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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO.

JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL
OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

July 13, 1946

RE: Title NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER,
with aliases, et al
Character of Case ESPIONAGE - R
Field Office New York
Symbol Number NYT-343
Type of Surveillance: (Technical or
Microphone)

1. Subject's name and address:

A. Brothman Associates
114 East 32nd Street
New York City
Telephone Murray Hill 3-9670

2. Location of technical operation:

Sutec

3. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorized 11/27/45
Installed 12/4/45

4. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

None

5. Specific valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and what use was made of each item of information involved:

On May 10, 1946, Jules Korchien, associate of Abe Brothman, was in touch with Harry Clement who requested names of persons who would qualify as architects in the UNRRA. Korchien stated that only "progressives" should

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qualify for the [illegible] ons. Inform ion fu nished [illegible] the Bureau.

On June 3, 1946, in[illegible]mant advised that Brothman was working on a project for the Sovi[illegible] Government, the nature of which was not revealed at the time. Inf[illegible]ion furnished to the Bureau.

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[illegible]ould above information have been obtained from other sources and by [illegible]ther means?

No

7. Has security factor changed since installation?

No

8. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

None

9. Manpower and costs involved:

Operated in conjunction with Sutec operations

10. Remarks (By SAC):

Inasmuch as the activities of the subject have been closely followed through the means of this technical surveillance, it is requested that the services of the informant be continued.

11. Remarks (added at Seat of Government):

12. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

13. Recommendation by the Assistants to the Director:

5. (continued)
The informant has furnished information to the effect that Jules Korchien, an associate of Abraham Brothman, was in contact with officials of the National Housing Administration in Washington, D. C., and that attempts were being made to infiltrate the UNRRA with architects who were considered to be "progressives." Specifically, on May 15, 1946, Korchien was in touch with Milt Bishop of the NHA, Washington, D. C. Informant advised that Bishop told Korchien that there were several positions open as "site planners" and asked Korchien to have "some of the boys" send in form 57 for the position. This information was considered of sufficient importance to notify the Bureau in order that they might be aware of the fact that "progressives" or liberals were attempting to obtain positions in the UNRRA.

On June 3, 1946, informant advised that Abe Brothman, subject in instant case, was working on a project for the Soviet Government. To date the exact nature of this project is not known, but it is believed that through the services of NYT-343 this office will be in a position to ascertain the type of work that Brothman is reported to be doing for the Soviet Government. The technical surveillance is also needed to ascertain the appropriate time whereby a confidential source may be developed to examine the effects of Brothman's office.

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE No.

July 25, 1946

MEMO

Re: Development of Confidential Source
in Offices of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN,
114 East 32 Street, New York City

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, a subject in the SILVERMASTER case, is an engineer with offices located at 114 East 32Street, New York City. BROTHMAN was originally known to Informant GREGORY through his making available blueprints of vats, which vats were being manufactured under secret and confidential orders of the United States Government.

Since the inception of this case, a technical surveillance has been maintained on BROTHMAN at his place of business and information has recently been received that he was working on a "project for the Russians." The exact nature of this project is not known, however, in a conversation which he had with one of his employees, a great deal of double talk took place and they mentioned that when their plans were submitted they would not use the company stationery, and that various products, such as T.N.T. and resins, would be used as a cover for the actual product which they were making,

Therefore, it is believed that an examination of the material in BROTHMAN's office will determine exactly what type of work he is doing and for whom he is doing it. A confidential source is available at the premises at 114 East 32 Street, and this source has been previously developed and used by Agents of this office. [redacted] that it would be possible to make a confidential examination of BROTHMAN's place of business on Sunday morning July 28th, or Sunday morning August 11th, at 6:30 a.m., [redacted] b7d

[redacted] are very trustworthy and reliable and stated they would cooperate in the same manner as they have in the past in the event their services were desired on either of the dates mentioned.

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The security of the building is excellent inasmuch as there is only one entrance available into the building and there is no service

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Mr. J. Strickland of Bureau was called at 11:50 AM 7/26/46 for approval.

Mr. S. E. Jennings of Bureau advised at 7:30 P.M. - O.K. if emergency Senate 7/26/46 O'Brien

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elevator or entrance operating on Sunday. It is also planned to have ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and JULES KORCHIEN, his associate, under surveillance at the time the examination is made. There are other persons working for BROTHMAN, but it is believed that he and KORCHIEN are the only ones that would possibly use the office on Sunday.

It is to be noted that there is an element of time prevalent inasmuch as BROTHMAN may turn this project that he is working upon over to the Russians or to whomever it is destined. The latest information available is that BROTHMAN has not yet turned over the plans. Therefore, it is believed that Sunday, July 28th will be the most logical day to make the examination.

FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN
Special Agent

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York, N.Y.
July 29, 1946

ransmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU URGENT

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GREGORY; ESPIONAGE - R. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE DEVELOPED AT ABRAHAM BROTHMAN'S PLACE OF BUSINESS, ONE ONE FOUR EAST THIRTY SECOND ST., NYC, SIX THIRTY A.M., SUNDAY, JULY TWENTY EIGHT, FORTY SIX. PHOTOGRAPHS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED AND PRESENTLY BEING EVALUATED. WILL BE REPORTED TO BUREAU IN NEAR FUTURE.

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Foley Square
New York 7, N. Y.

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August 8, 1946

...ector, FBI

Re: GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John T. Hilsbos dated July 17, 1946, at New York City, wherein there may be found on page 8 certain information pertaining to a conversation between ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, a subject in the GREGORY case, and two of his employees concerning a technical project which BROTHMAN was working upon at that time. The project referred to dealt with the designing of a plant supposedly to manufacture paper, but it appeared that in reality the plant was to manufacture TNT.

On July 28, 1946, a highly confidential source furnished this office with information contained in the offices of Abraham Brothman & Associates, 114 East 32nd Street, New York City. Photographs of the material were taken and are being transmitted herewith. The photographs are believed to be of three distinct projects BROTHMAN is working upon and are described as follows:

The first group are entitled, "PROGRESS REPORT ON PALESTINE JOB." It is to be noted that on page 1 of the photographs a statement is made that the BROTHMAN organization undertook to design a plant for the manufacture of TNT for the client in December of 1945. However, the client is not mentioned. On page 3, line 3, of this same group, a statement is made as follows: "Other plants were required to be operated jointly with the above mentioned ones to act as plausible shields for the operation of the original plants. Thus it was decided to add a DDT plant and an Alkyd Resin plant to the program."

The photographs in group 2 may possibly have a direct connection with the Palestine job referred to hereinbefore as group 1. However, the plans consist of formulas and equations, plus the cost of the plant, and

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set forth on stat[illegible] of the firm of A. Brothman & Associates.

The third gro[illegible] photographs are of a project entitled, [illegible]L FOR CHLORAL A[illegible] PLANTS FOR STE. d'ELECTRO CRIMIE & d'ELECTRO [illegible]URGIE et des ACIE[illegible] ELECTRIQUES d'UGINE." It is possible that this [illegible]t is for a French organization or the French Government inasmuch as [illegible]MAN has previously stated that he was working on a project for the [illegible]ch."

A photograph of an unsigned letter dated July 11, 1946, which [illegible] previously been destroyed and pieced together, was obtained. This letter [illegible] directed to the Government Purchasing Commission of the Soviet Union [illegible] U.S.A., 210 Madison Avenue, New York, New York. The letter is directed to the attention of Mr. V. Tverianovich, re Guarantee of Plant Performance. This letter indicates that a preliminary proposal was submitted to the Soviet Purchasing Commission on July 2, 1946, and sets forth the statement that the final payment of $65,000, which represented roughly 10% of the total engineering service fee, was to be made conditional upon each of the plants completing thirty days' successive plant operation. It is possible that all of the plants being designed by BROTHMAN are being designed for the Soviet Purchasing Commission inasmuch as the statement referring to "each of the plants" is made.

The material submitted herewith is of a highly technical nature and it is believed that the FBI Laboratory may be able to determine whether or not the plants are being designed as a cover for the manufacture of some other product than that which appears in the plans. The project entitled "PROGRESS REPORT ON PALESTINE JOB" contains information pertaining to the resources and materials that are available in Palestine and what products must be substituted for those not available in Palestine.

After evaluation by the FBI Laboratory, it is requested that this office be advised whether the plans as set forth are actually designed for the purpose stated or for the manufacture of some other product not stated within the plans.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
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SYN S OF FACTS: PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

67d [redacted] Confidential source furnished information relating to scientific projects on which AB[illegible] BROTHMAN presently working for Russian Govt. [redacted]

Background of contacts of RAY ELSON set out. [redacted]

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent John T. Hilsbos dated July 17, 1946 at New York.

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The following investigation concerning the activities of BROTHMAN, JULES KORCHIEN and URSULA WASSERMAN is reported by Special Agent FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN and covers the period from July 11 to August 10, 1946.

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

According to Confidential Informant NYT-343, who is in a position to know the activities of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN at his place of business, 114 East 32nd Street, BROTHMAN has been actively engaged on several projects of a very highly technical nature. The same informant advised that on July 9, 1946 JULES KORCHIEN was in contact with a Mr. NEEDLEMAN (phonetic) of AMTORG. At that time KORCHIEN told NEEDLEMAN that he would like to have him meet ABRAHAM BROTHMAN inasmuch as he was involved in some work and that he wanted NEEDLEMAN to discuss this work with him. On July 10, 1946 the informant advised that BROTHMAN attempted to locate a Mr. E. E. GOSSELIN in Chicago, Illinois. GOSSELIN's telephone number is listed as Saginaw 7050. GOSSELIN's business phone was given as Wabash 8893. BROTHMAN did not indicate whether he would attempt to locate GOSSELIN. On the same date the informant advised that BROTHMAN contacted a Mr. SPRINGER and told him that he, BROTHMAN, had a contract with the U.S.S.R. which he believed that GOSSELIN, mentioned previously, would be interested. BROTHMAN requested SPRINGER to get in touch with GOSSELIN and have him call ABE. Informant stated that on July 10, 1946 BROTHMAN attempted to locate a Mr. LECATUR, who was mentioned in previous reports as a business contact of BROTHMAN's. In the absence of LECATUR, BROTHMAN talked with a Mr. FLAGG and told him that he was going to send material to POWELL (phonetic), 405 Park Square Building, Boston, Massachusetts. It is to be noted that BROTHMAN has previously gone to Boston, Massachusetts to confer with a man named POWELL who was believed to be an engineer. According to the aforementioned informant, an unknown individual held a conference with BROTHMAN on July 25, 1946 and requested figures from BROTHMAN regarding the planned production of plastics. This unknown man said that he had some "turks" whom he wanted ABE to meet and who are interested in plastics. The same individual asked BROTHMAN if he had submitted his report on plastics to the Russians and BROTHMAN replied in the affirmative.

On July 26, 1946 the informant advised that BROTHMAN continued to work on the projects for the Chinese and that on July 30, 1946 an individual

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to be Dr. EDGAR [illegible]ARZ, a Frenchman, was interested in obtaining information regarding engineering problems from BROTHMAN. This same informant advised on August 7, 1946 that BROTHMAN was in contact with one of employees at his laboratory and the employee advised him that he received a letter addressed to BROTHMAN from the Government Purchasing Commission of the Soviet Union under date of August 1. According to this employee, the letter stated that BROTHMAN's proposals concerning the vitamin had been sent to their clients abroad and that when they had heard from the clients they would advise BROTHMAN. The letter also sought information concerning BROTHMAN's connection with the International Industrial Corporation.

On July 28, 1946, a highly confidential source known to Special Agents DONALD E. SHANNON, LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE, GEORGE J. SULLIVAN, THOMAS O. SPINGER and FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN, furnished information concerning the present projects that BROTHMAN is working on in his offices at 114 East 82nd Street, New York City. A photograph of the plans that BROTHMAN is working upon were furnished, copies of which were sent to the Bureau for evaluation by the Technical Laboratory. Among the material furnished was a handwritten copy of material entitled "Progress report on the Palestine job". This report consists of approximately 20 pages and in the first paragraph of page one the following statement is set forth:

"In December, 1945 this organization undertook to design a plant for the manufacture of T.N.T. for the client. Sometime after the preliminary work had been done, the extent of the project was increasing greatly and the Engineering Corporation was asked to design plants for the production of "PETN"."

On page three of the same report the following statement may be found. It is believed that BROTHMAN is referring to the plants which he had mentioned in the beginning.

"Other plants were required to be operated jointly with the above mentioned ones to act as plausible shields for the original plants. It was also decided to add a D.D.T. plan and an Alkyd Resin plan to the program".

The last of the report is concerned primarily with the technical details, formulas and equations which will be used in the operation of the plant as well as making whatever products might be referred therein.

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Another report furnished, which was typewritten, bears the following title: "Proposal for Chloral and D.D.T. plants for Ste. d'Electro Chimie et d'Electro Metallurgie et des Acieries Electriques d'Ugine." It is possible that this proposal is being submitted at the direction of Dr. OSKAR SCHWARZ, Ste. d'Electro Chimie, 10 Rue du General-Foy, Paris, France, inasmuch as a letter addressed to Dr. SCHWARZ was furnished with the above given address and it is therein that the preliminary proposal concerning chloral and D.D.T plants was being submitted to SCHWARZ. A set of plans which was written on the stationery of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and Assistants, was furnished, but this project bears no title and contains for the most part formulas and mathematical equations which are apparently to be used in the developing of some chemicals.

Also among the material furnished was a letter directed to the Government Purchasing Commission of the Soviet Union in the U.S.A., 210 Madison Avenue, New York, Attention of Mr. V. TVERIANOVICH regarding guarantee of plant performance. The letter is unsigned and the following statements are contained therein:

"In line with the guarantee cited on page eight of our preliminary proposal of July 2, 1946 and an application thereof, we offer the following: The final payment to us of $65,000 represents roughly 10% of our total engineering services fee. It is made conditional, upon each of the plants completing 30 days successful plant operations, during which the end products produced shall fully meet the potency standards set forth on the proposals submitted". It is to be noted that the figure of $65,000 representing 10% of the engineering services fee, would indicate that the total engineering services fee to be paid to BROTHMAN would be approximately $650,000.

The indices of the New York Field Division were checked against the name of V. TVERIANOVICH, to whom the above mentioned letter was addressed, and it was ascertained that TVERIANOVICH is an engineer of the Fishing Industry Group of the Soviet Purchasing Commission, Washington, D.C. It is also to be noted that it was mentioned before that BROTHMAN was reported to be working on a vitamin plant for the Russians and it is possible that this letter refers to the vitamin plant inasmuch as the potency standards are mentioned.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent JOHN T. HILSBOS dated July 17, 1946 entitled "GREGORY-ESPIONAGE-R" wherein certain information

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forth concerning a telephone conversation that BROTHMAN had with 3 employees regarding plans for the building of plants and the manufacture of TNT and DDT. It is believed that the plans, as cited above in report, pertain to that conversation mentioned in referenced report.

In December, 1945 BROTHMAN met an individual in New York City. At that time BROTHMAN was under surveillance and the individual whom he was surveilled to 510 West 112th Street, New York City. Subsequent to this time, a mail cover placed on BROTHMAN's mail indicated that he had received correspondence from HARRY SLAVIN, 510 West 112th Street and it is believed that this individual was identical with the individual surveilled to 510 West 112th Street, New York. Confidential Informant NYF-343 has previously reported that on several occasions BROTHMAN was in contact with one HARRY SLAVIN and it was thought that SLAVIN was working for AMTORG or conducting negotiations for BROTHMAN with AMTORG. A photograph of a letter dated July 19, 1946 was furnished which was addressed to Mr. HARRY SLAVIN, Apartment 8A, 510 West 112th Street, New York City. This letter is unsigned and advised that there was a bill from SINIRON requesting $18.60 and SLAVIN is kindly asked to forward his check so that payment could be made of it. It is possible that BROTHMAN sent this letter to SLAVIN inasmuch as it was furnished by a confidential source having access to BROTHMAN's office.

Inquiry was made at 510 West 112th Street, New York by the reporting agent and it was ascertained that the name of SLAVIN now appears on the apartment 8A at that address whereas previously there was no indication that SLAVIN resided there or was he known to the Superintendent at the time. Inquiry, [redacted], was made of the Superintendent of the premises and it was found that apartment 8A receives mail from an organization, the name of which is inserted in the inside of the mail box which the letter carrier opens at the time he delivers the mail. However, the Superintendent did not know the name of this organization. Inquiry was made of the letter carrier who delivered mail to that address and it was found the organization to which the mail is addressed is known as the HISTRADUTH PALESTINE CAMPAIGN. The indices of the New York Field Division reflected information concerning the HISTRADUTH PALESTINE CAMPAIGN which indicated that it is a fund raising campaign for the Jewish people in Palestine. No additional information concerning the organization was noted. b7e

On August 9, 1946 efforts were made to locate SLAVIN telephonically, [redacted] and it is found that he was not presently in the city. However, information was received that SLAVIN came to the United States b7e

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at ne year ago from Palestine. The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City are to be checked. The information contained therein will be reported in the near future.

A mail cover placed against the name of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN indicated that he received mail from the National Council of Soviet-American Friendship and Russian War Relief Society.

Photographs of the material mentioned previously as furnished by Confidential sources, are being retained in the files of the New York Field Division.

JULES KORCHIEN

Information concerning JULES KORCHIEN has previously been reported in this case inasmuch as KORCHIEN is an assistant of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and is a very close friend of URSULA WASSERMAN, concerning whom considerable information has previously been reported in this case. KORCHIEN is at the present time the subject of an active investigation in New York City in a case with the character of Internal Security - C. In the future, information concerning KORCHIEN's activities will be reported in the INTERNAL SECURITY case and only information pertinent to this case will be reported hereafter. During the current investigation no pertinent information concerning KORCHIEN has been reported.

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IE: MRS. RAY ELSON
161 West 16th Street
New York City

The following investigation, extending from July 17, 19[illegible] to the present, on RAY ELSON, is reported by Special Agent James R. S[illegible]rs:

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A spot check surveillance was instituted August 5, 1946 on the activities of JACK GOLDMAN to further identify his activities and relationship to ELSON. It will be recalled that on May 24, 1946, following a luncheon engagement with Confidential Informant GREGORY, ELSON met GOLDMAN at the MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY BANK at 14th Street and 2nd Avenue, New York, where she was loaned $50.00 by GOLDMAN.

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Confidential Informant GREGORY on August 1, 1946, advised that on July 31, 1946 there was a luncheon date with ELSON at the OLD GARDEN, 35 West 29th Street, New York City. The invitation, according to NYT 342, was at ELSON's request. During the luncheon conversation, ELSON told GREGORY that she was still working at the CARACUL FUR COMPANY and that she intends to remain there until JOE finished art school. The conversation that took place, according to Confidential Informant GREGORY, was general in nature and GREGORY made the observation that ELSON has not been in contact with any of her former Russian associates.

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SAC, Boston

September 9, 1946

SAC, New York

GREGORY
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(ABRAHAM BROTHMAN)

A confidential source has advised that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, a subject in instant case, who is an engineer with offices located at 114 East 32nd Street, New York City, has been corresponding with a Mr. POWELL (phonetic), whose address is given as 405 Park Square Building, Boston, Massachusetts. It appears that BROTHMAN has been sending material to POWELL and POWELL has also corresponded with BROTHMAN on several occasions.

It is requested that the Boston Field Division ascertain the occupant of the offices located at 405 Park Square Building, Boston, Mass. and report any information which they may obtain concerning this occupant.

It is also requested that the indices of the Boston Field Division be checked against the name of POWELL believed to be occupying Room 405, Park Square Building, Boston, Massachusetts.

Submit a report to the Bureau with copies for New York and Washington Field Divisions.

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Contact with informant GREGORY by ELSON does not reveal any apparent resumption of ELSON'S contacts with Russians. Background of her other contacts set out: FEODOR GARANIN, while in New York City, spent his time at the Russian Consulate and A[illegible]TORG TRADING CORPORATION. Informant GREGORY in contact with EARL and WALD[illegible] BROWDER and both have continued in attempts to convince her that either she or REYNOLDS should go to Russia in connection with U.S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION matters. GREGORY advises that proposed renewal of contract with INT[illegible]IST objectionable and the indication is that REYNOLDS intends to discontinu[illegible] business as of 10/31/46 and will have nothing further to do with EARL BRO[illegible]R. [redacted]

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The following investigation concerning the activities of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and URSULA WASSERMAN is reported by Special Agent FRANCIS D. OBRIEN covers a period from August 11, 1946 to September 6, 1946:

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN continues to operate his place of business at 114 East 32nd Street, New York City. Confidential Informant NYT-343, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that on August 16, 1946 BROTHMAN was in contact with one C. S. WHAN (phonetic) who advised BROTHMAN that he was getting a check ready for him and asked him to bring his report over to him. WHAN then stated that Major CHEN had gone back to Washington. It will be recalled that information was previously received that BROTHMAN was working on a project for the Chinese Government and that WASSERMAN had previously told BROTHMAN, Major CHEN was anxious to get this report. It is believed that BROTHMAN now has completed the report for the Chinese.

On August 19, 1946, Confidential Informant NYT-343 advised that BROTHMAN and JULES KORCHIEN were working on a project for the World Tourists Inc. Additional information was received to the effect that the project involved renovating offices of World Tourists, Inc.

The same informant advised that on August 20, 1946, one BOB TOWNSEND conferred with MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ, Secretary to ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, at which time they discussed a report which was believed to be in Portugal, according to MOSKOWITZ, and that the report dealt with the processing of fish waste. It will be recalled that in previous report of Special Agent JOHN T. HILSBOS, dated August 16, 1946 of instant case, BROTHMAN was working on plans for witamin plants and that he is presently interested in plans for the extraction of vitamins from fish.

The aforementioned informant also advised that BROTHMAN held a conference with V. TVERIANOVICH of Amtorg at which time BROTHMAN stated that he was making a detailed analysis of vitamin synthesis and that he desired to discuss this analysis with TVERIANOVICH in the near future.

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On August 27, 1946, Confidential Informant NIT-343 advised that BROTHMAN had received a cable from Bombay, India which read as follows:

"REFER OUR LETTER OF JULY TWENTY-FOUR. PLEASE CABLE THE APPROXIMATE QUOTATION TO ENABLE THE ESTABLISHED DOLLAR EXCHANGE."

The cable was signed by one DJUPJI (phonetic).

The same informant advised that on September 6, 1946, a radiogram was received from the same individual in Bombay, India and stated as follows:

"REFER OUR LETTER TWENTY-FOURTH OF JULY. DOLLAR EXCHANGE ASSURED. PLEASE WIRE QUOTATION EARLY."

A mail cover placed against BROTHMAN's firm indicates that he received considerable mail from Communist Front Organizations such as the Greenwich Village Chapter of the Civilian Rights Congress, Greenwich House, New York City, and American-Russian Institute.

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re: GREGORY
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MRS. RAY ELSON
161 West 16th Street
New York, New York

Instant investigation is reported by Special Agent James R. Chimmers.

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ELSON had a contact with Confidential Informant GREGORY, and according to GREGORY, it was purely a social visit. Nothing transpired that would indicate to GREGORY that ELSON has made any contacts with her alleged Russian contacts. GREGORY had just returned from vacation, and much of the discussion was had regarding this visit and the welfare of the ELSONS.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT GREGORY

The following is being dictated by Special Agent Joseph M. [illegible] and represents the results of conversations with the informant during the period of informant report, and includes information supplied by her through September 11, 1946. It will be recalled that she was on a vacation in Maine for approximately three weeks, during which time contact was had with her by Bureau agents.

On September 4, 1946, GREGORY advised that on August 29, 1946, after her return to New York City from vacationing at Kennebunk Port, Maine, she telephonically communicated with WILLIAM BROWDER at the office of Distributors Guide, Inc., such call having been made in pursuance of the understanding previously reached between the parties. Due to the conflicting commitments of both, it was impossible for them to agree upon a date for meeting, but it was finally arranged that WALDO BROWDER, brother of WILLIAM and EARL BROWDER, would meet GREGORY on September 3, 1946, and would receive at that time the sum of $500, this being the agreed amount to be remitted monthly by JOHN H. REYNOLDS to BROWDER. Accordingly, GREGORY kept an appointment with WALDO BROWDER on the afternoon of September 3, 1946, at which time she turned over $500 to him and engaged in some discussion concerning the trip to Moscow which EARL BROWDER had previously indicated he felt either Colonel REYNOLDS or the informant should make.

According to the informant, WALDO appeared to be engaging in a suitable amount of "double talk" and was by innuendo attempting to impress upon the informant the necessity of resuming or reestablishing what he called the "continuity." GREGORY was unable to know specifically what WALDO had in mind, and it was learned that informant had met him only once previously, that occasion being several years ago, and that she knew very little about him and does not have any accurate information as to how conversant WALDO is with the affairs of his brother, EARL, or informant's activities and connections. He seemed to be acting, however, on the basis of some general instructions from EARL, and seemed to be obsessed with the importance of the trip to Moscow. The whole conversation between informant and WALDO was inconclusive, however, and he finally told her that he would meet her at 4:30 p.m. on September 6, 1946, at 44th Street and Sixth Avenue, New York City, apparently to take her to see EARL BROWDER.

At the appointed time and place agents of this division observed informant standing on the street corner, and shortly thereafter an automobile pulled up across the street; EARL BROWDER went over near informant and beckoned her to follow him into the car, which he pulled alongside the curb, and they both entered the automobile. It was noted that this automobile drove around the outskirts of Central Park for approximately one hour,

at it was driven by [illegible]O BROWDER, with informant and EARL in the back t, and that upon the conclusion of the ride EARL alighted from the car Grand Central Station and informant left a few blocks away at a subway ation.

On September 9, 1946, informant was questioned concerning her acting with the BROWDER as described above, and she stated that EARL attempted to impress again upon her the necessary of REYNOLDS' going to Moscow, and that if he could not be persuaded to do that, informant should ake the trip. Informant claimed that despite her numerous attempts to ascertain specifically the reasons for BROWDER'S continual attempts to send one or the other of them to Moscow, she was able to draw only from him that he felt very worthwhile trade concessions could be secured so far as securing a new contract between Intourist and the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation is concerned. Informant was of the opinion that BROWDER is acting as a messenger boy in the whole proceedings, but said she was unable to pin him down into making any statements of interest as to why these business discussions could not be held in this country. She told him that REYNOLDS had almost definitely made up his mind not to go to Moscow, and that he was getting somewhat disgusted with the whole proposition—that is, trying to conduct a worthwhile, profitable business with a branch of the Russian Government.

Informant said that virtually the entire time she spent with the BROWDERS on this date was taken up with discussions of this sort, but she did learn that EARL was still spending most of his time working on his "political autobiography" which he plans to publish shortly. He seemed very anxious to confer with JOHN H. REYNOLDS alone, and it is informant's opinion that BROWDER probably feels he can persuade him to do what he wishes if informant is not in on a conference to balk BROWDER'S plans. At the conclusion of the visit no definite plans were made for future contact, but the discussion did not become acrimonious and informant feels that she will be able to continue contacting BROWDER as she has in the past.

On September 11, 1946, GREGORY advised Agent Kelly that because Intourist had refused the proposed contract tendered by the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation and had in fact replied with a signed counter-proposal of their own which was objectionable in many features, REYNOLDS has definitely decided to discontinue business as of October 31, 1946, the expiration date for the contract under which his concern is presently operating. According to the informant, REYNOLDS has had a complete change of heart about the Russians, no longer desires to attempt to do business with them, and is following the advice of his attorney to close his business.

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also has decided no have anything further to do with EARL BROWDER, n to see him socia and is negotiating with the representatives of e union to which most of his office employees belong to sell the business the union.

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[redacted] It is to be noted that JUL[illegible] KORCHIEN, an associate of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, a subject in instant case, occupies an apartment in the penthouse at 28 East 10th Street, [redacted] OS