of 6 to 8 pages primarily pertaining to installation of "Flexicore". Mr. WEAVER further explained that "Flexicore" is a trade name for a flooring and roofing material which is a concrete slab with reinforced steel.

Mr. WEAVER also advised that the catalogue is in no way restricted or classified and is distributed on a nation-wide basis via a mailing list.

AT YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO

The following investigation was conducted by SA HARLAND D. SHAW:

A photograph of the subject was displayed to Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, on September 27, 1950, at which time he stated that the subject was not known to him. He further stated that he has never heard any reference made to the subject, nor has he ever seen subject's name before.

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Confidential Informant T-1 [redacted]

REFERENCES: NY letter to Bureau dated 9-20-50.
NY teletype to Detroit, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh dated 9-21-50.

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WAS., ESPIONAGE DASH R. PAUL CROUCH OF MIAMI, FLA. INTERVIEWED IN LA OCT THREE, FIFTY. PHOTO OF SUBJECT WAS EXHIBITED CROUCH WHO ADVISED HE DID NOT KNOW SUBJECT-S NAME BUT FEELS THAT HE IS QUITE SURE THAT HE HAD SEEN HIM IN THE COMPANY OF LOUIS GIBARTI AND JACOB GOLOS IN NYC BETWEEN NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR AND THIRTYSIX ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. CROUCH DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER SUBJECT WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP OR WHETHER THE OCCASIONS HE HAD SEEN HIM WITH GIBARTI AND GOLOS WERE IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THE CP. CROUCH FURTHER DID NOT RECALL THE PARTICULAR DATES, TIMES, OR PLACES WHEN HE HAD SEEN THE SUBJECT IN NY. CROUCH STATED THAT ALTHOUGH SUBJECT-S APPEARANCE WAS FAMILIAR TO HIM FROM PHOTO, THAT HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT. CROUCH IDENTIFIED GOLOS AS A MEMBER OF THE CONTROL COMMISSION, CP USA, AND A MEMBER OF THE HUNGARIAN BUREAU, CP USA. HE WAS ATTACHED TO THE STAFF OF UJELONE, A HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPER. [redacted] NOT AVAILABLE INTERVIEW UNTIL MONDAY NEX[redacted] NOT ABAILABLE CONTACT UNTIL APPROXIMATELY OCT TWENTYFIVE. HONIG TO BE CONTACTED IMMEDIATELY. MIAMI ADVISED BY MAIL.

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G.I.R.-1 10-1

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WA, ESP - R. AT TIME OF ARREST, VAGO CARRIED BUSINESS CARD OF PAUL WEIDLINGER, GENERAL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, ONE NINE TWO EIGHT FIRST STREET, N. W. WASHINGTON, D. C. - INFT ADVISED MRS. CLAIRE VAGO, WIFE OF SUBJ, PAYEE OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK DRAWN BY WEIDLINGER ON RIGGS NATIONAL BANK, WASHINGTON. WFO REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY WEIDLINGER

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, W.AS., ESPIONAGE -R-. RENYTEL FOURTH INSTANT. PHILIP LEVINE INTERVIEWED BOSTON DIVISION OFFICES THIS DATE BY SAS KEENAN AND BRENTON S. GORDON. LEVINE ASSERTED THAT HE, AT NO TIME, KNEW OR SUSPECTED VAGO OF CP AFFILIATIONS AND HAD NEVER SEEN VAGO IN POSSESSION OF DAILY WORKER OR MAKE REFERENCE TO LATTER PAPER. LEVINE STATED IN THE SPRING OF NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, MONTH OR EXACT DATE NOT REMEMBERED, HARRY GOLD AND LEVINE WENT TO VAGO-S APARTMENT IN EVENING. THE MEETING FOLLOWED LEVINE-S UNAUTHORIZED REVIEW OF BROTHMAN-S FILES AND DEFINITELY OCCURED DURING THAT TIME WHEN BROTHMAN WAS IN SWITZERLAND. ONLY ONE OTHER PERSON WAS PRESENT IN ADDITION TO THREE NAMED AND SHE WAS MRS. OSCAR VAGO. LEVINE CANNOT RECALL EXACTLY WHAT PART MRS. PLAYED IN CONVERSATIONS. VAGO-S APARTMENT AT THAT TIME WAS LOCATED IN FOREST HILLS SECTION, ON A STREET OFF QUEENS BLVD AND IN A BUILDING KNOWN AS QUOTE THORNEYCROFT APARTMENT UNQUOTE. LEVINE STATED HE HAS ABSOLUTELY NO RECOLLECTION OF VAGO-S HAVING MADE ANY STATEMENTS WITH REFERENCE TO ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO U. S., ESPIONAGE OR ANY OTHER VIOLATION OF LAW. LEVINE WAS

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WAS CONFRONTED WITH KNOWN FACTS AS DIRECTED IN REFTEL AND DID NOT ALTER ABOVE STORY IN ANY MANNER. LEVINE CAN RECALL NO OTHER MEETINGS OF THE THREE BUT DOES REMEMBER ON THE EVENING DESCRIBED ABOVE HE, LEVINE, CONVINCED GOLD AND VAGO THAT BROTHMAN WAS DEFRAUDING THE THREE OF THEM BY MAKING PROMISES WHICH HECOULD NOT FULFIL CONCERNING FUTURE BUSINESS SUCCESS. LEVINE IS WILLING TO TESTIFY THAT HARRY GOLD-S REPUTATION FOR TRUTH AND VERACITY BASED ON THE PERIOD OF LEVINE-S ASSOCIATION WITH GOLD, WAS GOOD. HE STILL BELIEVES THAT GOLD-S REPUTATION IN SUCH REGARD IS GOOD. LEVINE IS PREPARED TO TESTIFY, IF NECESSARY, THAT WHILE OSCAR VAGO-S REPUTATION FOR TRUTH AND VERACITY BASED UPON ASSOCIATION IN BROTHMAN COMPANY, WAS GOOD IT WAS NOT AS GOOD AS GOLD-S. VAGO OCCUPIES A LOWER POSITION IN LEVINE-S ESTIMATION BECAUSE VAGO PREVAILED UPON LEVINE TO ACCEPT EARLIER PROMISES FROM BROTHMAN AND LEVINE SUSPECTS THAT VAGO THEN KNEW, OR HAD REASON TO BELIEVE, THAT BROTHMAN WAS A FRAUD. LEVINE WAS MORE COOPERATIVE ON THE OCCASION OF THIS INTERVIEW THAN PREVIOUSLY BUT HE WAS STILL A CAUTIOUS, SLOW AND SUSPECTING INTERVIEWEE. ON THIS DATE LEVINE SPECIFICALLY DENIED THAT HE HAD EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CP, USA, OR ANY OF ITS PREDECESSOR OR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS. REPORT BEING DICTATED THIS DATE. SHOULD REACH BUREAU AND NEW YORK BYOCTOBER SEVENTH NEXT.

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WAS., ESP. - R. VAGO PARTNER IN A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES FROM NINETEEN FORTYFOUR TO FORTY EIGHT. ON SEPT. TWENTHIETH LAST, VAGO TESTIFIED BEFORE GRAND JURY AT NY THAT HE WAS IN HUNGARY FROM NINETEEN TWENTYNINE TO THIRTYTHREE. ON SEPT. TWENTYSEVENTH LAST, HE ADMITTED THAT HE WAS ACTUALLY IN US ILLEGALLY UNTIL DEC. NINETEEN THIRTYTWO WHEN HE WENT TO HUNGARY FOR A BRIEF VISIT RETURNING TO THE US ON JAN. TWELFTH, THIRTYTHREE. INDICTED FOR PERJURY AND PRESENTLY INCARCERATED AWAITING PROSECUTION. ATLANTA OFFICE REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW GERHARD WOLLAN, NORTH GEORGIA CLUB, DAHLONEGA, GEORGA AND LOS ANGELES TO INTERVIEW KULES KORCHIEN, ONE SIX FIVE SIX ZERO CHATTANOOGA PLACE, PACIFIC PALASADES, CALIFORNIA, BOTH FORMER PARTNERS IN ABA. BOTH PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BULET MAY FIRST, FIFTY, ENTITLED, ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, WA, ESP - R. BOSTON REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW PHILLIP LEVINE, SIXTY SEVEN PERRY AVE., BROOKLINE, MASS. AND EMPLOYEE OF ABA FROM SEPT NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN TO JUNE FORTYEIGHT. RE REPORT SA BRENTON S. GORDON, JUNE FIFTEEN,

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NINETEEN FIFTY AT BOSTON ENTITLED, HARRY GOLD, WAS, ESP - R FOR PREVIOUS INTERVIEW WITH LEVINE. IN SIGNED STATEMENT DATED OCT. SECOND LAST, GOLD TESTIFIED THAT HE AND LEVINE MET AT VAGO-S HOME TO DISCUSS WAYS OF PROTECTING THEIR INTEREST IN ABA AND THAT VAGO TOLD THEM AT THAT TIME OF HAVING BEEN IN THE US ILLEGALLY. GOLD ALSO TOLD OF VAGO-S ACTIVITIES IN HIS CP CLUB AND OF HIS HAVING DISTRIBUTED THE DAILY WORKER WHILE ASSOCIATED WITH ABA. INTERVIEW AND EMPHASIZE CP OR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES OF VAGO IN ADMISSION MADE BY HIM OF ILLEGAL RESIDENCE IN US. SUTEL AND SUREP IMMEDIATELY.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
Attn: Indentification Division

DATE: October 13, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, ~~was~~
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Reference is made to the record of FBI #819 746 A, dated October 5, 1950, pertaining to this subject.

Oscar John

It is noted that the surname of the subject is carried incorrectly as ~~VAGO~~, rather than VAGO. Referenced letter has been corrected in the New York Office, and the Identification Division is requested to correct its records.

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G.I.R. 1

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WAS., ESP - R. INS FILES, NY, REFLECT CLAIRE VAGO RECEIVED US PASSPORT FIVE SIX FIVE SEVEN FIVE TWO DATED NOV. ELEVENTH, NINETEEN THIRTYTWO FOR TRIP TO HUNGARY IN LATE NINETEEN THIRTYTWO. WFO REQUESTED TO CHECK FILES PASSPORT DIVISION RE CLAIRE VAGO. INVESTIGATIVE REPORT DICTATED THIS DATE AT NY. WILL BE SUBMITTED WHEN TRANSCRIBED. PHILADELPHIA REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE REPORT COVERING GOLD INTERVIEW.

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, ws.	ESPIONAGE - R

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Letters written by subject to U.S. Gypsum Company, 300 West Adams Street, Chicago, and Ceco Steel Company, 5701 West 26th Street, Cicero, Illinois, request catalogues from instant companies. Material requested by subject not classified. No indication in letters that subject leaving United States.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

G. I. R. - 2

United States Gypsum Company

Mr. A. W. IRWIN, secretary, United States Gypsum Company, 300 West Adams Street, caused a search to be conducted throughout the offices of the U.S. Gypsum Company on September 22, 1950 in an attempt to locate the letter reportedly written by the subject to the U.S. Gypsum Company on September 19, 1950. On September 25, 1950 Mr. IRWIN advised through his secretary, Miss THOMAS, that the letter in question had been located and that he would turn over to the Bureau the original letter together with a duplicate set of the material sent to the subject by the U.S. Gypsum Company as requested in his letter. IRWIN stated that this material was not restricted in nature and was open to the general public upon their request.

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The subject's letter to the U.S. Gypsum Company is as follows:

"Oscar J. Vago, P.E.
6607 Ninety-Ninth Street
Rego Park, L. I., N. Y.

"September 18, 1950.

"United States Gypsum Co.
300 West Adams Street
Chicago 6, Ill.

"Gentlemen:

"Kindly send me a copy of the latest edition of your complete catalog. Thank you.

/s/ Oscar J. Vago"

Ceco Steel Company

Mr. EDWARD GROGAN, secretary of the Ceco Steel Company, 5701 West 26th Street, Cicero, Illinois, instituted a search throughout the offices of the Ceco Steel Company on September 22, 1950 and located a letter written by the subject on September 18, 1950 to the Ceco Steel Company in which the subject made a request for the latest catalogue regarding Ceco products other than those used in reinforced concrete construction. Mr. GROGAN advised that none of the material requested by the subject and subsequently mailed to him by the Ceco Steel Company was classified in nature. He stated that all such Ceco literature was open to the public. Mr. GROGAN stated that he desired that the Bureau keep the original letter of the subject. He also furnished duplicate copies of the catalogues sent by the Ceco Steel Company to the subject.

Crane Company

Mr. K. L. CARR, secretary of the Crane Company, 836 South Michigan Avenue, and Mr. H. H. SIMMONS, Advertising Manager, were contacted on September 22, 1950 in an effort to locate a letter reportedly written by the subject to

the Crane Company on September 19, 1950. On September 25, 1950 Mr. CARR and Mr. SIMMONS were again contacted and both advised they had exhausted all possibilities at the Crane Company in their search for the letter and had been unable to locate it.

ENCLOSURE TO NEW YORK DIVISION

The following material is being enclosed for the benefit of the New York Office:

One letter written by OSCAR J. VAGO to the U.S. Gypsum Company, 300 West Adams Street, dated September 18, 1950.

One 108-page directory of building materials published by the U.S. Gypsum Company

One letter written by OSCAR J. VAGO to the Ceco Steel Company, 5701 West 26th Street, Cicero, dated September 18, 1950

One copy each of the following catalogues:

Ceco Residence Casements

Ceco Industrial Windows Projected and Pivoted

Ceco Architectural Projected Windows

New Beauty in Steel Casements

Ceco Metal Screens and Storm Windows

Ceco Steel Roof deck

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REFERENCE: New York teletype to the Bureau dated 9/21/50
Chicago teletype to the Bureau and New York dated 9/26/50

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/11/50

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, aka Oszkar Vago
ESPIONAGE - R

G.I.R.-1

Re New York letter to Bureau, 9/20/50.

The photograph of VAGO was displayed to confidential informant [redacted] on 9/28/50, who was unable to make an identification. It is noted that reference letter, Page 2, requested that the San Francisco office display this photograph to [redacted] for possible identification. Since this individual is in the Los Angeles area it is requested that the Los Angeles office [illegible]

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CHANGED: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, with aliases: Oszkar Vago, John Murray, John Muray	PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Indictment returned by Federal Grand Jury, SDNY on 9/28/50, charging VAGO with perjury before the Grand Jury on 9/20/50. VAGO arrested 9/28/50 and held on $50,000 bail. At hearing on 10/10/50, bail reduced to $40,000. VAGO still in custody. Hearing to plead to indictment set for 10/23/50. Perjury based on testimony of VAGO that he was absent from U.S. 1929 to 1933, although he was actually absent only from 12/3/32 to 1/12/33. Also testified wife CLAIRE VAGO left behind on trip although she actually accompanied him. VAGO born 2/27/98, Budapest, Hungary. Entered U. S. 1/12/25 as student, and remained illegally until 12/3/32. Re-entered U.S. 1/12/33. Naturalized 9/29/38. Structural engineer by profession. Employed in New York and Washington, D. C. since 1925. Partner in A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES from August, 1944 to June, 1948, and friend of HARRY GOLD. Informants advise VAGO has been active in Communist Party for many years. Employed at time of arrest by JACOB S. ARONOW, 12 East 48th Street, New York. VAGO resides 66-07 99th Street, Rego Park, Long Island, New York.

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed in order to reflect the additional aliases of JOHN MURRAY and JOHN MURAY for subject, OSCAR JOHN VAGO, which names were used by VAGO while employed by the WHITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, New York, from April 26, 1926 to February 11, 1928. It is noted that the records of the company reflect the name as JOHN MURRAY while VAGO himself advised that he used the name JOHN MURAY. (U)

PREDICATION

On September 20, 1950 and on September 27, 1950, OSCAR JOHN VAGO appeared before the Federal Grand Jury, for the Southern District of New York, for questioning concerning his relationship with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and HARRY GOLD. It is noted that VAGO was a partner in A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES from August, 1944 to June, 1948, during a part of which time GOLD was an employee of the firm. It is also noted that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and his partner, MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ, have been indicted on the charge of Obstruction of Justice, and are presently awaiting trial. HARRY GOLD has entered a plea of guilty to a charge of espionage, and is presently awaiting sentence. (U)

As will be set out later, VAGO is also reported to be active in affairs of the Communist Party. (U)

INDICTMENT

On September 28, 1950, the Federal Grand Jury, for the Southern District of New York, returned the following indictment against VAGO, charging that he committed perjury on September 20, 1950, in violation of Title 18, Section 1621, United States Code:

"IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
-v-	:	C ____
OSCAR JOHN VAGO	:	

"The Grand Jury charges: (U)

" " "

"1. On or about Sept. 20, 1950, at the Southern District of New York and within the jurisdiction of this Court, OSCAR JOHN VAGO, the defendant herein, having duly taken an oath before a competent tribunal, to wit, the Grand Jurors of the United States of America, duly impaneled and sworn in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and inquiring for that District, in a case then and there pending before said Grand Jurors in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath to be administered, that he would testify truly, did unlawfully, knowingly, and wilfully, and contrary to said oath, state material matter which he did not believe to be true, that is to say:

"2. That, at the time and place aforesaid, the said Grand Jurors, inquiring as aforesaid, were conducting an investigation entitled United States v. John Doe, pertaining to possible violation of espionage laws of the United States and any other Federal criminal statutes, and it was material to said inquiry to ascertain the period of time the defendant had been in the United States, and the identity of all persons who accompanied him when he departed from, or arrived in the United States, and the identity of all persons with whom he associated while in the United States or elsewhere. (u)

"3. That, at the time and place aforesaid the defendant, OSCAR JOHN VAGO, duly appearing as a witness before the said Grand Jurors, and then and there being under oath as aforesaid, testified falsely before said Grand Jurors with respect to the aforesaid material matter as follows:

"'Q. Have you made any trips outside of the United States since you arrived here? A. Yes. I made one trip to visit my family.

Q. In Hungary? A. Yes.

Q. What date? A. I returned to this country in January, 1933.

Q. And you returned in '33? A. Yes. (u)

"'Q. You were away approximately four years? A. Something like that.'

Q. Did your wife go with you? A. No, she came later.

Q. When you went back to Hungary your wife did not accompany you, is that right? A. No, she did not.

Q. So that you are in Hungary from '29 to '32 alone, is that right? A. Yes.

Q. When you went to Hungary -- and I think you said it was '29 -- A. Yes, '29.' (U)

"That the aforesaid testimony of the defendant, as he then and there well knew and believed, was untrue in that the defendant was in the United States during the period of time from 1925 until on or about December 1, 1932, and his wife accompanied him when he went to Hungary in 1932. (Title 18, Section 1621, United States Code.)" (U)

ARREST AND PROSECUTION

A bench warrant signed by United States District Judge JOHN C. KNOX was issued on September 28, 1950, and VAGO was arrested on that date by Special Agent THOMAS H. ZOELLER and the reporting agent, in the vicinity of 18 East 48th Street, and brought immediately to the New York Office of the FBI. (U)

A search of VAGO'S person at the time of arrest disclosed only the usual personal effects. VAGO refused to execute a waiver of search for his home, and also declined to answer any questions pertaining to his activities. At his request, he was permitted to contact his attorney, ARTHUR W. BAILY. (U)

On the same date he was arraigned before United States Commissioner EDWARD McDONALD, for the Southern District of New York, for the purpose of setting bail, which was fixed at $50,000.00. A hearing to plead to the indictment was set for October 2, 1950, and on that date postponed to October 3, 1950. On the latter date, VAGO appeared before Federal Judge WILLIAM BONDY, and requested

a postponement to October 10, 1950, in order to enable him to secure the services of an attorney. On October 10, 1950, VAGO was represented by MOSES C. WEIMAN, who requested, and was granted, a postponement of the pleading to the indictment to October 23, 1950. Judge BONDY ordered VAGO'S bail reduced at that time to $40,000.00. As of October 13, 1950, VAGO was still being held in lieu of bail. (U)

PERSONAL HISTORY

The following background information concerning VAGO and his family was taken from personal interview, employment and school records, Immigration and Naturalization Service and Selective Service records, and from the sources noted:

He was born on February 27, 1898 at Budapest, Hungary, to MORRIS and MATHILDE GOLDSTEIN VAGO. VAGO attended the Hessiche Technische Hochschule, at Darmstadt, Germany, from September, 1920 to May, 1921, and was graduated from the Royal Hungarian Technical Institute, at Budapest as a civil engineer, in 1922. After working in Hungary for various engineering firms, he entered the United States at New York, on January 12, 1925, on the "SS MONGOLIA", destined to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, as a student. However, he actually attended Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, from January, 1925 to March, 1925, and began work as an engineer in New York. On March 31, 1928 he was married to CLAIRE WEISMANN, at Long Island City, New York, according to the records of the Department of Health, New York. (U) VAGO

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that she was born on January 31, 1907 at Budapest, Hungary, and entered the United States as CLARA OLGA WEISZMAN, at New York, on March 26, 1926. She was naturalized on November 19, 1931, in the Supreme Court at Jamaica, Long Island. Two children have been born to the couple, JOHN and SUSAN, now aged 12 and 4 respectively. (U)

VAGO left the United States for Hungary with his wife on December 3, 1932, and returned on January 12, 1933. (U)

It is noted that in his Selective Service questionnaire, VAGO listed five brothers, ROBERT, ERNEST, STEPHEN, ARTHUR and BERTHOLD, all of whom reside in Hungary. (U)

According to VAGO'S own statement, he has not returned to Hungary since that time. (U)

On May 31, 1938, VAGO filed petition for naturalization, #310521, in the United States District Court, for the Southern District of New York, and was admitted to citizenship in the same court on September 29, 1938. Certificate of Naturalization #4320335 was issued to him. (U)

Selective Service records reflect that VAGO did not enter into military service because of overage. (U)

The following are the employments listed by VAGO since his arrival in the United States:

J. M. Felson, architect	March 16, 1925 to April 10, 1926
New York Central	April 15, 1926 to April 20, 1926
White Construction Company	April 26, 1926 to February 11, 1928
J. M. Felson	February 13, 1928 to October 27, 1928
White Construction Company	October 29, 1928 to February 1, 1933
C.W.A. - WPA	January 29, 1934 to October 28, 1936
Austin Company 19 Rector Street	October 28, 1936 to December 10, 1937
Procurement - F.W.A.	July 25, 1938 to December 1, 1939
War Department	December 16, 1939 to June 26, 1941

White Construction Company	June 13, 1941 to July 18, 1941
Fellheimer & Wagner	July 21, 1941 to April 17, 1943
John Greenewalt	April 19, 1943 to October 31, 1943
Angelo Conti	November 15, 1943 to February 29, 1944
Regal Chemical Company	March 1, 1944 to August 12, 1944
A. Brothman Associates	August 15, 1944 to May 31, 1948
Severud-Elstad-Krueger	June 7, 1948 to July 30, 1949
Jacob Aronow	October 4, 1949 to November 11, 1949

It is noted that in correspondence with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and also in employment applications, VAGO has advised that he has been unemployed for considerable periods of time.

At the present time VAGO resides in Apartment 1B, at 66-07 99th Street, Rego Park, Long Island, New York.

EVIDENCE OF PERJURY

White Construction Company

On September 20, 1950, as set out in the indictment, VAGO testified that he had left the United States in 1929 and had resided in Hungary continuously until his return to New York early in 1933.

On September 26, 1950, the information set out below from HENRY SCHAEFER was obtained and furnished to Special Assistant to the Attorney General THOMAS J. DONEGAN, for use in questioning VAGO before the Grand Jury on September 27, 1950.

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It is noted that the employment records of the WHITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 95 Madison Avenue, New York, are maintained by SCHAEFER, to whom a subpoena should be directed in the event that proof of VAGO'S employment is desired.

The following signed statements were obtained by Special Agent THOMAS H. ZOELLER:

"New York City
October 5, 1950

"I, HENRY SCHAEFER, make the following voluntary statement to THOMAS H. ZOELLER, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement of my own free will and no threats or promises have been made to me. I understand this statement may be used in a court of law.

"I am employed as chief accountant and assistant secretary of the White Construction Co., 95 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. & have been employed by this Company since July 7, 1924. I reside at 12 McKinley Ave., Lynbrook, L.I.

"I have identified a picture of OSCAR JOHN VAGO shown to me by Agent ZOELLER as a man I first knew as J. MURRAY. Records of the company of which I have charge indicate VAGO was employed by the company as J. MURRAY from 4/26/26 to 2/11/28. He was also employed as OSCAR J. VAGO from 10/29/28 to 12/3/32 and from 6/13/41 to 7/18/41. During the time VAGO was employed both as MURRAY and as VAGO, I personally handed him his salary check each week.

"I have read the above statements consisting of one page and three additional lines, and are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ "HENRY P. SCHAEFER 10/5/50

"Witnessed:

/s/ "THOMAS H. ZOELLER, Special Agent, FBI, NYC"

"New York City
October 5, 1950 (U)

"I, RUSSELL BALLENTINE, make the following voluntary statement to THOMAS H. ZOELLER, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement of my own free will and no threats or promises have been made to me. I understand this statement may be used in a court of law. (U)

"I am employed as an estimator by the White Construction Co., Inc. 95 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. I have been employed by this company since Feb. 1925. I reside at 265 Prospect St., Westfield, N.J. (U)

"I have identified a picture of OSCAR JOHN VAGO shown to me by Agent ZOELLER as a man I first knew as JOHN MURRAY. VAGO, using the name MURRAY came to the company about 1926 and I worked in the same room with him. VAGO, still using the name MURRAY left the Company after a year or so. When he returned sometime before 1929 he was known as OSCAR J. VAGO. I do not know why he used the name MURRAY, as he never gave any explanation for it. He left the Company after three or four years, returning again for a short period of time in 1941. (U)

"I have read the foregoing statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ "RUSSELL BALLENTINE (U)

"Witnessed:

/s/ "THOMAS H. ZOELLER, Special Agent, FBI, NYC" (U)

"New York City
October 5, 1950 (U)

"I, MAX BIRMAN, make the following voluntary statement to THOMAS H. ZOELLER, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement of my own free will and no threats or promises have been made to me. I understand this statement may be used in a court of law. (U)

"I am employed as Vice-President of the White Construction Co., Inc., 95 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. I have been employed at this company since 1919. I reside at 7551 - 196th St., Flushing, L.I. (21)

"I have identified a picture of OSCAR JOHN VAGO shown to me by Agent ZOELLER as a man I first knew as JOHN MURRAY. VAGO, using the name MURRAY came to the company in 1926 and was hired as a draftsman and designer by me. I did not know him previously. VAGO left the company in the early part of 1928 and returned in October, 1928. When he returned he told me his right name is OSCAR J. VAGO. I asked him why he used the name MURRAY and he said he had had a bet with someone and had won the bet. (21)

"VAGO remained with the Company until the end of 1932 when he left. He returned again for a short period of time in 1941. (21)

"I have read the foregoing statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ "MAX BIRMAN (21)

"Witnessed:

/s/ "THOMAS H. ZOELLER, Special Agent, FBI, NYC" (21)

On September 26, 1950, RENE L. BERTIN, 4290 Hampton Street, Elmhurst, Long Island, an official of the WHITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY during the period of VAGO'S employment, was interviewed by Special Agent JOHN M. COLLINS and reporting agent. (21)

BERTIN advised that VAGO had been employed as a structural designer and described him as well grounded in engineering, but erratic in his work. He explained that he considered VAGO as requiring very close supervision because of his absent-mindedness which often resulted in "ridiculous" mistakes. He was unable to fix specifically the periods in which VAGO was employed by the company. He stated that he had the impression that VAGO was on the "Red side", but not extremely zealous in his beliefs. He stated that VAGO made no attempt to impose his views on the other employees, and was unable to recall specifically why he regarded VAGO as having been a Communist sympathizer. (21)

Immigration and Naturalization Service Records

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent VICTOR TURYN:

NICHOLAS OLDI, Inspector, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, advised that the records maintained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service were the only records necessary to verify the arrival and departure of individuals to and from the United States. He stated that the records reflecting the above, are maintained at his address and that books containing the original manifest of passengers departing from the country are kept at Ellis Island under control of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. He advised that a subpoena to produce these records should be directed to Mr. EDWARD J. SHAUGHNESSY, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, at 70 Columbus Avenue. (21)

Films of the original manifest reflecting VAGO'S arrival in the United States on the two occasions set out below contain the following information:

NAME OF SHIP	"SS MONGOLIA"
STEAMSHIP LINE	AMERICAN
DATE OF ARRIVAL	January 12, 1925
NAME OF PASSENGER	OSCAR VAGO
AGE	26
OCCUPATION	Civil Engineer Student
MOTHER	MATILD VAGO
ADDRESS	Rottenl. u 29a, Budapest VII
PASSAGE PAID BY	Self
AMOUNT OF CURRENCY BROUGHT IN	$100.00

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DESTINATION	c/o University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Graduate School.
IN U.S. BEFORE	No
PERIOD TO BE IN U.S.	Two years
NON-QUOTA VISA NO.	365

The following certification appears in connection with the above:

"SS MONGOLIA of the American Line was in from Hamburg on January 12, 1925",

(Signed) "JOHN P. DIXON
"Chief Officer

"Sworn to before
THOMAS R. KING
Immigration Officer,
at New York, New York"

NAME OF SHIP	"SS CONTE DI SAVOIA"
STEAMSHIP LINE	ITALIAN
DATE OF ARRIVAL	January 12, 1933
NAME OF PASSENGER	OSCAR VAGO
AGE	34
OCCUPATION	Laborer
NATIONALITY	Hungary
RACE	Hebrew

PLACE OF BIRTH	Budapest, Hungary
NON-QUOTA VISA NO.	88NQIV, issued at Budapest, December 27, 1932
MOTHER	MATILDE VAGO, Budapest, Hungary
FINAL DESTINATION	Long Island, New York
PASSAGE PAID BY	Self
BROUGHT IN	$40.00
IN U.S. BEFORE	Yes, 1925-1928
NEW YORK RESIDENCE	4144 44th Street, Long Island City, New York
LENGTH OF TIME TO BE IN U.S.	Indefinite
INTEND TO BECOME CITIZEN	Yes
MASTER	Captain ANTONIO LENA, "SS CONTE DI SAVOIA", from Geneva

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Sworn to before
J. R. MONTGOMERY
Immigration Officer,
January 12, 1933,
at New York, New York (24

The manifest also reflected the name of CLAIRE VAGO directly under the name of OSCAR VAGO, and described her as a United States citizen, age 25, travelling on passport 565752, issued at Washington, D. C, on November 11, 1932. (24

The Immigration and Naturalization Service records contain the following information concerning the departure of OSCAR and CLAIRE VAGO from New York on December 3, 1932. (24

NAME OF SHIP	"SS REX" from New York to Genoa, December 3, 1932
NAME OF PASSENGER	OSCAR VAGO
AGE	34
CITIZEN OF	Hungary
FUTURE PERMANENT RESIDENCE	USA
PLACE OF BIRTH	Hungary
PLACE OF RESIDENCE BEFORE U.S.	Hungary
LAST ARRIVAL IN U.S.	1924, at New York
LAST PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN U.S.	New York, New York
RACE	Hungarian
OCCUPATION	Laborer (u)

The name of CLAIRE VAGO also appears on the list of passengers. (u)

D. E. BRUNI, Italian Line, 24 State Street, New York, New York, advised that the steamships "SS REX" and "SS CONTE DI SAVOIA" were formerly operated by the Italia Line, but that both ships had been sunk during the war. He stated also that the records of the Italian Line had been impounded during the war by the Office of Alien Property. (u)

HERBERT FINE, Office of Alien Property Warehouse, Ellis Island, made available all records pertaining to the Italian Line, including the passenger list for the "SS REX", dated December 3, 1932, outgoing from New York to Genoa. This list reflected that OSCAR VAGO and wife were the holders of round-trip tickets, third class. FINE was unable to locate the incoming passenger list for the "SS CONTE DI SAVOIA", and stated that it was likely that the

records had been lost or misplaced at the time of the transfer to Ellis Island. FINE stated that in the event that the passenger list of the "SS REX", dated December 3, 1932, should be desired for court proceedings, a subpoena should be directed to Mr. C. GORDON LAMUDE, Manager, New York Office of Alien Property, United States Department of Justice, 120 Broadway, New York. (U)

CHARLES E. BERONIO, Landing Agent, United States Lines, 1 Broadway, New York, discovered in his records a passenger list for the "SS MONGOLIA", which arrived in New York on January 12, 1925. The list reflected that the ship carried both third class and cabin class passengers, and BERONIO was able to locate only the former list which did not contain the name of VAGO or his wife. Efforts by BERONIO to locate the list of cabin class passengers were unsuccessful. (U)

Residence of Vago, 1931-1932

ANNA KRANKER of Pine Place, Greenlawn, Long Island, furnished the following signed statement to Special Agent JOHN H. WAGNER, and advised that records reflecting the above residence of VAGO are kept in her possession at her own address. (U)

"October 11, 1950
Pine Place,
Greenlawn, Long Island,
New York (U)

"I, ANNA KRANKER, make the following statement to JOHN H. WAGNER who has identified himself to me as being a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. (U)

"I am Secretary of the Kranker Building Corporation which corporation is the owner of the apartment house located at 22-81 37 Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York and which has been the owner of this apartment house since it was built in 1931. (U)

"I have checked my rental records and from these it is reflected that OSCAR VAGO was a tenant in the apartment house located at 22-81 37 Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York having occupied apartment D1 from January 15, 1931 to May 1, 1935 at which time he

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"moved from this address. His wife lived with him during this entire period. I identified the photograph of OSCAR VAGO which was shown to me by Special Agent JOHN H. WAGNER as being the same OSCAR VAGO who was my former tenant. (u)

"I recall that sometime during 1934 VAGO and his wife took a trip to Europe for about three or four months. Upon their return to the United States either VAGO or his wife told me that they had visited Hungary. To the best of my knowledge this was the only time that VAGO or his wife left the United States while they resided at the above address. (u)

"I have read the foregoing statement and it is correct to the best of my knowledge. (u)

/s/ "ANNA KRANKER (u)

"Witness:

/s/ "JOHN H. WAGNER, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation" (u)

ASSOCIATION WITH A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES

As set out above, VAGO was a partner in A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES from August, 1944 to June, 1948. (u)

On May 15, 1950, in connection with the investigation resulting in the arrest of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and HARRY GOLD, VAGO was interviewed by Special Agent LEO H. FRUTKIN and reporting agent. At that time, in addition to the background information previously set out, VAGO stated that upon coming to New York in 1925, he had taken up residence with an uncle in Brooklyn, New York, WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN, now deceased. He stated that he had returned to Hungary in 1928, and that he and his wife had returned to New York in 1933. He stated that he had not left the United States since that time. (u)

In connection with his relationship with BROTHMAN, VAGO advised that he had received a telephone call from BROTHMAN in the summer of 1941, at which time BROTHMAN informed him that a mutual friend, whose name VAGO could not recall, had suggested that VAGO

might be interested in doing some part-time work. VAGO recalled that BROTHMAN was at that time designing a chemical plant for the RUFERT COMPANY at Seymour, Connecticut, and that he had paid VAGO $25.00 for some structural engineering work which VAGO had done in his spare time. He stated that he had given his work to BROTHMAN, and that he did not again see or her from BROTHMAN until early 1944. At that time, according to VAGO, BROTHMAN informed him that he was hiring men for the REGAL CHEMICAL COMPANY, and asked VAGO to accept a position as a structural engineer. VAGO accepted the job, and recalled that BROTHMAN had him doing odds and ends of engineering work in setting up a plant for the purpose of manufacturing DDT. BROTHMAN had been given the job of designing the plant, and VAGO was instructed to set up an office at 55 West 42nd Street, to handle work at the plant. However, the project lasted only some three weeks, at which time BROTHMAN and all of the men whom he had hired were discharged. VAGO recalled that BROTHMAN had quarreled with the president of the company over financial questions, but was unable to supply any details. (22)

Since BROTHMAN and VAGO were unemployed, they looked for new openings until BROTHMAN conceived the idea of setting up a firm of engineers. BROTHMAN promised that through his connections he would be able to obtain some large engineering jobs and painted such a rosy picture of the situation that he was able to induce VAGO to accept a partnership in the firm which became A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES. (21)

VAGO stated that the firm was in desperate straits financially during almost the entire period of its existence, and that he himself had gone in debt $2500.00 for personal living expenses, although he had incurred no debts for the firm. He stated that BROTHMAN repeatedly borrowed money to meet current expenses of the firm and informed the partners that he was borrowing on his own credit from personal friends. VAGO was unable to supply the names of the lenders, and was also unable to supply the names of friends of BROTHMAN. He stated that as a result of the financial difficulties of the firm, EMIL BARISH, GERHARDT WOLLAN and JULES KORCHIEN, all partners in the firm, gradually dropped out so that in 1946 only BROTHMAN, MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ and VAGO remained. VAGO stated that he himself had finally left the firm as a result of a violent argument with BROTHMAN, and that he had not seen or contacted BROTHMAN since that time, which

was in June of 1948, with the exception of one meeting at the office of an attorney in connection with the dissolution of the firm. (u)

In connection with HARRY GOLD, he advised that he had met GOLD at the time when the latter was hired in 1947, and that he had known him quite well during the remaining period that VAGO was with the firm. He was unable to supply any information concerning GOLD other than that he appeared to be quite friendly with BROTHMAN. (u)

Subsequent to this interview, HARRY GOLD confessed his participation in Soviet espionage and also furnished information indicating that he had been induced by ABRAHAM BROTHMAN to commit perjury before the Grand Jury which had questioned BROTHMAN concerning his relations with JACOB GOLOS, a known Soviet agent. (u)

According to GOLD, a great deal of the conversation concerning BROTHMAN'S attempts to instruct GOLD as to the testimony which he was to give before the Grand Jury took place in the presence of VAGO. However, on re-interview by Special Agents JOHN M. COLLINS and THOMAS H. ZOELLER, VAGO denied that such a conversation took place in his presence concerning the above testimony before the Grand Jury in 1947. (u)

VAGO said, however, that looking back on his association with GOLD and BROTHMAN, he has a hazy recollection that something was happening in 1947 that he should have known about, but didn't. VAGO stated that he was unable to be more specific about this. In retrospect, VAGO now believes that "this something" was concerned with GOLD and BROTHMAN'S testimony before the Grand Jury. (u)

VAGO also advised that he had never heard of GOLD having received an award from the Soviets for his work, nor had he ever been told by BROTHMAN that the latter had received an award from the Soviet Union for work done by him. VAGO stated that he last saw GOLD about Christmas, 1949, at which time GOLD paid him a visit at his home, and their mutual associations with BROTHMAN were discussed. VAGO denied that he had asked GOLD at this time whether BROTHMAN had ever actually received an award from the Soviet Union, and also that BROTHMAN had once told him that his, BROTHMAN'S work for the Russians, was worth one or two brigades of men. It is noted that GOLD advised that VAGO

had made such statements to him, GOLD. (21)

It is noted that in an earlier re-interview with VAGO, subsequent to the arrest of HARRY GOLD, he had advised that GOLD had visited him at his home in late December of 1949, but denied that he had any knowledge of GOLD'S espionage activities. (21)

WILLIAM ROHALL, 2523 Aqueduct Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised Special Agent JOHN M. COLLINS on September 25, 1950 that he had worked for A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES for about four years, ending in the summer of 1949, and that he had known OSCAR VAGO fairly well. ROHALL stated that he did not know whether VAGO was an actual member of the Communist Party, but advised that he knew that VAGO attended meetings which he believed were attended also by Communists. He recalled that on several occasions he had heard VAGO express the opinion that "things" were better in Hungary than in the United States, but was unable to recall to what VAGO was referring. He related also that shortly before VAGO left the firm, he expressed a desire to return to Hungary. ROHALL was unable to furnish any additional information concerning this. (21)

On October 10, 1950, BERNARD PIDTO, 783 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, a financial backer of the firm of A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES, was interviewed by Special Agents JOHN M. COLLINS and THOMAS H. ZOELLER. He stated that he first met VAGO in 1945 when the latter was a partner in the firm of A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES, then located at 114 East 32nd Street. He stated that VAGO was nominally the head of the firm since he signed all checks issued by the firm. According to PIDTO, VAGO was principally a structural engineer, but since the firm had very little structural work, VAGO drew blueprints from BROTHMAN'S free-hand drawings of various pieces of chemical equipment. PIDTO described VAGO as selfish, uncommunicative, and very independent, and stated that he was quite active in the American Labor Party. He stated that he did not know the degree of activity on the part of VAGO in the ALP, but did know that VAGO attended meetings of the organization. He stated that he had no information concerning VAGO'S membership in the Communist Party. PIDTO related that in the spring of 1948, BROTHMAN and MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ went to Switzerland on a business trip, and that the firm advanced a considerable sum of money to them for travelling expenses, and also for the current expenses of the firm during BROTHMAN'S absence. However, BROTHMAN took all

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the money with him, and later, according to PIDTO, VAGO telephoned him and asked him to come to the office for a meeting. The meeting was called by employees of the firm who resented the fact that BROTHMAN had taken with him the money which had been intended for the current expenses of the firm. PIDTO stated that the purpose of the meeting was to decide what action should be taken and that no significant decisions were made. PIDTO stated that he had later talked to VAGO, and that the latter had informed him that there had been a "terrific blow-up" when BROTHMAN and MOSKOWITZ returned from Europe. On the following day, according to VAGO, he, PHILIP LEVINE, and HARRY GOLD were discharged by BROTHMAN. VAGO informed PIDTO that when he returned to the office for some papers belonging to him, MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ met him in the hall outside the office and accused him of stealing the papers, at which time a fight ensued and the police were called. PIDTO advised that he did not see VAGO after June, 1948 and also that he had no information concerning VAGO'S illegal residence in the United States. (U)

EMPLOYMENTS

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN M. COLLINS:

EIVIND G. ELSTAD of Severud-Elstad-Krueger, Consulting Engineers, 415 Lexington Avenue, advised that VAGO had been employed by the firm from June 7, 1948, to August 1, 1949. ELSTAD advised VAGO had been hired at $130 per week to do design and calculation work. He stated that VAGO was good in general detail but possessed poor judgment so that supervision of his work was necessary. As a result of this, he said, VAGO was discharged. (u)

ELSTAD also related that while VAGO was still employed by the firm, a contract had been received to do work for the Atomic Energy Commission and VAGO had requested not to be assigned to this job since he did not believe in the development of atomic energy. ELSTAD also advised that VAGO had once stated that he did not believe in the atomic bomb. (u)

Information concerning VAGO'S association with the firm of A. Brothman Associates has been set out previously. (u)

THEODORE HEILIG, President, Regal Chemical Company, 115 Dobbin Street, Brooklyn, New York, produced records which reflected VAGO had been employed by the Tedlee Chemical Corporation for two weeks ending on March 11, 1944, and by the Regal Chemical Company from March 18, 1944 to November 27, 1944. It is noted that the two companies are associated. (u)

HEILIG stated that VAGO had been brought into the firm by ABRAHAM BROTHMAN who was then an employee but could furnish no additional information concerning him. (u)

ANGELO CONTI, 11 Broadway, advised that VAGO had worked for his firm from about November, 1943, to February, 1944. He had no records to substantiate this but advised that VAGO had been hired to do a job on a new type of cargo gear for ships and that the job had taken place during that period. (u)

CONTI recalled VAGO only vaguely and was unable to furnish any additional information. (U)

Mrs. RENEE KOENIGSREUTHER, Office Manager for John E. Greenewalt, 135 East 42 Street, advised that VAGO was employed by the firm as a design engineer from July 2, 1943 to October 29, 1943. She also produced a letter dated September 29, 1944, in which VAGO advised that he was self-employed as a professional engineer at 66-07 99 Street, Forest Hills, which is his residence. She was unable to furnish any additional information concerning VAGO. (U)

ALFRED FELLHEIMER, a partner in the engineering firm of Fellheimer-Wagner, 115 East 42 Street, advised that VAGO had been employed as an engineer from July 21, 1941 to April 17, 1943. He advised that VAGO had been brought to the firm by CALEB HORNBOSTEL, who was then an employee of the firm. FELLHEIMER recalled that VAGO was a poor engineer and that the firm had spent several thousand dollars correcting mistakes which he had made. (U)

PATRICK PATERNO, ARTHUR REILLY and CARL A. VOLLMER, all employees of the firm, advised they had known VAGO during his employment there but could furnish no pertinent information. (U)

CALEB HORNBOSTEL, 80 West 40 Street, architect, advised SA JOHN M. COLLINS and the reporting agent that he had been a junior partner in the firm of Fellheimer and Wagner and that he had been in charge of a project on which VAGO had been employed. He denied that he had brought VAGO into the company as stated by FELLHEIMER and advised that VAGO was slow and somewhat incompetent and that he had been fired as a result. (U)

He described VAGO as being "on the pinkish side" and stated that he was almost sure that VAGO was a member of the Communist Party. He advised he based this opinion on numerous conversations he had with VAGO and stated that he could recall no specific comments made by VAGO but there was no doubt in his mind as to VAGO'S pro-Russian sympathies. (U)

It is noted that information concerning VAGO'S various employments with the White Construction Company have previously been set out. (U)

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The following investigation was conducted by SA VARRO L. RITTER:

KAY BIELMAN, Personnel Department, Austin Company, 19 Rector Street, advised that the records of the firm failed to reflect that VAGO had ever been employed there. She stated, however, that quite frequently the firm hires subcontractors who handle projects for them and that the employees of the subcontractors often improperly believe themselves to be employees of the Austin Company. (U)

JACOB M. FELSON, President, J. M. Felson, Architects, 250 West 57 Street, New York City, advised that in about 1930, the firm went out of business for a few years and at that time all of the records were disposed of. It is noted that VAGO has represented that he was employed by FELSON in the period from 1925 to 1928. FELSON advised that he did not recall VAGO personally. (U)

JAMES BENNIE, Clerk, Personnel Department, New York Central, Room 419, 466 Lexington Avenue, New York City, advised that personnel records for the year 1926 have been destroyed. He stated there is no record of VAGO'S employment on the available personnel records or on the list of employees on pension. (U)

It is noted that some of those interviewed in connection with VAGO'S employments advised that he had a friend, JACK R. MILLER, with whom he appeared to be quite friendly. JACK R. MILLER, 125 East St. Marks Place, Valley Stream, Long Island, Vice-President of the firm of Ramseyer and Miller, Inc., Consulting Engineers, at 11 West 42 Street, advised that he had known VAGO since about 1940 and that he had been associated with him quite closely as a fellow employee and as a friend through 1945. He stated that he and VAGO had worked together for JOHN GREENWALT and that at the conclusion of that employment, they had decided to form a partnership to do engineering work which had lasted for only about three months. He stated that the firm had received no business of any kind and that as a consequence, it had been found necessary to obtain employment to meet their living expenses. He stated that he had visited VAGO on a number of occasions at the office of A. Brothman Associates and that he had met ABRAHAM BROTHMAN through VAGO. He stated he had also had lunch with BROTHMAN

and had visited in BROTHMAN'S home at Peekskill and on Long Island with VAGO. He stated that he had never known positively that VAGO was a member of the Communist Party, although he had believed it to be doubtless true, since VAGO appeared to follow the Party line at all times. He recalled particularly that VAGO had strongly defended the Hitler-Stalin Pact at times when MILLER had criticized it. (U)

MILLER stated VAGO had never tried to induce him to join the Party or attend meetings. He also advised that he believed VAGO and BROTHMAN to have been of about the same political complexion since they appeared to agree on most matters which were discussed. (U)

The interview with MILLER was conducted by SA JOHN M. COLLINS and the reporting agent. (U)

COMMUNIST PARTY AND RELATED CONNECTIONS

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that VAGO was a member of the Communist Party on October 28, 1943. (U)

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that on March 29, 1944, VAGO was listed by the Communist Party as a functionary. (U)

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that on May 10, 1944, OSCAR VAGO was a member of the Rego Park Club of the Communist Party. (U)

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that at a County Conference of the Communist Party held on December 18, 1944, VAGO delivered a report on club conditions. (U)

The same informant advised on January 1, 1945, that VAGO was listed as a Communist Party member who had obtained five or more subscriptions to the "Daily Worker" and was invited as a consequence, to attend a dinner for EARL BROWDER on December 27, 1944. (U)

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability,

advised that in January, 1945, VAGO was elected County Council Delegate from the Rego Park Club of the Communist Party. (U)

On March 3, 1945, Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that VAGO had submitted a report of approximately two and one-fourth typewritten pages entitled, "Remarks on the Work of the Communist Political Association" dealing with suggestions for improving such phases of Communist Party activities as discussions at meetings, education, "Daily Worker" circulation and literature sales". (U)

On April 23, 1945, Confidential Informant T-4, advised that VAGO was one of the delegates from the Rego Park Club of the Communist Political Association to the County Council. (U)

The same informant advised on October 4, 1946, that VAGO was still carried as a member of the Rego Park Section of the Communist Party. (U)

This informant advised on January 20, 1947, that VAGO was listed as the purchaser of a bond in the amount of $50 issued by the Queens County Branch of the Communist Party to facilitate the purchase of a building for Jamaica Communist Party Headquarters at 107-04 New York Boulevard, Jamaica. (U)

The following signed statement was obtained by SA VICTOR TURYN from Mrs. BERNICE RIVERIA, 114 West 114 Street, New York City:

"607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.
October 9, 1950 (U)

"I, Mrs. Bernice Riveria, make this statement voluntarily of my own free will to Victor Turyn, who identified himself and is known to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, force, or duress were used against me and no rewards, or promises were made to me to give this statement. This statement concerns my knowledge about one Oscar Vago, for whom I worked in 1948. (U)

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"I am twenty-six years old and reside at 114 West 114th Street, N. Y., N. Y. I completed the tenth grade of school and can read and write. (U)

"I first met Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vago through Mrs. Marilyn Bailey, for whom I was doing housework at the time. I worked for Mrs. Bailey for a period of approximately two and one-half years. After I met Mrs. Vago I was then engaged by her to do housecleaning which I did for her for a period of approximately two months. (U)

"During my brief period of employment for Mrs. Vago, she attempted to get me to join the Communist Party on several occasions. She told me that she and Mr. Vago were both members of the Communist Party. (U)

"I know that Mr. and Mrs. Vago were members of the Communist Party because I saw both their names in a loose leaf note book kept by Mrs. Bailey. Mrs. Bailey was Secretary or Treasurer of the Communist Party in Queens and she kept names of members in this note book in alphabetical order. Mrs. Bailey told me herself that this note book contained the names of Communist Party members in Queens. I saw this book many times and looked up names in the book at the request of Mrs. Bailey. After I started working for Mrs. Vago, it was then that I looked in the book and found the name of Oscar Vago and the name of Mrs. Oscar Vago. (U)

"The Oscar Vagos had numerous bits of literature in their apartment about the Communist Party. Oscar Vago also received the 'Daily Worker' which I observed in the apartment. Mrs. Vago would also play record entitled 'The Red Army Song' to which the children would march. (U)

"The note book I referred to earlier which was kept by Mrs. Bailey and contained names of members of the Communist Party in Queens is described as follows: Large loose leaf binder, light blue cover which cover appeared to have been a canvas of some sort. (U)

"I have read the above statement consisting of three pages and every word is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. (U)

(signed) "Bernice Riveria (U)

"Witnessed:

"Victor Turyn, Special Agent, F. B. I." (U)

It is noted that JACK R. MILLER, the interview with whom is set out above, advised that VAGO was a member of the International Worker's Order. (U)

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, has advised that on August 21, 1950, a check made payable to DOROTHY SMITH and signed by VAGO in the amount of $6.51 was endorsed by DOROTHY SMITH to the account of the International Worker's Order, Lodge 818. It is noted that the IWO appears on the list of organizations prepared by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835. (U)

Other information pertaining to VAGO'S Communist connections and sympathies have been set forth elsewhere in this report. (U)

CLAIRE VAGO

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that on May 23, 1944, CLAIRE VAGO, 66-07 99 Street, Queens, New York, was listed as a Rego Park Communist Club Assistant. (U)

Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised that CLAIRE VAGO had signed a "Daily Worker" Victory Brigade Pledge card in 1944. (U)

Confidential Informant T-4 advised that CLAIRE VAGO was a member of the Queens County Communist Party on May 20, 1949. (U)

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised that Mrs. CLAIRE VAGO, 66-07 99 Street, Rego Park, had sent a communication to Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA protesting the trial of the Communist Party leaders. (U)

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It is noted that in the signed statement set out above from Mrs. RIVERIA, considerable information is contained concerning Mrs. VAGO'S Communist Party connections. (U)

The records of the Board of Elections, Queens County, reflect that OSCAR and CLAIREVAGO registered as members of the American Labor Party from 1941 through 1949, inclusive. (U)

INS INVESTIGATION OF VAGO

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that on January 12, 1925, VAGO was admitted at New York as an immigrant student destined to the University of Michigan. It was ascertained that VAGO did not register at that institution and an investigation was instituted by INS as a result. (U)

In a report dated June 29, 1925, it is noted that VAGO was interviewed by an inspector of INS. He was at that time residing with his uncle, WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN at 59 Bay 32 Street, Brooklyn, and advised that he had become ill upon his arrival and as a consequence, did not depart for the University of Michigan as intended. Instead, he stated he enrolled as a student at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn in February, 1925 and completed the term in March, 1925. He stated he had been living with his uncle, WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN, since his arrival in the United States and that he had not been employed at any outside work and that he had means of his own to support himself. He stated he intended to enter the University of Michigan in the fall of 1925 and to remain in the United States for two more years to complete his studies. (U)

In a report dated September 25, 1925, the inspector advised that he had again attempted to locate VAGO at 59 Bay 32 Street and was informed by Mrs. GOLDSTEIN that VAGO had remained in Brooklyn during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. GOLDSTEIN in the summer of 1925 and that upon their return they found him gone and had received no word as to his whereabouts or intentions. She advised that VAGO had received a favorable reply to his application for admission to the University of Michigan, but that she did not know whether he had gone there. (U)

In a report dated January 16, 1929, an inspector of INS advised that he had located WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN, VAGO'S uncle, at 2027 85 Street, Brooklyn, and that GOLDSTEIN had advised him that VAGO had graduated from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and had returned to his home in Budapest. He promised to mail to INS the letter he had received from his nephew in October, 1928, which he did. (U)

A letter to GOLDSTEIN dated January 25, 1929, reflects that the communication from his nephew, VAGO, which he had forwarded to INS was being returned to him. (U)

The records of Pratt Institute, 255 Ryerson Street, Brooklyn, were checked by SA RAYMOND A. MULLINS and reflected that VAGO attended one course in structural designing at the Evening School of Science and Technology January 22, 1925 to March 19, 1925. No additional information was available. (U)

The following investigation was conducted by SA VICTOR TURYN in an attempt to locate WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN:

It is noted that in the first interview with VAGO in connection with the investigation of BROTHMAN and GOLD, he was questioned concerning his background, preliminary to the interview, and stated at that time that his uncle, WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN, was now deceased. (U)

Mrs. JACK POLLER, 1916 85 Street, Brooklyn, advised that she knew WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN during his residence there since he was a tenant of her mother. She stated that she remembered GOLDSTEIN as an elderly man at the time and that she believed he had since died. (U)

Mrs. JOSEPH WEISS, 1916 85 Street, Brooklyn, was unable to furnish any information concerning GOLDSTEIN. (U)

FRANCIS LAWRENCE, LEONARD PLASTRIK, HERBERT FREISTMAN and JOEL WISHMICK, all of 2027 85 Street, Brooklyn, advised that they had no recollection of a WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN at that address. (U)

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SAMUEL HOROWITZ, 2027 85 Street, Brooklyn, advised that Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN had been tenants in that building from about 1927 to 1929, at which time they moved to 84 Street in Brooklyn. He stated that he had heard that both Mr. and Mrs. GOLDSTEIN had died some six or seven years after living at this address. (U)

Mrs. RUTH GINSBURG, 2212 84 Street, Brooklyn, advised that Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN had resided there from about 1930 to 1938. She recalled that Mrs. GOLDSTEIN had died in a hospital in about 1938 and that WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN had died shortly thereafter. (U)

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Confidential Informant T-7 advised that OSCAR VAGO maintained a special checking account at the Sterling National Bank and Trust Company of New York, 95-38 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park, in the name of OSCAR J. or CLAIR VAGO. The account was opened in September, 1944, and the balance as of October 9, 1950, was $977.12. This includes a $390 cash deposit on October 9, 1950. (U)

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS H. ZOELLER:

FRANK BETZ, building superintendent, 66-07 99 Street, Forest Hills, advised VAGO had resided at that address in Apartment 1-B since 1941. BETZ stated that he himself is not well acquainted with VAGO and could furnish no information concerning him. (U)

HERBERT V. NUSSEY, Principal, P. S. 157, Rego Park, advised that JOHN VAGO, age twelve, son of OSCAR VAGO, attends that school. He stated that he was not acquainted with OSCAR VAGO but that CLAIR VAGO is very active in the Parents-Teachers Association and in his opinion is "pro-Red". He could furnish no specific reason for this comment, but stated that she seemed to him to have such inclinations. (U)

All signed statements set out above are being retained in the New York Office. (U)

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The following description of VAGO was obtained from personal observation and interrogation:

Name:	OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was: Oszkar Vago, John Murray, John Muray
Date of Birth:	February 27, 1898, Budapest, Hungary
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown, graying and thinning
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Stocky
Occupation:	Engineer
Employed:	JACOB ARONOW 12 East 48 Street New York City
Social Security Number:	090-05-9115
Citizenship:	U. S. naturalized September 29, 1938.
Wife:	CLAIR VAGO
Children:	JOHN VAGO, age twelve SUSAN VAGO, age four
Residence:	66-07 99 Street Rego Park

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In connection with the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, the report of the Joint Fact Finding Committee to the 1948 Regular California Legislature makes the following comments: (U)

"Typical of Communist front organizations in the science and professional classification are Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians,(now the United Office and Professional Workers, CIO)....." (U)

ARREST SEARCH

At the time of his arrest on September 28, 1950, VIGO carried on his person the following:

Card of J.R. MILLER
Insured parcel receipt to Arlington, Vermont
Card of Barber-Colman Company, Rockford, Illinois
Professional Engineers Card #14539, New York State
Card of Policy Holder, Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co., BA 16239
Card of MILTON HECKER, Grand Central Radio Inc., 124 East 44th Street
Card of PAUL WEIDLINGER, General Engineering Associates, 1928 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.
Card bearing notation Policy No. 275251, Manhattan Life Insurance Company, 120 West 57th Street
Card of Associated Hospital Service, No. 5279981 W
Selective Service Card dated April 2, 1943, Order Number 11148, LB 251, Queens, 9501 63rd Avenue, Elmhurst
Card showing membership in American Concrete Institute valid to January 1, 1951

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It is noted that JACK R. MILLER, an interview with whom has been set out previously in this report, resides at 125 East St. Marks Place, Valley Stream, and formerly resided at 3464 Knox Place, Bronx, New York. He was born on August 7, 1910 at Chicago, Illinois and was Chief of the Engineer Unit at H.A. Brassert and Company, 60 East 42nd Street, New York City, from February 23, 1944 to February 28, 1950. (U)

It is noted that HARRY GOLD has advised that MILLER was formerly a Communist or Communist sympathizer but that he has since become anti-Communist. MILLER stated that he had been at one time somewhat sympathetic to the Communist Party but that since 1939 and the Hitler--Stalin Pact, he had lost his sympathy for the organization. He advised that in 1937 he had been employed with the Technical Aid Society for Spanish Democracy, which later became the Veterans Of The Abraham Lincoln Brigade. He stated that he knew that the organization was run by Communists but that he had continued to work there since he sympathized with the aims of the Party in Spain. He advised also that he is a member of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the IWO and advised that although he regards this organization as Communist dictated, he has retained his membership because of insurance benefits. He stated that as of the present time, he is definitely anti-Communist and opposed to Soviet Russia. (U)

The files of the New York Office contained no information identifiable with MILTON HECKER and the Washington Field Office has been requested to identify PAUL WEIDLINGER. (U)

It is noted that Confidential Informant T-7 advised a check in the amount of $200.00, payable to Mrs. CLAIRE VAGO, was issued by PAUL WEIDLINGER on the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D.C. in September, 1950. (U)

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REQUESTS FOR ENGINEERING TEXTS BY VAGO

On September 19, 1950, according to Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, VAGO addressed letters to the following:

1. Flexicore Co., Inc.
   Dayton, 1, Ohio

2. United States Gypsum Co.
   300 West Amsterdam Street,
   Chicago, 6, Ill.

3. Detroit Steel Products Co.
   2250 East Grand Boulevard
   Detroit 11, Mich.

4. Cemenstone Corp.
   Neville Island
   Pittsburgh 25, Pa.

5. Phillip Carey Mfg Co.
   Lockland Cincinnati 15, Ohio

6. Great Lakes Steel Corp
   Stran-steel Division, Penobskot Building
   Detroit 26, Mich.

7. Porete Mfg. Co.
   North Arlington, N.J.

8. Crane Co.
   836 So. Michigan Avenue,
   Chicago, Ill.

9. Trucon Laboratories
   Cement Tile Division
   Detroit 11, Mich.

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10. American Institute of Steel Construction,
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

11. Ceco Steel Products Corporation
5701 West 26th Street
Chicago 50, Ill.

12. Air Reduction Company
60 East 42nd Street
New York, 17, New York

13. Flochart Foundry Company
94 Polk Street
Newark 1, New Jersey

14. Brickcrete Association
4669 So. Division Avenue
Grand Rapids 8, Mich.

15. Davidson Brick Company
4701 Floral Drive
Los Angeles 22, Cal. (U)

Interested offices were requested by teletype to ascertain the nature of the correspondence. (U)

Mr. W. GUNTHER, Vice President of the Air Reduction Company, 60 East 42nd Street, New York City, furnished the following letter sent to the firm by VAGO and advised that it was a technical work which contains no classified or secret information: (U)

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"Oscar J. Vago, P.E.
6607 Ninety-Ninth Street
Rego Park, L.I., N.Y.

"September 18, 1950

"Air Reduction Co.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, 17, N.Y.

"Gentlemen:

"I would greatly appreciate your sending me a copy of your publication entitled:

"Manual of Design for Arc Welded Steel Structures".

"Thank you.

"/s/ Oscar J. Vago

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"OJV/mg"

THOMAS H. HENDRICKS, American Institute of Steel Construction, 101 Park Avenue, New York City, advised that VAGO had requested from the firm texts entitled "Simple Span Rigid Frames in Steel" and "Design of Rigid Frame Knees". He stated that these were basic books dealing with structural steel and not of a classified nature. (21)

In a letter dated September 25, 1950, the Los Angeles Office advised that Mr. S.COGGEN, General Manager, Davidson Brick Company, 4701 Floral Drive, Los Angeles, California, had received a request from VAGO for a publication dealing with structural quality of brick and brick engineering. He advised that the book contained no restricted literature and is available to anyone requesting it. (21)

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In a letter dated September 27, 1950, the Newark Office advised that the request made by VAGO to the Flochart Foundry and the Porete Manufacturing Company were for literature similar to that set out above. (U)

FILE CHECKS

The following names, which have appeared in the investigation for the reasons noted, have been checked in the files of the New York Office:

EDMUND WINKLER, 2844 50th Street, Woodside, L.I.,N.Y. brother-in-law of VAGO
JACOB S. ARONOW, 12 East 48th Street, New York City, employer of VAGO
ANGELO CONTI, 25 Broadway, New York City, former employer of VAGO
J.M. FELSON, 250 West 57th Street, New York City, former employer of VAGO
LUCY SHIMMERLIK, 2257 37th Street, Long Island City, reference
MICHAEL ALEXANDER, 1495 Montgomery Avenue, Bronx, New York, reference
LESLIE MANN or MARNN, 416 Fort Washington Avenue, New York, City, reference
JOSEPHINE WINKLER, 2844 50th Street, Woodside, L.I.,N.Y., naturalization witness
CHARLES WEIRMAN, 2844 50th Street, Woodside, L.I,N.Y., who received a check dated 9/4/50 in the amount of $60.00 from VAGO, according to Confidential Informant T-7. (U)

No information pertaining to this investigation has been found identifiable with any of the above. (U)

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ARTHUR BAILY, 6608 102nd Street, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York, the attorney who was called by VAGO at the time of his arrest, is the husband of MARILYN BAILY, whom Mrs. RIVERIA has described as prominent in the affairs of the Communist Party. She has also advised that BAILY is a member of the Communist Party. (U)

According to Confidential Informant T-7, VAGO wrote a check in the amount of $600.00 to ARTHUR BAILY on September 27, 1950. (U)

MOSES C. WEIMAN, attorney who is representing VAGO in connection with his prosecution for perjury, is mentioned in the "Daily Worker" of October 21, 1941 as having jointly represented one HERBERT NEWTON, Vice President of the WPA Teachers' Union in a case involving charges of police brutality. (U)

In the "Daily Worker" of August 3, 1950, WEIMAN is described as the attorney who represented in Magistrates Court on a disorderly conduct charge, the seaman who was arrested by the Police for climbing a lamp post in Union Square in connection with the "Peace Demonstration" in August of 1950. (U)

The "Daily Worker", of August 4, 1950, describes WEIMAN as one of the Civil Rights Congress Attorneys retained for the arrested peace demonstrators in connection with the above-mentioned demonstration. (U)

VAGO WILHELM

On October 2, 1950, Mrs. JAMES CAMPBELL LEWIS, 22 East 73rd Street, New York City, advised that she had seen a newspaper picture of VAGO and believed that she recognized him as a Commissar in the Communist Government of Bela Kun in Hungary in 1919. She stated that the latter individual was in his late 20's at that time and that although she had never seen him, the newspaper picture of VAGO resembled newspaper pictures of VAGO WILHELM. She suggested that OSCAR JASZI, former

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Minister of the Interior in the Government preceding the Kun Regime and now a Professor at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, should be contacted concerning the likeness. (U)

The Cleveland Office was requested to interview JASZI and in a teletype dated October 5, 1950, it was stated that JASZI was not acquainted with VAGO WILHELM but that Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, should be contacted. (U)

CONTACTS WITH INFORMANTS

Confidential Informants T-14 and T-15, of known reliability, advised that they have no information concerning VAGO. (U)

Confidential Informant T-16, of known reliability, who is familiar with Hungarian Communist affairs, also advised that he was unacquainted with VAGO. (U)

The following informants were also contacted and were unable to furnish any information concerning VAGO:

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, contacted by SA THOMAS J. SPENCER
SIMON ROSENBERG, contacted by SA JOHN P. DALEY
JOSEPH ZACK KORNFEDER, contacted by SA EDWIN R. TULLY
LOUIS BUDENZ, contacted by SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY
HEDE and PAUL MASSING, contacted by SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY (U)

It is noted that in Los Angeles teletype to New York dated October 5, 1950, the results of an interview with PAUL CROUCH are set out. CROUCH advised that he was quite sure that he had seen VAGO in the company of LOUIS GIBARTI and JACOB GOLOS in New York City between 1934 and 1936 on several occasions. He was unable to supply more specific information concerning dates, times and places and stated that he did not know the connection between VAGO and GIBARTI and GOLOS. (U)

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Arrangements have been made for an interview of [redacted] in Paris in the near future. (U)

In a letter dated October 3, 1950, the Seattle Office advised that Confidential Informant T-17, of known reliability, was unable to identify a photograph of VAGO. (U)

In a letter dated October 6, 1950, the Denver Office advised that MORRIS LOUIS APPLEMAN was unable to identify a photograph of VAGO. (U)

MISCELLANEOUS

A surveillance of VAGO from September 12 to the time of his arrest failed to disclose any pertinent contacts. (U)

In a report from the Identification Division of the FBI, dated October 5, 1950, it was advised that there was no previous criminal record for OSCAR JOHN VAGO, FBI #519746A. (U)

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and the New York City Police Department failed to reflect any information concerning VAGO. (U)

In connection with [redacted] ial Informant T-11 [redacted] stops were placed at New York City with overseas airlines, major steamship companies, the Alien Tax Division of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, the Border Patrol of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Confidential Informant T-7, HERBERT MUSSEY, PS 157 Rego Park, and Confidential Informant T-18, of known reliability. These stops have not been removed since it is not yet known whether VAGO intends to be released on bail. (U) b7D

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The following records were checked as noted:

Department of Health:	SE GERARD M. LENAHAN
Selective Service:	SA FRANCIS A. COGSWELL, JR.
Immigration and Naturalization Service:	SE RALPH G. MURDY
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Credit Bureau of Greater New York:	SE RALPH G. MURDY
New York City Police Department:	SA AUGUST J. MICEK

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will report the results of a mail cover on the subject's residence at 66-07 99th Street, Rego Park. (U)

Will report the results of a check of toll calls made from the subject's home telephone. (U)

Will continue to monitor the bank account of the subject at the Sterling National Bank and Trust Company branch at 95-38 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park. (U)

Will conduct investigation at 397 Third Avenue, Astoria, Long Island; 340 Ditmars Boulevard, Astoria, Long Island and 25 Sickles Street, former residence of the subject. (U)

Will interview Confidential Informant [redacted] for information concerning VAGO WILHELM. b2 b7D (U)

Will interview the following informants concerning VAGO:

[redacted] b7D
FRANK MEYER
MAX YERGON
[redacted] (U)

Will interview the following employees, partners and contacts of A. BROTHMAN Associates:

[redacted]

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L E A D S (cont'd)

SOL FANSHEL
ROBERT GERSON
HERSH RABINOVITCH
SHOLEM SILBERSTEIN
EMIL BARISH
ARTHUR WEBER (2L)

Will follow and report prosecutive action. (2L)

[redacted]

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[redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA ROBERT M. KANE dated October 16, 1950 at New York, New York, are as follows:

T-1	Anonymous b1
T-2	[redacted]
T-3	Anonymous
T-4	[redacted] b2 b7D
T-5	Anonymous
T-6	Anonymous
T-7	[redacted] b7C b7D Sterling National Bank and Trust Company, 95-38 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park.
T-8	Anonymous b1
T-9	[redacted]
T-10	Miss GORMAN, Secretary to the United States District Judge, HAROLD R. MEDINA.

[redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS (cont'd)

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T-11 (C) [redacted] as set out in Washington Field letter of September 20, 1950.

T-12 IRVING MEYER, Superintendent, Grand Central Post Office Station contacted by SA HAROLD [redacted]

T-13 [redacted] to be contacted by SA [redacted]

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T-14 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

T-15 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

T-16 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

T-17 Seattle informant [redacted] as set out in Seattle letter dated October 3, 1950.

T-18 THOMAS KILDAY, mail carrier at VAGO'S residence, 66-07 99th Street, Rego Park, New York.

REFERENCE: Washington Field teletype, 9/8/50
Bureau teletype, 9/11/50

FROM : SAC, New York

DATE: O

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOH[illegible], was.
PERJURY - ESPIONAGE - R
(File 101-1988)

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Reference is made to report of SA ROBERT M. KANE dated OC[illegible] York, five copies of which are being enclosed to [illegible]

[illegible] that a considerable portion of referenced report [illegible] irregularities in connection with VAGO'S entrance into the United [illegible] presence here.

[illegible] copy of this report [illegible] being furnished to the Immigration [illegible] Naturalization Service since the investigation is closely connected with [illegible] ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and HARRY GOLD cases.

[illegible] not believed th[illegible] information pertaining to these matte[illegible] contaminated, how[illegible]r, it is contemplated that a letter will be [illegible] Immigration and Naturalization Service setting out materi[illegible] which is pertinent to their jurisdiction.

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA	10/17/50	10/5,6,9/50	GEORGE P. DILLARD

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
OSCAR JOHN VAGO, Was.	ESPIONAGE - R

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DECLASSIFICATION DATE 10-19-77 WAB/REC

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

GERHARD NORVAL WOLLAN was interviewed at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. He denied knowledge of subject being in the United States illegally. He stated that VAGO, while employed at A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES read the Daily Worker but WOLLAN had no knowledge of VAGO distributing the Daily Worker. WOLLAN admitted arguing with VAGO concerning the ouster of EARL BROWDER from the Communist Party. WOLLAN favored BROWDER and VAGO favored the expulsion of BROWDER and the election of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. WOLLAN denied any knowledge of espionage activities of VAGO.

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DETAILS: This is a joint report of SA LESTER G. DAVIS and the writer.

G.I.R.-1

AT ATHENS, GEORGIA:

GERHARD NORVAL WOLLAN was interviewed at the University of Georgia where he is employed part time as a mathematics professor and is also working on his Ph. D. Degree in mathematics.

WOLLAN stated he first met subject in 1944 when he went to work for the Regal Chemical Company. This was two or three weeks after WOLLAN met BROTHMAN and he believed VAGO was introduced to him by BROTHMAN.

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WOLLAN related that subject was a construction engineer by profession and had been educated abroad, the exact place of which he did not know but believed it to be in Germany. He stated that subject was a specialist, at the time he first knew him, in re-enforced concrete construction. WOLLAN was of the opinion that subject and BROTHMAN were old friends.

WOLLAN stated that he had no knowledge of subject ever having been in the United States illegally, stating that he was of the opinion that subject came to the United States as a young man from Hungary and remained here. Subject was married and had one child who was approximately eight years old in 1945 and another child who was born about 1945. The subject's wife and his oldest child spoke with a decided accent.

When A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES was first organized, according to WOLLAN, subject was one of the original partners and had charge of keeping the records. VAGO was also an excellent draftsman and supervised the draft work performed by A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES. Subject was still employed as a partner by A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES when WOLLAN left this concern. WOLLAN stated he has not been in contact with VAGO since he left A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES other than receiving Christmas greeting cards. He stated however that he had some social contact with VAGO while associated with A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES.

WOLLAN stated that he was acquainted with subject's wife, CLAIR, and recalled that subject told him that during the early Nineteen Thirties, he, subject, "had it kind of tough". Subject was unemployed at that time and his wife worked necessitating subject's staying at home to take care of the oldest child who was very small then. WOLLAN stated he believed VAGO's wife was employed by the WPA Artist Project in New York City.

Clair ~~X~~ Vago

Mrs. Oscar John ~~X~~ Vago

AT 65-1362

WOLLAN stated that he could not positively state whether VAGO was a member of the Communist Party inasmuch as he was not associated with VAGO "on that level". He stated however that VAGO, from his conversations, adhered to the communist line and read Communist Party literature. He stated that VAGO consistently read the Daily Worker while employed by A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES but he had never known VAGO to engage in the distribution of the Daily Worker or solicit subscriptions.

WOLLAN further stated that he had an argument with VAGO regarding the ouster of EARL BROWDER from the Communist Party. WOLLAN related that VAGO favored the ouster of EARL BROWDER and the election of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER to head the Communist Party and the changing of the Communist Party name from "The Communist Political Association" back to "The Communist Party". WOLLAN favored BROWDER and was opposed to replacing BROWDER with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

WOLLAN stated he assumed VAGO was a naturalized citizen of the United States but did not recall how he gained this impression. He said that subject had never, at any time, admitted that he, subject, had been in the United States illegally.

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THE ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA will exhibit the photograph of subject to ALFRED DEAN SLACK at the United States Penitentiary in accordance with Knoxville letter dated October 4, 1950.

REFERENCE: New York teletype to Atlanta dated 10/4/50.

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BALTIMORE	10/16/50	10/9/50	JOSEPH C. TRAINOR fas

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
OSCAR JOHN VAGO, wa	ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject unknown to Whittaker Chambers.

REFERENCE: New York letter to Bureau dated September 20, 1950. G.I.R. -1

DETAILS:

J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Westminster, Maryland, self-confessed former Soviet espionage courier, was interviewed by SA FRANK G. JOHNSTONE and the writer on October 9, 1950.

A photograph of VAGO was displayed to MR. CHAMBERS and he was unable to identify the subject. He stated that VAGO is not known to him and he can furnish no information regarding the subject.

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WAS. ESP - R. AT HEARING THIS DATE, VAGO REPRESENTED BY MOSES C. WEIMAN. BAIL REDUCED TO FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. PLEADING TO INDICTMENT POSPONED TO OCT. TWENTYTHREE NEXT BECAUSE WEIMAN, RETAINED ONLY SINCE OCT. NINE LAST, PLEADED LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH CASE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED ST[redacted]ERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 13, 1950

FROM : SAC, Cleveland

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter dated September 20, 1950.

Photographs of the subject have been displayed to Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] Informants advised they did not know the subject nor had they ever seen him before. RUC.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.	OCT 13 1950	9/14; 10/2/50	ROBERT G. JENSEN

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
OSCAR JOHN VAGO, wa	ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HARRY GOLD, self-admitted Soviet Espionage Agent, on 9/14/50, stated that OSCAR JOHN VAGO told him he was a Communist Party member and attended meetings in Forest Hills, New York City. GOLD, in a signed statement given on October 2, 1950, advised he first met VAGO in 1943. VAGO was described as a Communist to GOLD, at this time. The first personal contact between VAGO and GOLD occurred in May 1946, at GOLD's place of employment, A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES. VAGO was the Chief Engineer and Draftsman there. VAGO discussed Communist Party matters on many occasions, according to GOLD. He also sold a special edition of the DAILY WORKER. In May of 1948, VAGO told GOLD there was an irregularity in his leaving the United States after his first stay in America. This matter of an irregularity concerning VAGO's entry into the United States was mentioned by VAGO again in December of 1949. THOMAS L. BLACK, a self-admitted Soviet Espionage Agent of the 1930's, states he believed the photograph of VAGO to be that of "OSCAR." BLACK states he saw VAGO on only two occasions. He also said he had no personal knowledge re VAGO beyond that which he learned from HARRY GOLD. (24)

G.I.R.-D

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DETAILS: At Philadelphia, Pa.

HARRY GOLD, a self-confessed Soviet Espionage Agent, advised on May 22, 1950, that in 1945, he received A-Bomb information from EMIL JULIUS KLAUS FUCHS for transmission to the Soviet Union. GOLD is currently in Federal custody at the Holmesburg County Prison, Philadelphia, awaiting sentence. GOLD has entered a plea of guilty to having violated Section 32, Sub Section A, Title 50, United States Code. (U)

In an interview conducted by the writer on September 14, 1950, GOLD advised that OSCAR JOHN VAGO was a Communist Party member. This was based on the fact that VAGO told GOLD during their acquaintance that he was a Communist Party member, and had attended meetings in the Forest Hills Section of New York City. (U)

According to GOLD, VAGO first came to the United States in either 1923 or 1926. VAGO returned to Hungary, and then came back in 1928 or 1929. There are some irregularities connected with VAGO's exit and re-entry into the United States. However, GOLD said that he did not know the details concerning this. (U)

GOLD advised that he never discussed his espionage activities with VAGO, and he did not believe that VAGO was involved in any espionage activity. His reason for this belief, he said, was the fact that VAGO is extremely talkative and not able to keep things to himself. (U)

On October 2, 1950, GOLD furnished the following signed statement voluntarily:

"October 2, 1950
Philadelphia, Penna. (U)

"I, HARRY GOLD, make the following voluntary statement to ROBERT G. JENSEN and RALPH J. T. CARTER, JR., who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me and I know that any statement I make can be used against me in a Court of Law. I have been advised of my right of counsel and I know that I do not have to make any statement at all. (U)

"I first heard of OSCAR JOHN VAGO in 1943 from ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, who was at that time furnishing me with technical information for transmittal to the Soviet Union. BROTHMAN at this time wanted me to get financial assistance for him from SEMEN M. SEMENOV so that he, BROTHMAN, could hire OSCAR JOHN VAGO and JACK MILLER. VAGO and MILLER were to work for HENRY GOLWYNNE or rather the Chemurgy Design Corporation. BROTHMAN was a partner with ART WEBER and HENRY GOLWYNNE in this firm. (U)

"SEMENOV was my Russian espionage superior at this time. I informed him of BROTHMAN's request which he rejected rather violently. (U)

"VAGO and MILLER had been described, by BROTHMAN, to me as sincere and convinced Communists who could form the nucleus of a later development of a BROTHMAN organization. This organization to produce and design chemical processes for the Soviet Union. This venture of BROTHMAN's was all to be backed by Amtorg or Russian money. (U)

"I first met VAGO in May of 1946 on the morning I came to work for A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES. He was a partner in this firm and was also a design engineer and the chief draftsman. (U)

"Many times in the ensuing months, VAGO would spend a great deal of time in the office on 32nd Street in discussing such matters as what had gone in his own particular "Communist Party Club" the night before. He would also dwell at some length on news items and editorials in the New York Herald Tribune and would expostulate about the perfidy of the capitalist press in general. (U)

"Later when the design offices had been moved to the Chatham-Phenix Bldg. in Long Island City, on one occasion, BROTHMAN became upset for we were delayed in completing a report for the Mettur Chemical Co. of India, because OSCAR VAGO was at that very moment busy selling a special edition of the DAILY WORKER in Queens Plaza. On at least one other occasion, VAGO told me of having sold the DAILY WORKER in both his home neighborhood, Rego Park, and nearby Queens Village. (U)

"Sometime in the spring of 1948, a mimeographed series of pamphlets criticizing the policies of the National Leaders of the American Communist Party came out. These pamphlets were issued by an individual whose name may have been "FRANKLIN." To the best of my

knowledge, this "FRANKLIN" became a leader of a factionalist group in Harlem. (U)

"ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was much taken with the arguments presented by "FRANKLIN." He at one time argued these points before a Communist Party Club in Chelsea, which is a section of Manhattan. (U)

"A few days later, while I was working at the Elmhurst Laboratories of A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES, VAGO called and asked me to come to his home some two miles distant. While at the VAGO residence, OSCAR stated his belief that the Chelsea Communists had been perfectly justified in ejecting BROTHMAN from their meeting. VAGO added that in his own Rego Park Club, BROTHMAN would not have succeeded in even getting a few words of criticism out. (U)

"In late May of 1948, BROTHMAN went to Switzerland to sell one of the firm's processes to the Lonza Co. of that country. After he had left, we discovered that BROTHMAN was planning to deprive the rest of his associates from their fair share of any future income of A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES. On one evening in the week following BROTHMAN's departure for Switzerland, PHIL LEVINE and I were at the VAGO home discussing what procedure we should best follow to insure that our interests in A. BROTHMAN could be protected. As we were preparing to leave, I mentioned that I was in no position to be too harsh with BROTHMAN. VAGO then added that he too did not wish to undergo any scrutiny by the F.B.I., inasmuch as there was an irregularity involved in his leaving the United States for Hungary after his first stay in America. He elaborated on this only to the extent that while the authorities thought or believed he had actually left for Hungary, he was in reality still in the United States. (U)

"PHIL LEVINE, who was present during this entire conversation, was a co-worker of VAGO and mine at ABRAHAM BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES. (U)

"The next time this matter of irregularities in connection with VAGO's entry into the United States, came up was in December of 1949. I was in New York City on a visit to the National Exposition of Chemical Industries at the Grand Central Palace. At 5:30 or 6:00 p.m., on the evening of the first Friday in December 1949, I called VAGO just to say hello, but OSCAR insisted I come over to his house for dinner and

a talk. At the end of several hours of conversation, VAGO again mentioned his fear of an investigation concerning the irregularities of his movements in and out of the United States of America in the late twenties or early thirties. This was the last time that I saw or heard from OSCAR JOHN VAGO. (U)

"This is to certify that I, HARRY GOLD, have read the above statement consisting of this and four other pages. I have placed my initials at the bottom of the preceding four pages signifying that I have read those pages. I have also placed my initials at the corrections indicated on page 2 and again on page 4. The information that I have furnished above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ HARRY GOLD
October 2, 1950.
Philadelphia, Penna." (U)

"Witnessed by:

ROBERT G. JENSEN
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation.
October 2, 1950, Philadelphia, Penna.

RALPH J. T. CARTER, JR.
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation
October 2, 1950, Philadelphia, Penna." (U)

THOMAS L. BLACK, who advised that he was the individual who introduced HARRY GOLD to his first Soviet Espionage superior in 1935, was shown a photograph of OSCAR JOHN VAGO by SA ROBERT W. HOLMES on October 2, 1950. BLACK, at first said he did not recognize the person shown. However, after further study, BLACK said he believed the picture to be of "OSCAR, the mechanical engineer and draftsman" who was employed at A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES in New York City. BLACK remarked that the photograph showed OSCAR as having considerably less hair than BLACK recalled. He said that he has not seen OSCAR since 1945 or 1946. (U)

BLACK said that he recalled having seen OSCAR on only two occasions. The first time was at BROTHMAN's office in New York, when he went there with GOLD and BROTHMAN and saw a man who was casually introduced to him sitting at a drawing board. On the second occasion, he saw the same man

in BROTHMAN's laboratory in Long Island City. (U)

THOMAS L. BLACK said that he had never had any direct conversation with VAGO, and that what he knew about him, he had learned from HARRY GOLD, who described VAGO as an excellent draftsman, who was a devoted worker for BROTHMAN. GOLD told BLACK that VAGO was having family trouble as the result of the long time he worked for BROTHMAN without pay. During this period, VAGO was dependent on his wife's relatives for support. (U)

Concerning VAGO's possible Communist Party membership, BLACK said that he knew nothing except it was his own observation, with nothing to support it, but remarks made during his visits to BROTHMAN's office and laboratory, that anybody who worked for BROTHMAN was at least a Communist Party sympathizer. (U)

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REFERENCE: New York teletype, dated September 29, 1950. 21

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 20, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was;
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bureau file 101-1988)

Re report SA ROBERT M. KANE 10/16/50 at New York.

Pages 53 and 54 have been incorrectly numbered. Page 54 should be numbered 53 and vice versa.

NY copies are being corrected and the Bureau and offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to make similar corrections.

cc Los Angeles
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Director, FBI

OSCAR JOHN VAGO
ESPIONAGE - R

For your information, an indictment was returned against Oscar John Vago in the Southern District of New York at New York City on September 28, 1950, charging him with violation of the Federal Perjury Statute. This perjury violation is based on a false statement which he previously made before the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York to the effect that he was out of the United States and in Europe from 1929 to 1933 whereas he subsequently, before the same Grand Jury, admitted that he actually had only been out of the country for a period of approximately one month during the latter part of 1932. Vago is presently held in the custody of the United States Marshal in New York City in default of a bond for $50,000.

Inasmuch as the Bureau's present interest in Vago was initiated on the basis of information which you obtained from your [redacted] (S) b1

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Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney — October 23, 1950

Director, FBI — [redacted]

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.
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There is furnished you herewith one copy each of the following reports which were submitted in connection with the above-entitled matter:

Report of Special Agent Brenton S. Gordon dated October 6, 1950, at Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent Robert G. Jensen dated October 13, 1950, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.
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You are authorized to furnish to the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, copies of the following reports which have been submitted in this case:

Report of Special Agent Brenton S. Gordon dated October 6, 1950, at Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent Robert G. Jensen dated October 13, 1950, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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TO : Director, FBI
Att: FBI Laboratory

October 23, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

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SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.
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Enclosed herewith is a photostatic copy of a section of VAGO's Selective Service file containing handwriting and handprinting specimens.

It is requested that appropriate comparisons be made and the specimens retained in the National Security file.

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Re: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.
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Examination requested by: SAC, New York (100-55242)

Date of reference communication: 10/23/50 Date Received: 10/25/50

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination: Examination by: Dahlgren

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Specimens submitted for examination

Kcl Photostatic copies of a Selectibe Service registration card and a Selective Service questionnaire bearing the known handwriting and handprinting of OSCAR JOHN VAGO.

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ENCLOSURE

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 1, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER T 989 | 1. NAME (Print) OSCAR JOHN [illegible] (First) (Middle) (Last) | ORDER NUMBER T 11148

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) [illegible]
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS [illegible]
(Mailing address if other than place given on line 2. Write street and number)

4. TELEPHONE [illegible] (Exchange) (Number)

5. AGE IN YEARS [illegible]

DATE OF BIRTH [illegible] (Month) (Day) (Year)

6. PLACE OF BIRTH [illegible]
(Town or county) (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS [illegible]

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS [illegible]

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS [illegible]
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

Oscar [illegible]
(Registrant's signature)

D. S. S. Form 1
(Revised 1-1-42) (over) ☆ GPO 16—21630-1

Signature Oscar Mayer

NOTICE: "Your Questionnaire Must Be Notarized.
Notaries Do Not Charge For This Service."
Local Board #251 - Elmhurst, N.Y.

Order No.

THESE QUESTIONS FORM A PART OF YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE AND MUST BE ANSWERED.

Have you any brothers and sisters? 5 State below their names, ages, addresses, and whether married or single.

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE	MARRIED OR SINGLE
Robert, Ernest	They all live in Hungary		
Stephen, Arthur			
Berthold,			

Do they live with you? no Do they maintain their own Homes?

Where are they employed? see above What are their wages?

How much do they contribute toward the home? none

Are there any other relatives or boarders living with you? no

How much do these boarders or relatives pay per week?

Are your dependents receiving relief, pension or compensation from any source? no

Do you or any other member of your family own any property? no

If so, state what kind and value

Do you or any other member of your family have a bank account? yes

State the name of the Bank and the amount Corn Exch. Bk, $225

Remarks:

Signature Oscar Mayer

had read to me) the statements made by and about me, and that each and every such statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. The statements made by me in the foregoing are (are or not) in my own handwriting.

Registrant sign here ..... Oscar Thorp
(Signature or mark of registrant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 TH day of JUNE 1942

Estelle Cafferata
(Signature of officer)

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(Designation of officer)

If another person has assisted the registrant in filling out this Questionnaire, such person shall sign the following statement:

I have assisted the registrant herein named in preparation of this Questionnaire because .....

(For example—Registrant unable to read and write English, etc.)

(Signature of Advisor)

INSTRUCTIONS — Registrant shall write nothing below this line when filling out the Questionnaire.

MINUTE OF ACTION ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING CLAIM OR PROOF

The application of ..... to have time for filing claim or proof extended to ....., 19..... is {granted / refused} for the reason that .....

(Date) Member.

MINUTE OF ACTION BY LOCAL BOARD No. 251, COUNTY QUEENS, STATE N.Y.

The local board classifies the registrant in Class 3, Subdivision A, by the following vote: Yes 3, No 0

6/25/42 (Date) Member.

APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEAL

I hereby appeal to the board of appeal from the determination of the local board.

(Date) (Signature of person appealing) (Relationship to registrant, i. e., parent, employer, appeal agent, etc.)

MINUTE OF ACTION BY BOARD OF APPEAL No. ....., COUNTY ....., STATE .....

The board of appeal classifies the registrant in Class ....., Subdivision ....., by the following vote: Yes ..... No .....

(Date) Member.

APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

I hereby appeal to the President from the determination of the board of appeal.

(Date) (Signature of person appealing) (Relationship to registrant, i. e., parent, employer, appeal agent, etc.)

Dates	MINUTES OF OTHER ACTIONS
4/1/43	Reclass 4-A Vote 4-0 G.F.R.
	Form-57 mailed 4/2/43

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2. The record of my convictions is as follows:

Offense	Date (Month, Day, Year)	Court (Name and location)	Sentence

3. I am not (am, am not) now being retained in the custody of a court of criminal jurisdiction, or other civil authority.

Series XII.—MILITARY SERVICE (Confidential)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who now is or has been a member of the armed forces of the United States shall fill in the statements in this series. (Use a separate line for each term of service.)

My military service has been as follows:

Arm of Service (Army, Navy, National Guard, etc.)	Date of Entry into Service (Month, Day, Year)	Still in Service (Yes, No)	Date of Discharge (Month, Day, Year)	Type of Discharge (Honorable, Dishonorable, Bad Conduct, Not Honorable, Undesirable, or Other—specify)
none				

Series XIII.—PRESENT MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES, CERTAIN OFFICIALS, ETC.

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who is a member of one or more of the groups named in this series shall check the appropriate item or items, and shall supply any further information called for under the item or items checked.

I am at present:

1. ☐ A commissioned officer, warrant officer, pay clerk, or enlisted man of the Regular Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Public Health Service, the federally recognized active National Guard, the Officers' Reserve Corps, the Regular Army Reserve, the Enlisted Reserve Corps, the Naval Reserve, the Marine Corps Reserve, or the Coast Guard Reserve; my rank or commission is ..... in the ..... (Name of service)

2. ☐ A cadet, United States Military Academy; midshipman, United States Naval Academy; cadet, United States Coast Guard Academy; man who has been accepted for admittance (commencing with the academic year next succeeding such acceptance) to the United States Military Academy as cadet, to the United States Naval Academy as midshipman, or to the United States Coast Guard Academy as cadet, and whose acceptance is still in effect; cadet of the advanced course, senior division, Reserve Officers' Training Corps or Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps; I am ..... (A cadet, midshipman, or accepted for admittance) in ..... (Name of corps, academy, etc.)

3. ☐ The Governor of a State or Territory, a member of a legislative body of the United States or of a State or Territory, a judge of a court of record of the United States or of a State or Territory or the District of Columbia; my office is:

.....

REGISTRANT'S STATEMENT REGARDING CLASSIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS.—It is optional with registrant whether or not he fills in this statement, and failure to answer shall not constitute a waiver of claim to deferred or other status. The local board is charged by law to determine the classification of the registrant on the basis of the facts before it, which should be taken fully into consideration regardless of whether or not this statement is filled in.

In view of the facts set forth in this Questionnaire it is my opinion that my classification should be Class .....

The registrant may write in the space below or attach to this page any statement which he believes should be brought to the attention of the local board in determining his classification.

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REGISTRANT'S AFFIDAVIT

INSTRUCTIONS.—1. Every registrant shall make the registrant's affidavit. 2. If the registrant cannot read, the questions and his answers thereto shall be read to him by the officer who administers the oath.

State of New York, County of New York, ss:

I, Oscar J. Vago, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the registrant named and described in the foregoing statements in this Questionnaire; that I have read (or have

Series VI.—OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE, QUALIFICATIONS, AND PREFERENCES

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in items 1, 2, and 3 in this series. Include in item 1 any formal apprenticeship served. Items 4 and 5 are optional and are designed to aid the Reemployment Division in restoring you to civilian employment after completion of military service.

1. I have also worked at the following occupations other than my present job, during the past 5 years: (If none, write "None.")

Occupation (Give full title, for example, turret lathe operator, farmer, etc.)	Kind of Work Done (Be specific—give a brief statement of your duties)	Years Worked From—	Years Worked To—
none		19__	19__
		19__	19__
		19__	19__

2. My usual occupation, or the occupation for which I am best fitted, is civil engineering, structural

3. I am (am, am not) licensed in a trade or profession; if so, I am licensed as Professional Engineer (For example, Marine pilot, physician, aviator, stationary engineer)

4. I have worked in the following State or States during the past 2 years: Washington D.C. + New York

5. I prefer the following kind of work: Const. Engineering

I would not (would, would not) consider accepting a job which would require me to move away from my present home.

Series VII.—FAMILY STATUS AND DEPENDENTS (Confidential except as to names and addresses of claimed dependents)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in the statements numbered 1 and 2 in this series.

1. I am (Put an X in the correct box) ☐ single. ☐ widower. ☐ divorced. ☒ married; I do (do, do not) live with my wife; if not, her address is _____; we were married at Long Island City, N.Y. (Place) on Dec 31 1938 (Date)

2. (a) I have one (Number) children under 18 years of age. (b) Of these children, one (Number) live with me in my home.

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who lives in a family group and contributes to the support of that group shall fill in statement No. 3. "Family group" as used in this statement means two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption, who live together and who pool all or a substantial part of their individual incomes for their joint support. (Such a group may not always include everyone who lives in the same house or eats at the same table. For example, when a registrant and his wife and children share a house with other relatives but do not share the income of those other relatives, the family group to be listed here would include only the registrant and his wife and children.)

The information here given is intended to describe only the economic situation of the family group as it now exists and is not intended to suggest that by altering their present domestic arrangements, present dependents of the registrant might obtain support from other persons who are not now supporting them.

3. (a) The following is a list of all members of the family group in which I live (list yourself first):

Name	Sex	Age last birthday	Relationship to me	Date I began to contribute to this person's support. (If not contributing, write "N. C.")	Amount this person earned by work during past 12 months
Oscar J. Vago (Name of registrant)	Male	44	Self	x x x x x x x x	$4200
Claire Vago	F.	35	wife	since marriage	none
John Paul Vago	M.	4	son	since birth	"

(b) I contributed $ all during the last 12 months to the support of the above-listed family group.

(c) In addition to the earnings shown in table 3 (a), only the following other income was received by members of this family group during the past 12 months. (State the nature and source of every item of income whether in cash or other things of value. Include income from property, relief payments, and contributions from persons outside this group. Give name, address, relationship, and age of each person outside the family group making such

Series VIII.—MINISTER, OR STUDENT PREPARING FOR THE MINISTRY

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who is a minister or a student preparing for the ministry shall fill in the statements in this series that apply to him

1. (a) I ..... (am, am not) a minister of religion. (b) I ..... (do, do not) customarily serve as a minister.

(c) I have been a minister of the ..... (Name of sect or denomination) since ..... (Month, day, year)

(d) I ..... (have, have not) been formally ordained. If so, my ordination was performed on ..... (Month, day, year)

by ..... (Ecclesiastical official performing the ordination) at ..... (City and State)

2. (a) I ..... (am, am not) a student preparing for the ministry in a theological or divinity school.

(b) I am attending the ..... (Name of theological or divinity school), which was established ..... (before, after) September 16, 1939, and is located at ..... (Place)

Series IX.—CITIZENSHIP

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in the statements numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 in this series.

1. I was born at Budapest (Town) (State) Hungary (Country)
2. I was born on February (Month) 27 (Day) 1898 (Year)
3. My race is. ☒ White; ☐ Negro; ☐ Oriental; ☐ Indian; ☐ Filipino; Other (specify) .....
4. I am (am, am not) a citizen of the United States.

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who is not a citizen of the United States shall fill in the statements numbered 5, 6, 7, and 8.

5. I ..... (am, was last) a citizen or subject of ..... (Name of country) My Alien Registration No. is ..... (If none, write "None")
6. My permanent residence has been in the United States since ..... (Month) (Day) (Year)
7. I ..... (have, have not) filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States (first papers). Declaration filed at ..... (Place) on ..... (Month) (Day) (Year) under No. .....
8. I ..... (have, have not) filed a petition for naturalization (second papers). Petition filed at ..... (Place) on ..... (Month) (Day) (Year)

Series X.—CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION TO WAR

INSTRUCTIONS.—Any registrant who, by reason of religious training and belief, is conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form shall sign the statement below requesting a Special Form for Conscientious Objector (Form 47) from the local board which must be completed and returned to the local board for consideration.

By reason of religious training and belief I am conscientiously opposed to war in any form and for this reason request that the local board furnish me a Special Form for Conscientious Objector (Form 47) which I am to complete and return to the local board.

..... (Signature)

Series XI.—COURT RECORD (Confidential)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in statement No. 1.

1. I have not (have, have not) been convicted of a crime, other than minor traffic violations.

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who has ever been convicted of a crime, other than minor traffic violations, shall fill in statement No. 2, listing all convictions.

Series IV.—PRESENT OCCUPATION OR ACTIVITY.—Continued

(e) In my present job, I ...—

(Put an X in one box)

- [X] a regular or permanent employee, working for salary, wages, commission, or other compensation; I have worked one year in my present job, and expect to continue indefinitely in it.
- [ ] a temporary or occasional employee; I expect that my present job will end about ..... (Date)
- [ ] an apprentice under a written or oral agreement with my employer, which expires ..... (Date)
- [ ] an independent worker, working on my own account, not hired by anyone, and not hiring any help.
- [ ] working for my father or for the head of my family, but receiving no pay.
- [ ] an employer or proprietor hiring ..... (Number) paid workers.

(f) I am (am, am not) now employed in national-defense work. (Building for T. V. A.)

(g) My employer is: Fellheimer & Wagner (Name of organization or proprietor, not foreman or supervisor)

155 East 42nd St. New York City (Address of place of employment—street or R. F. D. route, city, and State)

whose business is Architects (For example: Farm, airplane engine factory, retail food store, W. P. A.)

(h) Other business or work in which I am now engaged is none (If none, write "None")

INSTRUCTIONS.—If your employer believes that you are a necessary man in a necessary occupation, it is his duty to fill out Form 42A requesting your deferment. You may also attach to this page any further statement by yourself which you think the local board should consider in determining your classification. Such statement will then become a part of the Questionnaire.

3. If you are not now working, attach to this page a statement (a) giving the reasons for your unemployment, when it began, and when you expect to be able to resume your work, and (b) supplying substantially the same information regarding your last job as is required in Items 2 (a) to 2 (f) above.

4. (a) (If a student) I am majoring in ..... preparing for ..... (Occupation or profession)

at ..... (Name and address of school or college)

(b) I expect to complete this training on ..... (Date) (c) I ..... (do, do not) intend to take an examination for license in ..... (Profession) Date of examination .....

INSTRUCTIONS.—A student who believes that he should be placed in Class II because preparing for a necessary occupation should see that the head of his school files with the local board the necessary supporting evidence.

Series V.—AGRICULTURAL OCCUPATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant who works on a farm shall fill in this series, in addition to filling in Series IV and VI.

1. I work on or operate a farm as—

(Put an X in the correct box)

- [ ] sole owner of the farm.
- [ ] joint owner with ..... (Name) ..... (Address)
- [ ] hired manager
- [ ] cash tenant or renter
- [ ] standing rent tenant
- [ ] share cropper
- [ ] share tenant

My agreement (if any) expires ..... (Month) (Day) (Year)

- [ ] wage hand (hired man).
- [ ] unpaid family worker.

2. I have been engaged in farm work for ..... years. 3. I ..... (do, do not) live on the farm with which I am connected.

4. I ..... (am, am not) actually and personally responsible for the operation of the farm on which I work.

5. The principal crops and livestock of the farm I operate or work on are:

Names of Crops	Acres Devoted to Each	Kinds of Livestock	Number of Each Now on Farm

6. The number of people who work on this farm is ..... (Number) of whom ..... (Number) are hired hands.

7. Other facts which I consider necessary to present fairly the farming or farm work I have described and my connection with it as a ground for classification are (if none, write "None") .....

STATEMENTS OF THE REGISTRANT

Series I.—IDENTIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in all statements in this series.

1. My name is (print) Oscar (First name) John (Middle name) Vago (Last name)
2. In addition to the name given above, I have also been known by the name or names of none (If none, write "None")
3. My residence now is 6607 - 99th Street (Number and street or R. F. D. route) Forest Hills (Town—City, town, or village) Queens (County) N.Y. (State)
4. My telephone number now is Ha-3-6584 (Town) (Exchange) (Number) (If you have no phone, write "None")
5. My Social Security number is 090-05-9115 (If none, write "None")
6. I was 44 years of age on my last birthday.

Series II.—PHYSICAL CONDITION (Confidential)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in all statements in this series.

1. To the best of my knowledge, I have no (have, have no) physical or mental defects or diseases. If so, they are _____ (List defects or diseases here)
2. I am not (am, am not) an inmate of an institution. If so, its name is _____ (Name of hospital, prison, or other institution) and it is located at _____ (Give address)

Series III.—EDUCATION

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in all statements in this series.

1. I have completed 4 (Number) years of elementary school and 8 (Number) years of high school.
2. I have had the following schooling other than elementary and high school (if none, write "None"):

Name of Vocational School, College, or University	Course of Study	Length of Time Attended
University	Engineering, Civil	5 years

3. I can (can, cannot) read and write the English language.

Series IV.—PRESENT OCCUPATION OR ACTIVITY

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant shall fill in No. 1 of this series; every registrant now at work shall fill in No. 2; every registrant now unemployed shall answer No. 3; and every registrant who is now a student, whether or not he also has a job, shall fill in No. 4.

1. I am now ☒ working at the job described under No. 2 below.

(Put an X in one box)
☐ unemployed for the reasons and under the circumstances described in my answer to No. 3 below.
☐ a student pursuing the course of study described under No. 4 below.

2. (a) The job I am now working at is (give full title, for example: Construction draftsman, turret-lathe operator, stationary engineer, farm laborer, prosecuting attorney, physics teacher, policeman, marriage-license clerk, etc.):
Chief Engineer, structural

(b) I do the following kind of work in my present job (be specific—give a brief statement of your duties):
Designing Building Structures

(c) I have had 20 years experience in this kind of work.

(d) My average weekly (weekly, monthly, annual) earnings in my present job are $ 80.00 (Confidential.)

REPORT
of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York [redacted] November 6, 1950

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office October 25, 1950.

Re: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 100-55242
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Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

Kcl Photostatic copies of a Selective Service registration card and a Selective Service questionnaire bearing the known handwriting and handprinting of OSCAR JOHN VAGO. (U)

Result of Examination:

The signatures and handprinting on specimen Kcl were compared with material contained in the appropriate sections of the National Security File without effecting an identification. Representative photographic copies will be added to this file for future reference. (U)

It is noted that the handwriting on Kcl is too limited for a search in the National Security File. (U)

Specimen Kcl is retained in the Bureau file.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ FILE No. 65-5125

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
OSCAR JOHN VAGO, wa.	ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Davidson Brick Company contacted regarding letter from subject. No pertinent information developed. JULES KORCHIEN admitted acquaintanceship with VAGO since late 1930's. Denied any knowledge of VAGO'S participation in espionage, Communist Party activities or membership. Denied knowledge of subject's illegal residence in U. S. [T-1] [illegible] belief saw VAGO in company with LOUIS GIBARTI and JACOB GOLOS, New York City, between 1934 and 1936 on several occasions but no knowledge subject member of Communist Party or subject's connections with GIBARTI and GOLOS. Other informants unable to effect identification.

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DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Mr. S. COGGEN, General Manager, Davidson Brick Company, 4701 Floral Drive, Los Angeles, advised SA WAYNE J. MORRISON and the writer that he had received a letter from the subject on September 25, 1950 in which the subject requested the company to send him a copy of their publication entitled "Steeltyd Brick Masonry." This letter contained no other information and no indication that the subject was planning to leave the country. COGGEN advised this publication had been recommended by AIA and that it has to do with the structural quality of brick and brick engineering. He advised that they received requests for this book from people all over the country and if the person requesting it seems to be one who has need for and will use the publication, and if the party resides outside of California, he notifies them that upon the remittance

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of $1.50 he will send them the publication. COGGEN stated this booklet contains no restricted literature and that any qualified engineer could figure the structural formula.

COGGEN caused a record search to be made of the correspondence file and advised they had had no previous correspondence from the subject.

JULES KORCHIEN was interviewed at his home, 16560 Chattanooga Place, Pacific Palisades, on October 5, 1950 by SAS HAROLD F. DODGE and GILMER G. ROBINSON.

KORCHIEN advised that he first met VAGO in the late 1930's while living in Washington, D.C. KORCHIEN said he could not recall the exact time, but that it was probably in 1938 or 1939 and he believed the introduction occurred in connection with union activities as both were members of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians.

KORCHIEN stated that he had definitely not been introduced, nor did he know VAGO prior to this time. He advised that his friendship with VAGO was casual and that he recalls having visited him on several occasions. KORCHIEN stated that these visits were of a social nature.

KORCHIEN related that he returned to New York a short time thereafter and that his contact with VAGO was only on infrequent occasions. KORCHIEN recalled having visited VAGO at his home only once. He recalled that he recommended VAGO to ABRAHAM BROTHMAN in connection with a part time job with the Rufert Chemical Company. KORCHIEN stated that this was prior to the time that the Abraham Brothman and Associates was formed and it was KORCHIEN'S opinion that VAGO had not known BROTHMAN before this occasion.

KORCHIEN was asked if he could furnish any additional information regarding VAGO'S association with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and KORCHIEN advised that he could not.

KORCHIEN denied having any knowledge that VAGO was a member of the Communist Party. He denied having any knowledge that VAGO ever distributed the Daily Worker while VAGO or himself were associated with the Abraham Brothman and Associates, and further denied any knowledge that VAGO was active in the Communist Party or Communist Party activities. KORCHIEN said that his discussions with VAGO were confined to conversations having to do with the war and current events. KORCHIEN would not elaborate further.

KORCHIEN denied having any knowledge that VAGO or any member of Abraham Brothman and Associates were engaged in espionage activities for the Russian Government or any foreign power. KORCHIEN was questioned at length regarding VAGO'S illegal residence in the United States and KORCHIEN

stated he did not have any knowledge that VAGO was ever in the United States illegally and further that VAGO had never at any time discussed this matter with him.

KORCHIEN stated that after he left Abraham Brothman and Associates in 1945 that he, KORCHIEN, only saw VAGO a few times. He stated that VAGO contacted him telephonically sometime later at which time they had a discussion regarding the financial difficulties of the Abraham Brothman Company and the trouble that VAGO was having in getting his salary. However, KORCHIEN advised that he declined to become involved in the matter.

KORCHIEN said sometime in 1948 he saw VAGO briefly at which time VAGO solicited his assistance in obtaining a job. KORCHIEN advised that he had no knowledge that VAGO had planned to leave the United States. He stated that he had not corresponded with VAGO since leaving New York and that he had no knowledge regarding VAGO'S plans.

A photograph of the subject was exhibited to [T-1] (b)(2) of known reliability, who advised that he did not know the subject's name, but feels that he is quite sure that he had seen him in the company of LOUIS GIBARTI and JACOB GOLOS in New York City between 1934 and 1936 on several occasions. He stated that he did not know whether the subject was a member of the Communist Party or whether the occasions he had seen the subject with GIBARTI and GOLOS were in any way connected with the affairs of the Communist Party. [T-1] (b)(2) further stated that he could not recall the particular dates, times, or places when he had seen the subject in New York. He stated that although the subject's appearance was familiar to him from the photograph, that he would be unable to make a positive identification.

[T-1] (b)(2) identified LOUIS GIBARTI as coming to the United States about 1928 as a "sub-comintern" agent, having been assistant to WILLIE MUENZEBERG in Germany. GIBARTI set up the Workers International Relief and other fronts for the Communist Party of a cultural nature.

[T-1] (b)(2) identified JACOB GOLOS as a member of the Control Commission, Communist Party, U.S.A., and a member of the Hungarian Bureau, Communist Party, U.S.A. He was attached to the staff of Ujelone, a Hungarian newspaper. [T-1] further stated that GOLOS, CHARLES DIRBA and J. PETERS headed the underground apparatus of the American Communist Party.

Subject's photograph was displayed to [T-2 and T-3], both of known reliability (b)(2) and no identification was effected.

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

At Los Angeles, California: Will report the results of the interview with T-4 [redacted] unavailable for interview until the end of the month.

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T-1 PAUL MICHAEL CROUCH, who was interviewed by SA H. RAWLINS OVERTON on October 3, 1950.

T-2 [redacted] who was interviewed by SA [redacted] on October 5, 1950.

T-3 [redacted] who was interviewed by SA [redacted] on October 10, 1950. b7c

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REFERENCE: New York teletype dated September 21, 1950
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There are being transmitted herewith copies of the following reports which have been submitted in connection with the above-entitled matter:

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HCUA records list OSCAR VAGO as member of American League for Peace and Democracy. Informants state VAGO was member Washington Committee for Democratic Action, Washington Bookshop Association, Washington Committee for Aid to China, FAECT and that VAGO's name appeared on an alleged list of members of underground Soviet espionage organization (NKVD) in agencies of United States Government. INS records reflect VAGO last entered United States January 12, 1933; naturalized September 29, 1938, SDNY. State Passport records negative. Neighborhood investigation reflects residence at 6323 Luzon Avenue, N. W., from October 1, 1938, to June 30, 1939; 4117 4th Street, North, Arlington, Virginia, from July 24, 1939, to May 31, 1941, when forwarding address was given as 66-07 99th Street, Rego Park, Long Island, New York. VAGO resigned position with

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QM, War Department, effective June 26, 1941. CLAIRE VAGO entered United States March 26, 1926; naturalized November 19, 1931. Passport issued CLAIRE VAGO June 21, 1932, for one year travel to visit relatives.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities Hearings, under the date of October 25, 1939, (Volume X, page 6414), lists as a member of the American League for Peace and Democracy, under Treasury Department Employees, Procurement Division, Engineer, the name of OSCAR L. VAGO of 6323 Luzon Avenue, N. W.

[Confidential Informant T-1] of known reliability, stated that in 1941, the name of OSCAR J. VAGO, 4117 4th Street, North, Arlington, Virginia, (CH-1946), was contained in a "Members List"--3 by 5 index card system of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action.

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Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised in the spring of 1944, that the name, OSCAR JOHN VAGO, followed by the date, July 25, 1940, 4117 4th Street, North, Arlington, Virginia, was among the list of expired members of the Washington Bookshop Association.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that the date, July 25, 1940, referred to the last payment of dues to the Washington Bookshop Association.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised in 1941, that contained on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Aid to China was the name OSCAR VAGO, 4117 4th Street, North, Arlington, Virginia.

The Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists, and Technicians edition of the CIO News, dated November 28, 1940, (Volume III, No. 48), revealed that OSCAR VAGO was secretary of the National Legislative Bureau of the FAECT at Washington, D. C.; further, that communications to this legislative bureau were to be addressed to VAGO at 4117 4th Street, North, Arlington, Virginia.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that on page 2387 of the Hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, 77th Congress, Second Session, Executive Volume V, reflected the testimony in part of BENJAMIN MANDEL before the Committee on August 7, 1941. The witness, MANDEL, who had been engaged at the time for a number of years in research on matters pertaining to the Communist Party and its activities and workings, introduced into his testimony a prepared list showing the memberships, the affiliations, and the associations of common cause on a united front, concerted line of action by members and officials of the Washington Committee for Aid to China, especially in the organizations being known as Communist or Communist front organizations.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, noted that this list contained the following information relative to OSCAR J. VAGO, 4117 4th Street, North, Arlington, Virginia: "Engineer, Treasury Department, member Washington Bookshop, member Washington Committee for Democratic Action, member American League for Peace and Democracy, and a member of the Washington Committee for Aid to China."

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This same Informant further advised that under date of April 25, 1940, the Informant had been advised that OSCAR J. VAGO was Chairman of the Education Administrative Committee, D. C. Chapter 14 of FAECT.

The foregoing information was obtained from Confidential Informant T-6 by Special Agent CHRISTOPHER J. PAPPIANOU.

Confidential Informant T-6 of Known reliability, advised that the name of OSCAR J. VAGO appeared on an alleged list of names of persons in the underground Soviet espionage organization (NKVD) in agencies of the United States Government. This Informant had no additional identifiable information concerning the OSCAR J. VAGO just mentioned.

The American League for Peace and Democracy, Washington Committee for Democratic Action, and Washington Bookshop Association, mentioned herein, are all organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General as falling within the provisions of Executive Order 9835, and as Communist organizations.

J. R. TURNER, Clerk, General Services Administration, Inactive Files, Room 501, 1900 E Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., made available the personnel file concerning OSCAR JOHN VAGO, which reflected the following information:

VAGO entered on duty as an Associate Structural Engineer, Treasury Department, Procurement Division, 9th and D Streets, S. W., Room 662 on July 25, 1938. On this date, VAGO filed an application for his position wherein he listed his then present address as 25 Sickles Street, New York, New York; Telephone, LO-7-6519. Also in the application, VAGO listed the name of EDMUND WINKLER, 2844 50th Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York, as his brother-in-law and relative who worked in the Government, Post Office Department. It is to be noted that VAGO on August 4, 1938, filed an affidavit as to members of family in Government service and listed the above mentioned WINKLER.

VAGO listed the following references in his application:

MARGARET SCHLAUCH, 2 Horatio Street, New York, New York; occupation, Teacher, New York University.

MARY R. NAGEL, 22 West 76th Street, New York, New York; occupation, high school teacher, New York, New York.

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Dr. LUCY SHIMMERLIK, 2259 37th Street, Long Island City, New York. (U)

On August 4, 1938, VAGO executed a Personal History Statement for the Teasury Department, listing his then present address as 2114 Huidekoper Place, Washington, D. C. It is to be noted that in this statement, VAGO continued to list his wife at 25 Sickles Street, New York, New York. Also on August 4, 1938, VAGO took his Oath of Office for Government employment. (U)

VAGO's personnel file revealed that he was reappointed, effective July 1, 1939, to a position of Associate Structural Engineer. Under date of August 17, 1939, T. C. BROOKS is listed as Chief of the Section wherein OSCAR VAGO was employed. On October 14, 1939, VAGO was advised that because of a decrease in appropriations it had become necessary to decrease a number of employees and he was to be terminated at the expiration of annual leave available to him after November 15, 1939. VAGO's file reflected his address on November 15, 1939, as 2844 50th Street, Woodside, Long Island, New York. His services were discontinued with the Public Buildings Administration, Federal Works Agency, at the close of business on December 1, 1939. It was noted that the file reflected letters directed to VAGO as late December 15, 1939, at 4117 4th Street, North, Arlington, Virginia. (U)

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 19th and East Capitol Streets, reflect that OSCAR JOHN VAGO, aka OSZKAR VAGO filed an application for Immigration Visa with the American Consulate at Budapest, Hungary, on December 27, 1932. The Immigration and Naturalization Service file reflected VAGO's port of embarkation as Genoa, Italy, and destination, care of his wife, 4144 44th Street, Long Island City, New York. In the application, he had stated that he resided in Budapest from birth until 1925; in New York, New York, from 1925 until 1928; and again in Budapest, from 1928 until 1932. He entered the port of New York on January 12, 1933, on the S.S. Conte de Savoia. It is to be noted that the application for Immigration Visa reflected VAGO apparently entered the United States in 1925. However, the records of this entry were not in the INS file. (U)

On April 14, 1933, VAGO filed a Declaration of Intention No. 47635 in Queens County, New York, giving his address as 22-81 37th Street, Long Island City, New York. (U)

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A Petition for Citizenship was filed on May 31, 1938, at which time VAGO resided at 25 Sickles Avenue, New York, New York. Witnesses to the Petition were JOSEPHINE WINKLER, housewife, 2844 58th Street, Woodside, New York, and LESLIE MANN, waiter of 416 Fort Washington Avenue, New York. (U)

A Certificate of Citizenship No. 4320335 was issued on September 29, 1938, to VAGO in the Southern District of New York. His address at this time was 25 Sickles Avenue, New York. The INS file contained photographs taken in 1932, 1933, and 1938. (U)

Special Agent GEORGE DUFFY checked the records of the Passport Division, State Department, and was informed there was no record of a passport having been issued to OSCAR JOHN VAGO. (U)

6323 Luzon Avenue, N. W.
Apartment 106

MISS ELIZABETH SCHROTH, care of Shannon and Luchs Company, 1505 H Street, N. W., advised that the rental records reflected that OSCAR JOHN VAGO was a tenant at the above address from October 1, 1938, until June 30, 1939. MISS SCHROTH said the old rental applications for this building had long since been destroyed and the above was the only information she could furnish. (U)

4117 4th Street, North, Arlington, Virginia
(Buckingham)

MRS. E. PHILLIPS, Business Office, Buckingham, North Glebe Road, advised that the rental records reflected that OSCAR JOHN VAGO was a tenant of record from July 24, 1939, until May 31, 1941, having come from 6323 Luzon Avenue, N. W. His forwarding address was 66-07 99th Street, Forest Hills, Long Island. MRS. PHILLIPS stated VAGO, in his application, gave as a bank reference, The American Security and Trust Company, Southwest Branch, Washington, D. C. MRS. PHILLIPS also stated that an inquiry had been received from the Gresham Management Co., Inc., 18 East 48th Street, New York, New York, for a rental reference. It is to be noted that OSCAR JOHN VAGO was arrested September 28, 1950, in front of 18 East 48th Street, and he was employed by the Carol Management Corporation, 12 East 48th Street. (U)

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MRS. MALCOLM P. BROWN of 4117 4th Street, North, Arlington, Virginia, advised that she had never heard of OSCAR JOHN VAGO and to her knowledge, there had been no one living at that address since 1941 under that name.

[Confidential Informant T-6] (U) of known reliability, advised in December, 1941, that VAGO had resigned his position in the Quartermaster Corps, War Department, effective June 26, 1941.

CLAIRE VAGO, nee Klara Olga Weiszmann
aka, Clara Olga Weissmann, Mrs. Oscar
John Vago

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that CLAIRE VAGO filed an application for Immigration Visa (Quota) with the American Consulate in Budapest, Hungary, on November 28, 1925, under the name KLARA OLGA WEISZMANN. In the application she noted that she was traveling with her mother HANNI WEISZMANN, and that her father, KAROLY WEISZMANN, was residing at 109 West 84th Street, New York, New York. Her port of embarkation was to be Cherbourg. The records indicated she arrived at the port of New York, March 26, 1926, on the S.S. Berengaria. (U)

On September 25, 1926, she filed a Declaration of Intention in Queens County, New York, under the name CLARA OLGA WEISSMANN, listing her occupation as painter-artist; residence, 340 Ditmars Avenue, Astoria, Long Island, New York, New York. On March 31, 1931, she filed a Petition for Citizenship under the name CLAIRE VAGO of 2281 37th Street, Long Island City, New York. Witnesses to the Petition were NICHOLAS JAMBOR of 203 West 117th Street, New York, New York, and ROSA TRDEI, 1432 25th Avenue, Astoria, CHARLES WEISMAN, 2281 37th Street, Long Island City, New York, and RAYMOND L. HERMAN, 672 Second Avenue, New York, New York. On November 19, 1931, Certificate of Citizenship No. 3469991 was issued in Queens County under the name of CLAIRE VAGO of 22-81 37th Street, Long Island City, New York. The INS files contain 1925 and 1935 photographs of CLAIRE VAGO. (U)

The passport records of the State Department reflect a passport application, dated November 21, 1932, by CLAIRE VAGO of 4144 44th Street, Long Island City, New York. CLAIRE VAGO in the application stated she was

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going to travel for one year in Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria, and Hungary, visiting relatives. In the application, CLAIRE VAGO listed her occupation as private secretary and requested that the passport be mailed in care of CORNELIUS GILL of 4144 44th Street, Long Island City, New York. On November 22, 1932, Passport No. 565752 was issued to CLAIRE VAGO. (U)

On December 17, 1932, at the American Consulate, Budapest, Hungary, CLAIRE VAGO filed an application for registration, stating that she intended to return to the United States in one month. (U)

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David Bloom
4141 Henderson Road
Arlington, Virginia

MRS. E. PHILLIPS, Business Office, Buckingham, when interviewed concerning OSCAR JOHN VAGO, a former tenant of Buckingham, advised that VAGO had listed DAVID BLOOM of 4141 Henderson Road as a reference in his rental application. MRS. PHILLIPS stated that according to her files, BLOOM was no longer a tenant and that she was unable to locate any record concerning him. She further explained that the present files do not date back beyond 1942 and that it was unusual in finding the file concerning VAGO. (U)

The records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, under date October 25, 1939, Hearings (Volume X, page 6414), reflect that DAVID BLOOM of 4141 Henderson Road, employed as a Structural Engineer, Treasury Department, Public Buildings Administration, was a member of the American League for Peace and Democracy. (U)

T. N. STAPLETON, Assistant Director, Patrol Division, Dupont Company, in June, 1942, made available to Special Agent LINDSEY HATCHETT records of that company which reflected that DAVID BLOOM was employed on April 1, 1940, in the Engineering Department of the Design Division as a Draftsman; further, that BLOOM was born October 28, 1908; was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania where he obtained B.S. and C.E. Degrees in 1929. The Dupont records further reflected previous employment with the War Department, Coast Geodetic Survey, and Public Buildings Administration, Washington, D. C. It was further noted that BLOOM worked for the

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Russian Soviet Government in Moscow, Russia, from May until August of 1932. The Philadelphia Office advised in January, 1943, that DAVID BLOOM was living at 107 Briarcliffe Road, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. (U)

On March 6, 1946, under the surveillance of Special Agent JOSEPH P. GARVEY, JULES KORCHIEN departed from New York, New York, at 5:35 p.m., and proceeded by Pennsylvania Railroad to Wilmington, Delaware, where he was observed entering an automobile bearing Delaware License No. 38937, which was listed to DAVID BLOOM, Appletree Road and Orchard Road, Arden, Delaware. It is to be noted that JULES KORCHIEN was at one time a National Officer of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists, and Technicians. It is to be further noted that OSCAR VAGO was the Secretary of the National Legislative Bureau of the FAECT and that one SYLVESTER H. WALTER, employed by the Dupont Company, Wilmington, Delaware, as an Architectural Draftsman, advised that in 1939, DAVID BLOOM became President of the CIO, FAECT, Local 25. (U)

On March 12, 1946, the Baltimore Office advised that Delaware License No. 38937 was issued to DAVID BLOOM, an engineer employed by the Dupont Company, Room 11494, Nemours Building, Wilmington, Delaware. The Baltimore Office further advised that there was a strong presumption of Communist activities by BLOOM although there was no definite proof he was a Communist Party member; further, that his wife, HILARIE WEINSTEIN BLOOM, was generally regarded as an active Party member although no proof was known to exist as to her membership. (U)

Oscar John Vago

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that on December 8, 1945, OSCAR JOHN VAGO and one ROY JOHNSON were engaged in a conversation, at which time JOHNSON said he had been busy in camp (believed apparently to be an Army camp), learning riot control, and how to break strikes. VAGO stated that that was very interesting and JOHNSON told VAGO that he had sent this information to the right people after which VAGO remarked that JOHNSON was right, that the boys were learning riot controls in camps. The identity of ROY JOHNSON, who conversed with VAGO, is not known other than there is a ROY JOHNSON who signed a 1942 Communist Party Nomination Petition in the State of New York and whose address at the time was 1522 Pacific Street, Brooklyn. (U)

Confidential Informant T-7, on December 28, 1945, advised that an individual, identified only as "BEN", communicated with VAGO and informed him that he was worried because he was being investigated by a man who claimed to be a Lieutenant in the counter-intelligence corps. VAGO was said to have expressed amazement "that they still persist in investigating." BEN requested VAGO to get some important person who could do something about it, and indicated that he had been in the Army as a Staff Sergeant and that there was something in his past which apparently had not been forgotten. BEN indicated that the inquiries about which he was worried were being made in Japan. VAGO suggested that BEN go to the Lawyers Guild or go to see MARTIN POPPER, described by VAGO as a "big shot." (U)

The New York Office in a communication, dated December 14, 1945, advised that during investigation conducted concerning A. BROTHMAN and Associates at the National City Bank, a reference for the Associates had been offered as the Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company, Forest Hills Branch, wherein OSCAR VAGO had an account. ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was the prinpal of the above Associates and has been recently indicted in New York on charges of obstruction of justice. (U)

By letter dated September 13, 1950, a stop was placed with the Passport Division of the State Department on OSCAR JOHN VAGO. On September 20, 1950, an outgoing stop on VAGO was placed with the Collector of Customs. (U)

J. R. TURNER, Clerk, General Services Administration, Inactive Files, Room 501, 1900 E Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., made available the personnel file of OSCAR JOHN VAGO which has been photostated and copies of which were furnished to the New York Office on September 26, 1950. (U)

The information concerning the FAECT on page 3 of this report was taken from the report of Special Agent EDWARD J. GREENWALD, dated September 28, 1942, at New York, New York, entitled, "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE FEDERATION OF ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CHEMISTS, AND TECHNICIANS, CIO, INTERNAL SECURITY - Z." (U)

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Joseph Zalkin

The House Committee on Un-American Activities Hearings, under date of October 25, 1939, (Volume X, page 6414), lists as a member of the American League for Peace and Democracy, under Treasury Department Employees, the name of JOSEPH ZALKIN, 6323 Luzon Avenue, N. W. It is to be noted that OSCAR VAGO's name appeared on this same listing and that VAGO in 1939 was living at this same address. The American League for Peace and Democracy is a Communist organization according to designation by the Attorney General, under Executive Order 9835.

The information furnished by Confidential Informant T-6 was obtained by Special Employee JAMES M. CONNOR.

Investigation in this matter was predicated upon the following information received from T-8.

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Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, stated that it had

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Will furnish a photograph and description of OSCAR JOHN VAGO to the Detroit Office for display to WILLIAM O'DELL NOWELL in order to determine if he is known to NOWELL. This request was made by New York letter to WFO under date of September 20, 1950. NOWELL is presently living in Detroit. (U)

Will at the Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company, Forest Hills Branch, conduct investigation to determine whether VAGO has an account there and if possible, will place a stop on his account in the event he closes it. (U)

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will display a photograph of OSCAR JOHN VAGO to WILLIAM O'DELL NOWELL when a photograph is received from the New York Office. (U)

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will endeavor to further identify JOSEPH ZALKIN, 6323 Luzon Avenue, N. W., who, in October, 1939, is listed with the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a member of the American League for Peace and Democracy. (U)

Will conduct investigation in the following places to determine VAGO's contacts and associates while he was in Washington:

2114 Huidekoper Place, N. W.; 6323 Luzon Avenue, N. W. Interview MRS. H. WOLQUITT, Apartment 205, who has been described as a long-time resident. (U)

Locate and interview T. C. BROOKS, former Chief of VAGO, in Treasury Department, Procurement Division. (U)

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Locate and Interview MR. CHARLES W. BARBER, former Assistant Chief, Treasury Department, Procurement Division, who at one time stated he believed OSCAR VAGO ~~might~~ possibly be engaged in subversive activities. TOP SECRET

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Information copies of this report have been designated for certain offices in accordance with Bureau instructions in [redacted] matters.

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T-1 - [redacted]

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T-3 - [redacted]

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T-4 - [redacted] in report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 16, 1941, Washington, D. C., entitled, "WASHINGTON COMMITTEE FOR AID TO CHINA, INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

T-5 - Civil Service Commission.

T-6 - G-2.

T-7 - [redacted]

T-8 - [redacted] (C) b1

REFERENCES: WFO teletype, dated September 8, 1950.
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: OCTOBER 31, 1950 URGENT

SAC, NEW YORK

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, ESP DASH R. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT A SUMMARY REPORT IN CONNECTION WITH PERJURY VIOLATION FOR WHICH VAGO BEING PROSECUTED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: October 28, 1950

FROM : C. E. Hennrich

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PURPOSE:

To recommend that a letter of commendation be directed to Special Agent James L. Startzell of the Washington Field Office, pursuant to the suggestion of SAC Hottel of that office.

DETAILS:

You will recall that in connection with the investigation of Abraham Brothman, Oscar John Vago, a former business partner of Brothman, was interviewed on several occasions by Bureau Agents, at which time he denied any knowledge of espionage or Communist Party activities on the part of either Abraham Brothman or Harry Gold. No information was developed, however, through the Brothman investigation which warranted the initiation of a separate investigation as to Vago. (u)

Exempt from [illegible] September 8, 1950, however, the Washington Field Office advised the Bureau that according to information received from a confidential informant, [redacted] on the basis of this information an immediate physical surveillance and [illegible]ation of Vago's activities were initiated. In addition, the substance of the information presently available in the Bureau's files concerning Vago was furnished to the Department, as well as to the United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York on the possibility that they might desire to interrogate [illegible] before the Federal Grand Jury in New York. (S) (u)

As a result of the investigation and Vago's interrogation before the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York on October 20 and 27, 1950, an indictment was returned against Vago on September 28, 1950, charging him with violation of the Federal Perjury Statute. The crux of this violation was the false statement which he made to the Federal Grand Jury on October 20th to the effect that he had left the United States and returned to Europe in 1929 and did not again enter the United States until 1933. During the interim prior to his second appearance before the Federal Grand Jury when he retracted this statement and indicated same was false, the investigation by the New York Office developed that Vago was actually in New York City and employed by a firm in that city continuously during the period from 1929 to December, 1932. (u)

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It was pointed out in SAC Hottel's letter that SA Startzell received this initial information through [redacted] and has been handling. Further, that as a result of this agent's proper control and efficient handling of the informant, the information was furnished to Agent Startzell on the evening of [redacted], immediately after same had come to the attention of the informant. Thereafter, this agent through proper evaluation of the importance of the information and the possible association of same to the Brothman - Gold matter, promptly had the matter brought to the attention of the Bureau. As a result of his prompt action, the investigation of Vago, as previously mentioned, was initiated, same culminating in the subsequent indictment of Vago. ~~SECRET~~

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RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the effective handling of this informant by Special Agent Startzell, as well as his prompt and efficient action in the matter, it is suggested that the recommendation of SAC Hottel be accepted and that a letter of commendation be directed to Agent Startzell. (u)

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Washington Field Office - Room 1706

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

October 27, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Oscar John Vago
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Dear Sir:

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You will recall that an indictment was returned against captioned subject in the Southern District of New York at New York City on September 28, 1950 charging him with violation of the Federal Perjury Statute based on a false statement which he had previously made before the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York. The subject is presently held in custody in New York in default of a bond for $50,000. I desire to point out that the present interest of the Bureau in Vago was initiated on the basis of information which this office obtained from [redacted] b1

[redacted] (S) [redacted]

Agent Startzell took prompt action on the basis of this information, and [redacted] b1
As a result of this information, the investigation of Vago was reinstated, culminating in his subsequent indictment in New York City.

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During the further course of this investigation, Agent Startzell, through his very capable handling o[redacted] b1

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I feel that the results attained in the captioned investigation are entirely due to the effective manner in which Agent Startzell has

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developed and handled this informant. It is apparent that Agent Startzell has impressed upon this informant the necessity for promptly furnishing information which might be of interest to this Bureau, and that he [redacted] b1

Because of his effective handling of this informant, and his prompt and effective action in the matter involving Vago, it is my recommendation that a letter of commendation be directed to Agent Startzell for his alert and intelligent handling of this matter.

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL
Special Agent in Charge

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

November 6, 1950

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WAS., PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R.

REBULET FOURTH INSTANT. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO TURN OVER TO USA, SDNY, COPY REPORT SA HOLLIS W. BOWERS, OCTOBER THIRTY LAST, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND SUMMARY REPORT SA ROBERT M. KANE, FOURTH INSTANT, AT NEW YORK.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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T-1, of known reliability, not acquainted with the subject.

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Details:

A photograph of the subject was exhibited to T-1, of known reliability, and no identification was effected.

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JAMES M. McINERNEY

November 6, 1950

DIRECTOR, FBI

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.
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There are being furnished to you herewith copies of the following reports which have been submitted in the above-captioned matter:

Report of Special Agent Hollis W. Bowers, dated October 30, 1950, at Washington, D.C.;
Summary report of Special Agent Robert M. Kane, dated November 4, 1950, at New York City.

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