

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT INDIANAPOLIS	DATE WHEN MADE 7/15/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/14, 17, 18; 7/7/54	REPORT MADE BY W. J. ... bjh
TITLE WILLIAM ...			CHARACTER OF CASE ... - R;
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: T-1, an employee of another Governmental Agency, advised that in recent months the subject has had no correspondence with his parents.</p> <p>Subject's mother, SAMUEL EARL, has sent only two letters in recent months to subject and no word as to condition of subject's life. Communication between subject and wife mention only immediate family problems; however, there appears to be friction between subject's wife and his mother.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p> <p>DETAILS: Confidential Informant T-1, an employee of another Governmental Agency, advised that he personally reviews all communications received or sent by the subject. He stated that in recent months the subject has received no letters or communications from his parents. T-1 stated that the subject and his brother SAMUEL ... correspond only occasionally. He stated that SAMUEL ... has written only two letters to WILLIAM EARL in the past three or four months and the letters made no mention of subject's plight, sentence or future. He stated that the only topic mentioned in the letters of SAMUEL ... was his marriage. T-1 stated that from SAMUEL's letters, he would judge that his make-up is very close like the subject's. He stated that he is very cynical, and he judges that SAMUEL would be extremely hard to get along with.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;"> APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADVISED BY ... FILED IN ... DATE ... </p>			
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SAC, New York (65-15367)

July 22, 1954

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Director, FBI (65-59312) - 7/16

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VILHIAE PERL
ESPIONAGE - R
PERJURY

Rerep of SA Lee E. Ford made at Indianapolis
7/15/54.

A review of the instant file fails to reflect any United States address for Samuel Perl, brother of the subject who recently returned from Europe and was recently married. Inasmuch as referenced report indicates Samuel Perl is in contact with the subject, Indianapolis should furnish his address to the Bureau and to New York.

Referenced report further indicates that in correspondence between Perl and his wife, "no mention is made of "their older child" and that the subject's mother refuses to help the subject's wife care for the "children." Instant file reflects that the subject and his wife have only one child, Andrew Arthur born 6/18/52. Indianapolis should advise the basis for T-1 believing the Perls had more than one child. New York should advise if the Perls have any other children other than Andrew mentioned above.

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 7/28/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/27; 6/1, 4, 9, 15; 23, 30; 7/6, 20/54	REPORT MADE BY JOHN A. HARRINGTON
TITLE WILLIAM PERL, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R PERJURY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HENRIETTA SAVIDGE PERL, wife of subject, is living at home of HENRI B. LEITMAN at Hempstead Farms, Spring Valley, NY. Interviews with LEITMAN concerning his conversations with Mrs. PERL set forth. He advised that Mrs. PERL told him that she did not believe her husband was engaged in espionage but that he knew something and that he was in a room when something was going on. Mrs. PERL told LEITMAN that she would be willing to be interviewed by the FBI without her attorney but that she would not approach the FBI for this purpose. Interviews of Professor I. I. RABI and BERNARD BARR set forth.

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DETAILS:

HENRI B. LEITMAN of Hempstead Farms, Spring Valley, New York, telephone Spring Valley 6-2038, telephonically contacted the writer on May 27, 1954, and advised that his wife was the sister of Mrs. PERL and requested an interview at the New York Office.

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On the same date, LEITMAN was interviewed by SA EDWARD J. CAHILL and the writer at the New York Office. Mr. LEITMAN advised that his wife, MARY LOUISE SAVIDGE LEITMAN, was the sister of subject's wife, Mrs. HENRIETTA SAVIDGE PERL. He stated that during and after dinner at his house on May 26, 1954, he discussed with Mrs. PERL her husband's case. He advised that she told him that she had been upset when agents of the FBI contacted her for the purpose of arranging an interview with the writer. She told LEITMAN that she did not know what the FBI wanted to talk to her about and further, that she thought that the FBI had no further interest in her husband after he had been convicted of perjury and sent away to a Federal penitentiary to serve his term. She told LEITMAN that at first she consented to be interviewed and then called her lawyer, PHILIP WITTENBERG. After speaking with her lawyer, she decided that she would not submit to an interview with the writer except in the presence of her attorney.

Mr. LEITMAN advised that he had been present in court on one occasion and that it was his impression that PERL was not telling the truth. He further advised that it was his opinion that Mrs. PERL had information which could be of assistance to the government and offered his services in securing her cooperation. Mr. LEITMAN was advised that since Mrs. PERL had refused to be interviewed, except in the presence of her attorney, she would not be contacted except at her request.

Mr. LEITMAN advised that at that time, Mrs. PERL was residing with her sister, ELIZABETH, who is married to Mr. FREDERICK RODEWALD, Old Greenbush Road, Spring Valley, New York, telephone Nyack 1639W. He also advised that

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ALBERT C. SAVIDGE, Mrs. PERL'S father, was a graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He stated that he expected Mrs. PERL to spend the summer at his home.

On further contact, Mr. LEITMAN advised telephonically that he had from time to time spoken with Mrs. PERL concerning her husband's case. He stated that on occasion, she told him that she did not believe that her husband had been engaged in espionage but thought that he had been present in a room when certain other individuals were present and when certain events took place. Mr. LEITMAN stated that she did not elaborate on these statements.

He stated that Mrs. PERL told him that she would be willing to be interviewed by an agent of the FBI without a lawyer or any other person being present but believed that it would be an admission of weakness or guilt on her part if she contacted the FBI. Mr. LEITMAN stated that Mrs. PERL was unaware of his conversation with the writer but believed that he had spoken to his own attorneys concerning the case. Mr. LEITMAN advised that Mrs. PERL spent about ten days at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. ABRAHAM MUTTERPERL, in the Bronx.

On July 20, 1954, he telephonically advised the writer that Mrs. PERL is again living at his home and that during recent conversations with her she again has stated her willingness to be interviewed if the FBI should make the request for the same.

On June 2, 1954, Professor I. I. RABI at Columbia University was interviewed by the writer. It is noted that Professor RABI maintains his office in the Pupin Laboratory at Columbia and was present at Columbia when PERL was a technical assistant to Dr. THEODORE VON KARMAN during the period from 1947 to 1948 when VON KARMAN gave lectures at Columbia. Professor RABI advised that he had from time to time reconsidered his knowledge of PERL and stated that he could recall no incident that would have any bearing on this investigation. He stated that his contacts with PERL were

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limited since PERL was technical assistant to VON KARMAN and their studies were in different fields.

Professor RABI stated that he had attended one or two sessions of the PERL trial and that it was his personal belief that PERL was a "congenital liar".

He stated that he believed that PERL made a very poor impression on the stand and in all probability was mixed up with the ROSENBERGS.

He was asked what material he had in his safe during the period of 1947 to 1948 of a classified nature. He advised that it had been his practice not to keep material of a classified nature in his safe in the Pupin Physics Laboratory for any extended period of time. He was asked if he had maintained a copy of the so-called "Lexington Report" on the Wepa Project. He stated that he believed that he had seen a copy of the Lexington Report but could not recall ever having had it at Columbia. He stated that he had been a consultant for the government on the project and on one or two occasions had visited the project at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in an advisory capacity on the broad aspects of the project.

At the request of the writer, he examined his locked files and safe and advised that he had no documents of a classified nature in his possession. He stated that because of his slight contact with PERL, he could make no suggestion as to further lines of inquiry.

On June 9, 1954 BERNARD BARR was interviewed at his place of business, Barco Press, 20 West 22 Street, New York, New York. He advised that he had not heard from nor received any correspondence from his brother JOEL BARR. He stated that he and his wife, from time to time, had visited his mother, REBECCA BARR at her residence 241 West 97th Street, New York City. He stated he had very carefully

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examined all of his brother's personal property including photographs. He advised that the bulk of his brother's personal possessions consisted of phonograph records, some of which he (BERNARD) took for his own use.

Mr. BARR stated that the only photographs he observed were photographs of the immediate BARR family. He did not find a group photograph of JOEL BARR, JULIUS ROSENBERG and WILLIAM PERL. He stated that his mother is very ill and confined to her apartment and "putters around" the house all day. He stated it is possible, that if such a photograph had been in his mother's house, she might have destroyed it.

He added that he did not search his mother's room and it was possible that such a photo could be in his mother's room.

In view of his mother's condition he stated it would be impossible to search her room, but advised that he would immediately advise the writer of any information he might receive concerning his brother JOEL or the subject. He advised that he has not been in contact with SAMUEL PERL, subject's brother, since he returned from Europe.

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ALBANY, CLEVELAND, LOS ANGELES,
NEWARK, NORFOLK, SAN FRANCISCO (INFO.)

One copy of this report is being forwarded for information to the above offices in accordance with Bureau instructions and the fact that these offices have performed investigations in this case in the past.

INDIANAPOLIS

At Terre Haute, Indiana

Will complete review of correspondence between PERL and his wife and family and report same to the Bureau and New York.

Will report any information coming to the attention of the warden concerning PERL since the visit of the agents on April 6, 1954.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Upon receipt of Bureau authority, will interview Mrs. HENRIETTA SAVIDGE PERL, Mrs. MARY LOUISE SAVIDGE LEITMAN, Mr. and Mrs. ABRAHAM MUTTERPERL, and SAMUEL PERL.

Will complete review of this case and upon disposition of above leads, will submit to the Bureau recommendations for future action in this case.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON, 5/27/54, New York.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-59312)

DATE: 7/28/54

FROM : SAC, New York (65-15387)

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
PERJURY

Rerep of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON, at NY, dated 7/28/54
in above case, 5 copies of which are enclosed. [U]

The Bureau's attention is directed to the interviews had with Mr. HENRI LEITMAN, brother-in-law of Mrs. HENRIETTA SAVIDGE PERL. During these interviews it has been the opinion of NY that no approach should be made to Mrs. PERL except at her specific request. NY also took this position because of the fact that Mrs. PERL had previously advised that she did not wish to be interviewed except in the presence of her attorney. The Bureau has been previously advised that a review of this case had failed to develop any leads that would be of value in further developing the espionage activities of PERL. [U]

In view of the statements attributed to Mrs. PERL by Mr. LEITMAN, namely that her husband was present in a room when other individuals were present and certain events took place, and in view of the fact that she was the common-law wife of PERL for an extended period of time and did live at 65 Morton St., where it is believed that members of the ROSENBERG network gathered, there is a possibility that Mrs. PERL is in possession of information that would aid in bringing this case to a logical conclusion. [U]

Accordingly, NY recommends that Mrs. PERL be again contacted for the purpose of arranging an interview at the NYO without the presence of her attorney. [U]

Since she is residing in the home of HENRI LEITMAN, it would be proper for NY to contact Mrs. HENRI LEITMAN for the purpose of requesting that she come to the NYO for an interview. During this contact with Mrs. LEITMAN, she could

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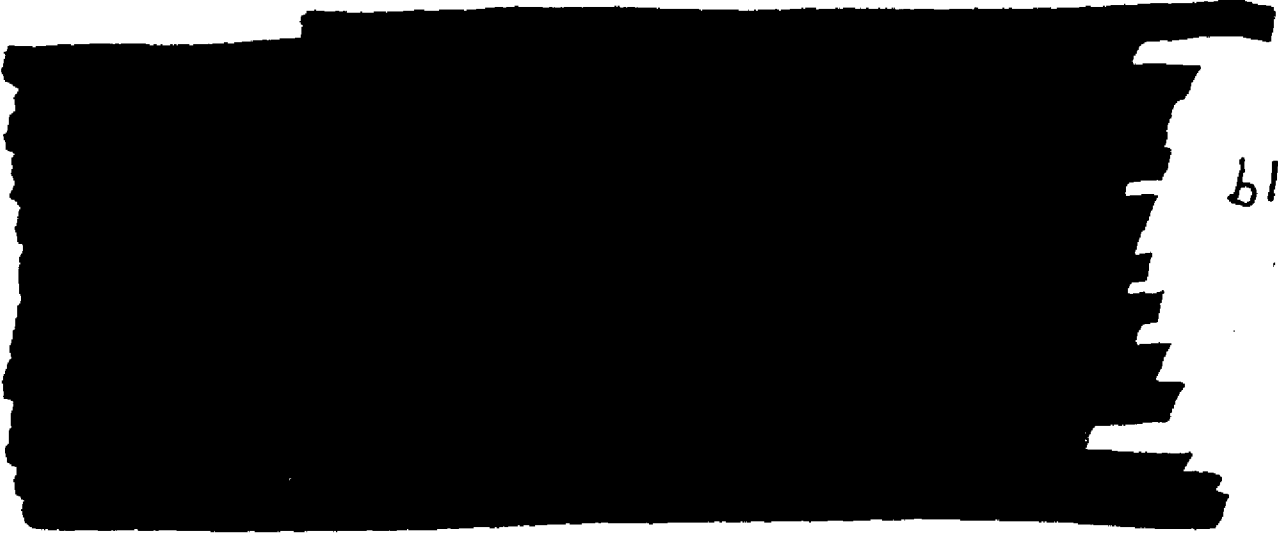
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be asked the whereabouts of Mrs. PERL and it is believed that Mrs. PERL could be invited to the NYO without any embarrassment to the Bureau. (u)



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The Bureau's opinion to the foregoing is (u)
solicited.



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SAC, New York (65-15387)

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August 13, 1954

Director, FBI (65-59312) - 917

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WILLIAM PERL, with aliases
ESPIONAGE - R
PERJURY

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES
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DATE 9/1/54 BY 3-22-76

Reurlet 7-28-54 and the report of SA John A. Harrington made at New York 7-28-54, requesting permission to reinterview Mrs. Perl, wife of the subject, through a pretext interview with her sister, Mrs. Henri R. Leitman. (u)

Refrep sets forth a statement by Henri Leitman, brother-in-law of Mrs. Perl, that in conversation with him Mrs. Perl has stated she is willing to be interviewed by an agent of the FBI without her attorney or anyone else being present, but she feels it would be an admission of guilt on her part if she contacted the FBI. In view of this statement the Bureau fails to understand why you deem it necessary to contact Mrs. Perl through her sister. You are instructed to proceed to her residence and interview her without making any prior appointment by telephone or through a third party. The Bureau feels that since she has expressed willingness to be interviewed it is not necessary to attempt to use any pretext or third party for such interview. You are reminded that Perl has knowledge of the Rosenberg apparatus which he has not divulged and every investigative effort must be made in an attempt to have him cooperate. (u)

A review of Bureau files concerning Mary Louise Savidge Leitman, sister of Mrs. Perl, reflects no identifiable derogatory information not already in the possession of your office. You are authorized to interview her for all information she may have concerning instant case. (u)

In view of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Mutterperl, parents of the subject, and Samuel Perl, brother of the subject, have previously been interviewed, you are authorized to interview them. Following the interview of Samuel Perl, you are instructed to submit a recommendation relative to including his name on the Security Index. This recommendation should be submitted in the case captioned "Samuel Perl, Internal Security - R," your file 105-6705. (u)

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[REDACTED] is now serving a 5 year term for perjury for denying before a Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York, that he knew Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell, convicted espionage agents. Perl has never cooperated with the Bureau and refused to be interviewed on April 6, 1954. At the same time, Mrs. Perl refused to be interviewed without her attorney being present.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-59312)

FROM : SAC, New York (65-15387)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, was
ESPIONAGE - R;
PERJURY

DATE: 6/3/54

Rerep of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON, NY, 7/27/54.

On 7/26/54, HENRI LEITMAN advised that Mrs. HENRIETTA PERL had informed him that she was moving to NYC on 7/27/54 and would live here with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. ABRAHAM MUTTER PERL. She also advised him that she would take up her own apartment in Manhattan, and would look for a job as a free-lance commercial artist. Mr. LEITMAN also advised that Mrs. PERL had no money and that an individual by the name of BENTON or BENTON had offered to loan her \$500.

LEITMAN stated that the subject and his wife had met this individual through DORIS STONE, whom the Bureau will recall testified as a character witness for PERL.

LEITMAN stated that BENTON or BENTON, had a dairy farm in New Jersey, was about 40 odd years of age, was married, but his wife for many years past has been confined in a mental institution. LEITMAN stated that BENTON or BENTON would possibly assist Mrs. PERL financially until she found a job. For information.

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August 12, 1954

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EX-115
WILLIAM PERL, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
PERJURY

Reurlet 8/3/54, advising that Mrs. Perl had moved in with her in-laws on July 27, 1954, and was contemplating obtaining her own apartment with the financial assistance of one Mr. Denton or Benton and that this man had offered to loan her \$500. (u)

You should immediately attempt to identify Denton or Benton who is willing to lend \$500 to Mrs. Perl. You are reminded that Mrs. Perl is the wife of a Soviet espionage agent and the possibility exists she is being assisted financially by the Russians in return for her husband's not revealing his espionage activities. You should establish coverage of Mrs. Perl's bank account to ascertain any unusual deposits made by her and to identify Mr. Denton or Benton. Mrs. Perl's brother-in-law, Henri Leitman, should be recontacted to ascertain if he has any further identifying information concerning this man. All other logical investigative steps including surveillance of Mrs. Perl should be taken in order that Denton or Benton can be positively identified. When his identity is determined you should immediately ascertain complete background information about him, his current activities and his relationship with Mrs. Perl and the subject. (u)

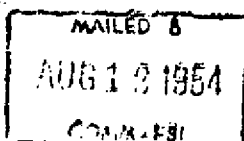
This investigation must be given prompt and vigorous attention. (u)

NOTE: [REDACTED] b1

Perl is now serving a five year term for perjury in denying before a Federal Grand Jury that he knew Rose and Martin Sobell. Information concerning Mrs. Perl's activities furnished the NYO by her brother-in-law, Henri Leitman. (u)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED

GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-59312)

DATE: August 23, 1954

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (65-2212)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL
ESPIONAGE - R
PERJURYRe Bureau letter to New York dated
July 28, 1954.

Warden PAUL MADIGAN, U. S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, who personally has been reviewing all correspondence to or from the subject as was requested of him, advised that the subject's brother, SAMUEL PERL, now resides at 936 Tiffany Street, Bronx, New York.

Warden MADIGAN stated that he had assumed that the subject and his wife had two children inasmuch as he recalled that on an occasion the subject's wife sent PERL a photograph of two small children, and MADIGAN said that he assumed both were the subject's. MADIGAN stated that he has no information that the subject and his wife have more than one child.

MADIGAN advised that the subject, his wife, and members of his family have made no mention of the FBI, any interviews by the FBI, or any pending interviews of the FBI in their correspondence. MADIGAN stated that he would continue to review the communications, and should anything appear in a communication which he deems of importance, he would immediately advise the FBI.

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TO

Director, FBI (100-59312)

DATE: 9/13/54

FROM

SAC, New York (100-65-15387)

SUBJECT:

WILLIAM PERL, was
ESPIONAGE - R, PERJURY

Rebulet, 8/13/54.

On 8/16/54 Mr. HENRY LEITMAN advised that Mrs. PERL had left his home and was residing with Mr. and Mrs. ABRAHAM MUTTERPERL, parents of subject. Mr. LEITMAN stated that Mrs. PERL was leaving the home of the MUTTERPERLS to spend about three weeks with him at his summer residence at Cape May, N.J.

Mr. LEITMAN will endeavor to secure from Mrs. PERL further identification of the person known as DENTON or BENTON.

Inquiry at Mr. LEITMAN'S office this past week reflects that he has not as yet returned to New York. His office advised today that he is expected in NY during the coming week. Upon securing additional information from Mr. LEITMAN, Mrs. PERL will be interviewed in accordance with Bureau instructions in relet.

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140, New York (65-15387)

October 22, 1954

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Director, FBI (65-59312) - 922

EX-130

WILLIAM PERL, was.
ESPIONAGE - R; PERJURY

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Re: New York 1, Harrington dated 10/9/54 at New York.

It is noted that report indicates that Nathan Wadec, 146 Central Park West, New York City, furnished money to Mrs. Perl. Bureau files reflect the following information concerning Wadec:

The name Wadec was furnished as a reference by Ben Stern in an application for employment at Brookhaven Laboratory. This information is contained in a report of SA Rex I. Shrader, dated 11/1/50 at New York, in the case entitled "Ben Stern, was., Espionage - R." (New York file 65-15157) (Bufile 65-50888 Ser. 10).

The name of Mrs. Nathan Wadec, 146 Central Park West, New York City, appeared as a correspondent of one Alexander Borovsky, subject of a case captioned "Alexander Borovsky, aka, Security Matter - R." (New York file 100-80143) (Bufile 40-32336, Ser. 18).

The above is for your information.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

WILLIAM PERL, WAS, ESP - R, PERJURY. HENRI B. LEITMAN
TODAY THAT MRS. WILLIAM PERL WILL VISIT HER HUSBAND AT THE
FEDERAL INSTITUTION AT TERRE HAUTE ON 10/10/54. FOR THE
INFO OF INDIANAPOLIS, MRS. PERL, HER SISTER, MRS.
MARY LOUISE LEITMAN AND HER FATHER, ALBERT SAVIDGE, HAVE BEEN
INTERVIEWED RE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF
PERL. MRS. PERL IS VISITING HER HUSBAND WITH THE INTENTION
OF DISCUSSING WITH HIM CERTAIN OF THE INFO THAT WAS
DISCUSSED WITH HER IN HER RECENT INTERVIEW. IT IS
POSSIBLE THAT MRS. PERL MAY ASK THE WARDEN FOR SPECIAL
PRIVILEGES SO THAT SHE MAY HAVE PRIVACY IN TALKING WITH
HER HUSBAND. IT IS REQUESTED THAT INDIANAPOLIS DISCUSS
THIS PROPOSED TRIP WITH THE WARDEN SO THAT HE MAY BE
IN A POSITION TO GRANT ANY REASONABLE REQUEST MADE BY
PERL. INDIANAPOLIS IS FURTHER REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN.

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VISIT OF MRS. PERL'S, REPORT TO THE BUREAU AND MY ANY
PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. REP OF THE INTERVIEWS WITH ABOVE
LISTED INDIVIDUALS BEING PREPARED AND SHOULD BE IN THE BUREAU
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WILLIAM PERL, WAS. LSP - R, PERJURY. ASSOCIATE WARDEN,
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, ADVISED
THAT HE HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MRS. WILLIAM PERL,
MORNING OF OCT. 18, 1954, REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR HERSELF,
HER SON, AND PERL'S MOTHER TO VISIT WITH SUBJECT BEFORE THE
END OF OCTOBER. WARDEN PAUL J. MADIGAN, NOW ON VACATION,
ADVISED THAT ALL PRIVILEGES AND FREEDOM POSSIBLE WILL BE
ARRANGED FOR PENDING VISIT. LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED AT
U. S. PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE.

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WILLIAM PERL, WAS., ESPIONAGE - R, PERJURY. REURAIR-TEL 10/26/54,
ADVISING SUBJECT'S WIFE, MOTHER AND SON WILL VISIT HIM ON 11/3
AND 4 NEXT, AND REQUESTING ADVICE REGARDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
IF IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF ESTABLISHED PRISON PROCEDURE, THE
CONVERSATION OF PERL WITH HIS FAMILY CAN BE MONITORED OR THE
SUBSTANCE OBTAINED, YOU SHOULD GET THIS INFORMATION FROM
ESTABLISHED SOURCES AT THE PRISON. PRISON OFFICIALS SHOULD
NOT BE REQUESTED TO TAKE ANY ACTION NOT NORMALLY TAKEN TO
OBTAIN THE DETAILS OR SUBSTANCE OF THE CONVERSATION. FOR YOUR
INFORMATION, MRS. PERL WAS RECENTLY INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS
OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE AND DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HER HUSBAND'S
ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES, BUT STATED SHE INTENDED TO VISIT HER
HUSBAND IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND ASK HIM ABOUT THESE ACTIVITIES.
SUMMARY OF ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED SHOULD BE PROMPTLY FORWARDED
BY AIR-TEL TO THE BUREAU AND NEW YORK. (u)

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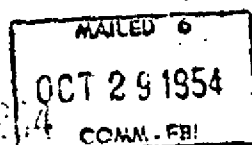
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[REDACTED] He was convicted in 1953 on perjury
before a Federal Grand Jury in denying he knew Sobell and
Robenberg. Not deemed advisable to attempt any
extraordinary coverage as such action might prevent Perl
from talking freely. [TS]

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU
INDIANAPOLIS

WILLIAM PERL, WAS; ESP-R; PERJURY. ON 10/27/54 MR. HENRI LEITMAN ADVISED THIS OFFICE THAT MRS. WILLIAM PERL HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIS WIFE, MRS. LOUISE LEITMAN. MRS. PERL ADVISED HER SISTER THAT SHE WOULD VISIT SUBJECT AT THE US PENITENTIARY AT TERREHAUTE, ON 11/3/54. MRS. PERL WILL LEAVE NY BY TRAIN AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HER YOUNG SON AND BY SUBJECT'S MOTHER. MR. LEITMAN WAS NOT AWARE OF HOW LONG MRS. PERL INTENDED TO VISIT SUBJECT. HE ALSO STATED THAT MR. RICHARD SAVIDGE, BROTHER OF MRS. PERL, HAS BEEN HELPING HER FINANCIALLY TO THE SUM OF ABOUT \$75. TO \$100. PER MONTH. HE STATED THAT MRS. SAVIDGE IS AN ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT OF A LARGE CORRUGATED PAPER BOX COMPANY IN INDIANAPOLIS. HE COULD NOT DEFINITELY STATE THE NAME OF THIS CO. BUT BELIEVED THAT IT WAS NAMED DEXTER OR SOME SIMILAR NAME. HE STATED THIS COMPANY HAD OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. RE INDIANAPOLIS AIR-TEL 10/26/54, WHICH ADVISES OF THE CONTEMPLATED VISIT OF MRS. PERL ON 11/3/54 AND 11/4/54 AND WHICH REQUESTS TO BE ADVISED IF NY OR THE BUREAU HAS ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS PERTAINING TO THE FORTHCOMING VISITS. NY

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REQUESTS, IF IT IS POSSIBLE, THAT OFFICIALS OR GUARDS AT THE PENITENTIARY OBSERVE AT A DISCREET DISTANCE THE CONTEMPLATED VISITS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ANY AGITATION, ARGUMENTS OR LOUD DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PERL AND HIS WIFE. IT IS NOTED THAT INFORMATION HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED THAT MRS. PERL IS MAKING THESE VISITS WITH THE INTENTION OF DISCUSSING WITH HER HUSBAND MATTERS THAT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH HER BY AGENTS OF NYO. IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED THAT AFTER THESE VISITS THE OFFICIALS OF THE PENITENTIARY OBSERVE PERL AND REPORT ANY CHANGE IN HIS USUAL MENTAL CONDITION. IT IS REQUESTED THAT INDIANAPOLIS ADVISE ABOUT THE VISITS OF MRS. PERL TO SUBJECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS HE INTENDS TO INTERVIEW MRS. PERL SHORTLY AFTER SHE RETURNS FROM THIS VISIT. IN VIEW OF THESE CONTEMPLATED VISITS NY WILL NOT INTERVIEW SUBJECT'S MOTHER AND FATHER OR HIS BROTHER UNTIL AFTER THE ABOVE VISITS.

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WILLIAM PERL, WAS., ESPIONAGE - R, PERJURY. RE NY AIRTEL
OCT. 28, 1954. WARDEN PAUL MADIGAN ADVISED THAT HENRIETTA
PERL DID NOT ARRIVE FOR VISIT AS PLANNED ON NOV. 3, 1954.
MADIGAN ADVISED THAT THROUGH MAIL CENSOR, IT WAS DETERMINED
THAT SUBJECT'S MOTHER CAME DOWN WITH SEVERE COLD. PLANS
TO VISIT WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10, 1954.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK

WILLIAM PERL, WA., ESPIONAGE - R, PERJURY. RE: AIRTEL 11-9-54.

AUTHORITIES USP, TERRE HAUTE, IND., ADVISE THAT SUBJECTS MOTHER,
SUBJECTS WIFE, HENRIETTA, AND SUBJECTS INFANT SON, VISITED HIM AT
TERRE HAUTE FOR TWO HOURS 11-10-54, TWO HOURS 11-11-54 AND TWO
HOURS 11-12-54. PERL HAS USED UP ALL OF HIS ALLOTTED VISITING TIME
AND SECRETARY TO WARDEN, BETTY WRIGHT, ADVISED THAT WARDEN MADIGAN
HAS REFUSED MRS. PERL'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL VISITING TIME. MRS.
PERL WILL PROBABLY LEAVE TERRE HAUTE NIGHT OF 11-12-54 OR DAY OF
11-13-54. INFO RE VISIT WILL BE FURNISHED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

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WILLIAM PERL, WAS., ESPIONAGE - R, PERJURY. REMYAIRTEL
NOVEMBER 12, 1954. WARDEN MADIGAN, USP, TERRE HAUTE, IND.,
ADVISED THAT SUBJECT'S WIFE GIVEN ADDITIONAL VISITING TIME,
ALLOWING TOTAL OF ELEVEN HOURS. HENRIETTA AND SUBJECT'S
MOTHER, AND HIS SON, DEPARTED FROM TERRE HAUTE, IND. AFTER
THREE PM, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER TWELVE, LAST. MADIGAN ADVISED
THAT VISITING ROOM OFFICER REPORTED THAT PERL DID NOT APPEAR
TO BE AFFECTIONATE TO HIS WIFE, ALTHOUGH HE WAS PLEASED TO
SEE HER AND HIS SON. MOST OF VISIT, PERL WAS VERY SERIOUS
IN CONVERSATION WITH HIS WIFE. SUBJECT'S MOTHER TOOK VERY
LITTLE PART IN CONVERSATION. THE ONLY EMOTION SHOWN BY
SUBJECT WAS WHEN HE PLAYED WITH HIS SON. MOST OF THE VISITING
TIME, SUBJECT'S MOTHER WAITED IN THE WAITING ROOM, ALLOWING
SUBJECT TO BE ALONE WITH HIS WIFE. MADIGAN ADVISED THAT HE
WILL REPORT ANY CHANGE IN SUBJECT'S MENTAL ATTITUDE.

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UNSUB; POSSIBLE COMPROMISE OF "LEXINGTON PROJECT" REPORT
ENTITLED "NUCLEAR POWER FLIGHT," DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 1948, AEA,
ESPIONAGE - R. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL 11-13-54 REQUESTING
ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS BY WFO. NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IS
NECESSARY. INVESTIGATION TO DATE INDICATES THAT THIS IS NOT
NEW INFORMATION BUT RATHER INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE BUREAU
IN THE JULIUS ROSENBERG ESPIONAGE CASE AND DISSEMINATED TO
MANY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. IN REFERENCE TO THE MISSING LEXINGTON
REPORT MENTIONED TO ME DATED 8-30-51 IN THE CASE ENTITLED "WILLIAM
HERZ, ESPIONAGE - R, HERJURY," REFERENCE WAS MADE TO A COPY OF
THE LEXINGTON REPORT WHICH HAD BEEN SENT TO THE NACA'S LEWIS
FLIGHT PROPULSION LABORATORY IN CLEVELAND, OHIO. IT WAS
DETERMINED THAT THE COPY BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN MISSING HAD BEEN
RETURNED TO THE AEA AND WAS REPLACED BY ANOTHER COPY. IF ANY
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS RECEIVED BY ANY OFFICE IN THIS
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WILLIAM PERL, WAS., ESPIONAGE - R, PERJURY. REMYAIRTEL
11/16/54. WARDEN MADIGAN ADVISED 11/24/54 SUBJECT RECEIVED
A LETTER AT THE UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE,
INDIANA, 11/16/54, FROM HIS WIFE HENRIETTA, WRITTEN BY HER
ON THE TRAIN EN ROUTE FROM TERRE HAUTE TO HER HOME IN NEW
YORK. MOST OF THE LETTER CONTAINED NOTHING OF INTEREST.
HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT WAS CONTAINED IN LAST
PARAGRAPH: "IT WAS WONDERFUL TO TALK TO YOU - LOOK AT YOU, ETC.
I WISH THO THAT YOU COULD PERFORM AN ACT OF FAITH TOWARD ME
AND RESPECT MY JUDGMENT MORE IN CERTAIN WAYS." WARDEN
MADIGAN ADVISED THAT NO CHANGE HAS BEEN NOTED IN THE
SUBJECT'S MENTAL ATTITUDE. CONTACT IS BEING MAINTAINED
WITH THE WARDEN.

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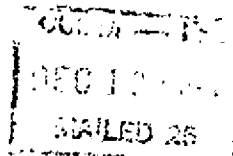
It is noted the subject's name is being carried in the Security Index, Special Section - Espionage. Due to the subject's imprisonment, his card was placed in the Unavailable Section - Imprisoned. You are instructed to carefully review the facts in this case and to submit your recommendations relative to deleting the espionage tabbing from subject's Security Index card. Prior to making such recommendations, you should review Section 87 C of the Manual of Instructions. [u]

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Perl was convicted of perjury in denying to a Federal Grand Jury that he knew Rosenberg and Sobell and is now in prison.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-59312)
FROM : SAC, New York (65-15387)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, was.
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DATE: 12/13/54

Enclosed herewith are six copies of the report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON, dated 12/13/54 at New York, New York, in the above captioned matter.

This report reflects an interview had with Mrs. PERL upon her return from visiting her husband.

Mrs. PERL stated that she now believes that her husband is innocent of any espionage activities.

New York has considered the lead in the report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON dated 10/8/54, at New York, to interview Mr. and Mrs. MUTTER PERL, parents of subject, and SAMUEL PERL, his brother.

It is noted that Mrs. MUTTER PERL accompanied Mrs. PERL on her visit to her husband. It is believed that in view of the statements made by Mrs. PERL that no information of any value concerning the espionage activities of subject would be gained by interviewing his mother or father or his brother. Accordingly, these leads will not be covered, and this case is being placed in a closed status.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 12/13/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/27, 28, 30; 11/5, 19, 22- 24/54	REPORT MADE BY JOHN A. HARRINGTON aob
TITLE WILLIAM PERL, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R PERJURY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. HEMARIETTA PERL, wife of subject, and subject's mother, SARAH MOTT PERL, visited subject at the federal institution at Terre Haute, Indiana, on 11/10, 11, and 12/54. During these visits, PERL was engaged in conversation with his wife most of the time, while his mother waited in the outside waiting room. On 11/20/54, Mrs. PERL advised that she had visited her husband and discussed with him some of the points previously discussed with her by agents of the New York Office, and that she believed him to be innocent of any espionage activity. She refused to discuss any of the comments or conversation that she had with her husband.

DETAILS:

On November 27, 1954, Mr. HEMRI LEITMAN advised that Mrs. HEMARIETTA PERL had advised his wife, Mrs. LOUISE LEITMAN, that she would visit her husband at the United States Penitentiary at Terre Haute, on November 3, 1954. Mrs. PERL was to be accompanied by her young son, and by subject's mother, Mrs. SARAH MOTT PERL.

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T-1, of known reliability, advised that Mrs. PERL did not visit her husband as planned because subject's mother became sick with a severe cold.

Informant advised that Mrs. PERL and her son, and subject's mother, visited subject for a total of eleven hours on November 10, 11 and 12, 1954. During this visit, subject was engaged in serious conversation with his wife and his mother spent most of the time in the waiting room.

On November 22, 1954, Mr. HENRI LEITMAN advised that he had no knowledge of the conversation that transpired between subject and his wife.

On November 23, 1954, Mr. LEITMAN advised that Mrs. PERL was then at his home at Spring Valley, New York.

On November 24, 1954, the writer telephonically contacted Mrs. PERL at the home of Mr. LEITMAN. She advised that she had been to visit her husband, and that she was accompanied by her son and subject's mother. The writer reminded her that she had promised him that after she visited her husband she would contact the writer and advise him of the facts of her visit.

Mrs. PERL stated that she had meant that she would advise the writer of any thing important to report. She stated that she is now convinced after visiting her husband that he is not guilty of any espionage activity.

The writer asked her if she had discussed with her husband the matters that had been discussed with her by

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SA VINCENT J. CAHILL and the writer on September 23, 1954. She stated that she had discussed some of those matters with her husband and that she was satisfied that he had not been engaged in any espionage activities. She was asked if she had discussed with him all of the subjects that had been previously discussed with her. She stated that she had not because she did not think it was necessary.

The writer asked what comments her husband made to the topics that were discussed by her with him. Mrs. PERL advised that she did not wish to discuss with the writer any of the comments that her husband had made during her conversation with him. She was asked if she had any further remarks or statements that she cared to make. She stated that she did not expect to make any remarks, and that she believed her husband was innocent of any espionage activity.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON, 10/8/54, at New York,
New York

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 12/13/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/27, 28, 30; 11/5, 19, 22- 24/54	REPORT MADE BY JOHN A. HARRINGTON aob
TITLE WILLIAM PERL, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R PERJURY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. HENRIETTA PERL, wife of subject, and subject's mother, SARAH MUTTER PERL, visited subject at the federal institution at Terre Haute, Indiana, on 11/10, 11, and 12/54. During these visits, PERL was engaged in conversation with his wife most of the time, while his mother waited in the outside waiting room. On 11/20/54, Mrs. PERL advised that she had visited her husband and discussed with him some of the points previously discussed with her by agents of the New York Office, and that she believed him to be innocent of any espionage activity. She refused to discuss any of the comments or conversation that she had with her husband.

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DETAILS:

On November 27, 1954, Mr. HENRI LEITMAN advised that Mrs. HENRIETTA PERL had advised his wife, Mrs. LOUISE LEITMAN, that she would visit her husband at the United States Penitentiary at Terre Haute, on November 3, 1954. Mrs. PERL was to be accompanied by her young son, and by subject's mother, Mrs. SARAH MUTTER PERL.

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SAC, New York (65-15987)
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Director, FBI (65-50818)

WILLIAM PERL, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
PERJURY

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Re: Rep of SA John A. Harrington made at New York
12-13-54 and your let of same date advising that no interview
of the subject's parents or brother would be conducted.

The Bureau does not agree that these interviews
should not be conducted. It is felt that all possible avenues
should be explored in an effort to obtain complete information
concerning Perl's espionage activities. Therefore, you are
instructed to interview Mr. and Mrs. Mutterperl, parents of the
subject, and Samuel Perl, subject's brother, in accordance with
the instructions set forth in Bulet dated 8-13-54.

The status of the instant
case should be changed from closed to pending, and the above
leads covered promptly.

cc - 1 - Albany (65-1679)

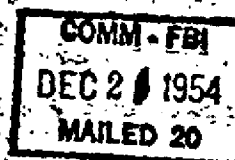
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NOTE: Perl was a member of the Rosenberg espionage ring and is
now serving a five-year term for perjury in connection with his
grand jury testimony during the Rosenberg investigation. Subject's wife, Henritta, interviewed 9-29-54, and advised she
would contact Perl and inquire about espionage activities. She
was reinterviewed after her most recent visit with her husband
and stated she feels her husband is innocent. Other interviews
previously authorized and it is felt they should be conducted.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK CITY

REPORT MADE AT INDIANAPOLIS	DATE WHEN MADE 12/17/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 15, 23, 30; 12/3, 9/54	REPORT MADE BY LEO E. FORD pjh
TITLE WILLIAM PERL, Was.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R PERJURY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject PERL was visited by his wife, mother and son at the U. S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, November 10, 11, and 12. HENRIETTA PERL wrote letter to subject immediately after visit and stated, "I wish that you could perform an act of faith toward me and respect my judgement more in certain ways." Since above visit, there appears to be no change in PERL's mood.

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DETAILS: The following is an account of the subject's visit with his wife, son and mother as furnished by [REDACTED] Terre Haute, Indiana:

November 10, 1954, the visit started at 10:00 A.M. with HENRIETTA, subject's mother, and his infant son. When PERL came into the visiting room, he stood at the north end of the visiting room and looked out into the court yard and from his actions, PERL wanted to be placed as far away from the visiting room officer as possible. He was placed close enough to the officer so that he and his wife could be observed at all times and PERL did not seem to notice or mind. He greeted his visitors in a friendly manner but did not seem very affectionate.

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At 10:15 A.M., the subject's mother took the son and moved to another seat, leaving PERL and his wife alone. At this time, WILLIAM and HENRIETTA talked in low terms and seemed very serious.

At 10:25 A.M., PERL's mother returned and told PERL good-bye and then went into the waiting room, leaving PERL, his wife and son alone, for the remainder of the morning. The only emotion shown by PERL was when he played with his son. Visit terminated at 12:00 Noon.

November 11, 1954, the visit started at 10:30 A.M. and terminated at 11:30 A.M. Visit was started again at 1:30 P.M. and it terminated at 4:00 P.M. Everything appeared normal during visit. No show of emotion was exhibited by PERL except when playing with son. He seldom smiled, did not raise his voice or become excited during their conversation with one another.

November 12, 1954, the visit started at 9:15 A.M. with the wife and son. The mother purposely waited in an outer room so that HENRIETTA could talk to PERL alone. At 9:45 A.M., the mother joined the visit. During all of the visits, PERL's mother rarely talked and she never seemed to pay any attention to the conversations between WILLIAM and HENRIETTA. That visit terminated at 3:00 P.M.

[REDACTED] advised that the day following the last visit HENRIETTA had with WILLIAM, she sent WILLIAM a letter in which she remarked that she had written it while on the train en route home. [REDACTED] advised that the last paragraph of that letter to PERL contained the following message: "It was wonderful to talk to you - look at you, etc. I wish that you could perform an act of faith toward me and respect my judgement more in certain ways." b7d b7d

[REDACTED] advised that WILLIAM PERL has been a quiet unassuming inmate since he has been committed. He has been assigned to janitor duties in one of the main corridors and b7d

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that he has performed these duties very satisfactorily. [REDACTED] stated that he has remained within himself, having little or nothing to do with other inmates. He spends all of his free time reading, mostly works in the physics field. [REDACTED] stated that since HENRIETTA's recent visit, PERL's demeanor has remained unchanged. [REDACTED] advised that he would continue to observe PERL to determine if he has a change in mental attitude and that he would personally review all correspondence to and from him, and should he note anything of interest, he would immediately advise the reporting Agent. b7d b7d

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REFERENCE

New York report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON,
dated October 8, 1954.

Bureau airtel dated October 29, 1954.

Indianapolis airtel to the Bureau and
New York, dated November 26, 1954.

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SAC, Indianapolis (65-2212)

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December 28, 1954

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Director, FBI (65-59312)

WILLIAM PERPL, was
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PERJURY

Herep SA Leo E. Ford made at Indianapolis
December 17, 1954.

It is noted rerep sets forth information furnished by [redacted] Terre Haute, Indiana, relative to the visit of Perpl's family to the prison. The identity of [redacted] should be protected with a temporary informant symbol. It is also noted paragraph 5 on page 2 sets out a direct quotation from a letter written to the subject by his wife. This information should not be included in an investigative report. Corrected pages of rerep should be submitted to the Bureau and New York covering [redacted] identity with a T symbol and delete paragraph 5, page 2.

Greater care must be exercised in the preparation of reports in order to avoid such errors in the future. Corrected copies of the report should reach the Bureau no later than January 10, 1955.

cc - 2 - New York (65-15387)

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Sizoo
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

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TO : Director, FBI (65-59312)
FROM : SAC, New York (65-15387)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, wa
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PERJURY

DATE: 12/23/54

Card U.I.D.
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(1) Request for Special Section
Department
(2) Check to determine if
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Rebulet to NY, 12/10/54. - 100-931

After a review of the facts in this case, it is the recommendation of the NYO that the Security Index, Special Section - Espionage tabbing on the above captioned subject's SI card be deleted. It is recommended, however, that the tabbing in the Unavailable Section - Imprisoned be retained.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-59312)

DATE: January 4, 1955

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (65-2212)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, Was.
ESPIONAGE - R
PERJURY
OO: New York

Re Indianapolis report of SA LEO E. FORD dated December 17, 1954; Bureau letter to Indianapolis dated December 28, 1954. — 935

As directed in referenced letter, certain changes have been effected in referenced report. Copies of the corrected report are being furnished as enclosures and the Bureau and the New York Office are requested to substitute the enclosed report for ones now in file.

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TITLE WILLIAM PERL, Was.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R PERJURY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject PERL was visited by his wife, mother, and son at the U. S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, November 10, 11, and 12. Since above visit, there appears to be no change in PERL's mood.

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DETAILS: The following is an account of the subject's visit with his wife, son, and mother as furnished by T-1, of known reliability, who has contact with subject PERL:

November 10, 1954, the visit started at 10:00 A.M. with HENRIETTA, subject's mother, and his infant son. When PERL came into the visiting room, he stood at the north end of the visiting room and looked out into the court yard and from his actions, PERL wanted to be placed as far away from the visiting room officer as possible. He was placed close enough to the officer so that he and his wife could be observed at all times and PERL did not seem to notice or mind. He greeted his visitors in a friendly manner but did not seem very affectionate.

At 10:15 A.M., the subject's mother took the son and moved to another seat, leaving PERL and his wife alone. At this

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DATE 7/10/77

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time, WILLIAM and HENRIETTA talked in low terms and seemed very serious.

At 10:25 A.M., PERL's mother returned and told PERL good-bye and then went into the waiting room, leaving PERL, his wife and son alone, for the remainder of the morning. The only emotion shown by PERL was when he played with his son. Visit terminated at 12:00 noon.

November 11, 1954, the visit started at 10:30 A.M. and terminated at 11:30 A.M. Visit was started again at 1:30 P.M. and it terminated at 4:00 P.M. Everything appeared normal during visit. No show of emotion was exhibited by PERL except when playing with son. He seldom smiled, did not raise his voice or become excited during their conversation with one another.

November 12, 1954, the visit started at 9:15 A.M. with the wife and son. The mother purposely waited in an outer room so that HENRIETTA could talk to PERL alone. At 9:45 A.M., the mother joined the visit. During all of the visits, PERL's mother rarely talked and she never seemed to pay any attention to the conversations between WILLIAM and HENRIETTA. That visit terminated at 3:00 P.M.

T-1 advised that WILLIAM PERL has been a quiet unassuming inmate since he has been committed. He has been assigned to janitor duties in one of the main corridors and that he has performed these duties very satisfactorily. T-1 stated that he has remained within himself, having little or nothing to do with other inmates. He spends all of his free time reading, mostly works in the physics field. T-1 stated that since HENRIETTA's recent visit, PERL's demeanor has remained unchanged. T-1 advised that he would continue to observe PERL to determine if he has a change in mental attitude.

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HENRIETTA PERL wrote subject PERL a letter shortly after her recent visit to Terre Haute. The pertinent part of that letter which would be of interest to the Bureau, has already been furnished to the Bureau and New York in referenced Indianapolis airtel dated November 26, 1954.

INFORMANT

T-1 is

[REDACTED]
Terre Haute, Indiana.

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REFERENCES

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Bureau airtel dated October 29, 1954.

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TITLE WILLIAM PEARL, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R PERJURY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject PEARL was visited by his wife, mother, and son at the U. S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, November 10, 11, and 12. Since above visit, there appears to be no change in PEARL's mood.

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DETAILS: The following is an account of the subject's visit with his wife, son, and mother as furnished by T-1, of known reliability, who has contact with subject PEARL:

November 10, 1954, the visit started at 10:00 A.M. with REVERITHIA, subject's mother, and his infant son. When PEARL came into the visiting room, he stood at the north end of the visiting room and looked out into the court yard and from his actions, PEARL wanted to be placed as far away from the visiting room officer as possible. He was placed close enough to the officer so that he and his wife could be observed at all times and PEARL did not seem to notice or mind. He greeted his visitors in a friendly manner but did not seem very affectionate.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 3/3/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/15,16/55	REPORT MADE BY RICHARD A. MINIHAN cpr/fib
TITLE WILLIAM PERL, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R PERJURY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mr. and Mrs. ABRAHAM MUTTERPERL advised that they did not know ROSENBERG or SOBELL and that they are convinced of WILLIAM PERL's innocence. They stated his conviction was based on the perjured testimony of a former classmate who lied to save himself. Mr. SAMUEL PERL advised he had furnished all the information he possessed in previous interviews. He has not heard from JOEL BARR since summer of 1950. He reiterated that he did not know the ROSENBERGS or SOBELL and stated he was only about 15 years of age when WILLIAM PERL left home.

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DETAILS: Mr. and Mrs. ABRAHAM MUTTERPERL were interviewed at their residence 936 Tiffany Street, Bronx, New York February 15, 1955 by SAS VINCENT J. CAHILL and RICHARD A. MINIHAN. They advised they did not know JULIUS ROSENBERG MORTON SOBELL or any of WILLIAM PERL's friends. They stated he was convicted of perjury on a false testimony of a former school mate who lied to save himself. They stated that WILLIAM PERL advised them that his conviction was based on his failure to remember two classmates at college years ago.

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Mr. and Mrs. MUTTERPERL stated they have always been anti-Communist and raised their children that way. They stated that parents know their children and they are certain beyond any doubt that WILLIAM PERL was not pro-Communist or sympathetic to the Soviet Union or in any way helped anyone who was. They advised they possessed no information concerning any association by WILLIAM PERL with ROSENBERG or SOBELL and are convinced that they were not associates.

Mr. SAMUEL PERL, 128 Broome Street, New York City was interviewed at his residence February 16, 1955 by SAS JOSEPH J. PALGUTA and RICHARD A. MINIHAN. PERL stated that he desired to cooperate with the Government in every respect, but that he had furnished all the information he possessed in previous interviews. He stated that he was about 15 years of age when his brother left home to work in Virginia, and from that time on he would only see him when WILLIAM PERL would visit his parents on holidays. He stated that with the exception of JOEL BARR, he did not know any of WILLIAM PERL's friends or acquaintances. He said that the information that he previously furnished consists of his entire association with JOEL BARR and he has not seen or heard from him since about June, 1950 in Paris. He stated that if any information concerning BARR came to his attention he would advise the Bureau. He said that he had not seen his brother WILLIAM since some time prior to 1949, when he, SAMUEL, left the United States. He again stated that he was unfamiliar with WILLIAM PERL's activities or associates and that JOEL BARR was the only friend of WILLIAM PERL known to him, and that he had only seen BARR about 6 times prior to his departure for Europe. He stated that his association with BARR consisted only of visiting BARR's apartment with his brother WILLIAM to listen to musical recordings. He said that politics were never discussed. He further stated that during his meeting with BARR in Paris, the only topics discussed

were their scholastic studies. He said that he visited ALFRED SARANT on several occasions with his brother WILLIAM to listen to records but SARANT was not there and he never met SARANT. He stated he did not know JULIUS or ETHEL ROSENBERG, MORTON SOBELL, MAX ELITCHER, HELENE ELITCHER, VIVIAN GLASSMAN, RUTH ALSCHER or any other acquaintances of WILLIAM PERL.

PERL advised that he did not attend a party at the Bird in Hand Restaurant with WILLIAM PERL in a group, and had never heard of the restaurant before he was questioned about it in Paris. He stated that he recalled checking his personal notebook of his Army activities and in the summer of 1944 he was stationed in a camp down south and had taken no leave.

SAMUEL PERL stated he had no sympathy for Communism and was anti-Communist. Further, that he is unfamiliar with the details and evidence pertaining to his brother's conviction.

DAVID GREENGLASS, self-admitted Soviet espionage agent, advised in July, 1950 to SAS JOHN W. LEWIS and LEO H. FRUTKIN that JULIUS ROSENBERG told him in February, 1950 that JOEL BARR had left the United States in 1948 to do espionage work for the Russians in Europe, and that BARR had been one of ROSENBERG's espionage contacts.

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REFERENCE

Bureau letter to NY, 8/13/54.
Bureau letter to NY, 12/21/54.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-59312)
FROM : SAC, New York (65-15387)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, was
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DATE: 3/3/55

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Rebuletts 8/13/54 and 12/21/54.

Enclosed herewith are 6 copies of the report of
SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN, dated as above at NY.

Concerning the interview of Mr. and Mrs.
MUTTERPERL and SAMUEL PERL, NYO will submit the results
of the interview of SAMUEL PERL in the case entitled
"SAMUEL PERL: IS-R" with a recommendation not to include
his name on the SI.

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WILLIAM PERL, was.
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New York, placing instant case in a closed status.

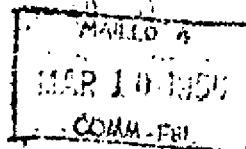
As you know, Perl occupies the unique position of being one of a limited number of persons who, if cooperative, could furnish a great many of the details of the operation of the Julius Rosenberg espionage network which have been unresolved to date. All efforts to obtain Perl's cooperation have been unsuccessful to date, but it is felt his knowledge is of such vital importance to the internal security of the United States that this case should not be closed at this time. You are instructed to place this case in a pending inactive status and, at the end of six months, resubmit your recommendations with regard to placing this case in a closed status. You should continue to be alert to any possibility of obtaining Perl's cooperation which may arise in this or any of the related cases of the Rosenberg espionage ring.

JPL:em

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NOTE: Perl was a member of Rosenberg espionage ring and is now serving a 5-year term for perjury in connection with his denials before a FGJ that he knew Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell.

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July 28, 1955

Director, FBI (65-59312)

WILLIAM PERL, wa.
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TO : L. B. NICHOLS *12/10*

DATE: 7/29/55

FROM : D. J. PARSONS *DP 14*SUBJECT: WILLIAM PERL, WA.
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There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above-captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section.

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