money order receipts have been examined during the course of this investigation. For the information of the New York Office, such receipts are kept for three years only. The earliest receipt available was the one dated January 20, 1947, remitted by WILLIAM PERL.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9-11-51

FROM : SAC, Albany

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LOUISE ROSS SARANT, was.  
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Ch 9-1X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the Following above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME LOUISE ROSS SARANT

ALIASES LOUISE JACQUELINE RUBEL, "PUSS" SARANT, Mrs. ALFRED SARANT

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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)       

Unemployed

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)       

RESIDENCE ADDRESS RD 4, West Shore, Lake Cayuga

Ithaca, New York

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9-10-51

FROM: SAC, Albany

SUBJECT: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was., ET AL.  
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(Bufile 65-59242)

Rerep SA ROBERT F. ROYAL, 8-3-51, New York. In this report allegations are set forth as reported by [REDACTED] from conversations with JULIUS ROSENBERG with regard to the possible implication in espionage activities of Professors HANS BETHE and PHILIP MORRISON, both on the faculty at Cornell University. This report includes a lead to the effect that this office should consider interviewing BETHE and MORRISON with regard to the allegations concerning them. b7d

Professor BETHE has been in Europe this summer, but will return to Ithaca for the forthcoming school year. It will be noted that he was interviewed previously in this investigation. MORRISON is presently the subject of investigation with character of [REDACTED]

and the Bureau has issued instructions that he is not to be contacted without prior authority. b7c,

The Bureau is requested to advise if it is desired that these individuals be interviewed.

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SAC, Albany

September 22, 1951

Director, FBI

ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was, et al  
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Reurlet September 10, 1951, requesting Bureau advice as to the interview of Professors Hans Bethe and Philip Morrison, both of whom are on the faculty of Cornell University. It is noted this interview was suggested as a lead set forth in the report of SA Robert F. Royal dated August 3, 1951, at New York City.

Inasmuch as Dr. Bethe has previously been interviewed concerning this matter on July 28, 1950, and he is presently under investigation as a subject of a separate [REDACTED] matter, it is not desired that he be reinterviewed at this time. b7c

With respect to Dr. Philip Morrison, he is likewise the subject of a separate [REDACTED] investigation and, in view of his past critical attitude toward the Bureau at the time of his previous interviews in applicant and other routine matters, it is not desired that he be interviewed in connection with this matter. b7c

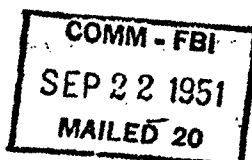
In view of the foregoing, no action should be taken by your office toward conducting these interviews as suggested in the afore-mentioned report.

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[REDACTED] (Morrison) b7c

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JAMES M. McINERNEY

September 15, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was. et al  
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There are being transmitted herewith for your information  
copies of the following reports which have been submitted in the above-  
captioned matter:

Report of Special Agent Thomas E. Bryant, dated  
August 29, 1951, at Los Angeles;  
Report of Special Agent William T. Black, dated  
August 29, 1951, at Kansas City;  
Report of Special Agent Christopher W. Nelson, dated  
August 31, 1951, at Buffalo.

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SAC, NEW YORK

September 15, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was., et al  
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New York 65-15360

Re: SA Thomas E. Bryant 8/29/51, at Los Angeles.

It is noted that this report indicates John David Lyle expects to return to New York around the middle of September, 1951, and can be reached there in care of Scott, Merideth Literary Agents.

From a review of this report it appears that a reinterview of Lyle might be desirable in order to obtain certain additional specific information in connection with this matter.

It is therefore desired that your office reinterview Lyle at the earliest possible date for the purpose of determining whether he may ever have seen James Weinstein at the apartment at 65 Morton Street, Greenwich Village, New York City. He should be questioned further as to the descriptive information relative to Weinstein's automobile. He should also be questioned as to whether he recalls having seen the superintendent of the building at 65 Morton Street in the Sarant apartment during the period when he and several of his associates from Cornell University were visiting in that apartment during the Christmas holidays of 1949. You will recall that according to Mr. Elwyn, the superintendent at 65 Morton Street, he entered the apartment for the purpose of fixing the plumbing in the bathroom and noticed a number of individuals in sleeping bags on the floor of that apartment.

Your office should likewise exhibit the photograph of Lyle to the Elwyns to determine whether they recall ever having seen him in the vicinity of the Sarant apartment in their building.

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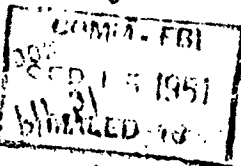
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**Date:** September 24, 1951  
**To:** Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D. C.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY SLIP(S) *Classification*

**Attention:** Chief  
Security Division

DATE

*2/9/78 EBJ/ste*

**From:** John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Subject:** ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was  
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There are being transmitted herewith for your information copies of a memorandum dated September 24, 1951, in the above-captioned matter. This memorandum sets forth a summary of the results of the investigation conducted by this Bureau relative to the background and activities of Alfred Epaminondas Sarant.

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In view of this Bureau's present desire to locate Sarant, it will be appreciated if you will immediately furnish to this Bureau any information which may come to your attention from your sources in Europe and possibly elsewhere relative to Sarant's present whereabouts and, if located, his present activities and contacts in that place.

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Photographs of Sarant and Carol Dorothy Dayton  
are being attached hereto for your assistance. ]

The above information is ~~confidential~~ and should  
not be disseminated outside your department.

CC: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson

Chief

Security Division

Department of State

Washington, D. C.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER



CC: Mr. D. M. Ladd  
Mr. A. H. Belmont

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September 24, 1951

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Re: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was.

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Any information that may come to your attention from your sources in Europe, particularly in France or Israel, concerning the present whereabouts of Sarant will be greatly appreciated.

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London, England

cc: Foreign Service Desk

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To: Legal Attache  
London, England  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was.  
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There are being transmitted herewith for your information copies of a memorandum dated September 24, 1951, setting forth the results of the investigation conducted by this Bureau in connection with the above-captioned matter.

You will note that, according to a confidential informant of unknown reliability, Julius Rosenberg, convicted Soviet espionage agent, made the statement that Sarant was now in Europe. In view thereof, copies of this memorandum have been made available to CIA, G-2, and the State Department, with the request that they immediately advise this Bureau if any information as to the whereabouts of Sarant comes to their attention from their sources in Europe and particularly in France and Israel.

There is no definite information available to indicate Sarant is either in France or Israel. However, it is considered that such a possibility must be given consideration in view of the known concentration of Soviet espionage agents who left the United States in Paris, France, and the recent apparent exodus of one of these agents from France to Israel. For your confidential information, it has been determined that an individual who was known to have been a courier for the Israeli Intelligence Service in 1947 recently directed a letter to Victor K. D. Ross, mother of subject's wife, Louise Sarant. Although the content of this communication is unknown, the matter is of possible significance inasmuch as there has been no previous indication of a connection between this individual and the Rosses.

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*This is being furnished to you for your information only and it is desired that you remain alert to any information which might come to your attention concerning the possible whereabouts of Sarant and Carol Dorothy Dayton in Europe.*

Assistant Attorney General  
James M. McInerney

September 27, 1951

Director, FBI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was.;  
LOUISE ROSS SARANT, was.  
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ALFRED E. SARANT

There is being transmitted herewith for your information a copy of the report of Special Agent Peter F. Maxson dated September 11, 1951, at Albany, New York, in the above-captioned matter.

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ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was.;  
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You will recall that Louise Ross Sarant, wife of Alfred Epaminondas Sarant, appeared before a Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York on June 13 and 14, 1951,

As a result of her appearance before this body, it is desired that you immediately discuss with the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, what, if any, prosecutive action he contemplates taking against Louise Sarant by reason of her apparent arbitrary and indiscriminate refusal to answer questions asked of her.

Similar inquiries should also be made to determine his views with regard to action which might be taken against Maxwell Finestone by reason of his reported attitude at the time he was interrogated by the same Federal Grand Jury on April 16 and 17 and June 26, 27 and 29, 1951.

This matter should be given your prompt attention.

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**DETROIT** FILE NO. **65-2274**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/6/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/27;10/4/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>MAHLON F. COLLIER</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>MPK</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was. LOUISE ROSS SARANT, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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**DETAILS:**

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Mr. **RALPH PAINTER** has no known criminal record either with the Detroit Police Department or the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

The following Confidential Informants, all of whom are familiar with Communist activity and Communist Party

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members in the Detroit area, stated that RALPH PAINTER is unknown to them: Detroit Informants T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5, T-6, T-7, T-8, T-9, T-10, and T-11.

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Mrs. JOHN KENT, 5564 Grayton, neighbor of RALPH PAINTER, stated that the PAINTERS enjoy a good reputation in the neighborhood and that neither LOUISE SARANT nor ALFRED SARANT visited at the PAINTERS during the summer of 1951. This statement was made after photographs of LOUISE and ALFRED SARANT were displayed to Mrs. KENT. Mrs. KENT stated that Mrs. PAINTER's sister and brother-in-law visited with the PAINTERS during the summer of 1951, that sister's name is BEE and the brother-in-law is BILL, the last name being unknown. The brother-in-law, BILL \_\_\_\_\_ is employed as a teacher at Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, had previously been in Africa, is an ordained minister, and during the summer of 1951 was teaching and studying at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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Date: October 4, 1951

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To: Director, FBI

From: L' Legal Attache, Paris

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Subject: ALFRED EPALIMONDAS SARANT, was.  
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ReBulet September 24, 1951, concerning data relative to one JUDAH JOSEPH SHAPIRO, Cultural Director for the American Joint Distribution Committee, who may be identical with JUDAH J. SHAPIRO, 724 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, whose name appeared in a Bates list binder located in the possession of subject SARANT. Reference is also made to Bureau letter dated September 12, 1951, entitled JOSEPH KATZ, ESPIONAGE - R, in which information was reported concerning one THEODORE BETH-NAHUM who has used, and/or has been known under, that name and the following aliases: THEODORE BETH-NAHUM, THEODORE BEN-NAHAN, THEODORE BEN-NAHUM, THEODORE KOPELIOVITCH, THEODORE KAPELIOVITCH. U

As of possible interest to the Bureau, it is noted that there is a similarity between THEODORE BETH-NAHUM, mentioned in the latter Bureau letter and one ASHER BEN-NATHAN mentioned in the former Bureau communication. It would appear more than a coincidence that THEODORE BETH-NAHUM and ASHER BEN NATHAN, whose names bear some similarity, would both be connected with the KATZ affair. U

The above is furnished as of possible interest.

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Director, FBI

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Reference is made to your Form FD-122 dated September 11, 1951, recommending that Louise Sarant be included in the Security Index.

In this connection, your attention is invited to Section B of SAC Letter #95, Series 1951, dated September 22, 1951, captioned "Security Index." In accordance with Bureau instructions set forth therein, it is desired that you immediately submit an appropriate summary report setting forth the complete available information concerning Louise Sarant.

Upon receipt of your summary report, appropriate consideration will be given to the advisability of including the name of Louise Sarant in the Security Index.

This matter should be given your immediate attention.

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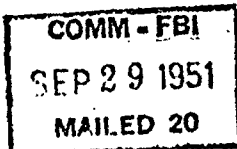
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Rerep SA Peter F. Marson dated September 11, 1951,  
at Albany, New York.

It is noted that, on page 2 of this report, your Confidential Informant T-2 advised that Louise Sarant, at the time she closed the deal with respect to the sale of the Sarant residence in Ithaca, New York, displayed a power of attorney executed by her husband.

It is believed that it might be of considerable importance to determine if possible the exact time when Sarant executed this power of attorney, bearing in mind the subsequent information appearing in this report to the effect that Sarant left Ithaca rather hurriedly and apparently without premeditation. It is suggested that your office determine whether it is possible that a copy of such power of attorney may have been filed with either the Ithaca Savings and Loan Association or with William Mooney Woodward, the purchaser of this property.

On pages 5 and 6 of this report, there was set forth a compilation of the various deposits made to the account of Alfred and Louise Sarant at the First National Bank of Ithaca, New York, during the year 1951. It is desired that your office immediately determine whether that bank maintains either photostatic or recorder copies of checks which are deposited to the account of its customers. In the event same is true, such checks as were deposited to the Sarant account should be carefully examined to determine whether same may have any pertinence to this investigation.

This matter should receive your prompt attention.

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ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT

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Reference is made to our memorandum of September 24, 1951, in the above-captioned matter wherein you were requested to bring to our attention any information which you might obtain from your sources in Europe indicating the possible present whereabouts of Sarant.

For your assistance there are enclosed herewith photographs of Sarant and Carol Dorothy Dayton, who accompanied him on his flight from the United States. U

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

**DATE: October 17, 1951**

FROM / SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was.  
LOUISE ROSS SARANT, was.  
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**Attention: FBI Lab**

There is being transmitted herewith photographs of application for passport dated June 3, 1939, and March 22, 1948, which is believed was executed by JUDAH JOSEPH SHAPIRO. It is requested that this material be compared with the appropriate FBI laboratory files in an effort to effect and identify this writing with espionage writings maintained by the Bureau. After examination of this material it may be maintained in the laboratory if desired. The Albany Office should be advised of the results of this examination.

**Enclosures to Laboratory** - 5 negatives with 2 positive prints of each.

Enclosures to Albany - 1 copy of each.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-59242)

DATE: 10-15-51

FIVE FROM : SAC, Albany

SUBJECT: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was. ET AL.  
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet 9-27-51.

With reference to the power of attorney mentioned in report of SA PETER F. MAXSON dated 9-11-51 at Albany, attention is called to the report of the same Agent, dated 4-4-51 at Albany. It will be noted that HAROLD PARR, former law apprentice of VICTOR K. D. ROSS, furnished this power of attorney to this office, and that photographic copies of it were made. In this document, dated May 2, 1950, ALFRED SARANT gave LOUISE J. SARANT broad powers of attorney. The FBI Laboratory has advised that ALFRED SARANT prepared the signature contained on the form.

With reference to the list of deposits made to the account of subjects at the First National Bank of Ithaca, please be advised that this bank does not maintain any record of the make-up of deposits. Officials of the bank have advised that it is not possible to arrange for a record on any one depositor. Such an arrangement was attempted early in this investigation.

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cc: New York (65-15360)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-59242)

DATE: 10-15-51

**FVB** FROM : SAC, Albany

**SUBJECT:** ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was.;  
LOUISE ROSS SARANT, was. MRS. ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT  
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet 9-29-51, in which the Bureau advises that a summary report "setting forth the complete available information concerning LOUISE SARANT" should be submitted before consideration will be given to including her in the Security Index. This letter refers to Section B of SAC Letter #95.

It will be noted that subject is being investigated under an espionage classification, rather than under a Security Matter or Internal Security classification. It is not clear, since instructions appearing in referenced SAC Letter seem to apply only to the latter type classifications, whether the Bureau desires an investigative or a prosecutive type summary. The outline set forth in this SAC Letter does not seem applicable to an espionage subject.

It is further noted that practically all information involving LOUISE SARANT is based upon hearsay and other inadmissible evidence.

Bureau advice as to the proper form for this report and what it should include with reference to her connection with Soviet espionage, is requested.

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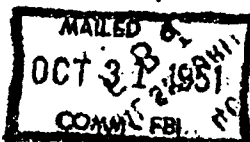
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ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was., et al.  
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Reurlet October 15, 1951. It is noted that you make reference to Section B of SAC Letter #95 which instructs that appropriate investigative summary reports be submitted as to Security Index subjects. According to relet, your office has interpreted these instructions as applying only to subjects being investigated under Security Matter and Internal Security classifications and not to those individuals who are being investigated under the Espionage classification.

In this respect, your office submitted Form FD-122 on September 11, 1951, recommending that Louise Sarant be included in the Security Index. In referenced SAC Letter, under the heading "Schedule for Submitting Summary Report," you will note that Section 1 reads as follows: "Effective immediately, a summary report should be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau stapled to a Form FD-122 in each instance when a new name is being recommended for inclusion in the Security Index." It is considered that instant matter falls squarely within these instructions.

It is further pointed out that the instructions appearing in SAC Letter #95 were neither intended nor worded so as to exclude the submission of an investigative summary report as to individuals recommended for inclusion in the Security Index merely by reason of the administrative classification of the caption under which the investigation is being conducted. A careful review of the contents of this SAC Letter should make it clear that the purpose of this investigative summary report as to a person included in the Security Index, as in instant case, is to summarize and incorporate in a report suitable for dissemination to the Department and the USA all pertinent information as to the particular individual. This procedure is desirable and necessary in order that this Bureau may be better prepared for any eventuality which would require that the emergency detention program be placed in operation at a moment's notice.





Bearing in mind the afore-mentioned instructions, it is desired that you immediately prepare an appropriate investigative summary report on Louise Ross Sarant and forward same to the Bureau stapled to Form FD-122. This report should, of course, set forth all information of a subversive nature, irrespective of whether it might be considered legally admissible in court under ordinary circumstances.

This matter should be given your immediate attention.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-59242)  
FROM : SAC, New York

DATE: October 17, 1951

SUBJECT: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was.  
ET AL  
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Rerep SA ROBERT F. ROYAL, New York, 10/5/51.

Bureau approval is requested for the interview of RONALD GATTY at Ithaca, New York, inasmuch as he is alleged to be currently studying at one of the Cornell graduate schools.

cc: Albany (65-1664)

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Rerep SA Robert F. Royal dated October 5, 1951, at New York in the above-captioned matter. It is noted that an undeveloped lead set forth in this report requests that with Bureau approval the Albany division should interview Ronald Gatty. Further, there is a lead set forth for the Los Angeles division to interview Mr. and Mrs. Norman Poirier.

A check has been made of Bufiles concerning Ronald Gatty and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Poirier, but no identifiable subversive information was located. The Albany and Los Angeles divisions are therefore authorized to conduct the desired interviews with these individuals unless information appears in the files of those offices which would make such action undesirable at the present time.

It should be borne in mind during these interviews that any testimony showing an association between William Perl and Weldon Bruce Dayton and placing Dayton at the 65 Morton Street address would be of considerable evidentiary value in connection with the contemplated perjury prosecution against Dayton. Emphasis should therefore be placed upon developing such information at the time of these interviews.

It is desired that any information of value to the Dayton perjury prosecution should be properly reported in the Dayton case, as well as in instant matter.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

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NOTE: Ronald Gatty and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Poirier visited at the Finestone apartment, 65 Morton St., during Christmas holiday period, 1949, and are to be questioned concerning possibility of Dayton and Perl having dropped in at that apartment during that period.

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Date: October 12, 1951

To: Director, FBI

From: Legal Attache  
London, England

Subject: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was  
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ReBulet 9-24-51, transmitting copies of a memorandum dated 9-24-51,  
setting forth the results of the investigation conducted by the Bureau  
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Date: November 15, 1951  
To: Legal Attache,  
London, England  
(65-761)  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Your recommendation has been given appropriate consideration and, although it is felt that there is some merit to this suggestion, it is not desired that any action be taken by you along this line at the present time in view of the absence of any specific information indicating Sarant might presently be located in Switzerland. U

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-59242)  
FROM : SAC, BUFFALO

DATE: October 18, 1951

SUBJECT: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was.  
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Re Albany letter to the Bureau dated September 28, 1951.

Mrs. JOSEPH PRIOR, 42 Regolute Street, Rochester, New York, advised that her daughter, MARIE J. PRIOR O'LEARY, is presently residing with her husband, WALTER O'LEARY at 217-22 - 53rd Avenue, Bayside, Long Island, New York.

Mrs. PRIOR stated that WALTER O'LEARY is a lieutenant in the Navy Air Corps and is on orders to report for an assignment at Washington, D. C. She believes he intends to report to Washington on or about October 20, 1951 and she is not sure whether or not her daughter intends to leave Bayside with her husband.

Mrs. PRIOR stated that the above Bayside, Long Island address is that of Lieut. O'LEARY's parents.

The New York Office is requested to interview MARIE J. PRIOR O'LEARY as outlined in referenced Albany letter to the Bureau. RUC by Buffalo Office.

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cc - Albany (65-1664)  
cc - New York (100-12000)

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TO : Director, FBI (65-59242)

DATE: October 17, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was,  
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Re Albany letter to the Bureau, 9/28/51.

Miss MARY MC LEOD, 2307 Lyons Avenue, New York 61, New York, was interviewed by SAs Richard T. Hradsky and Robert F. Royal on October 15, 1951.

Miss MC LEOD advised that she is currently employed as a Secretary, Industrial Engineering Department, Columbia University, New York City. She indicated that she was previously employed by the American Institute of Physics, 57 East 55th Street, New York City.

Miss MC LEOD stated that from April 1, 1946 until May 14, 1947 she was employed as a Departmental Secretary for the Physics Department at Cornell University. During this period she served as a secretary to both Doctor HANS A. BETHE and Doctor ROBERT F. BACHER, who were Directors of the Nucleur Studies School at Cornell University. She indicated that Doctor BACHER left Cornell University in February, 1947 to continue his work with the Atomic Energy Commission on a full time basis and that he is now at the California Institute of Technology.

Miss MC LEOD further advised that there were two safes, one in the office of Doctor BACHER and the other in the office of Doctor BETHE, at Cornell University, which were used to keep classified AEC documents. For clarity these safes will be referred to as the Number One safe, which was maintained in the office of Doctor BACHER, and the Number Two safe, which was later maintained in the office of Doctor BETHE.

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R 47 NOV 21 1960 Concerning the Number One safe, Miss MC LEOD furnished the following information:

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She stated that this was the safe in which the very important AEC documents were maintained, and that there was a stenography notebook maintained in the safe which was used for charge-out purposes. She stated that when she came to Cornell University Doctor BACHER furnished her with the combination of the safe on a piece of paper and thereafter she committed it to memory and destroyed the piece of paper by burning it. She stated that Doctor BACHER was the only person who knew the combination of the Number One safe at that time and he must have forgotten part of the combination because he relied upon her for the memory of the combination.

Miss MC LEOD stated that she passed this combination on to JEAN TOWER (Mrs. STEPHEN NELSON TOWER) in February, 1947. Miss MC LEOD indicated that JEAN TOWER had become her assistant and she later succeeded her as Departmental Secretary. She explained that she passed this combination in writing to JEAN TOWER and advised her that she should commit the combination to memory and thereafter burn the piece of paper on which the combination had been recorded. She further advised that JEAN TOWER had joined the Departmental Secretarial staff in either September or October, 1946.

Miss MC LEOD stated that upon Doctor BACHER'S departure he furnished the combination to the Number One safe to Doctor ROBERT WILSON, who was Doctor BACHER'S successor as one of the Directors of the Nucleur Studies Laboratory at Cornell University.

Miss MC LEOD further advised that Doctor RICHARD FEYMAN would keep some of his confidential materials in the Number One safe; however, on any occasion which he might desire these materials she would remove them for him and after he had completed the use of the materials she would return them to the safe. She advised that the only



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other person who would keep anything in the Number One safe was EMILY MORRISON, who is the wife of Doctor PHILLIP MORRISON. She stated that EMILY MORRISON, who is a bacteriologist and a writer by profession, had had the job of historian or some similar titled position at Los Alamos and Miss MC LEOD recalled that during the period she was employed as Departmental Secretary a special courier came from Los Alamos and delivered to EMILY MORRISON a quantity of classified material which was allegedly to be used as a continuation of the position which EMILY MORRISON had formerly held at Los Alamos. She stated that EMILY MORRISON gave her this package of documents for safekeeping in the Number One safe. She indicated that EMILY MORRISON would from time to time come to her and request these documents and thereafter she would remove them from the Number One safe and EMILY MORRISON would usually take them to the office of her husband, which was approximately 150 feet or so down the hall from Doctor BACHER'S office, where the Number One safe was kept.

Miss MC LEOD stated that EMILY MORRISON would subsequently return the documents to her to be replaced in the safe; however, she stated that there was no accounting of these documents and she never knew the exact number of documents which were maintained in this package.

Concerning the Number Two safe, Miss MC LEOD furnished the following information:

She stated that this safe was obtained during the winter of 1946 to hold classified materials which were sent from Los Alamos to Doctor BETHE. She explained that Doctor BETHE was on a committee which reviewed materials in order to decide whether they should be declassified. She stated that there were considerable classified documents sent to Doctor BETHE by Registered Mail from Los Alamos.

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She believed that one ROBERT ~~DAVIS~~ was employed at Los Alamos and that he would receive the documents upon declassification, from this committee. She indicated that there was no charge-out record kept in this safe while she was employed as Departmental Secretary.

Concerning the combination for this safe, she stated that upon obtaining the safe, which was Government property as was the Number One safe, Doctor BACHER set the combination and recorded it on a piece of paper for her to commit to memory and thereafter this piece of paper was burned. She stated that she passed this combination on to JEAN TOWER in February, 1947 and she does not recall that anyone else other than Doctor BACHER, JEAN TOWER and herself knew this combination.

Miss MC LEOD furnished the following information pertaining to NEPA:

She stated that Doctor BETHE, Doctor BACHER and CHARLES ~~BAKER~~, a research assistant at Cornell University, were all consultants to the NEPA Project. She stated that BAKER had formerly been connected with the Los Alamos Atomic Energy Project, as were Doctors BETHE and BACHER. She recalled that all three of these men had on various occasions made separate trips to New York City to see a Mr. LAMBERT(?), who was President of the Fairchild Airplane and Engine Corporation, with offices at Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. She indicated that this individual would on occasions come to Ithaca, New York via his private plane, to consult with Doctors BETHE, BACHER and BAKER. She recalled taking dictation on the early stages of the NEPA Project for Doctors BETHE and BACHER, copies of which were maintained in the Number One safe. She stated that these letters were sent Registered Mail.

Miss MC LEOD stated she could not recall any progress

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reports during the period she was employed as Departmental Secretary, and stated that "The NEPA Project from the outset was considered to be something fantastic and was just a matter which you might joke about." She stated she had later learned that the idea of NEPA had considerable merit and it is her understanding that today it is or will be a successful venture.

Miss MC LEOD identified various photographs of Doctor WELDON BRUCE DAYTON as an individual who was either a graduate student or a graduate assistant in the Physics Department during the period she was at Cornell University. She stated she possibly had met CAROL DAYTON, the wife of Doctor DAYTON, and she would call for DAYTON at Rockefeller Hall. She indicated that Rockefeller Hall housed the Physics Department and the Laboratory at Cornell University.

Miss MC LEOD stated that DAYTON did not work directly under Doctor BETHE; however, she stated the Graduate School was a well knit, close organization and almost everyone in the Department was known to everybody else. She stated they often attended socials and receptions at various Faculty members' homes and they had ample opportunity to become known to one another. She stated that DAYTON, to her knowledge, did not have access to either the Number One or Number Two safes aforementioned and she has no knowledge that DAYTON may have had any access to materials which Doctor BETHE maintained.

Concerning WILLIAM PERL, Miss MC LEOD failed to identify various photographs of him which were exhibited to her; however, she stated that she recalled reading about his arrest in the New York newspapers. She stated it was very hazy in her mind; however, she cannot definitely place where, but there was something about PERL or PERLE in Doctor BETHE'S papers. She stated it was possible that Doctor BETHE had corresponded with someone by the name of PERL.

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Photographs of ALFRED SARANT, LOUISE SARANT, MAXWELL FINESTONE and various other individuals connected with the ROSENBERG Espionage group were exhibited to Miss MC LEOD without effecting identifications.

Miss MC LEOD telephonically contacted the New York Office on October 16, 1951 and advised SA Robert F. Royal that Doctor BETHE may have obtained the combination for the Number Two safe at the time she furnished the combination to JEAN TOWER. She stated that Doctor BETHE had access to this safe inasmuch as it was in his office and he would help himself in obtaining documents from this safe. She also advised that at the time Doctor BACHER furnished her with the combination of the Number One safe he reset the combination, and there is a question in her mind as to whether at the time he physically passed the safe on to Doctor WILSON that he passed on the combination of this safe to Doctor WILSON. She stated Doctor WILSON was reluctant to accept the responsibility of the Number One safe and this accounts for question in her mind as to whether he actually received the combination from Doctor BACHER.

Miss MC LEOD also advised that Doctor BACHER filed the necessary forms for her to obtain clearance to handle the classified documents in the Number One safe at the time of her employment in April, 1946. She stated she does not know whether she ever received any clearance inasmuch as there was no apparent investigation conducted pertaining to her clearance. In this connection she also advised that she had no knowledge of whether JEAN TOWER had clearance to handle classified documents.

The Indices of the New York Office fail to reflect any references believed to be identical with Miss MC LEOD.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Buffalo and Pittsburgh Offices for information inasmuch as they are currently conducting investigation pertaining to requests made in relet dated 9/28/51.

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