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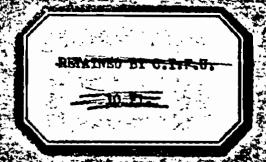
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DIRECTOR, FRI (100-426205)

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Re Seattle letter to Director dated 9/11/59, captioned es above.

The pertinent portion of relet is being set forth below for the information of New Haven.

*Rebulet to Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelli gence, Department of the Army dated 8/25/59.

Por information of the New York Office, the Department of the Army has inquired from the Bureau as to whether certain sources who have furnished pertinent information in the matter could be identified in a proceeding before a field board of inquiry to be convened under provisions of Army regulations 604-10 on the West Coast or Hawaii. The Department of the Army also requested as to whether there would be any objection to obtaining sworn or unsworn statements from these sources or to their utilization as witnesses at a hearing at some future date.

The Bubject's stepfather is DONALD NIVEN WHEELER. who was identified by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY as having been a former member of a Soviet espionage apparatus which . . . operated in Washington, D. C. during the early 1940's. report dated 4/22/49, at Washington, D. C. by SA DONALD D. CONNORS entitled: DONALD NIVEN WHEELER, SM-C' sets out on pages 3 and 4 the allegations by RENTLEY to the effect

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that WHEELER was known to BENTLEY in 1944 and that WHEELER knew BENTLEY as HELEN. BENTLEY stated that WHEELER was a member of the PERLO group and that WHEELER held a position in the Research and Analysis Section of CSS and from this position WHEELER furnished information to the Soviet apparatus. BENTLEY was subsequently told by her Soviet superior, 'BILL', to inform WHEELER that he should curtail his activities since 'BILL' felt that WHEELER might be under suspicion of his agency. This report does not set out when or to whom BENTLEY furnished this information concerning WHEELER.

The New York Office is requested to advise the Bureau in the immediate future the following with respect to RENTLEY:

- 1. Can BENTLEY be identified before an Army hearing Board?
- 2. Can the Army obtain sworn or unsworn at Statements from BENTLEY?
- 3. Can the Army consider BENTLEY as a potential witness?

The Bureau requests that this investigation be handled according to instructions previously furnished in connections with interviews of potential witnesses for Coast Guard hearings.

Por the information of Seattle and the Bureau, a review of RENTLEY'S NYO file reflects she was interviewed on 5/23/58, by New Haven. At that time she stated positively that she had decided that she must put a complete stop to further interviews with Government agencies, including the PBI, and that she wanted to go on notice that she was no longer available for these inquiries. She further stated that if there was any change in this decision of here that she would so advise the New Haven Office.

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According to information available to the NYO, the next contact with BENTLEY by New Haven was on 4/27/59, at which time BENTLEY stated there was no change in the position she had previously expressed on 5/28/58.

By Bureau letter to New Haven dated 2/25/59, concerning future contacts with BENTLEY, the Bureau advised that New Haven should obtain specific Bureau authority for any interviews with BENTLEY prior to contacting her. The letter further instructed that when leads were received by New Haven, the Bureau should be advised whether the lead is one that appears to have a valid basis for contacting BENTLEY and that an appropriate recommendation should be made as to whether or not RENTLEY should be contacted.

Instauch as BENTLEY is presently under the jurisdiction of the New Haven Division and in view of the above mentioned Bureau instructions regarding contacts with BENTLEY, New Haven is requested to expeditiously advise the Bureau and Seattle as to the answers to questions one through three as set forth above by Seattle.

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(100-17332)SAC. NEW HAVEN

STEPHEN PRANCIS VAUSE SECURITY MATTER - C

Re New York letter to Bureau dated 9/21/59, concerning the identification and possible testimony of ELIZABETH BENTLEY before an Army field board of inquiry.

As noted in referenced New York letter, BENTLEY has repeatedly stated that she had decided to put a complete stop to further interviews with Government agencies, including the FBI.

With respect to the questions posed in reletion

- The New Haven Office knows of no reason why BENTLEY 1. could not be identified before an Army Hearing Board. She has published her activities on behalf of Soviet intelligence, including the Perlo group activities, and has testified before Congressional Committee re same
- 2. and 3. This office is unable to state whether the Army can obtain a statement from BENTLEY or whether she would testify. Her recent personal history and attitude rould indicate that she would not be willing to do either. This office has no objection to the Army making an effort.

For the information of Seattle, BENTLEY has recently accepted a position as an English teacher at the Long Lane School, a penal institution for young girls, operated by the State of Connecticut. at Middletown, Connecticut. BENTLKY resides on the grounds of this school. RUC.

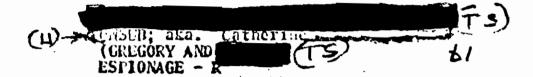
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as above. Reference is also made to Hew York letter 4-29-60 and to New Hoven report 5-6-60 concerning the unknown subjects in this case.

It is noted that on 7-1-60 when Elizabeth Bentley was interviewed by Agents of the New Haven Office, Bentley appeared to be agreeable to further interview and that the basis fraher decision was apparently the fact that the matters discussed with her were mutters (1) of the utmost importance.

In connection with the present investigation, the New Baven Office, in a report dated 5-6-60, indicated that Bentley would be interviewed concerning Fredericka Martin who is presently considered a likely suspect for unknown subject Catherine. This interview was to be conducted in the event an approach to Bentley was approved by the Bureau.

It is recognized that Elizabeth Bentley is the only source presently available who can identify a photo of one of the unknown subjects in this investigation, namely unknown subject Catherine. In reviewing the information developed concerning Fredericka Martin the following points have been noted at the Bureau concerning Fredericka Martin which tend to eliminate her as unknown subject Catherine: No information has been

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developed indicating that Martin was pregnant during 1943-44. Also, certain personal characteristics, including facial features, manner of hair dress and manner of speech, are apparently lacking insofar as Martin is concerned in comparison to the known characteristics of the unknown subject in this case.

The report of dated 5-6-60 at New Haven which sets forth an Interview with Dr. Lewis Fox concerning Fredericks Martin contains information to the effect that the artists sketch of unknown Catherine was displayed to Dr. Fox and thathe advised that the sketch of unknown subject Catherine did not resemble Fredericks Martin. It is noted that Dr. Fox apparently knew (1) Fredericks Martin some 20 years ago.

In view of the above, the nureau feels that there is insufficient basis for approaching Bentley for the sole purpose of showing a photo to Bentley of Fredericka Martin. The Burcau feels that the New York Office should turnish New Haven with photos of Fredericka Mortin so that they will be available in the New Haven Office. In the event another occasion arises where a matter of utmost importance requires contacting Reutley, that occasion should be utilized to determine whether · Bentley can identify a photo of Fredericka Amrtin or any other suspect that may be developed for unknown subject Catherine. It is recognized that the only definite manner in which Martin can be eliminated is through an interview with Bentley. However, it does not appear at this time that the characteristics of Nartin are such as might make her a strong suspect for the unknown subject in (4) this case.

The New York Office should continue to review the present investigation for the purpose (4) of developing other logical suspects.

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Rlizabeth Bentley, the New Haven Office should be guided by the policy previously set forth, namely that Bentley shall not be contacted except in matters of the utmost importance to the Bureau and that contacts with her shall be made only after Bureau authority is obtained. New Haven should continue to keep abreast of developments insufar as Bentley's progress is concerned and keep the Bureau informed of her attitude, insofar as cooperation with the Bureau is concerned.

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Re New York mirtel to Albany 11/14/61, requesting NHO to furnish the status of availability of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY along with a proper descriptive category.

On 11/17/61, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY advised that "I am absolutely not willing to testify" in an proceeding such as indicated in instant case. MISS BENTLEY stated that she was positive about her refusal in this regard and referred to her previous history and position she had reported as reflected in New Haven letters to the Bureau, cc New York, or 5/29/58 and 4/30/59. See NY file (134-182).

It would appear that BENTLEY falls into witness category (j) in view of her previous testimony on behalf of the Government.

BENTLEY now resides on Route 5A, East Hampton, Conn., has no telephone, and is employed as an English teacher at the Long Lane School, (a state of Connecticut institution for wayward girls) at Middletown, Conn., telephone Diamond 6-8674. This individual's identity and background are well known to the Department.

For the information of the New York Office, the NHO has no information as to the background of the captioned subject matter and BENTLEY stated that she had no knowledge of any information dealing with this matter.

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ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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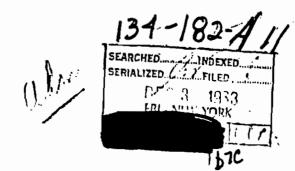
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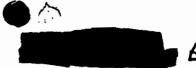
On instant date I furnished the following information to Mr. ANTHONY P. LITRENTO at the Bureau:

Mr. NELSON FRANK, free lance writer and former writer for the New York World Telegram & Sun, advised at 12:45 p.m., 12/3/63, that he had learned that the Associated Press wire had on this date reported that ELIZABETH BENTLEY, 55 years old, died on 12/3/63 at Grace New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut. She entered the hospital on 11/18/63, underwent surgery yesterday (12/2/63), and died presumably this morning according to FRANK. For the last five years she had been connected with the Long Lane School, Middletown, Conn.

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DEBULET TO NEW HAVEN, MAY 18, 1959.

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ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE.

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