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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
NOVEMBER 17, 1950-----  
*Bureau*  
Transmit the following Teletype message to: KANSAS CITY URGENT

JULIUS ROSENBERG; ESPIONAGE - [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER  
[REDACTED], IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN FIFTY  
COMPLETED THREE AND ONE-HALF YEAR SENTENCE AT SPRINGFIELD FEDERAL  
PRISON CAMP FOR PASSPORT FRAUD AND ALTERATION OF MILITARY DISCHARGE  
CERTIFICATE. [REDACTED] HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION TO NY OFFICE  
CONCERNING SUBJECT BASED ON HIS CONTACT AS A CELLMATE IN FEDERAL  
HOUSE OF DETENTION, NYC. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE SUFFERED FROM EPILEPTIC  
FITS AT SPRINGFIELD AND UNDERWENT A HEAD OPERATION THERE. KANSAS  
CITY REQUESTED TO SUTEL BUREAU AND NY SUMMARY OF PERTINENT MEDICAL  
HISTORY OF [REDACTED] INDICATIVE OF HIS RELIABILITY AND AMSD DETAILED  
INFORMATION.

SCHEIDT

*RRS*

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 6:26 PM Per MI

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607 U.S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, New York

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November 17, 1950

Honorable Albert Goldman

Post Office  
33rd St. & 8th Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that a cover be placed on all mail, including special delivery and registered mail, of the following for a period of thirty days:

JULIUS ROSEN  
LENA COHEN  
140 Earuch Place  
New York City

return cards

tracings

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,  
EDWARD SCHEIDT

Special Agent in Charge

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- ...MR. SCHEIDT
- ...MR. WHELAN
- ...MR. STEIN
- ...MR. COLLIER
- ...MR. GULL PIER
- ...MR. G. ...
- ...MR. ...
- ...MR. MARCI ESCAULT
- ...MR. ...
- ...NIGHT SUPERVISOR
- ...MR. RAGAN
- ...MR. RING
- ...MR. SULLIVAN
- ...MR. WALES
- ...MR. WOOD
- ...CHIEF CLERK
- ...PROPERTY CLERK
- ...TRAINING UNIT

New York, N. Y.  
11/17/50

MEMO

Re: JULIUS ROSENBERG  
ESP. R.

At about 5:35 P. M., Inspector A. H. Belmont, Bureau, called on 11/16/50, on another matter and I advised him that we had been advised by ██████ that, after ROSENBERG talked with his lawyer 11/15/50, he came back and told ██████ that, because of the Revolution in Venezuela, it would be utterly impossible to get anybody out and down there; that they would just run into more trouble down there and that he had heard through BLOCH that these people were going to try and get into Mexico over the Christmas holidays, either through lower California or Texas and two men were supposed to make arrangements for them to get out by ship to Poland.

Another detail. ROSENBERG's sister visits him at the House of Detention. He writes notes and shows them to her through the petition and then tears them up and she carries the instructions out to his friends.

INS is now going to keep ██████ over at Ellis Island. I pointed out that ██████ and ROSENBERG had been cellmates for 21 or 22 days; that ██████ has given us a couple of stories, but that one thing we did know was that ROSENBERG's sister had visited him yesterday and ROSENBERG does have visits from his lawyer, BLOCH. We know that much is true. If ██████ were to get down to Venezuela with the stories he has been telling and a good newspaperman got ahold of this information, he would pay for the stories and really tell them. It might be helpful if INS were to keep ██████ here until after the case come up for trial. I told Mr. Belmont we would send a teletype on this tonight (11/16/50.).

WILLIAM M. WHELAN, ASAC

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THE ADDRESSES ON MAIL MATTER INTENDED FOR DELIVERY AT NEW YORK, N. Y., SHOULD INCLUDE THE NUMBER AND STREET, ZONE NUMBER, AND IF FOR A BOX HOLDER, THE NUMBER OF THE BOX AND THE STATION AT WHICH THE BOX IS LOCATED.

CORRESPONDENTS OF YOUR POSTAL DELIVERY ZONE NUMBER MAIL EARLY AND OFTEN TO EXPEDITE DISPATCH AND DELIVERY

# United States Post Office

DIVISION OF INCOMING MAILES

NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER TO INITIALS AND DATE

INC 6:23

TELEPHONE PENAL 8-7788 EXTENSION 889

November 20, 1950

Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
607 United States Court House,  
New York 7, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request to have a cover placed on all mail for a period of thirty days addressed to:

JULIUS COHEB

LENA COHEB

140 Baruch Place

New York 2, N. Y.

Return cards

Tracings

will be forwarded to your office directly as they arrive, properly endorsed with your File No. 65-15248

Sincerely yours,

Postmaster.

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**United States Department of Justice**

607 United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, New York

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
November 21, 1950

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent  
New York Telephone Company  
140 West Street  
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office it is requested that information be furnished concerning toll calls charged to OREGON 4-4485 during the last six months. This number is reported to be listed to JULIUS COHEN, 140 Baruch Place.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD 24 24 632PM  
SAC, U R G E N T

JULIUS ROSENBERG, ESP DASH R. RE CHICAGO LETTER NOV. THIRTY.  
MORRIS FLEISSIG INTERVIEWED HERE, UNABLE TO STATE WHETHER SUBJECT OR  
WIFE WERE MEMBERS OF YCL IN NYC ALTHOUGH ADMITTING OWN MEMBERSHIP.  
FLEISSIG ADMITS TO THREE MEETINGS WITH ROSENBERG SINCE LEAVING NEW  
YORK CITY IN THIRTY SIX NONE OF WHICH HE CAN SATISFACTORILY EXPLAIN.  
ONE MEETING TOOK PLACE AT GREENBELT, MD. SWIMMING POOL IN JUNE FORTY  
BUT FLEISSIG CLAIMS HE CANNOT REMEMBER HOW THIS CAME ABOUT. FURNISHED  
PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SWIMMING PARTY WHICH INCLUDED SUBJECT, ETHEL ROSEN-  
BERG, ONE ~~KILDA~~ KILDA ZELMA AND HER HUSBAND PAREN BOTH DECEASED END PAREN  
ONE BARNEY WEINSTEIN AND ONE MICHAEL A. BATNICK. FLEISSIG CLAIMS  
WEINSTEIN AND BATNICK WERE FRIENDS, OF HIS WHO HAPPENED TO BE PRESENT  
AND WHO DID NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOW SUBJECT. BATNICK NOW EMPLOYED PUBLIC  
HOUSING ADMINISTRATION, SEATTLE, WASH. WEINSTEIN NOW EMPLOYED BY RE-  
GIONAL OFFICE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMIN. NYC. WEINSTEIN REPORTEDLY FORMERLY  
RESIDED LAVANBURG HOMES PROJECT, NYC, AS DID ROSENBERG AND FLEISSIG.  
FOR INFO SEATTLE SUBJECT AND WIFE PRESENTLY UNDER INDICTMENT AT NYC  
FOR CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE WARTIME ESPIONAGE STATUTE. UACB, NY AND

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MR. SCHEIDT  
MR. WILLIAMS  
MR. STEIN  
MR. COLLIER  
MR. GILLESPIE  
MR. GRANVILLE  
MR. LEVVIS  
MR. MARCHESSAULT  
MR. McANDREWS  
NIGHT SUPERVISOR  
MR. RAGAN  
MR. KING  
MR. SULLIVAN  
MR. TALSU  
MR. WOOD  
CHIEF CLERK  
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SEATTLE INTERVIEW WEINSTEIN AND BATNICK RESPECTIVELY FOR ALL INFO THEY  
THEY HAVE RE THIS SWIMMING PARTY AT GREENBELT, MD. IN JUNE FORTY AND  
FOR ANY INFO. LINKING FLEISSIG WITH SUBJECT. FLEISSIG DENIES RE-  
CRUITMENT BY ROSENBERG. INTERVIEWS WITH FLEISSIG CONTINUING HERE.

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- ...MR. SCHEIDT
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- ...PROPERTY CLERK
- ...TRAINING UNIT

New York, N. Y.  
11/28/50

MEMO

Re: JULIUS ROSENBERG  
ESP. R.

I called Inspector A. H. Belmont, Bureau, 3:30 P.M., 11/27/50, and advised him that [REDACTED] was being deported by INS to Dominican Republic on 11/28/50. I said we were not interfering in any way with the deportation of [REDACTED]. Mr. Belmont advised that this was the correct procedure.

ROBERT R. GRANVILLE, SA

RRG:MFB

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New York, New York  
December 1, 1950

MEMO:

Re: JULIUS ROSENBERG  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re memorandum of SA JOHN A. HANISCH, dated August 30, 1950, and captioned "DAVID GREENGLASS, was; ESPIONAGE - R."

SE CLINTON E. POLLOCK checked the Manhattan Board of Election records which reflected that in 1949 OSWALD LAUFFER, of 10 Monroe Street, registered as a Democrat. He indicated he was forty-four years old, married and born in the United States. He had been four years in the State, County and Election District.

In 1948 OSWALD LAUFFER, of 10 Monroe Street, registered as a Democrat. His wife, ANNA LAUFFER, of the same address, registered as a member of the American Labor Party. She indicated she was thirty-nine years old, born in the United States and is married. She also showed that she had been thirty-nine years in the State, County and Election District.

In 1947 and 1946, ANNA LAUFFER registered as a member of the American Labor Party, and OSWALD LAUFFER as a Democrat.

In 1945 ANNA LAUFFER registered showing no Party affiliation and OSWALD LAUFFER registered as a Democrat. He listed his employment as "Engineer, Kellex Corporation, 233 Broadway" and last voted in 1944 from 85 Montgomery Street, New York City.

In 1944 both OSWALD LAUFFER and ANNA LAUFFER registered from 85 Montgomery Street and indicated they last voted in 1938 from 1035 Hall Place, Bronx, New York. In 1944 OSWALD registered as a Democrat and ANNA LAUFFER showed

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no Party affiliation.

On October 27, 1950, the Board of Election records for Bronx, New York, were checked by the writer and reflected no voting record for the LAUFFERS from 1943 through 1940. However, in 1939 OSWALD LAUFFER, of 1035 Hall Place, Bronx, Apartment 24, registered as a Democrat. He indicated he was thirty-four years old, thirty-four years in the State, eight years in the County and three years in the Election District. ANNA LAUFFER, of the same address, registered but showed no Party affiliation.

For the years 1938, 1937 and 1936 OSWALD LAUFFER, of 1035 Hall Place, Bronx, New York, registered as a Democrat. For the same years ANNA LAUFFER, of the same address, registered as a member of the American Labor Party in 1938 and left her Party affiliations blank in 1937 and 1936. Both indicated they last voted in 1935 from 785 Hewitt Place, Bronx, New York.

On October 16, 1950, SA HENRY A. MC GILL checked the records of the Kellex Corporation, 233 Broadway, furnished by ██████████ Secretary to the Personnel Director. These records reflected that OSWALD A. LAUFFER was born May 25, 1905, at New York City. He was employed by Kellex from December 18, 1944, until December 14, 1945, as material take off man for MR. RUSTAD, who is no longer with Kellex. He was let go because his work was completed.

At the time of his employment he resided at 85 Montgomery Street, New York City, and when he left Kellex he resided at 10 Monroe Street, New York City. His Social Security number was listed as 057-09-5276. These records also reflected that his father is OSWALD PAUL LAUFFER, a United States citizen who was born in Germany.

LAUFFER indicated he had received the following education:

1924-1928

New York Evening High School

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1928-1932 City College of New York  
1930-1933 Cooper Union  
1941-1942 U. of Ohio Ext., Ashland, Kentucky

He also listed the following employments:

June, 1944 - November, 1944 Kaiser Company, Inc.,  
Vancouver Yard, 30  
Church Street, New  
York City

November, 1939 - June, 1944 American Gas and Electric  
Service Corp., 30 Church  
Street, New York City

August, 1930 - January, 1939 Consolidated Edison Company,  
4 Irving Place, New York City

August, 1928 - August, 1930 New York Telephone Company,  
Mount Vernon, New York

1922 - 1928 National Surety Company,  
4 Albany Street, New York  
City.

The Selective Service records were searched by the writer on October 13, 1950, for OSWALD A. LAUFFER for 85 Montgomery Street, 785 Hewett Place, 1035 Hall Place and 10 Monroe Street but no record of LAUFFER could be found.

A record was found for ALFRED MAX LAUFFER, of 785 Hewett Place, Bronx, who registered with Local Draft Board No. 80, Bronx, New York. This record reflected his father to be OSWALD LAUFFER, age sixty-six in 1941, and his mother as MARIE LAUFFER,

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age sixty-four in 1941. He also listed a brother OSWALD, who resided at 2922½ Hampton Street, Ashland, Kentucky, and a sister CLARA LAUFFER, who resided at 785 Hewett Place, Bronx.

ALFRED LAUFFER was born May 24, 1907, at New York City [REDACTED]

The records at Cooper Union High School, Cooper Union Square, New York City, furnished by [REDACTED] reflected that OSWALD A. LAUFFER, born May 25, 1905, and residing at 698 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City, enrolled at Cooper Union September, 1930, for an electrical engineering course. He discontinued his enrollment on January 27, 1933, without completing the course. At that time he resided at 720 St. Mary's Street, Bronx, New York, and was employed as a technical clerk. His employer was not indicated. The records showed he was not a good student and no disciplinary record was available.

[REDACTED] Registrar of the Evening Session, City College of New York, advised on October 27, 1950, that OSWALD A. LAUFFER enrolled for an engineering course at the City College of New York in September, 1928, and dropped out in September, 1930. He took one term in September, 1931, returned from September, 1935, until January, 1936, and again from September, 1936, until January, 1937. He received a condition in languages which he failed to make up and when he finally discontinued his studies at CCNY he had twenty-two credits out of one hundred and twenty-eight necessary to graduate.

His record at CCNY reflected that LAUFFER resided at 68 West 93rd Street in 1928. Thereafter he resided at 698 Amsterdam Avenue; 785 Hewett Place, Bronx; 1035 Hall Place, Bronx, and finally at 10 Monroe Street, New York City, in 1950. In 1950 he requested that CCNY furnish his record to the State Educational Department, Albany, New York.

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On November 17, 1950, [REDACTED] of the Personnel Department of the National Surety Corporation, 4 Albany Avenue, New York City, checked his records and advised that OSWALD LAUFFER has no record of employment with this concern. He further advised that in the mid twenties, when LAUFFER is supposed to have worked there, the firm was known as the New York Indemnity Company. In 1933 that firm was liquidated and reorganized as the National Surety Corporation and occupies the entire building at this address. [REDACTED] checked with six employees, including the Comptroller, who were with the New York Indemnity Company in the 1920s, but none of them remembered LAUFFER.

On October 18, 1950, SA WILLIAM O. MC CUE checked the records of the Consolidated Edison Company, 4 Irving Place, New York City, which reflected OSWALD ARNO LAUFFER was hired by this concern on August 4, 1930, and was discharged January 4, 1939, because his job was completed. He worked primarily in the Inventory Section of the Electrical Engineering Department. His address was listed as 720 St. Mary's Street, Bronx, New York, and his supervisor was MR. W. HOWE.

[REDACTED] Office Manager, Consolidated Edison Company, procured his records on OSWALD ARNO LAUFFER, which reflected he was hired August 4, 1930, and was discharged January 4, 1939, due to the completion of his particular job. His latest address listed was 1035 Hall Place, Bronx, New York, and his home phone number was KI 5-9500. He was married and listed three dependents. His records describe him as five feet six inches, one hundred and forty-three pounds, blue eyes, blond hair and fair complexion.

[REDACTED] advised that the Public Utility Commission required Consolidated Edison to list all the various properties owned by them and LAUFFER was engaged in compiling this data. When the task was completed he was let go along with many others

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doing the same type of work. [REDACTED] personally knew of no derogatory information concerning LAUFFER and brought in LAUFFER'S immediate supervisor at that time, who also advised that LAUFFER'S work was satisfactory and that there was no indication that he was disloyal to the United States or attached to the principles of a foreign country.

The Consolidated Edison Company records further reflected that from May, 1922, until May, 1928, LAUFFER was employed as a bookkeeper with the National Surety Company, 4 Albany Street, New York City, and from May, 1928, until August, 1930, was employed as an engineering clerk by the Mount Vernon, New York, Telephone Company.

On November 10, 1950, [REDACTED] Supervisor, American Gas and Electric Service Corporation, 30 Church Street, New York City, was interviewed and advised that OSWALD LAUFFER was hired by this firm on November 1, 1939, to do evaluation work, that is to evaluate the company's property. On February 28, 1942, he was sent to the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, a subsidiary of the New York concern. In Ashland, Kentucky, he supervised a crew of men and lived at 2922½ Hampton Street. He was transferred back to New York City April 1, 1943, and remained with the company until June 15, 1944, when he resigned to accept other employment. In New York he resided at 1035 Hall Place, Bronx, New York.

[REDACTED] a supervisor of LAUFFER'S, was interviewed and advised that for a short period of time LAUFFER also worked for the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation in Roanoke, Virginia. He vaguely recalled that there was a rumor that LAUFFER was investigated by the Government for being pro-German, but then stated that what actually happened was that LAUFFER was caught by a company guard examining some of the company's equipment. According to [REDACTED] LAUFFER had no business at this particular equipment but claimed that he was interested in it for his personal information. As soon as he



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identified himself as an employee of the company, he was released. This occurred either in Roanoke, Virginia, or Ashland, Kentucky.

[REDACTED] who also worked with LAUFFER in Ashland, Kentucky, advised that he became acquainted with both LAUFFER and his wife in Kentucky. He described MRS. LAUFFER as an intellectual and in his opinion both LAUFFER and his wife are "leftists." He went on to explain that he has nothing definite to base his opinion on except that both stood out when compared with the type of Americans found in Kentucky. [REDACTED] also had heard that LAUFFER later was working at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The Kaiser Company, Inc., 30 Church Street, for whom LAUFFER worked in late 1944, is no longer located in New York City.

On November 17, 1950, [REDACTED] Assistant Manager, Construction Department, New York City Housing Authority, 63 Park Row, New York, was interviewed. [REDACTED] advised that he personally did not know LAUFFER. He furnished LAUFFER'S personnel file which reflected LAUFFER filed an application with the City dated November 19, 1946. He resides at 10 Monroe Street, New York City, his telephone number is WOrth 2-7890, and he was born May 25, 1905.

His prior employments were listed as follows:

April, 1946, until July, 1946 - Hatzel and Buchler, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City, an electrical contractor, where his salary was \$300.00 per month. His duties consisted of appraising fire damage and making field surveys of the structure, plumbing and electricity of the Railroad Terminal at Pittsburgh. He left because his job was completed.

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December, 1944-December, 1945 - Kellex Corporation, 233 Broadway, New York City, whose business is designing engineers. LAUFFER earned \$370.00 per month and his duties consisted of checking drawings and writing specifications for the A-bomb project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He left the above employment because the contract was completed.

June, 1944-November, 1944 - Kaiser Company, Inc., 30 Church Street - shipbuilder. LAUFFER earned \$350.00 per month and his duties consisted of checking drawings and writing specifications for electrical equipment, marine pumps, piping and ventilation systems. He left this job because he did not wish to move to the West Coast.

November, 1939-June, 1944 - American Gas and Electric Service Corporation, 30 Church Street, New York City.

1930-1939 - Consolidated Edison Company, New York City.

His application further reflected that he graduated from New York Evening High School in 1929. He also attended CCHY and Cooper Union Evening School from 1930 to 1937 and received eighty credits in electrical engineering. He also is on the State of New York Civil Service list as "valuation engineer." He is described as 5' 7", 160 pounds. His wife is named ANNA, age thirty seven, and he has a son DANIEL, age five. LAUFFER was hired as Inspector of Housing Construction at \$3,600.00 per year by the New York City Housing Authority. New York Housing made a Credit Bureau check on LAUFFER with negative results.

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On April 30, 1947, LAUFFER received a raise to \$4,000.00 per year. On August 26, 1948, he was raised to \$4,350.00 per year, and on March 10 he was raised again to \$4,550.00 per year. The records further reflected that LAUFFER was out of town on personal business from August 1, 1947, to August 15, 1947, and on June 26, 1950, until September 15, 1950, took fifty-eight days of annual leave. Thereafter he still had thirty-four days annual leave left. On April 3, 1950, he claimed he had four dependents. In his personnel file was a Loyalty Form executed by OSWALD ARNOLD LAUFFER which reads as follows: "I, --- --- ---, solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of New York, and will faithfully discharge the duties of office of Assistant Mechanical Engineer (building construction)."

This Loyalty Form was not dated and, according to the Personnel Director, such a form is executed when an employee is first hired and again whenever his status under Civil Service is changed.

Through the cooperation of [REDACTED] Construction Engineer, New York City Housing Authority, was interviewed on November 27, 1950. He advised he knows LAUFFER but has not been in frequent contact with him as LAUFFER works in the various new housing developments and [REDACTED] is at the Headquarters. However, he had heard nothing derogatory concerning the loyalty of LAUFFER nor was there any indication that LAUFFER believed in any foreign ideology.

At the same time [REDACTED] Superintendent of Construction, advised that LAUFFER worked under his immediate supervision from November, 1948, until May, 1950. At no time did he express any disloyal tendencies or were there any complaints that he might be un-American. During this time there

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were several employees who were on the job who were Communists but LAUFFER was not one of this group. [REDACTED] stated that LAUFFER is an inspector at the new housing developments; that his duties consist of inspecting electrical installations; and that his work is entirely satisfactory.

LAUFFER has a small cottage somewhere in the vicinity of Peekskill, New York, and spent a long vacation there this summer working on the cottage. [REDACTED] who also worked at Oak Ridge, advised that LAUFFER had told him that he had worked at Oak Ridge but [REDACTED] had not known LAUFFER at Oak Ridge.

[REDACTED] Personnel Department, Hatzel and Buehler, Inc., Room 1401, 420 Lexington Avenue, advised on November 29, 1950, that she was unable to locate any pay roll record for LAUFFER but did find a Social Security report which indicated he was employed in the third quarter of 1946. His Social Security number was listed as 057-09-5276 and he earned a total of \$162.00.

[REDACTED] inquired among some of the present employees, who vaguely recalled that LAUFFER possibly was on loan to this firm from another company. However, none of the employees recalled LAUFFER well enough to form any opinion about him.

In view of the fact that GREENGLASS stated that LAUFFER is a friend of ROSENBERG; that he worked at Oak Ridge; is a neighbor of ROSENBERG; and has been classified as a "leftist" by one of his previous fellow employees, it is suggested that LAUFFER be interviewed by Agents who are thoroughly familiar with all aspects of the ROSENBERG espionage ring.

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