WINSTON BURDETT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 13, 1951

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: WINSTON BURDETT
SECURITY MATTER - C

In connection with the review of the voluminous file in the case entitled "GREGORY , Espionage-R," it was noted that one of the individuals mentioned by GREGORY as a probable espionage contact of her former supervisor, JACOB GOLOS, was never interviewed. Indications at the time the GREGORY case was opened were that he was overseas and not then available.

In her statement of November 8, 1945, informant GREGORY advised as follows: "There was another newspaperman named WINSTON BURDETT. I think that's broken up. My friend, Al (ANATOLI GROMOV), asked me about him because they had lost him. You see when these people went abroad GOLOS arranged to have people pick them up on the other side."

By letter dated November 16, 1945, addressed to New York the Bureau furnished brief background data concerning WINSTON BURDETT described as broadcaster and news analyst, who was stationed at various foreign posts during the war years and who was previously employed by the Brooklyn Eagle.

b7c- In the report of Special Agent [redacted] New York, New York, dated November 16, 1945, further biographical data regarding BURDETT is set forth including the fact that he took graduate work at Columbia University and the fact that his father, OWEN L. BURDETT, had formerly resided in New York City.

In view of the fact that effort was made to interview all of the subjects of this case and numerous individuals whose names were mentioned in the case have since been investigated and interviewed, it is suggested that the present location and current activities of WINSTON BURDETT be ascertained and that consideration be given by the Bureau to interviewing this individual who apparently was closely associated with JACOB GOLOS at one time and probably was considered by GOLOS as a source of information.

New York will consider itself office of origin in this case in the event the Bureau authorizes investigation of WINSTON BURDETT.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 30, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WINSTON BURDETT
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Washington Field letter 1/13/50. It has been ascertained that BURDETT is still employed as a foreign correspondent for the Columbia Broadcasting Company and is now stationed in Rome, Italy. R.U.C.

cc Washington Field

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February 16, 1951

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WINSTON BURDETT
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Reply from WFO 3/21/51 - Case pending in Bureau letter of 3/12/57. Lead for this office will be handled in near future. ASB

Re WFO letter dated January 13, 1951, and New York letter dated January 30, 1951, captioned "Winston Burdett, Security Matter - C."

The New York Office is requested to reinterview Elizabeth Bentley for any additional information she may be able to provide concerning Burdett. The Washington Field Office should check the passport records at the State Department for all pertinent information concerning Burdett and should furnish the Bureau and New York with 6 copies of the different photographs of Burdett which appear in his passport file. New York should see that these photographs are exhibited to all logical informants and at the same time New York should obtain any information which these informants may possess concerning Burdett.

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New York is requested to check its indices on Burdett and submit all pertinent information on him found in its files in a report suitable for distribution. In this connection New York's attention is directed to the following communications, which according to a review of the Bureau's indices contain data concerning Burdett and which are available at the New York Office.

1. The following references appear in the Gregory case. (NY file 65-14603)

   a. New York letter to the Bureau dated November 13, 1945.
   b. New York teletype to the Bureau dated November 14, 1945.
   c. New York report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 16, 1945.
   d. Bureau letter to New York dated November 16, 1945.
   e. Bentley's November 30, 1945, statement which is set forth in the New York report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 5, 1945.

2. Information concerning Burdett appears in the following references found in the Ignacy Samuel Witczak case. (NY file 100-47315)

   a. New York report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 27, 1945.

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Reply from N.Y. 3-29- This matter is under [redacted] investigation and report will be submitted [illegible] ASB

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b. New York letter to the Bureau dated January 5, 1946.
c. Albany report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 12, 1946.
d. Los Angeles report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 19, 1946.
e. New York report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 7, 1946.
f. Los Angeles report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 19, 1947.

3. Information concerning Burdett is found in the following references in the case entitled "Communist Infiltration of the Radio - Television Industry, Internal Security - C." (NY file 100-80374)

a. New York report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 30, 1949.
b. New York report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 13, 1950.

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4. New York case entitled [redacted] Internal Security - C." (NY file 100-19868)

5. New York letter dated January 16, 1945 in New York case entitled "G-2 Periodic Report, January 13, 1945, Eastern Defense Command, Refer 5-IS." (NY file 62-7548)

6. New York letter dated November 24, 1944, in New York case entitled "G-2 Periodic Report, November 18, 1944, Eastern Defense Command, Refer 5-IS."

7. New York letter dated November 27, 1944, in New York case entitled "G-2 Periodic Report, November 25, 1944, Eastern Defense Command, Refer 5-IS."

8. New York report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 9, 1949, in the case entitled [redacted] Internal Security - R." (NY file 100-1545)

The following information is not available at the New York Office.

1. Boston report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 8, 1948, in the Security Matter - C case on [redacted] a copy of this report is enclosed for the New York Office.

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2. A review of Bureau case entitled [redacted] Information Concerning," reveals that by letter dated July 8, 1945, the New Haven Office advised that [redacted]

New Haven advised that in view of [redacted] contacts throughout Europe he might be of some value to the Bureau in connection with its SIS operations. [redacted] "Brooklyn Eagle" newspaper, Brooklyn, New York, with headquarters in Paris. It is to be noted that Burdett has also been associated with the "Brooklyn Eagle."

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With Bureau approval New Haven contacted [redacted] later advised the New Haven Office that one of the individuals who was in Rome at that time and upon whom he could rely for certain information was Winston Burdett of the Columbia Broadcasting System. [redacted] did furnish information to the Bureau.

By letter dated April 10, 1947, the New Haven Office advised [redacted]

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The Bureau possesses a pamphlet entitled "A Round Table Report by CBS World Correspondents Broadcast on January 1, 1950, 5:00-5:45 P.M., EST over the Columbia Broadcasting Company." This report shows that Burdett introduced himself on this broadcast by saying, "I am Winston Burdett. My home is Brattleboro, Vermont. Present assignment and address: Rome, Italy, by way of the Balkans and the Middle East, India, Cairo, the Desert Campaign, North Africa, Anzio, the Fifth Army, and Washington, D. C."

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The New York Office is requested to submit its report in this matter as soon as possible in order that copies of it may be disseminated to the State Department and the [redacted] The New York Office is requested to show in its report the source for the information that Burdett is still employed as a foreign correspondent for CBS and is now stationed in Rome, Italy. (C)

SAC, New York

March 31, 1951

Director, FBI

WINSTON BURDETT
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With further reference Bulet dated February 16, 1951 and your letter dated January 30, 1951, I am forwarding herewith two copies of WFO letter dated January 13 last.

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WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Files Passport Division, Department of State, disclose that subject was issued Passport Number 317185 on June 23, 1936, for travel to France and England for four months on vacation. BURDETT was issued Passport Number 660915 on February 6, 1940, to visit Finland, Sweden, Norway and Germany, as newspaper correspondent for a period of ten months, and at that time listed employment as Journalist for Brooklyn Eagle Newspaper. Passport Number 231 issued April 18, 1941, to BURDETT while at Istanbul, Turkey, and listed as countries to be visited Turkey, Russia, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Palestine, India, Burma, and China, for journalistic purposes. On November 6, 1945, Passport Number 124-FS-113124, was issued to subject at Rome, Italy. Files Passport Division disclosed BURDETT listed that he married LEA SCHIAVI on July 28, 1940, and subsequently married GIORGINA NATHAN on July 1, 1945.. [redacted] of known reliability. [redacted]

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, disclosed the following information regarding WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT:

WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT was granted Passport #317185 on June 23, 1936, at which time he stated he was born at Buffalo, Erie County, United States of America, on December 12, 1913, and that his permanent residence was No. 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York. He stated that his father, OWEN LONG BURDETT, was born at Wakefield, Massachusetts, April 6, 1882, and was also residing at No. 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn.

BURDETT stated that he desired this passport to visit France and England for four months on vacation and intended to leave from New York via the SS "California" on July 1, 1936. He indicated that he had had no prior passport. BURDETT's father signed the passport application in this matter as an identifying witness.

WINSTON BURDETT was issued Passport #660915 on February 6, 1940, at which time BURDETT listed his permanent residence as #5 Montague Terrace, Brooklyn, New York. BURDETT stated he intended to visit Finland, Sweden, Norway and Germany as a newspaper correspondent for a period of ten months and he listed his occupation as a journalist. BURDETT advised he intended to leave the United States on February 3, 1940, sailing on the SS "Drottenholm." No individual signed the passport application in this instance as an identifying witness.

BURDETT in connection with this passport of February 6, 1940, advised in a letter dated January 24, 1940, to the Department of State, that he was applying for a passport to Europe as a special correspondent for the "Brooklyn Eagle." He stated that he had been assigned to write an extended series of feature articles on conditions in Finland, Sweden, and possibly elsewhere. The Eagle, according to BURDETT, had suggested that "I include the following four countries as those to which I will go or through which I may pass: Finland, Sweden, Norway and Germany. My length of stay should, we have agreed, be set as nine months although later developments might suggest an extension of my assignment beyond that time." BURDETT advised he intended to go first to Finland with passage through Sweden, sailing on February 3 on the SS Drottingholm of the Swedish-American Line. BURDETT advised that under the arrangement he had reached with Mr. POSEY (H. G. POSEY, Managing Editor of the Brooklyn Eagle), he would be compensated following his return on a space, or story-by-story, basis.

In connection with this application for a passport, on January 25, 1940, Mr. H. G. POSEY, Managing Editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, directed a letter to the Department of State, advising that BURDETT had been employed on the Eagle since October 8, 1934; that "for the past year-and-a-half, he has been associate editor of 'Trend', a section of the Sunday Eagle, which presents the week's news in digest form." Mr. POSEY also

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stated that Mr. BURDETT "who is being granted a leave of absence without pay, is a person of independent means. He will be compensated for all of his published material upon his return." On February 5, 1940, Mr. H. G. POSEY again directed a letter to the Department of State, advising at that time that the Eagle considered Mr. BURDETT to be the Eagle's bona fide representative in every sense of the term and "we are sorry that the nature of his assignment was not, apparently, sufficiently clarified in our earlier letter."

Further, on February 5, 1940, WINSTON BURDETT directed another letter to the Department of State, advising that he desired to clarify the nature of his assignment; that "first, that I am a salaried employee of the Brooklyn Eagle, and second, that I am on definite assignment as the Eagle's representative, to write a regular series of articles from Finland, Sweden, Norway and, should regulations permit, from Germany. Under the arrangement which Mr. POSEY and I have reached I shall be compensated on a commission basis, as that is specified in Departmental Order No. 811 which you forwarded to me; that is, on a space or article basis."

On May 21, 1940, Passport #660915 was amended for WINSTON BURDETT, who at that time listed his foreign address as Grand Hotel, Stockholm, Sweden. This action taken by the American Vice Consul, F. C. SIGMOND, at Stockholm, amended BURDETT's passport for "valid for one single journey to Esthonia, Latvia, Russia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Turkey. Traveling on a vessel or plane of a non-belligerent country, unless such vessel or plane is not reasonably available. War Correspondent."

On June 21, 1940, BURDETT's passport #660915 was amended by the American Vice Consul, FREDERICK D. HUNT, at Bucharest, Rumania. This amendment was for its "validation for travel in the following countries in connection with my newspaper work: Rumania, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Italy, Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece, Spain, Portugal, and travel on vessels of neutral countries. At that time BURDETT listed his foreign address as Athecee Palace, Bucharest.

On December 11, 1940, BURDETT's passport #660915 was validated by the American Vice Consul, at Belgrade, J. L. CAINAN. This validation was for six months until June 6, 1941, for Yugoslavia, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Turkey, U.S.S.R., and Italy, for newspaper work. At that time BURDETT listed his foreign address as c/o Hotel Srpski Kralj, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

On January 28, 1941, BURDETT's passport #660915 was validated by the American Vice Consul at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, J. L. CAINAN. This validation was until June 6, 1941, for Yugoslavia, Holland, Belgium, Turkey and U.S.S.R. for newspaper work. At that time BURDETT listed his foreign address as the Hotel Srpski Kralj, Belgrade.

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On April 18, 1941, Passport #231 was issued to WINSTON BURDETT at the American Consulate at Istanbul, Turkey. At that time BURDETT stated that since 1940 to the date of the issuance of this passport he had resided at Sweden, Yugoslavia, Rumania and Turkey; that his legal residence was No. 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York. He stated that he was married On July 28, 1940, to LEA SCHIAVI who was born at Borgosesia, Italy, March 2, 1907, and who was not an American citizen. He stated that she was residing at Ankara Palas Hotel, Ankara, Turkey.

WINSTON BURDETT stated that his father, OWEN LONG BURDETT, and his mother, ELIZABETH WHITE, were both residing at No. 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York; that his father was born April 6, 1881, at Wakefield, Massachusetts, and his mother was born August 19, 1878, at San Francisco, California.

This particular passport listed as countries to be visited, Turkey, Russia, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Palestine, India, Burma and China for journalistic work.

On April 18, 1941, this particular passport was amended by the American Embassy, at Ankara, Turkey, to be valid to October 18, 1941, for residence in Turkey and Soviet Union, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Palestine, India, and British ports, Burma and China, for journalistic work.

On October 7, 1941, this passport was amended by the American Embassy at Ankara, Turkey, to be valid to February 6, 1942 - "Turkey for residence and Soviet Union, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, India, and British ports, Burma and China for journalistic work."

On January 26, 1942, BURDETT executed an Application for Renewal of Passport, before the American Vice Consul at Tehran, Iran, and the passport was renewed to expire February 6, 1944. At that time BURDETT stated he represented the Columbia Broadcasting System. He listed his foreign address as Hotel Ferdowsi, Teheran.

On September 20, 1942, the American Consulate at Cairo, Egypt, extended BURDETT's passport for six months to be valid until March 30, 1943. At that time BURDETT listed his foreign address as Shepheard's Hotel, Cairo, Egypt.

On November 6, 1945, Passport #124-FS-113124 was issued to WINSTON BURDETT at Rome, Italy. At that time BURDETT stated he was then residing at 1 Via Toscana, Rome, Italy. He stated that he had resided in France and England from July, 1936, to August, 1936; Europe, Africa and Asia, from February, 1940, to the date of this most recent passport.

At that time he stated he was last married on July 1, 1945, to GIORGINA NATHAN, who was born at London, England, on [redacted] } b7C
[redacted] and who was not an American citizen. At that time he stated that his parents were then residing at Brattleboro, Vermont.

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This passport was valid for travel to Great Britain, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Poland, Hungary, Roumania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece, Albania, the USSR, Egypt, N. Africa, Palestine, Syria, and Turkey as a correspondent.

In connection with this passport, the files of the Department of State contained a communication dated November 3, 1945, from the Detachment "A", Public Relations Section, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, APO-512, to the U. S. Consul, at Rome, Italy. This communication stated that WINSTON BURDETT, accredited to that Theater, and representing the Columbia Broadcasting System, had been asked by his home office to cover a great deal of territory in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. In view of that, the communication stated, "it was the desire of his office that the passport of Mr. BURDETT be validated for the following countries: Great Britain, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Poland, Hungary, Roumania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece, Albania, the USSR, Egypt, N. Africa, Palestine, Syria and Turkey."

On March 23, 1946, this passport was amended by the American Consulate at Rome to include travel to necessary countries to the United States.

The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, disclosed that on March 1, 1948, THEODORE F. KOOP, Director of News Broadcasts, Columbia Broadcasting System, directed a letter to the Department of State, advising that the CBS was sending BURDETT to Europe as a foreign correspondent. In this letter it was stated that it was desired to get BURDETT's passport validated for Great Britain, France, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Palestine, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Romania, and Hungary. The files of the Passport Division disclosed that this passport was renewed on March 1, 1948.

Passport #2808-FS-279522 was issued on October 25, 1949, to WINSTON BURDETT by the American Consulate at Rome, Italy. At that time BURDETT stated he was residing at Via Veneto 7, Rome, Italy, and that his wife, GIORGINA NATHAN was also residing with him in Rome. BURDETT stated he was married on July 1, 1945, to GIORGINA NATHAN who was born February 24, 1921, in London, England. This passport was for "All countries" and his occupation was listed as journalist. The passport application listed as references: Mr. EDWARD R. MURROW, c/o CBS, 485 Madison Avenue, NYC, and Mr. T. WELLS CHURCH, c/o CBS, 485 Madison Avenue, New York City.

b2- The files of Washington [redacted] another government agency engaged in conducting personnel and intelligence investigations, disclosed that Mrs. LEA BURDETT, wife of WINSTON BURDETT, had been killed on April 24, 1942, near Miandoab, Iran. These files disclosed that Mrs. BURDETT at the time of being murdered was in an automobile driven by ASSATUR GRASGIAN, Chauffeur, Miss ZINA AGHAYAN, an interpreter, a young Kurd, named SEYFADDIN, b2- an uncle of SEYFADDIN, and a policeman. According to the files of [redacted]

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the chauffeur, ASSATUR GRASGIAN, in giving his explanation of the murder, stated that he felt that the Kurds, who had been responsible for the murder of Mrs. BURDETT, were after the young Kurd who was with Mrs. BURDETT's party and that robbery was not the motive for the murder.

Files of [redacted] disclosed that Miss ZINA AGHAYAN, the interpreter who was with Mrs. BURDETT at the time of her murder, also thought that the Kurds who had caused Mrs. BURDETT's car to be halted and had then shot her were after the young Kurd who was with the party.

Files of [redacted] disclosed that WINSTON BURDETT arrived in Tabriz following the death of his wife. It was stated that Mr. BURDETT was convinced that the murder of his wife was not accidental but was deliberate. This belief of BURDETT's according to the files of [redacted] was shared to a certain extent by the Soviet Consul General and the Governor General. It was stated that the fact that the young Kurd, SEYFADDIN, who was in the company of Mrs. BURDETT was not killed, although he alone was facing five marauding Kurds, might point to other motives than that of a tribal feud. Further it was stated that "a strange statement made by the murderer at the time of the preliminary investigation that 'no one had ordered him to shoot Mrs. BURDETT' was also significant."

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It was stated that a representative of [redacted] had spoken with the Soviet Consul General, who assured the representative that he would consult Russian Major General MELNIK to ascertain if the Red Army could conduct an investigation of the case independently of the Iranian authorities. The Soviet Consul General declared that he would in the interest of the security of the Red Army insist that the investigation of the murder be conducted with vigor and that if an alien hand were at work on the case it would be most assuredly uncovered.

The files of [redacted] disclosed that WINSTON BURDETT had explained that his wife, IEA, had had political enemies arising out of her position as Head of the Anti-Fascist League in Iran. BURDETT stated that the latter organization was small but perhaps sufficiently annoying to the Axis powers in that strategic and vital area to warrant her assassination.

Washington [redacted] of known reliability, [redacted] (5)

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b7c - [redacted] of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Washington, D.C., advised following a check of the files maintained by CBS that they could locate no copy in Washington, D.C., of the radio program of WINSTON BURDETT for August 28, 1946.

With reference to Doctor STEFAN LITAUER and MIECZYSLAW WIONCZEK, mentioned above, the following background information is being set forth:

DOCTOR STEFAN LITAUER

The Diplomatic List for January, 1946, carried for the first time the name of STEFAN LITAUER, as the Polish Minister Plenipotentiary, Counselor of the Embassy. The December, 1946, issue of this Diplomatic List is the last issue to reflect this individual's name as the Polish Minister in the United States.

A news article which appeared in the Washington "Sunday Star" of December 9, 1945, by KATHARINE M. BROOKS, discussed the reopening of the Polish Embassy in Washington, D.C., with OSKAR LANGE as the newly appointed Ambassador. Mention was made in this article of Doctor STEFAN LITAUER as the Minister Counselor. It was stated that LITAUER had had a career in the diplomatic service of his country for some years before entering the field of journalism. It was stated that he had been Chief of the London Bureau of the Polish News Agency for fifteen years until he had disagreed with the Polish Government in London when he resigned that post. It was stated he then became a member of the Staff of the London "News Chronicle" and was connected with the News Chronicle for some time, until the establishing of the present Polish Government when he accepted the post in the Embassy at Washington, D.C. It was claimed that LITAUER was a widower and that his only son, CAZIMIR, was then in the Polish Consular Service after serving with the Polish Army.

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[redacted] in 1945, when LITAUER returned to Poland. Informant stated that LITAUER had formerly been connected with the London Government in Exile as Assistant to STANISLAW KOT, the former Polish Minister for Propaganda, in the London Government. (C)(U)

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The informant mentioned that he did not know who had been responsible for LITAUER's switch to the present Polish government but that the latter remained in Warsaw from July, 1945, to the latter days of December, 1945, helping OSKAR LANGE, the newly appointed Polish Ambassador to the United States, in establishing the new Embassy in the United States. (C)(U)

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Washington [redacted] remarked that LITAUER came to the United States with the title of Minister Plenipotentiary, and remained until December, 1946, when he was recalled to Poland. [redacted]

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LITAUER did not care to associate with left wing groups and that this attitude was caused not only by political convictions but by personal reasons. (b)(u)

Informant remarked that it was his opinion that LITAUER was recalled to Poland because his views were well known with respect to the "left wing groups" and because LITAUER did not enjoy close personal relations with the Polish Ambassador, at that time OSKAR LANGE. Washington [redacted] mentioned that LITAUER at the present time is in Poland and is engaged in carrying on radio broadcasts regarding political matters and every day affairs. (b)(u)

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MIECZYSLAW WIONCZEK

The files of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, disclosed that MIECZYSLAW WIONCZEK had registered on January 28, 1948, as an Agent for a foreign principal. At that time WIONCZEK listed his position as the American Representative of the Polish Press News Agency (Pappress), 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York.

At that time in describing the activities in which he was engaged in the interest of his foreign principal, WIONCZEK listed that as set forth in his original registration statement and in supplemental statements filed in behalf of the Polish Press News Agency, he served as the American Representative of this agency. He listed that he

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conducted a news and information service for the United States of America, Canada, Mexico, and Brazil Press, involving the receipt of press correspondence via mail and cable from the foreign principal and engaged in the preparation and distribution of such material for publication in the Press of the United States of America, Canada, Mexico, and Brazil, and the sending of news cables and mail correspondence to the foreign principal for publication in the Press of the Republic of Poland. (C) (U)

An examination of the "Supplemental Registration Statement" executed by WIONCZEK on January 31, 1951, for the six months ending December 31, 1950, disclosed that WIONCZEK stated that his foreign principal was the Polish Press Agency (Pappress), the News Agency of the Government of the Polish Republic at Warsaw, Poland. At that time the activities of the registrant were listed as the sending of the news cables and mail correspondence to the foreign principal for publication in the Press of the Republic of Poland.

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[redacted] in 1945, at which time the latter was a newsman accredited to the Four Power Allied Command in Berlin, Germany. At that time he was also employed by a Polish Weekly, Przekroj, and by the Polish Press News Agency. The informant described this latter organization as the government owned and controlled Press Agency for the Republic of Poland. Informant stated that he had never known WIONCZEK to have been a member of the Communist Party during that period, and that during World War II WIONCZEK was engaged in the buying and selling of second-hand books on the black market. The informant remarked that after WIONCZEK received an appointment to the United States as Director of the Polish Press News Agency, he appeared to be eager to follow the Communist Party line in reporting activities in the United States. However, informant remarked that in the last few years WIONCZEK has taken a different viewpoint of affairs in this country and has impressed the informant as being definitely anti-Communist at this time. Informant added that in his opinion WIONCZEK would like to remain in the UnitedStates, rather than return to Poland if recalled. (C) (U)

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Washington [redacted] of known reliability, advised that he had known MIECZYSLAW WIONCZEK in Warsaw, Poland, during World War II at which time the latter was engaged in buying and selling of books on the black market. The informant remarked that to his knowledge WIONCZEK had no political affiliations during that era. (C) (U)

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[redacted] at that time considered WIONCZEK to be pro-Soviet in his viewpoint, however, the informant remarked that for the past three or four years WIONCZEK appeared to have formed a different concept of the meaning of political affairs in this country. As a consequence, according to the informant, WIONCZEK is at this time anti-Soviet and anti-Communist. The informant mentioned that in his opinion neither WIONCZEK nor his wife, TERESA, desire to return to Poland but prefer to remain in the United States. (U)

The following is a physical description of WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT as secured from the files of the Passport Division, Department of State:

Name:	WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
Born:	December 12, 1913, Buffalo, New York
Height:	5'8"
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown

The files of the Passport Division contained no further pertinent data regarding this individual.

ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU: Six copies each of the photographs of the subject taken around 1936, 1940, 1941, 1945.

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ReBulet, 2/16/51, concerning the present whereabouts of the subject.

Confidential Source [redacted] has advised that the subject is presently employed in New York City by Columbia Broadcasting Company on a purely contractual basis and is listed under the heading, "Analysts and Reporters". [redacted] pointed out that C.B.S. has no personnel file on the subject but that he will attempt to ascertain where the subject is living in New York.

A report is presently being prepared and will be forwarded to the Bureau as soon as possible.

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TITLE: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT

CHARACTER OF CASE: ESPIONAGE-R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject described in 1942 as supporter of Communist leadership in NY Newspaper Guild, and as either member of CP or a close sympathizer. In 1939 subject was reference for DORETTA TARMON, a known Communist. Subject was friend of [redacted] of unknown espionage agent [redacted] who used name IGNACY SAMUEL WITCZAK. Subject's address found in possession of WITCZAK. Subject's parents met Mrs. WITCZAK. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY advises that around 1939, JACOB GOLOS, her espionage superior, told her he was in communication with subject, and that he had told BURDETT to advise BENTLEY whenever he changed address. Subject born 12-12-13, Buffalo, NY. Attended Harvard and Columbia Universities, and has been employed in newspaper field. During war, was employed as foreign correspondent. Presently under contract to Columbia Broadcasting Co. in NYC as analyst and reporter.

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DETAILS: Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on March 19, 1942, that WINSTON BURDETT supported the Communist leadership of the New York Newspaper Guild, and was either a member of the Communist Party or a close sympathizer.

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The records of Confidential Informant [redacted] a former Government agency, reflected that in 1939, DORETTA TARMON gave the name of WINSTON BURDETT, 5 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York, as a reference.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on July 25, 1945, that DORETTA TARMON was a member of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on January 20, 1951, that DORETTA TARMON was a member of the Communist Party.

Copies of the publication, "New Masses" prior to August 26, 1947, reflected that DORETTA TARMON was a field director for this publication.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] had fought with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain, and that he had last heard from him during the late 1939's or 1940's from Yugoslavia. [redacted] received a letter from him sometime during 1939 or 1940 postmarked Geneva, Switzerland, at which time he indicated he was writing for some newspaper.

[redacted] reflected that he was a Communist. [redacted] also expressed the belief [redacted] was a Communist.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on September 28, 1945 that the notebook of IGNACY SAMUEL WITCZAK contained the name of BURDET, 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York, MAin 4-5962.

IGOR GOUZENKO, former code clerk of the USSR Embassy in Ottowa, Canada, advised in 1945 that a Soviet espionage agent was studying at some university in Los Angeles under the name of IGNATZ WETCZAK. This unknown individual was subsequently determined to be using the name of IGNACY SAMUEL WITCZAK.

WITCZAK disappeared from the United States in November, 1945. In January, 1946, his wife, who was using the name of BUNIA WITCZAK, also disappeared.

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[redacted] advised on January 23, 1946 that he was an acquaintance of [redacted] WINSTON BURDETT. He stated that the latter formerly worked for the "Brooklyn Eagle" [redacted]

[redacted] WINSTON BURDETT'S address, 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, [redacted] advised that WITCZAK did not see BURDETT.

[redacted] in an interview on September 14, 1950, maintained that WITCZAK had never taken him into his confidence concerning espionage. [redacted]

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In connection with [redacted] at the residence of WINSTON BURDETT in Brooklyn.

[redacted] BUNIA WITCZAK arrived in New York, and stayed for a day or so at the BURDETT residence [redacted]

[redacted] on the basis of his present knowledge of WITCZAK'S activities, [redacted] may have been related to espionage activities.

[redacted] apartment house at 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, advised that OWEN BURDETT and his wife resided at 2 Grace Court for three or four years prior to July, 1945, and that they moved to 10 Greene Street, Brattleboro, Vermont. He stated that the BURDETTS had a son whom he believed was a commentator working for the United States Army in Italy.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that on October 4, 1945 the WITCZAKS had in their possession a letter dated December 15, 1941 from ELIZABETH W. BURDETT (Mrs. OWEN L. BURDETT) 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York, to Mrs. BUNIA WITCZAK. In this letter, Mrs. BURDETT mentioned the "little visit" which she and her husband had with BUNIA WITCZAK.

She then mentioned that they were very worried because they had not heard from [redacted] and inquired as to whether BUNIA had heard from him.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that as of October 17, 1938, OWEN L. BURDETT and his wife, ELIZABETH, resided at 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, and had formerly resided at 8409 Talbot Street, Kew Gardens, Long Island. OWEN BURDETT had been employed as an outside plant engineer by the New York Telephone Company for many years.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on October 15, 1945 that OWEN BURDETT and his wife had quite a sizeable library of books on Russia, as well as many pro-Soviet publications.

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, advised that as of October, 1945 and February and March, 1946, WINSTON BURDETT'S address was care of Press Attache, Office, United States Embassy #1, APO 512, Care of Postmaster, New York.

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, a self-confessed former Soviet espionage agent who acted as a courier for the Soviet agent, JACOB GOLOS, executed a signed statement on November 30, 1945 in which she stated that sometime in the Summer of 1939 GOLOS told her that if she received any letters from Canada, they would be for him, and that she was to deliver them to him. These letters kept coming from Canada over a period of about six months.

Miss BENTLEY recalled that during the same period she received cablegrams from WINSTON BURDETT. GOLOS informed her that he had been in communication with BURDETT, but that he had told BURDETT to cable Miss BENTLEY whenever he changed his address.

Miss BENTLEY advised that BURDETT at that time was traveling in Europe, and that she recalled having received several cablegrams from him which indicated his location. She stated that she turned these cablegrams over to GOLOS as per instructions.

Miss BENTLEY had previously advised on November 10, 1945, that in either 1942, or 1943, she received mail from WINSTON BURDETT and several other people. This mail was in fact for GOLOS, and when these letters arrived, she turned them over to GOLOS. She stated that she never examined these letters, and is not familiar with their contents.

She further advised that GOLOS never apprised her of the nature of the correspondence he received from these individuals.

Miss BENTLEY stated that WINSTON BURDETT in 1945, was employed by one of the large broadcasting hook-ups, and she believed that he was a commentator located somewhere in Europe, being heard daily on the "News Around the World" program.

b2 - Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised in November, 1945, that BURDETT had recently been stationed in Italy, and on numerous occasions was known to have made the broadcasts which were critical of Allied and American military policies in Italy.

He had painted a dark picture of the economic and food situations in Italy, and had indicated that the type of policies applied by American military authorities would never lend themselves to the improvement of Italian-American relations.

The informant also advised that during 1940 it was learned that MANFRED ZAPP of Transocean News Service sent a cable to Berlin requesting that WINSTON BURDETT, then a correspondent for Transradiopress in Sweden, and who was en route to Oslo, Norway, be extended the same courtesies by the German authorities as was being extended to correspondents of the Associated and United Press.

The following information concerning WINSTON BURDETT was obtained from the 1943 edition of "Current Biography", published by H. W. WILSON, New York City:

BURDETT was born on December 12, 1913 at Buffalo, New York. He attended Trinity School in New York City, and later went to Harvard University where he specialized in Romance Languages. He established a brilliant record at Harvard by completing his studies in three years, graduating Magna Cum Laude at the age of 19. He later, during the years 1933-1934, took post-graduate work in Italian at Columbia University, New York City.

Since his graduation from school, BURDETT'S entire career has been in the newspaper field. His first position was on the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" where he worked for six years as a reporter, columnist and associate editor of "Trend", the paper's Sunday supplement.

In his "Eagle" column, "The Sound Track", BURDETT aired his comments and reflections on the motion picture industry. He was chiefly interested in analysing and evaluating the Hollywood attitude toward contemporary issues and problems, particularly with regard to their awareness of social problems.

During his employment on the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle", BURDETT served his colleagues in a number of ways. He was chairman of the Grievance Committee of the local unit of the Newspaper Guild; delegate to the Guild's Representative Assembly; chairman of the Guild's Election Committee, and a member of the Strike Committee. According to his associates, he devoted considerable effort and ability to his activities of the Newspaper Guild.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War II, BURDETT was assigned to Sweden by the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" to cover the war at Scandinavia as a roving reporter. His work for the "Brooklyn Eagle" subsequently obtained for him contracts with Trans-Radio Press and the Columbia Broadcasting System.

In February, 1940, he sailed for the Finnish capital, whence he was to proceed to Sweden; originally, he was supposed to remain abroad for six months, depending upon developments. He planned to mail his eye-witness accounts to the "Eagle", thereby providing the newspaper with an exclusive feature. Subsequently, Trans-Radio Press made him head of its Scandinavian Staff, after which the Columbia Broadcasting System obtained him as one of its Foreign Correspondents and radio commentator.

Following his Scandinavian assignment, BURDETT went to Bucharest via Moscow. In Bucharest he met LEA SCHIANI, an Italian journalist from Milan, Italy, and married her. (While on a photographic assignment for "PM" in Northern Iran in April, 1942, Mrs. BURDETT was killed by a band of Kurds).

As Foreign Correspondent for the Columbia Broadcasting System, BURDETT used to broadcast to the United States every Sunday evening in a CBS roundup of Foreign Capitals. In October, 1940, however, he was given five days in which to leave Roumania. He was ordered out of the country by the Nazis because he had discovered and reported Nazi infiltration into Roumania. His reports of unrest in Italy, such as the 1941 riots in Milan and other Northern Italian cities, next led to his expulsion from Yugoslavia.

BURDETT covered the local situations in Ankara, Turkey, and Cairo, Egypt, for CBS before going to North Africa, prior to the American invasion. In North Africa he reported a great deal on the details of the Giroud-De Gaulle controversy. While BURDETT'S sympathies were obviously on the side of the Free French, he eagerly, according to his broadcast, hoped for a rapprochement between the two generals. He optimistically held General GIROUD'S speech in March, 1943, as, "The fine speech in favor of Democracy" and looked forward to the eventual union of French forces.

In the Summer of 1943, BURDETT covered the Allied invasion of Sicily, and in the Autumn of that year he was again broadcasting from Algiers.

BURDETT'S biographer concluded that little seems to be known of BURDETT as a person, probably because he has thought it both unnecessary and ostentatious to have himself publicized. His associates on the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" recall him as "a quiet sort of fellow, one whom you would never expect to say much." It is to be noted that a picture of BURDETT is obtainable, in the event the same is necessary, in the publication mentioned above.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability advised in 1946, that WINSTON BURDETT was originally employed by the Columbia Broadcasting System in 1941, while he was in Italy. Since that time he has been broadcasting news events and comments from European capitals chiefly centered around the Mediterranean area. At the present time, (1946), according to [redacted], BURDETT broadcasts several times a week in a world-news roundup program from Cairo, Egypt.

Prior to this, considerable of BURDETT'S time had been spent at Ankara. Since the time of his original employment, BURDETT has not returned to the United States although it is expected that he will do so for routine purposes within the not too immediate future.

The informant further advised that they have never received any complaints concerning the substance of news comments and opinions as broadcast by BURDETT. He has confined himself chiefly to the obtaining of news features. He has also appeared quite sincere in his broadcast, although caustic at times when the occasion demanded it.

According to a news item appearing in the "New York Times" on April 27, 1942, Mrs. LEA SCHIANI BURDETT, wife of WINSTON BURDETT, and a correspondent for the New York newspaper, "PM", was shot and killed by a band of Kurds in Northern Iran on April 26, 1942. According to this same

article, Mrs. BURDETT, of Italian birth, was about 32 years of age. She met BURDETT in Bucharest, Roumania, where she was writing for an Italian newspaper. They were married in Sofia, Bulgaria, in July, 1940. Because of alleged anti-Fascist sympathies, Mrs. BURDETT was expelled from Bucharest in 1940, at which time the Italian government cancelled her passport and visas.

In a news item of October 16, 1940 in the "New York Times", datelined Bucharest, Roumania, it was noted that BURDETT, a reporter for CBS, was ordered to leave Roumania in five days. His wife was included in the expulsion order.

A further news item appearing in the "New York Times" of January 31, 1941, datelined Berne, Switzerland, reported that BURDETT was barred from the use of the international telephone by decree of the Yugoslav Ministry because of his anti-Italian representations in reporting disorders in Northern Italy.

b7C- [redacted] Registrar's Office, Columbia University, advised that BURDETT took post-graduate studies in Italian from September, 1933 to June, 1934 at Columbia. At this time his address was 8409 Talbot Street, Kew Gardens, New York City. His father was named as OWEN L.BURDETT, of the same address.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, who in 1945 was connected with the UNNRA, advised that WINSTON BURDETT was the Columbia Broadcasting System man in Rome.

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, advised that on March 26, 1947, ABRAM FLAXER, president of the United Public Workers of America, CIO, and Congressman RICHARD NIXON, appeared on a CBS radio program directed by this subject. This program dealt with the Government's Loyalty Program. FLAXER spoke in opposition to the Loyalty Program.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised in November, 1948 that HENRY STUART HUGHES, the grandson of the former Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, had had prepared for publication a manuscript concerned with international events which offered a philosophy which attempted to determine a solution to the conflict between the United States and the USSR.

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This manuscript, according to the informant, was marked principally by its efforts to rationalize foreign and international policy on the basis of the theories of KARL MARX. In the forward to this manuscript, HUGHES described himself as a Marxist.

The informant advised that certain personal contacts of HUGHES were to be solicited for review opinions to further the sale of the book. [redacted] stated that among these contacts of HUGHES, was WINSTON BURDETT, radio commentator for the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that [redacted] accepted an appointment at Harvard University.

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 28, 1949, page seven, column five, contained an article entitled, "CBS Reporters Find Polk Trial A Rigged Deal." This article stated that WINSTON BURDETT and ALEXANDER KENDRICK, of CBS, who covered the POLK murder trial in Salonika, Greece, corroborated the charge of the Free Greece radio that the trial was a rigged farce.

The correspondents were quoted as having cabled that "Communism rather than a certain Mr. STAKTOPOLOUS is on trial."

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, advised that ALEXANDER KENDRICK was known to have associated with a number of Communist Party members in Philadelphia, and was considered to be in sympathy with the Communist Party cause.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that KENDRICK had been a contributor to "New Masses", which publication was described by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 29, 1944, Pages 48 and 75, as a "nationally circulated weekly journal of the Communist Party."

The informant also advised that KENDRICK had written an article which appeared in the "PM" newspaper on September 4, 1947 in which he praised the "New Poland."

Another article by KENDRICK which appeared in "PM" on January 18, 1948 praised the Soviet Armenians.

A pamphlet entitled, "A Round Table Report by CBS World Correspondents Broadcast on January 1, 1950, 5:00 - 5:45 p.m., EST, Over the CBS" reflects that WINSTON BURDETT introduced himself on this broadcast by saying, "I am WINSTON BURDETT. My home is Brattleboro, Vermont. Present assignment and address: Rome, Italy, by way of the Balkans and the Middle East, India, Cairo, the Desert Campaign, North Africa, Anzio, the Fifth Army, and Washington, D. C."

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on April 20, 1951 that WINSTON BURDETT has been on the talent payroll of CBS since February, 1946, and that he is not an employee of CBS but is rather under contract to that company.

The informant advised that BURDETT is presently in New York City, and is listed as one of CBS' analysts and reporters.

The informant advised that a copy of WINSTON BURDETT'S radio program of August 28, 1946 is not available, and that he will endeavor to obtain the substance of BURDETT'S remarks made on that program.

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Confidential Informants [redacted] both of known reliability, were shown a photograph of the subject, but were unable to identify him.

LOUIS BUDENZ, former Communist functionary, was shown a photograph of the subject, with negative results.

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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [redacted] New York, dated MAY [illegible] are as follows:

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[redacted] Office of Naval Intelligence.

[redacted] Works Project Administration Bureau, Columbus Avenue, New York City.

[redacted] Former [redacted] who furnished information on July 25, 1945.

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[redacted] An anonymous source.

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[redacted] Confidential Source [redacted]

[redacted] Unknown agents of the Albany office who by pretext were shown through the OWEN BURDETT household at 10 Greene Street, Brattleboro, Vermont, on October 15, 1945.

[redacted] Mail cover placed on OWEN BURDETT, 10 Greene Street, Brattleboro, Vermont.

[redacted] Bureau letter dated November 16, 1945 in the case entitled, "ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, wa., etal; ESPIONAGE -R."

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[redacted] Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, New York City, who furnished information to SA [redacted] in January, 1946. He has been given a temporary Confidential Informant symbol in view of his request that his identity be kept confidential.

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[redacted] He has been given a temporary Confidential Informant symbol in view of his request that his identity be kept confidential.

[redacted] of the Washington Field office.

[redacted] of the Boston office.

Records of the Civil Service Commission.

Philadelphia letter to the Bureau dated December 13, 1944 in the case entitled, [redacted] SECURITY MATTER -C." The original source of the information was not shown in this letter.

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[redacted] Confidential Source [redacted]

[redacted] who made information available to SA [redacted] on April 20, 1951.

[redacted] who made information available to SA [redacted] on April 24, 1951

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Will recontact Confidential Informant [redacted] for any information concerning the subject's present residence, and for any additional information he may be able to obtain concerning the subject's radio program of August 28, 1946.

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Will contact ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY for any additional information she may have concerning the subject.

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Will, upon ascertaining the subject's residence in New York, place a mail cover.

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Will check records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York for information on the subject.

Will exhibit the subject's photograph to Confidential Informants of this office who are familiar with espionage and Communist activities.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated February 16, 1951
Report of SA [redacted] Washington, D. C., 4/6/51

SAC, New York

June 28, 1951

Director, FBI

WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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Reference is made to Washington Field Office report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 4-6-51 and New York report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 5-5-51.

Washington Field Office is requested to check the records of CIA, G-2 and ONI for any information concerning subject, his first wife, Lea Schiavi, and his second wife, Giorgina Nathan. Washington Field Office should also check the records of INS for any information concerning the wives. One copy of Special Agent [redacted] report is enclosed herewith for Washington Field Office. The Legal Attaches in London and Paris are requested to check their established sources for information concerning subject and his wives. One copy of the above-mentioned reports is enclosed herewith for their assistance.

b7c-statter form to N.Y. 7-19-51 A.S.B.

Reply from N.Y. 7-2-52 Report will be submitted

b7c-6-4-51 A.S.B.

New York's attention is directed to Elizabeth T. Bentley's statement of November 8, 1945, wherein she advised "There was another newspaperman named Burdett. I think that he's broken up. My friend Al asked me about him because they had lost him. You see when these people went abroad Golos arranged to have people pick them up on the other side." It is noted that a lead is set forth in Special Agent [redacted] report for the New York Office to contact Bentley for any additional information she may have concerning Burdett. New York should discuss the information contained in the November 8th statement with Bentley and should incorporate same into its next investigative report.

As soon as the bank accounts of the subject and/or his wife are located, New York should conduct a thorough examination of same to determine the source of income. The names of Lea Schiavi, Lea Schiavi Burdett, Giorgina Nathan, Giorgina Nathan Burdett were searched against the Bureau indices with negative results.

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cc - Washington Field (Enclosure)
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Supervisor [redacted] Room 1645

Subj: Burdett, Lee Schiavi.

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Subj: Georgina Nathan

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WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT	ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

b2 SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Files of [redacted] all governmental agencies conducting personnel and intelligence investigations, contain no additional information regarding the subject and no information regarding LEA SCHIAVI, subject's first wife, or his present wife, GIORGINA NATHAN. Files of INS contained no record of subject, former wife, or present spouse.

Photostatic copy sent to the following: 1-cc State Dept 0-14; 1-cc ONI Army 0-14; 1-cc OSI Army 0-14; 1-cc AEC; 1-cc G-2 Chief Det Div Army 0-14

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

b2 The files of Washington [redacted] all governmental agencies engaged in conducting personnel and intelligence investigations, contain no additional pertinent data regarding the subject, and no information concerning LEA SCHIAVI, subject's first wife, or his present spouse, GIORGINA NATHAN.

The Office, Chief of Information, Liaison Branch, Public Information Division, Field Service Section, Department of Army, contained no additional pertinent information regarding the subject, his former or present spouse.

The Central Files of Immigration and Naturalization Service contain no information regarding the subject, his former wife, or his present spouse.

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[redacted] CIA. Files of this agency were checked by Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] ONI. These files were checked by Special Employee [redacted]

[redacted] G-2. Files of this agency were checked by Special Employee [redacted]

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated June 28, 1951

SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL

SAC, New York (65-15665) September 21, 1951

Director, FBI

WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

[redacted] Re WFO report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 8-16-51 advising that the files of INS contain no record of Giorgina Nathan who married subject on July 1, 1945, at which time she was not an American citizen.

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In view of the fact that the New York report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 8-10-51 states that Giorgina Burdett is currently residing with subject in Apartment 12-D at 430 East 63rd Street, New York City, the New York Office is requested to contact INS in New York City for any record it may have regarding Giorgina Burdett, nee Nathan, who was born [redacted] in London, England.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

American Embassy
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SECRET - AIR COURIER

Date: August 21, 1951

To: Director, FBI

From: Legal Attache, London

Subject: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Rebulet June 28, 1951, addressed to the New York Office, requesting that inquiries be made from available sources for information regarding subject BURDETT or his wife.

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SECRET AIR COURIER

Date: September 26, 1951

To: Legal Attache
London, England

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
ESPIONAGE - R
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Reurlet August 21, 1951, a copy of which is enclosed to New York, requesting advice as to whether Burdett's travels in England during 1950 and 1951 may be connected with his activities as a suspected Soviet agent.

The Bureau has no information indicating that Burdett was engaged in Soviet espionage activities in 1950 and 1951. The only information which the Bureau possesses concerning his alleged espionage activities was set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 5, 1951, which was forwarded to you by Bureau letter of June 28, 1951.

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You may be interested in knowing that Burdett has admitted membership in the Communist Party from August, 1937 to January, 1940. In this connection, a single copy of the following items is enclosed and it is suggested that you may desire to bring the contents of these items to the attention [redacted] S)

1) A letter dated August 31, 1951, from Winston Burdett to the Director.

2) A photostatic copy of a letter dated March 12, 1951, from Winston Burdett to Mr. T. Wells Church.

Enclosure

cc - New York (Enclosure)

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3) A photostatic copy of a Columbia Broadcasting System Loyalty Form executed by Winston Burdett on March 12, 1951.

New York was instructed by Bureau letter dated September 12, 1951, to interview Burdett exhaustively. [redacted] (S)

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New York should incorporate the information reported by the Bureau's Legal Attache in London in its next investigative report. [redacted] (S)

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NEW YORK	9/10/51	6/11,29;7/14; 8/14,23,24,27, 29-31/51	[redacted] -67C

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT	ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: WINSTON BURDETT continues to appear on CBS Television Network programs as newscaster. Credit records reflect present address of subject at 430 E.63rd St., NYC. Confidential Informant [redacted] unable to furnish added information re subject's broadcast 8/28/46. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY advised she acted as intermediary for several cablegrams between subject and JACOB GOLOS 1938 to 1940 and she once ascertained BURDETT'S address for GOLOS through subject's parents. LOUIS F. BUDENZ advised he met subject, date and circumstances unknown. Confidential Informant [redacted] advised BURDETT and parents were pro-Communist during late 1930s. Description of subject set forth.

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DETAILS: At New York, New York

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on August 29, 1951 that a

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transcript of WINSTON BURDETT'S radio program of August 28, 1946 is not available in New York. The Informant suggested, in view of this fact, that the subject's broadcast possibly did not emanate from New York City, but this program may have been broadcast from another Columbia Broadcasting System affiliated station.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised he is unable to furnish additional information in this regard. The Informant added, however, that he is certain instant broadcast was not broadcast from WTOP, the CBS affiliated station in Washington, D.C.

Confidential Informant [redacted] further advised that the subject currently resides at 430 East 63rd Street, New York City. Informant related that inasmuch as the subject is a contractual employee of CBS, no personnel file is maintained for him by that organization.

The weekly publication "T.V. Guide" for the week of August 11, 1951 contained television program listings which appear to set forth the normal scheduling of fifteen minute programs for BURDETT during a period of one week. During the week of August 11, 1951 he was scheduled to appear on CBS television for fifteen minute newscasts at the following times:

Monday, August 13, 1951	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 15, 1951	7:30 p.m. 10:45 p.m.
Friday, August 17, 1951	7:30 p.m.

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The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, which were reviewed by SA [redacted] on

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1 - Washington Field (65-5735) (Info.)
3 - New York

August 28, 1951, contained the following information concerning the subject:

By report dated May 3, 1951 it is reflected that WINSTON BURDETT and his wife, GEORGINA, had resided in Apartment 12-D at 430 East 63rd Street, New York City, since May 1, 1951. His rental was indicated to be in the amount of $4,000 per year. The subject had previously resided in a $200 per month two-room suite at the Hotel Gladstone, 114 East 52nd Street, New York City, having moved to that address on April 16, 1951. Other previous addresses for the subject include Rome, Italy; London, England; and Washington, D.C. Details concerning these latter addresses, however, are not listed.

The subject is described in these credit files as being 42 or 43 years of age, married, and with no known dependents. It is reflected that he has been employed as a news commentator by the CBS, 485 Madison Avenue, New York City, since 1940 at an approximate income of $10,000 per year.

BURDETT is well known in his profession as a foreign correspondent and news analyst, according to these credit records, and has broadcast over CBS for a number of years. He was formerly a foreign correspondent for over six years and prior to that time had been a correspondent in London and other cities abroad.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York further reflect that the subject and his wife have maintained a joint account in the Chemical Bank, 51st Street, New York City, since May, 1946.

On August 23, 1951 ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY, a self-confessed former Soviet espionage agent, who acted as a courier for the Soviet agent JACOB GOLOS, advised SA
b7c- [redacted] that she had never met BURDETT either at Columbia University or as a contact of GOLOS. She related, however, that GOLOS was in contact with BURDETT and when BURDETT went abroad in the latter part of 1938 or

the early part of 1939, GOLOS arranged that BURDETT should maintain contact with him by sending communications to her under the name of ELIZABETH BENTON at 18 Grove Street, New York City, where she, BENTLEY, was residing at that time.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised that she subsequently received two or three cablegrams from BURDETT, which she then turned over to GOLOS. These cablegrams advised of BURDETT'S whereabouts in Europe. She stated that she is unable to recall the dates when these cablegrams were received, but believes they were received sometime between December, 1938 and December, 1940, during which period she remained at 18 Grove Street, New York City.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY stated that BURDETT evidently missed connections with his contact in Europe since she was later asked by GOLOS to telephone BURDETT'S mother at the latter's home in Brooklyn for the purpose of learning BURDETT'S whereabouts. GOLOS told BENTLEY that she was to tell BURDETT'S mother that she, BENTLEY, was a fellow member with BURDETT in the Newspaper Guild. BENTLEY said that she made such an inquiry and was given the subject's address by his mother.

The subject apparently made connections with his contacts in Europe, according to BENTLEY, since she did not hear from him after December, 1940.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY also recalled that GOLOS advised her at one time that BURDETT was married to a girl in Europe, possibly in Rumania. She added that GOLOS subsequently told her BURDETT'S wife met death under rather tragic circumstances. ELIZABETH BENTLEY said she was not aware of the nationality of BURDETT'S wife and she does not know the circumstances of her death.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY was unable to furnish additional information concerning the subject.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, a former Communist Party functionary and Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker", an

b7c { East Coast daily Communist newspaper, advised SA [redacted] on August 24, 1951, after viewing a photograph of the subject, that he was once introduced to WINSTON BURDETT but he is unable to recall the date or circumstances of this introduction. BUDENZ said that he is further unable to recall whether or not the subject was introduced to him as a Communist.

The following Confidential Informants, all of known reliability, who are in a position to furnish information concerning Communist activities in the New York City area, were shown a photograph of the subject on August 30, 1951, at which time they advised that they have no knowledge of the subject:

Confidential Informants [redacted] and

The following Confidential Informants, both of known reliability, who are also in a position to furnish information concerning Communist activities in the New York City area, were shown a photograph of the subject on August 30 and 31, 1951 respectively, at which times they advised they have no knowledge of the subject:

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Confidential Informants [redacted]

On August 31, 1951 Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, and who is in a position to furnish information concerning prominent Communist Party members in the New York City area, was shown a photograph of the subject, at which time the Informant stated that he has no knowledge of WINSTON BURDETT.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, advised on July 13, 1951 that WINSTON BURDETT, who is currently a news commentator on the Columbia Network, lived with his father and mother [redacted] 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York, around 1937 and 1938.

The Informant has no knowledge of BURDETT'S present political beliefs, but stated that the subject was one of the instigators of the strike against the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in the late 1930s. BURDETT and his parents, according to the Informant, were very proud of their Communistic affiliations at the time they resided in Brooklyn.

Confidential Informant [redacted] suggested that BURDETT has possibly changed his attitudes politically since he resided in Brooklyn, but the Informant is unable to furnish any information in this regard.

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The following description of the subject was obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, who was contacted on August 30, 1951, and from previous investigation concerning the subject:

Name:	WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	December 12, 1913
Place of Birth:	Buffalo, New York
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	155 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Build:	Slender
Parents:	OWEN LONG BURDETT, father Brattleboro, Vermont Born April 6, 1882 at Wakefield, Massachusetts Mrs. ELIZABETH WHITE BURDETT, mother Brattleboro, Vermont Born August 19, 1878 at San Francisco, California
Marital Status:	LEA BURDETT, nee Schiavi Born March 2, 1907, Borgosesia,

1940 (see pg 1)

Italy, whom he married on July 28, ~~1950.~~ LEA BURDETT was killed near Miandoab, Iran, April 24, 1942.

b7c { GIORGINA BURDETT, nee Nathan, aka Georgina, born [redacted] London, England, whom he married on July 1, 1945

Education: Trinity School
New York City

Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Columbia University
New York City

Address: 430 East 63rd Street
Apartment 12-D
New York City
since May 1, 1951

Previous Addresses: 1933 to 1936
8409 Talbot Street
Kew Gardens, Long Island
New York

1936 to 1940
2 Grace Court
Brooklyn, New York

1940
5 Montague Terrace
Brooklyn, New York

1940 to 1946
Brattleboro, Vermont

RADIO INDUSTRY
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1936 to 1946
Subject travelled as an employee of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and CBS throughout Europe, North Africa and Asia, including the Scandanavian, Mediterranean and Balkan countires, the Middle East, Russia and India.

1946 to 1951
Unknown

COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY
EMPLOYED BY
(EMPL. CARD)

April, 1951 to May, 1951
Hotel Gladstone
114 East 52nd Street
New York City

Employment: News analyst and reporter
Columbia Broadcasting System
485 Madison Avenue
New York City
since February, 1946

Previous Employments: 1934 to 1941
Reporter, columnist, associate editor and foreign correspondent
"Brooklyn Daily Eagle"
Brooklyn, New York

1941 to 1946
Foreign correspondent and news commentator
Columbia Broadcasting System
throughout Europe, North Africa and Asia.

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INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [redacted] dated at New York September 10, 1951 are identified as follows:

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- [redacted] Confidential Source [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
- [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
- [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
- [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
- [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
- [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
- [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
- [redacted] as set forth in her personal letter to the New York Office dated 7/13/51.
- [redacted] Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, New York City, contacted by SA [redacted] on 8/30/51.

ADMINISTRATIVE (continued)

MISCELLANEOUS

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office for information in view of leads set forth for that office in Bureau letter to New York dated June 28, 1951.

LEADS

ALBANY

At Brattleboro, Vermont

Will contact logical sources of information for the purpose of verifying the residence of subject's parents, Mr. and Mrs. OWEN L. BURDETT, and report any information concerning them which may appear in the files of the Albany Office.

BOSTON

At Cambridge, Massachusetts

Will verify subject's attendance at Harvard University from 1930 to 1933. Will report all pertinent information concerning subject appearing in the records of Harvard University and the files of the Boston Office.

BUFFALO

At Buffalo, New York

Will verify subject's birth December 12, 1913 at Buffalo.

ADMINISTRATIVE (continued)

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will conduct a discreet inquiry at the "Brooklyn Eagle", 24 Johnson Street, for the purpose of verifying subject's employment with that newspaper from 1934 to 1941 with a view to contacting any reliable persons still with that newspaper who can furnish information concerning subject's reported support of the Communist leadership in the New York Newspaper Guild during the late 1930s.

At New York, New York

Will contact confidential source special service contacts available to the New York Office for the purpose of obtaining any information they may possibly be able to furnish concerning WINSTON BURDETT with a view to ascertaining his whereabouts from 1946 to 1951 and the location of the radio station from which he reportedly made his August 28, 1946 broadcast.

Will review the registration records of the Hotel Gladstone, 114 East 52nd Street, where subject resided from April 16, 1951 to May 1, 1951 for the purpose of ascertaining any previous addresses for the subject.

Will interview Confidential Informant [redacted] mentioned in the body of this report, for any additional information this Informant can furnish concerning WINSTON BURDETT.

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Will contact Confidential Informant [redacted] for any information this Informant may be able to furnish concerning possible espionage activities on the part of subject.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (continued)

Will review subject's bank account at the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, 11 West 51st Street, and report results.

Will report results of mail cover placed on subject's residence at 430 East 63rd Street, Apartment 12-D, New York 21, on August 30, 1951.

REFERENCE

b7c { Report of SA [redacted] 4/6/51, Washington, D.C.
Report of SA [redacted] 5/5/51, New York.
Bureau letter to New York, 6/20/51.

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Miss Gandy

10-15-51
Ack 0-1 Hdq to
advise immediately
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Reply from N.Y.
10-28-51 - Report
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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT	ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Records Bureau Vital Statistics, City Hall, Buffalo, N. Y., reflect one WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, born 12-12-13, Buffalo Womans Hospital. Credit and Criminal for subject and parents negative. Photostatic copies sent to the following

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1-cc State Form 0-14
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BIRTH DATA [redacted] - 62

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The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, City Hall, Buffalo, New York, reflect one WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, was born December 12, 1913, at the Buffalo Womans Hospital to OWEN L. and ELIZABETH WHITE BURDETT of 756 Ashland Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

1-cc ONI Form 0-14
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CREDIT

The files of the Buffalo Retail Merchants Credit Association were checked concerning the subject and his parents but no information concerning these individuals was located.

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The records of the Buffalo Police Department and Erie County Sheriff's Office reveals no record for the subject or his parents.

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b7c { [redacted] This investigation was conducted by Special Employee [redacted]

b7c - REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] New York, N. Y. dated September 10, 1951.

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SECRET

American Embassy
2 Avenue Gabriel
Paris 8, France

SECRET - AIR COURIER

Date: September 26, 1951

To: Director, FBI (100-376050)

From: Legal Attache, Paris

Subject: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
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ReBulet to New York City dated June 28, 1951, in which the Legal Attache at Paris was requested to check established sources for information concerning the subject and his wives.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: September 12, 1951

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PURPOSE

To recommend that a letter of acknowledgment not be sent to Burdett but instead he be approached at which time his letter of August 31, 1951, to the Director, can be acknowledged and he can be interviewed exhaustively.

BACKGROUND

By letter to the Director dated August 31, 1951, Burdett enclosed a signed copy of a loyalty questionnaire submitted to his employer, the Columbia Broadcasting Company and a copy of a cover letter which he sent to his chief at C.B.S., Mr. T. Wells Church, Editor-in-Chief of C.B.S. News, wherein he admitted membership in the Communist Party from August, 1937 to January, 1940. In his letter to the Director, Burdett stated "I shall, of course, be ready to answer any questions you may have regarding the circumstances, if that is required. And I shall naturally be at your disposal to furnish further information, should you so desire."

In view of the fact that Burdett has paved the way for an interview with him, which is desirable at this time, it is believed that the New York Office should be advised of the correspondence from Burdett and instructed to contact him immediately, at which time they should acknowledge his letter of August 31, and conduct an exhaustive interview to develop pertinent facts concerning his Communist Party activities, his relations with Golos, Elizabeth Bentley, Ignacy Samuel Witczak and wife Bunia and other pertinent data which he may furnish. It is believed that an oral acknowledgment of his letter is preferable to a written acknowledgment inasmuch as he may use a written acknowledgment for some self-serving purpose.

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RECOMMENDATION

If you agree, there is attached hereto a letter to New York setting forth instructions in accordance with the above facts.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: September 7, 1951

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: WINSTON BURDETT

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PURPOSE:

To furnish identifying information on Burdett and a summary of information in Bureau files.

BACKGROUND:

The 1943 edition of "Current Biography" reflects that Burdett was born 12-12-13 at Buffalo, New York. He attended Trinity School, New York City, and Harvard University. He studied Italian at Columbia University in 1933-34.

Since his graduation from school Burdett's career has been in the newspaper field. His first job was on the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle." He was later employed by Trans-Radio Press and by the Columbia Broadcasting System, working mostly in Europe.

INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES:

Burdett is the subject of a case entitled "Winston Mansfield Burdett, Espionage - R, Internal Security Act of 1950. (100-376050)

This case is pending and New York is the Office of Orgin.

Investigation is based upon information from Elizabeth T. Bentley that around 1939 Jacob Golos, her espionage superior, told her that he was in communication with Burdett and that he had told Burdett to advise Bentley whenever he changed addresses.

Investigation has reflected information at New York that Burdett supported the Communist leadership of the New York Newspaper Guild and was either a Party member or a close sympathizer.

Burdett's name was found in the notebook of espionage agent Ignacy Samuel Witczak in 1945.

Miss Bentley also furnished information that Burdett, while traveling in Europe, had sent her several cablegrams indicating his location, and had also sent her mail, all of which she turned over to Golos.

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The last report in this case was received from Washington, dated 8-16-51, and reflected that government agencies contained no additional pertinent information concerning Burdett.

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August 31, 1951

b7C - [redacted]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I feel it my duty and my inclination to send to you the two documents which I here enclose. They are signed copies of a loyalty questionnaire submitted to my employer, the Columbia Broadcasting System, and of a covering letter which I sent to my chief at C.B.S., Mr. T. Wells Church, Editor-in-Chief of C.B.S. News.

Both documents were submitted in March of this year, at a time when I was on assignment abroad. I am now working at the C.B.S. News Department in New York City.

I shall, of course, be ready to answer any questions you may have regarding the circumstances, if that is required. And I shall naturally be at your disposal to furnish further information, should you so desire.

Very truly yours,

Winston Burdett

Winston Burdett

Home address:
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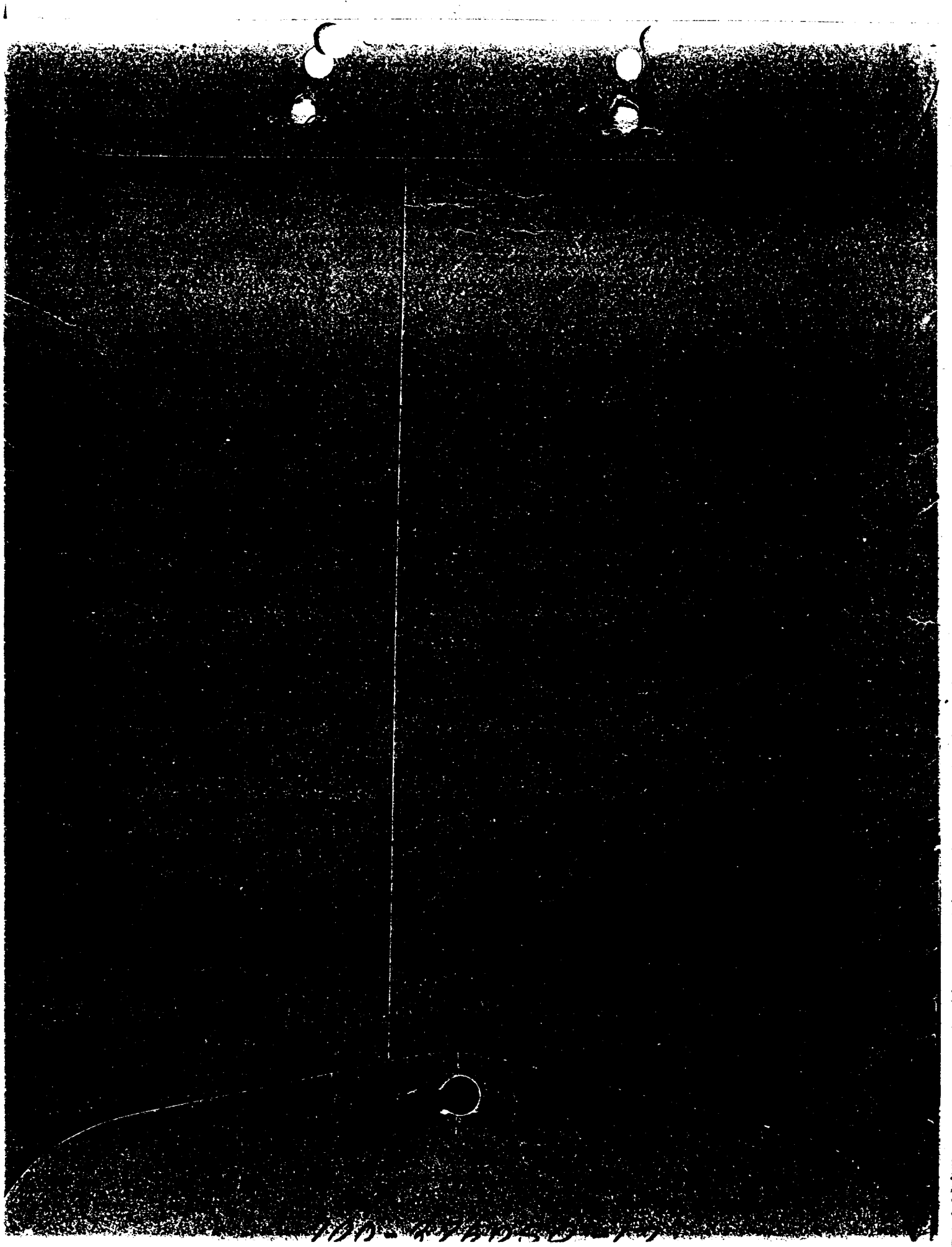

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PERSONAL

March 12, 1951

Mr. T. Wells Church
Editor-in-Chief, CBS News
Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.
485 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Ted:

If I have delayed so long in filling out and sending to you the enclosed loyalty form, it is simply because this is, for me, an extremely unpleasant task. One naturally puts off the disagreeable; and in this case, it is more than that, it is plainly and painfully embarrassing.

In all events, here it is. I do not know what I should add to what I have set down in the questionnaire, except to say that the beliefs and practices of Communism, and the ends and methods of the Communist Party are as abhorrent to me as to anyone I know- having learned about them, myself, the foolish way. Even though the experience now seems part of a distant past, I still have to suppress a kind of guilt complex on the subject, and so it is with something like relief that I have put down the facts on paper.

I do not wish to tire you with an apology. At the same time I feel that I owe to you, personally, a more personal explanation. Looking back, it sometimes seems incredible to me now that I was once a Communist Party member. I was working at the time at the Brooklyn Daily Eagle; it was the period when the Newspaper Guild was breaking ground in the New York newspaper world; I myself joined- with zeal- in the work of Guild organization; and in this enterprise, obviously, the Communists played a very active part. To a young person, especially, Communist notions first present themselves in idealistic guise; and it was not until afterwards that I realized what the organization was, in fact, all about, and how dishonest it was, both morally and intellectually, in both its professions and its methods. Lord knows that recent history has made these things obvious to the most simple-minded. But in my case, at the time, they became obvious only after I had met them, at first hand.

As you know, this kind of experience is far from uncommon; others have gone over much the same path; it is, in fact, by now,

a rather banal story. I have really nothing to plead in my defense except, perhaps, that I was then many years younger than I am now, and that I came soon enough to abjure the ideas I had accepted.

There is just one further thing that I should like to say in this letter. I realize that this is going to involve no little embarrassment for you, and for this I am deeply sorry. Having worked for C.B.S. as well and as loyally as I know how, I would be less than loyal now if I should try to avoid the issue. And by that token, I wish to assure you that I shall respect whatever decision you may make in the matter.

Again, I regret the difficulties that all this may mean for you, both personally and as Editor-in-Chief.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Winston Burdett

Winston Burdett

Via del Babuino 193
Rome, Italy

[redacted]

My answers to the following questions are as checked below:

	Yes	No
1. Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of the Communist Party, USA, or any Communist organization?	x	
2. Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of a Fascist organization?		x
3. Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of any organization, association, movement, group, or combination of persons which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government, or of an organization, association, movement, group, or combination of persons which has adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny other persons their rights under the Constitution of the United States or of seeking to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means?	x	

If answer to Question 1, 2 or 3 above is "yes", state below the names of all such organizations, associations, movements, groups, or combinations of persons and dates of membership. Give complete details of your activities therein and make any explanation you desire regarding your membership or activities therein.

A consolidated list, issued October 30, 1950, of organizations and groups designated totalitarian, fascist, communist, or subversive by the Attorney General of the United States appears on the back hereof.

DETAILS OR EXPLANATIONS, IF ANY:

I am not now, and have never been in any way associated with any subversive organization, or with any of the organizations on the consolidated list on the back of this page, with the exception stated below.

I was a member of the Communist Party, USA, from August, 1937 to January, 1940. During this time, I was employed by the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and I was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle unit of the Communist Party. This was a period in which the Newspaper Guild of New York was organizing personnel of the New York daily newspapers; it was likewise a period that marked the ascendance of the Communists within the Guild organization. My own party activities, like those of other party members at the Brooklyn Eagle, were directed to Guild and Guild shop matters, i.e., to organizing and expanding the Guild membership, handling of "grievances" and negotiating of Guild contracts with the Eagle management. The major effort of the Eagle Guild during this period (an effort in which the Communists played a leading part) was a three-month strike at the Eagle, from September to December 1937.

I quit the Communist Party for very simple reasons which must now seem all too obvious: because, belatedly, after joining it, I came to know the methods and true purposes of the party, and what, in short, it was all about. In a word, I found its ends repugnant, its atmosphere fanatical and stifling, and its methods shot through with intellectual fraud and dishonesty. These things have been learned before: I learned them the foolhardy way, through direct experience; but in any case I learned them thoroughly, and once and for all.

Dated March 12, 1951

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Signature Winston Burdett

Please Print Name Winston Burdett

Department (News Department)

CONSOLIDATED LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS

Designated Totalitarian, Fascist, Communist or Subversive

by the Attorney General of the United States, Issued October 30, 1950

Totalitarian

Black Dragon Society.
Central Japanese Association (Beikoku Chuo Nipponjin Kai).
Central Japanese Association of Southern California.
Dai Nippon Butoku Kai (Military Virtue Society of Japan of Military Art Society of Japan).
Heimuska Kai, also known as Nokubei Heieki Gimusha Kai, Zaibei Nihonjin, Heiyaku Gimusha Kai, and Zaibei Heimusha Kai (Japanese Residing in America Military Conscripts Association).
Hinode Kai (Imperial Japanese Reservists).
Hinomaru Kai (Rising Sun Flag Society—a group of Japanese War Veterans).
Hokubei Zaigo Shoke Dan (North American Reserve Officers Association).
Japanese Association of America.
Japanese Overseas Central Society (Kaigai Dobo Chuo Kai).
Japanese Overseas Convention, Tokyo, Japan, 1940.
Japanese Protective Association (Recruiting Organization).
Jikyoku Iin Kai (Current Affairs Association).
Kibei Seinen Kai (Association of U. S. citizens of Japanese ancestry who have returned to America after studying in Japan).
Nanka Teikoku Gunyudan (Imperial Military Friends Group or Southern California War Veterans).
Nichibei Kogyo Kaisha (The Great Fujii Theater).
Northwest Japanese Association.
Peace Movement of Ethiopa.
Sakura Kai (Patriotic Society, [illegible] Cherry Association—composed [illegible] veterans of Russo-Japanese [illegible]).
[illegible]o Temples.
[illegible]u Kai (Fatherland So[illegible]).
[illegible] Sha (Reserve Officers As[illegible]n Los Angeles).

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American National Labor Party.
American National Socialist League.
American National Socialist Party.
American Patriots, Inc.
Ausland - Organization der NSDAP, Overseas Branch of Nazi Party.
Association of German Nationals (Reichsdeutsche Vereinigung).
Central Organization of the German - American National Alliance (Deutsche - Amerikanische Einheitsfront).
Citizens Protective League.
Committee for Nationalist Action.
Dante Alighieri Society.
Federation of Italian War Veterans in the U. S. A. Inc. (Associazione Nazionale Combattenti Italiani, Federazione degli Stati Uniti d'America).
Friends of the New Germany (Freunde des Neuen Deutschlands).
German-American Bund (Amerikadeutscher Volksbund).
German - American Republican League.
German - American Vocational League Deutsche - Amerikanische Berufsgemeinschaft).
Kyffhaeuser, also known as Kyffhaeuser League (Kyffhaeuser Bund), Kyffhaeuser Fellowship (Kyffhaeuser Kameradschaft).
Kyffhaeuser War Relief (Kyffhaeuser Kreigshilfswerk).
Lictor Society (Italian Black Shirts).
Mario Morgantini Circle.
National Blue Star Mothers of America.
Nationalist Action League.

Communist

Abraham Lincoln Brigade.
Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago, Ill.
Action Committee to Free Spain Now.
American Association for Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Inc.
American Branch of the Federation of Greek Maritime Unions.
American Committee for European Workers' Relief.
American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.
American Committee for Spanish Freedom.
American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc.
American Council for a Democratic Greece, formerly known as the Greek American Council; Greek American Committee for National Unity.
American Council on Soviet Relations.
American Croatian Congress.
American Jewish Labor Council.
American League Against War and Fascism.
American League for Peace and Democracy.
American Peace Mobilization.
American Polish Labor Council.
American Rescue Ship Mission (a project of the United American Spanish Aid Committee).
American Russian Institute, New York.
American Russian Institute, Philadelphia.
American Russian Institute (of San Francisco).
American Russian Institute of Southern California, Los Angeles.
American Slav Congress.
American Youth Congress.
American Youth for Democracy.
Armenian Progressive League of America.
Boston School for Marxist Studies, Boston, Mass.
California Labor School, Inc., 216 Market Street, San Fr[illegible] Calif.
Central Council of [illegible] Women of Croatian Descent, aka Central Council of American Women, National Council of Croatian Women.
Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder.
Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges.
Civil Rights Congress and its affiliated organizations, including:
Civil Rights Congress for Texas.
Veterans Against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York.
Comite Coordinator Pro Republica Espanola.
Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy.
Commonwealth College, Mena, Ark.
Communist Party, U. S. A., its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates, including:
Citizens Committee of the Upper West Side (New York City).
Committee to Aid the Fighting South.
Daily Worker Press Club.
Dennis Defense Committee.
Labor Research Association, Inc.
Southern Negro Youth Congress.
United May Day Committee.
United Negro and Allied Veterans of America.
Yiddisher Kultur Farband.
Communist Political Association, its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates, including:
Florida Press and Educational League.
Peoples Educational and Press Association of Texas.
Virginia League for Peoples Education.
Connecticut State Youth Conference.
Congress of American Revolutionary Writers.
Congress of American Women.
Council on African Affairs.
Council for Pan-American Democracy.
Detroit Youth Assembly.
Emergency Conference to Save Spanish Refugees (founding body of the North American Spanish Aid Committee).
Friends of the Soviet Union.
George Washington Carver School, New York City.
Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee.
Hollywood Writers Mobilization for Defense.
Hungarian-American Council for Democracy.
Independent Socialist League.
International Labor Defense.
International Workers Order, its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates, including:
American-Russian Fraternal Society.
Carpatho-Russian Peoples Society.
Cervantes Fraternal Society.
Croatian Benevolent Fraternity.
Finnish-American Mutual Aid Society.
Garibaldi American Fraternal Society.
Hellenic-American Brotherhood.
Hungarian Brotherhood.
Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order.
People's Radio Foundation, Inc.
Polonia Society of the IWO.
Romanian - American Fraternal Society.
Serbian-American Fraternal Society.
Slovak Workers Society.
Ukranian-American Fraternal Union.
Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City.
Jewish Peoples Committee.
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.
Joseph Weydemeyer School of Social Science, St. Louis, Mo.
[illegible] Youth [illegible]
League of American Writers.
Macedonian-American People's League.
Michigan Civil Rights Federation.
Michigan School of Social Science.
National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners.
National Committee to Win the Peace.
National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East (a Conference called by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy).
National Council of Americans of Crotian Descent.
National Conncil of American-Soviet Friendship.
National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.
National Negro Congress.
Nature Friends of America (since 1935).
Negro Labor Victory Committee.
New Committee for Publications.
North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.
North American Spanish Aid Committee.
Ohio School of Social Sciences.
Oklahoma Committee to Defend Political Prisoners.
Pacific Northwest Labor School, Seattle, Wash.
Partido del Pueblo of Panama (operating in the Canal Zone).
Peoples Educational Association (incorporated under name Los Angeles Educational Association, Inc.), aka Peoples Educational Center, Peoples University, People's School.
People's Institute of Applied Religion.
Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art.
Photo League (New York City).
Progressive German-Americans, aka Progressive German-Americans of Chicago.
Proletarian Party of America.
Revolutionary Workers League.
Samuel Adams School, Boston, Mass.
Schappes Defense Committee.
Schneiderman-Darcy Defense Committee.
School of Jewish Studies, New York City.
Seattle Labor School, Seattle, Wash.
Serbian Vidovdan Council.
Slovenian - American National Council.
Socialist Workers Party, including American Committee for European Workers' Relief.
Socialist Youth League.
Tom Paine School of Social Science, Philadelphia, Pa.
Tom Paine School of Westchester, N. Y.
Union of American Crotians.
United American Spanish Aid Committee.
United Committee of South Slavic Americans.
United Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organization.
Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.
Walt Whitman School of Social Science, Newark, N. J.
Washington Bookshop Association.
Washington Committee for Democratic Action.
Washington Commonwealth Federation.
Wisconsin Conference on Social Legislation.
Workers Alliance.
Workers Party, including Socialist Youth League.
Young Communist League.

Subversive

Communist Party, U. S. A., its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates.
Communist Political Association, its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates, including:
Florida Press and E[illegible] League.
Peoples Educational and Press Association of Texas.
Virginia League for Peoples Education.
German-American Bund.
Independent Socialist League.
Partido del Pueblo of Panama (operating in the Canal Zone).
Socialist Workers Party.
Workers Party.
Young Communist League.

Organizations which have "adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force and violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States":
American Christian Nationalist Party.
Associated Klans of America.
Association of Georgia Klans.
Columbians.
Knights of the White Camellia.
Ku Klux Klan.
Original Southern Klans, Incorporated.
Protestant War Veterans of the United States, Inc.
Silver Shirt Legion of America.

Organizations which "seek to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means":
Communist Party, U. S. A., its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates.
Communist Political Association, its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates, including:
Florida Press and Educational League.
Peoples Educational and Press Association of Texas.
Virginia League for Peoples Education.
Independent Socialist League.
Industrial Workers of the World.
Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico.
Partido del Pueblo of Panama (operating in the Canal Zone).
Socialist Workers Party.
Workers Party.
Young Communist League.

SAC, New York

September 12, 1951

Director, FBI

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Forwarded herewith for your information are two copies of the following documents.

1. Letter dated August 31, 1951, from Winston Burdett to the Director.

2. Two photostatic copies of a Columbia Broadcasting Company loyalty questionnaire dated 3-12-51 signed Winston Burdett.

3. Two photostatic copies of a letter dated 3-12-51 to Mr. T. Wells Church, Editor-in-Chief, C.B.S. News, Columbia Broadcasting Company, Inc.

You will note that in the last paragraph of his letter Burdett states "I shall, of course, be ready to answer any questions you may have regarding the circumstances, if that is required. And I shall naturally be at your disposal to furnish further information, should you so desire."

You are instructed to contact Burdett immediately and acknowledge receipt of his letter dated August 31, 1951, to the Director. You should advise Burdett that the material he forwarded is being incorporated in the files of the Bureau. In view of the fact that Burdett has stated that he is ready to answer any questions, you should also interview him exhaustively concerning his past Communist Party activities, his relations with Jacob Golos, Elizabeth T. Bentley, Ignacy Samuel Witczak and his wife, Bunia. You should also obtain any additional pertinent information Burdett possesses. The Bureau should be advised of the results of this interview promptly.

Attachments

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DATE: October 20, 1951

TO : Director, FBI

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By letter dated October 16, 1951 the Albany Office advised that the subject's parents, OWEN L. BURDETT and ELIZABETH BURDETT, are presently residing at RFD 3, Guilford Center, Vermont, and inquiry in that vicinity does not indicate that they are engaged in Communist activity. The Albany letter further reflects that in 1945 the name BURDETT, 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York, telephone MA 4-5962, was contained in the notebook of IGNACY SAMUEL WITCZAK, and that the BURDETTS' home, 10 Green Street, Brattleboro, Vermont, contained a sizable library of books on Russia, as well as the customary pro-Russian publications. This latter information has been heretofore reported in captioned case.

It was stated in the Albany Office letter that in view of the fact the subject's mother and father are known to have been in contact with a known Soviet espionage agent the Albany Office would initiate a full scale investigation of Mr. and Mrs. OWEN BURDETT, unless advised to the contrary by the New York Office within five days.

It is being pointed out that the subject, WINSTON BURDETT, was interviewed at the New York Office on September 20, 1951, at which time he admitted having been a member of the Communist Party under the Party name PAUL STRICKLAND, while employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," Brooklyn, New York, and active in the Newspaper Guild from August, 1937 to January, 1940. A report setting forth the results of this interview is presently being prepared in the New York Office and a copy is being designated for the Albany Office for information purposes.

During the course of the above interview BURDETT stated that his parents had no knowledge of his Communist Party activities and would have opposed them had they known he was so engaged.

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The report of SA [redacted] dated September 10, 1951 at New York reflects, on Pages 5 and 6, that a Confidential Informant of known reliability advised that WINSTON BURDETT and his parents were very proud of their Communistic affiliations at the time they resided in Brooklyn, New York. In addition to the latter, this same Informant on October 8, 1951 further advised that just prior to the Communist dominated Newspaper Guild's strike against the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in 1939 Mrs. BURDETT told the Informant that she and her husband had finally come around to WINSTON'S way of thinking and joined the Communist Party. Informant further related that Mrs. BURDETT participated in the picket lines and carried a placard during the strike against the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle."

On October 15, 1951 [redacted] whose identity should be concealed and who formerly resided at [redacted] Mrs. BURDETT made the statement to the effect that she and her husband had come around to the subject's way of thinking and joined the Communist Party.

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In addition to information contained in the files of the Albany Office concerning Mr. and Mrs. OWEN BURDETT, the New York files reflect, in the case entitled "IGNACY SAMUEL WITCZAK, was; INTERNAL SECURITY - R," that [redacted] advised on January 23, 1946 that he was an acquaintance of [redacted] WINSTON BURDETT. He stated that the latter formerly worked for the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" [redacted] WINSTON BURDETT'S address, 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York, [redacted] WITCZAK did not see BURDETT.

On September 14, 1950 [redacted] interviewed and maintained that WITCZAK had never taken him into his confidence concerning espionage. [redacted]

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[redacted] at the residence of WINSTON BURDETT, in Brooklyn, New York.

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BUNIA WITCZAK arrived in New York and stayed for a day or so at the BURDETT residence [redacted] on the basis of his present knowledge of WITCZAK'S activities [redacted] may have been related to espionage activities.

On October 4, 1945 a highly confidential and reliable source advised that the WITCZAKS had in their possession a letter dated December 15, 1941 from ELIZABETH W. BURDETT, 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York, to Mrs. BUNIA WITCZAK. In this letter Mrs. BURDETT mentioned the "little visit" which she and her husband had with BUNIA WITCZAK. She then mentioned that they were very worried because they had not heard from AKE SANDLER and inquired as to whether BUNIA WITCZAK had heard from him.

WINSTON BURDETT, during the course of personal

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The subject is presently on a two week vacation visiting his parents' home in Brattleboro, Vermont. He stated that he would inquire of his parents during this visit as to their knowledge of the WITCZAKS and would immediately advise the New York Office of the results of this inquiry upon his return to New York City.

In view of the information set forth herein it is being left to the discretion of the Albany Office as to whether or not a full scale investigation concerning Mr. and Mrs. OWEN BURDETT should be initiated. It is suggested, however, the Albany Office will perhaps desire to hold this matter in abeyance until the results of future contacts with WINSTON BURDETT are learned since it is contemplated that the subject will be questioned in detail with respect to his parents' activities during the course of subsequent contacts with him.

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WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
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Re New York let dated October 20, 1951, in the Burdett case advising that Winston Burdett was interviewed at the New York Office on September 20, 1951, at which time he admitted having been a member of the Communist Party under the Party name, Paul Strickland, while employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," Brooklyn, New York, and active in the Newspaper Guild from August, 1937, to January, 1940.

Referenced letter advised that Burdett is presently on a two-week vacation visiting his parents' home in Brattleboro, Vermont, and that New York intends to interrogate him further after his vacation.

Your attention is directed to the fact that the application of [redacted] for a position as [redacted] was forwarded to the Bureau on May 5, 1942. In his application, [redacted] stated that he was employed by the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," from September, 1936, to January, 1938.

In view of the fact [redacted] and Burdett were employed by the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," New York should exhibit a photograph of [redacted] to Burdett and thoroughly interview him for any information he has regarding Communist activities or Communist Party membership of [redacted]

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] Subject interviewed 9/20/51, at which time he admitted CP membership under the Party name PAUL STRICKLAND, while employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and active in the Newspaper Guild August 1937 to January 1940. Names of 12 other persons furnished by subject as members of same CP unit set out herein. BURDETT denied knowing JACOB GOLOS, ELIZABETH BENTON or ELIZABETH BENTLEY and stated he kept only members of his immediate family posted as to his whereabouts abroad between January 1940 and March 1946. Subject further denied knowing IGNACY and BUNIA WITCZAK but recalled [redacted] Subject stated his parents possibly were acquainted with WITCZAKS but has no knowledge of this matter. BURDETT identified photo of [redacted] as self-styled journalist he met in Bucharest in 1940. [redacted]

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DETAILS: At New York, New York

The title of this case is being marked changed to reflect the alias of PAUL STRICKLAND, which name the subject stated he used as a Communist Party member from August 1937 to January 1940.

By personal letter dated August 31, 1951, the subject expressed a willingness to cooperate in answering any questions with regard to his Communist Party, USA membership between August 1937 and January 1940. This letter is set forth as follows:

"August 31, 1951

"Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir:

"I feel it my duty and my inclination to send to you the two documents which I here enclose. They are signed copies of a loyalty questionnaire submitted to my employer, the Columbia Broadcasting System, and of a covering letter which I sent to my chief at C.B.S., Mr. T. Wells Church, Editor-in-Chief of C.B.S. News.

"Both documents were submitted in March of this year, at a time when I was on assignment abroad. I am now working at the C.B.S. News Department in New York City.

"I shall, of course, be ready to answer any questions you may have regarding the circumstances, if that is required. And I shall naturally be at your disposal to furnish further information, should you so desire.

"Very truly yours,

"/s/ Winston Burdett

"Winston Burdett

"Home address:
430 East 63rd Street
New York, N. Y."

The cover letter to Mr. T. WELLS CHURCH, Editor-in-Chief of C.B.S. News, as mentioned in the subject's personal letter, reads as follows:

"March 12, 1951

"Mr. T. Wells Church
Editor-in-Chief, CBS News
Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.
485 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

"Dear Ted:

"If I have delayed so long in filling out and sending to you the enclosed loyalty form, it is simply because this is, for me, an extremely unpleasant task. One naturally puts off the disagreeable; and in this case, it is more than that, it is plainly and painfully embarrassing.

"In all events, here it is. I do not know what I should add to what I have set down in the questionnaire, except to say that the beliefs and practices of Communism, and the ends and methods of the Communist Party are as abhorrent to me as to anyone I know-having learned about them, myself, the foolish way. Even though the experience now seems part of a distant past, I still have to suppress a kind of guilt complex on the subject, and so it is with something like relief that I have put down the facts on paper.

"I do not wish to tire you with an apology. At the same time I feel that I owe to you, personally, a more personal explanation. Looking back, it sometimes seems incredible to me now that I was once a Communist Party member. I was working at the time at the Brooklyn Daily Eagle; it was the period when the Newspaper Guild was breaking ground in the New York newspaper world; I myself joined- with zeal- in the work of Guild organization; and in this enterprise, obviously, the Communists played a very active part. To a young person, especially, Communist notions first present themselves in idealistic guise; and it was not until afterwards that I realized what the organization was, in fact, all about, and how dishonest it was, both morally and intellectually, in both its professions and its methods. Lord knows that recent history has made these things obvious to the most simple-minded. But in my case, at the time, they became obvious only after I had met them, at first hand.

"As you know, this kind of experience, is far from uncommon; others have gone over much the same path; it is, in fact, by now, a rather banal story. I have really nothing to plead in my defense except, perhaps, that I was then many years younger than I am now, and that I came soon enough to abjure the ideas I had accepted.

"There is just one further thing that I should like to say in this letter. I realize that this is going to involve no little embarrassment for you, and for this I am deeply sorry. Having worked for C.B.S. as well and as loyally as I know how, I would be less than loyal now if I should try to avoid the issue. And by that token, I wish to assure you that I shall respect whatever decision you may make in the matter.

"Again, I regret the difficulties that all this may mean for you, both personally and as Editor-in-Chief.

"With very best wishes,

"Sincerely,

"(Signed) WINSTON .(BURDETT)

"Winston Burdett

"Via del Babuino 193
Rome, Italy"

On the C.B.S. Loyalty Questionnaire executed by BURDETT on March 12, 1951 and as mentioned by him in his personal letter of August 31, 1951, the subject answered "yes" in response to the question "Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of the Communist Party, USA, or any Communist organization?"

Under the heading "Details or explanations, if any," BURDETT stated as follows:

"I am not now, and have never been in any way associated with any subversive organization, or with any of the organizations on the consolidated list on the back of this page, with the exception stated below.

"I was a member of the Communist Party, USA, from August, 1937 to January, 1940. During this time, I was employed by the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and I was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle unit of the Communist Party. This was a period in which the Newspaper Guild of New York was organizing the personnel of the New York daily newspapers; it was likewise a period that marked the ascendance of the Communists within the Guild organization. My own party activities, like those of other party members at the Brooklyn Eagle, were directed to Guild and Guild shop matters, i.e., to organizing and expanding the Guild membership, handling of "grievances" and negotiating of Guild contracts with the Eagle management. The major effort of the Eagle Guild during this period (an effort in which the Communists played a leading part) was a three-month strike at the Eagle, from September to December 1937.

"I quit the Communist Party for very simple reasons which must now seem all too obvious: because, belatedly, after

"joining it, I came to know the methods and true purposes of the party, and what, in short, it was all about. In a word, I found its ends repugnant, its atmosphere fanatical and stifling, and its methods shot through with intellectual fraud and dishonesty. These things have been learned before: I learned them the foolhardy way, through direct experience; but in any case I learned them thoroughly, and once and for all."

PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH WINSTON BURDETT

In accordance with WINSTON BURDETT'S willingness to cooperate as expressed in his letter of August 31, 1951, he was interviewed at the New York Office by the writer and
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Background:

WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT stated that he was born December 13, 1913 at Buffalo, New York, the son of OWEN LONG BURDETT, father, born in Massachusetts, and ELIZABETH WHITE BURDETT, mother, born in San Francisco, both of whom currently reside on R.F.D. No. 3 at Brattleboro, Vermont. He has one sister, MARJORIE BURDETT MacKENZIE, who presently resides in Chicago, Illinois.

When he was approximately seven or eight years of age, he moved with his family to New York, where he attended public school in the Bronx and later Trinity School in Manhattan. BURDETT received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University in 1933. From 1933 to 1934 he was engaged in graduate study of Romance Languages at Columbia University, although he never was awarded a Master of Arts degree.

His wife is GIORGINA BURDETT, nee NATHAN, whom he married in Rome, Italy July 1, 1945, and who is a British citizen, having been born in London. He added, however, that her father is an Italian subject and her mother is an Austrian subject, and that they both currently resided in Italy.

The subject stated that he had previously been married to LEA SCHIAVI, who was killed in Iran in April 1942.

Employments and Foreign Travel:

From September 1934 to February 1940 the subject was employed successively as a reporter, columnist, and Associate Editor by the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" newspaper at Brooklyn, New York. He stated that during the Summer of 1936, however, he vacationed in Europe during which period he was on a leave of absence from that newspaper.

In February 1940 BURDETT went abroad as a free-lance reporter and did work on assignment in the Scandinavian countries for the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and Trans Radio Press until April 1940 at which time the Nazis invaded Norway. It was at this time he began free-lance reporting for the Columbia Broadcasting System, although it was not until August of that year in Rumania that he actually became a permanent and salaried employee of C.B.S.

In June 1940 he proceeded by way of passage through Russia to Bucharest, Rumania, where he remained until October 1940. The subject explained that while with C.B.S. abroad, he was assigned to various large cities as bases of operation, but the nature of his reportorial work necessitated his making frequent and temporary trips to other cities and adjacent countries on assignment.

BURDETT related that it was in July 1940 in Sofia, Bulgaria, that he married LEA SCHIAVI, an Italian journalist, whom he described as an ardent "anti-Fascist." He stated that in 1942 she was shot and killed by a young Kurd while en route from Soviet-controlled Northern Iran to Tabriz. BURDETT said that he was on assignment in New Delhi at this time. He related that his wife had gone to Northern Iran with a young Armenian girl friend as interpreter to cover a news story, and during the return trip their car was stopped by a band of Kurdestan tribesmen.

BURDETT stated that his wife was then shot by one of the young Kurds and she died while being rushed to a hospital

in Tabriz, which was approximately forty miles distant from the scene of the shooting. The subject asserted that it has always been a mystery to him as to why his wife was killed, explaining that robbery was apparently not the motive involved and that no other person in her party of five was injured. BURDETT said the Kurds were a band of tribesmen, who were willing at that time to commit various criminal acts, including murder, for anyone who desired to pay a price. For this reason, according to BURDETT, the services of the Kurds were frequently utilized by the representatives of various machines in Iran during the early 1940's.

BURDETT said he first suspected that pro-Fascist Italians in Iran had been responsible for her death due to the fact that she had been an outspoken and active anti-Fascist. He said that as a result of conversations with various fellow correspondents in the Middle East and with counter-intelligence agents, he later came to believe his wife's death was caused by the Russians. He said that he is now firmly convinced his wife, during the course of her assignment in Soviet-controlled Northern Iran, chanced to observe the Russians training Yugoslovian infiltration teams to be later used in politically undermining the Yugoslavian Government. When the Russians learned that she intended to publicize this matter, according to BURDETT, they apparently had her assassinated before she could return to Tabriz and file her news story.

The subject advised that upon hearing of his wife's death, he obtained a two-month leave of absence from his job with C.B.S. and proceeded from New Delhi to Iran in order to investigate his wife's death, but due to the reluctance and uncooperative attitude on the part of Iranian officials, he was completely unsuccessful in his efforts.

Continuing his places of assignment abroad, BURDETT advised that he left Bucharest in October 1940 for Belgrade, Yugoslavia, where he remained until March 1941. He then was assigned to Ankara, Turkey, from March 1941 to April 1942, but made trips during this period to Tehran between November 1941 and February 1942 and to New Delhi during March and April 1942.

It was following the completion of his assignment in New Delhi, according to BURDETT, that he went to Iran to investigate his wife's death, where he stayed until July of that year. From July 1942 to March 1943 he reported from Cairo, moving to Algiers for assignments between March 1943 and May 1944. He spent from May 1944 to March 1946 in Italy, during which period he went to France briefly to cover the Allied invasion of Western France.

Subsequent to March 1946 he returned to the United States, and after a three-month vacation was assigned to the C.B.S. affiliated radio station in Washington, D. C. in June 1946, where he was employed until March 1948.

He again returned to Italy for assignment in Rome with C.B.S. from March 1948 to April 1951, during which time he also covered news events in Switzerland and Greece.

The subject returned to New York City in April 1951, where he is currently employed in the News Department of C.B.S. at 485 Madison Avenue, New York City. He currently resides at 430 East 63rd Street, New York City.

Communist Party Activities:

WINSTON BURDETT stated that he joined the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the Communist Party in August 1937 and was an active member until January 1940, having ceased his membership several weeks before leaving his employment with the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in February of the latter year.

He said that his Party name was PAUL STRICKLAND, and although he is unable to recall the name of this particular section of the Communist Party, he believes it was called the S 41 or 41 S Section. The section was familiarly known within the Communist Party, however, as the Brooklyn Eagle Unit.

BURDETT stated that after becoming employed by the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," he became extremely interested in the work of the Newspaper Guild, and it was this interest in union

activities that was largely responsible for his eventually becoming a Communist Party member. He pointed out that active participation in the Guild's activities at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and membership in the Communist Party was merely synonymous.

During the late 1930's, he stated, he held various menial positions in the Newspaper Guild, but in 1939 he became Chairman of the Guild's Grievance Committee at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle." During the Guild's strike against that newspaper in 1939, according to the subject, he actively participated as a picket. BURDETT said that his primary responsibility as a Communist Party member was in the publication of the "Eagle" Unit's Communist newspaper.

The subject stated that his leaving the Communist Party was the result of a growing apprehension of his part based on various inconsistancies of Communist Party doctrine during the period of years he was a member. The one outstanding event that caused him to doubt the Party's interests, according to the subject, was the Hitler - Stalin Peace Pact in 1939.

BURDETT blames his original joining of the Communist Party on his zealous interest in Guild work, coupled with the foolhardiness of his youth. He said he now finds the principles of the Party to be repugnant, having discovered its methods, atmosphere, and ends to be dishonest and fraudulent, both morally and intellectually.

The subject further advised that the following individuals were employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and were members of the Communist Party unit at that newspaper during the years he, BURDETT, was a member of the same unit. BURDETT added, however, that he has no personal knowledge of these persons' activities subsequent to 1940, explaining that all or a portion of them could later have ceased their Communist Party membership for the same reasons he himself left the Party.

VICTOR WEINGARTEN.....BURDETT stated that this individual was employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" as a news room reporter.

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VIOLET BROWN.....with aliases, VIOLET WEINGARTEN and Mrs. VICTOR WEINGARTEN. The subject stated that VIOLET BROWN was employed in the Editorial News Room as a reporter and later married VICTOR WEINGARTEN.

NAT EINHORN.....BURDETT described this individual as an Editorial Room Re-write man who was on general assignment news stories.

DAVID GORDON.....This individual, according to BURDETT, was employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" as a general assignment reporter.

MELVIN BARNETT (or BARNET).....This individual, BURDETT stated was employed as a general assignment reporter.

The following persons were named by the subject as individuals whom he knew to be Communist Party members, and these individuals were members of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" unit of the Communist Party, except in those cases where so stated:

ALVAH BESSIE.....BURDETT described BESSIE as one of his close friends while he was employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and stated that he was a member of the Communist Party, although he is not certain BESSIE was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit. He stated, however, that he believed BESSIE was at one time a member of that particular unit. BURDETT said that although his joining of the Communist Party was not caused by any particular individual, ALVAH BESSIE was probably the most instrumental of any single person in recruiting him into the Communist Party. BURDETT said that although he is certain that ALVAH BESSIE was a member of the Communist Party, he cannot be sure BESSIE was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit, since he left his employment at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" prior to the time the subject became a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the Communist Party.

GLADYS BENTLEY.....This individual was described by BURDETT as having been employed in the Commercial Department of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and as having been active in the Newspaper Guild.

LARRY ADLER.....BURDETT described ADLER as being in his late teens or early twenties while employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and as having been employed in the Commercial Department.

HERBERT COHN.....This individual, according to the subject, was employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" as a reporter and a movie reviewer.

I. I. KAUFMAN.....with alias, ISADORE KAUFMAN. BURDETT described KAUFMAN as having been a very militant individual and as having been employed as a number one re-write man for the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle." He led discussions at meetings between representatives of the Newspaper Guild and the newspaper. BURDETT stated that KAUFMAN was not a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the Communist Party at the same time as he, but he knew him to be a Communist Party member.

LYLE DOWLING.....The subject stated that DOWLING was employed by the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in 1937 in an executive position, but DOWLING did not agree with the newspaper's policies in publishing what he considered to be a good newspaper. Due to thi[illegible] friction between DOWLING and other executives of the newspaper, he became interested and active in the Newspaper Guild's strike against the paper. BURDETT said that DOWLING was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the Communist Party at one time, but was not a member at the same time as he, having left the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" prior to the time the subject became employed there.

CHARLES GRUTZNER.....BURDETT described GRUTZNER as an individual who had been a reporter with the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and one who was in the process of dropping

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out of the Communist Party in 1939. BURDETT stated that he is positive GRUTZNER is no longer a Communist Party member.

The subject advised that he was at one time personally acquainted with DORETTA TARMON, although he did not enlarge upon this matter. It will be recalled that it has been previously reported DORETTA TARMON was a Communist Party member and gave the name WINSTON BURDETT, 5 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York, as a reference in 1939.

Contacts with Espionage Principals:

The subject stated that he has no knowledge of JACOB GOLOS or ELIZABETH BENTON. BURDETT was unable to identify a photograph of GOLOS. He said that he has heard of ELIZABETH BENTLEY as a result of his work in the field of journalism, but he has never met her.

BURDETT stated that while abroad he never advised any persons as to his whereabouts outside of the members of his immediate family. He further stated that he has never been acquainted with or contacted by Soviet or Russian Satellite officials in Europe or the United States.

It will be noted that it has been previously reported that ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY, a self-confessed former Soviet espionage agent, who acted as a courier for the Soviet agent, JACOB GOLOS, advised she had never met BURDETT. She related, however, that GOLOS was in contact with BURDETT and when BURDETT went abroad in the latter part of 1938 or the early part of 1939, GOLOS arranged that BURDETT should maintain contact with him by sending communications to her under the name of ELIZABETH BENTON at 18 Grove Street, New York City, where she, BENTLEY, was residing at that time.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised that she subsequently received two or three cablegrams from BURDETT, which she then turned over to GOLOS. These cablegrams advised of BURDETT'S whereabouts in Europe. She stated that she is unable to recall

the dates when these cablegrams were received, but believes they were received sometime between December 1938 and December 1940, during which period she remained at 18 Grove Street, New York City.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY stated that BURDETT evidently missed connections with his contact in Europe since she was later asked by GOLOS to telephone BURDETT'S mother at the latter's home in Brooklyn for the purpose of learning BURDETT'S whereabouts. GOLOS told BENTLEY that she was to tell BURDETT'S mother that she, BENTLEY, was a fellow member with BURDETT in the Newspaper Guild. BENTLEY said that she made such an inquiry and was given the subject's address by his mother.

The subject apparently made connections with his contacts in Europe, according to BENTLEY, since she did not hear from him after December 1940.

BURDETT further denied knowing IGNACY WITCZAK or BUNIA WITCZAK and was unable to identify photographs of these individuals. It has been previously reported that Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on September 28, 1945 that the notebook of IGNACY SAMUEL WITCZAK contained the name of BURDET, 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York, MAin 4-5962.

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WITCZAK disappeared from the United States in November 1945. In January 1946 his wife, who was using the name of BUNIA WITCZAK, also disappeared.

[redacted] advised on January 23, 1946 that he was an acquaintance of [redacted] WINSTON BURDETT. He stated that the latter formerly worked for the "Brooklyn Eagle," [redacted]

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[redacted] WINSTON BURDETT'S address, 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, [redacted] advised that WITCZAK did not see BURDETT.

[redacted] in an interview on September 14, 1950, maintained that WITCZAK had never taken him into his confidence

concerning espionage. [redacted]

In connection with [redacted] at the residence of WINSTON BURDETT in Brooklyn.

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[redacted] BUNIA WITCZAK arrived in New York, and stayed for a day or so at the BURDETT residence [redacted]

[redacted] on the basis of his present knowledge of WITCZAK'S activities, [redacted] may have been related to espionage activities.

b2- Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that on October 4, 1945 that WITCZAKS had in their possession a letter dated December 15, 1941 from ELIZABETH W. BURDETT (Mrs. OWEN L. BURDETT), 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York, to Mrs. BUNIA WITCZAK. In this letter, Mrs. BURDETT mentioned the "little visit" which she and her husband had with BUNIA WITCZAK. She then mentioned that they were very worried because they had not heard from [redacted] and inquired as to whether BUNIA had heard from him.

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With respect to [redacted] BURDETT stated that he became acquainted with [redacted]

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BURDETT said that he became socially acquainted with [redacted] the address of his parents in Brooklyn, New York. Subject stated he has not had contact with [redacted] since that time but later learned [redacted] had corresponded with his parents for the purpose of advising them concerning their son's well-being.

BURDETT said that he has no knowledge of any persons whose names may have been furnished by [redacted] to his parents or who may have been introduced to his parents by [redacted] either directly or indirectly. It was noted in this regard that BURDETT, in advising of his Communist Party activities previously reported herein, stated that his parents had no knowledge of his Communist Party membership from 1937 to 1940, and said that they would have been extremely opposed to his Communist Party activities had they known of them. He stated that it is possible they are acquainted with persons by the name of WITCZAK, and further, these persons may have stayed in his parents' home, although he has no knowledge of this matter.

With reference to [redacted] it has been previously reported that Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised in January 1942 that there was at that time a person under arrest in India who was in possession of a Canadian passport issued in the name of [redacted]

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According to the informant, the real [redacted] fought in the International Brigade in Spain, reaching that country

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in 1937, where he surrendered his passport. [redacted] returned to Canada in 1939 without a passport.

The informant stated that the man under arrest in India stated that in March 1940, he acted as an assistant to Mr. HARRY GORRELL, the Balkan Chief of the United Press in Yugoslavia, and assisted Mr. GORRELL during August 1940 in Bucharest. During the same period of time he collaborated with WINSTON BURDETT, the Columbia Broadcasting System correspondent.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] subsequently advised that the man in India had admitted that he was an imposter, and that his real name was [redacted] of New York City. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was a Czechoslovakian national who was born in Berlin on [redacted] and gave his profession as that of a commercial artist.

[redacted] had fought with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain, and that he had last heard from him during the late 1930's or early 1940's from Yugoslavia. [redacted] also received a letter from him sometime during 1939 or 1940 postmarked Geneva, Switzerland, at which time he indicated he was writing for some newspaper.

[redacted] reflected that he was a Communist. [redacted] also expressed the belief [redacted] was a Communist.

BURDETT identified a photograph of [redacted], as being an individual whom he met in Bucharest in 1940 and whom he knew as [redacted] Subject described [redacted] as a self-styled journalist and ne'er-do-well who attempted to associate himself with a group of foreign correspondents in Bucharest. He recalled that [redacted] bore war wounds which reportedly were received as a result of his participation in the Spanish War.

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BURDETT related that he had little to do with [redacted] never employed him, and associated with him no more than the other correspondents in Bucharest. Subject added, however,

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that he later saw [redacted] in Sofia and that [redacted]

BURDETT explained that due to differences in nationalities and religions, he and his fiancee, LEA SCHIAVI, encountered difficulty in obtaining state authority to hold a marriage ceremony, but he eventually located a Methodist minister in Sofia who was willing to conduct an unauthorized wedding ceremony. BURDETT advised that he accidentally encountered [redacted] on the streets of Sofia on the day this marriage was to take place, and he, BURDETT, having no friends in Sofia, [redacted] The subject stated that he has had no contact with [redacted] since that time.

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[redacted] Anonymous

[redacted] Anonymous

[redacted] Former Security Informant [redacted]

MISCELLANEOUS

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Albany Division for information purposes. It will be noted that the subject has stated his parents currently reside on RFD 3 at Brattleboro, Vermont.

A copy of this report is also being furnished to the Washington Field Office inasmuch as the subject stated he was assigned to the CBS affiliated radio station in Washington, D. C. from June 1946 to March 1948, and it is anticipated future investigation will be necessary in that division.

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will recontact the subject subsequent to his return from a two-week vacation in Brattleboro, Vermont, for the purpose of obtaining any information his parents may be able to furnish him concerning IGNACY and BUNIA WITCZAK, and further question BURDETT concerning the unknown additional matter he wishes to discuss as mentioned in his personal letter to the New York Office of October 15, 1951.

Will recontact ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY for the purpose of obtaining any detailed information she can furnish with respect to the cablegrams reportedly sent by the subject through her to JACOB GOLOS between December 1938 and December

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1940, and concerning the telephone call she made to BURDETT's parents in Brooklyn, New York which enabled her to ascertain the subject's whereabouts in Europe for GOLOS. Will further question BENTLEY as to the reason she was able to furnish information concerning the death of BURDETT's first wife on August 23, 1951, whereas this matter had not been mentioned by her previously.

REFERENCE

b7C - Report of SA [redacted] New York, 9/10/51.
Bureau letter to New York, 9/12/51.

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in Tabriz, which was approximately forty miles distant from the scene of the shooting. The subject asserted that it has always been a mystery to him as to why his wife was killed, explaining that robbery was apparently not the motive involved and that no other person in her party of five was injured. BURDETT said the Kurds were a band of tribesmen, who were willing at that time to commit various criminal acts, including murder, for anyone who desired to pay a price. For this reason, according to BURDETT, the services of the Kurds were frequently utilized by the representatives of various machines in Iran during the early 1940's.

BURDETT said he first suspected that pro-Fascist Italians in Iran had been responsible for her death due to the fact that she had been an outspoken and active anti-Fascist. He said that as a result of conversations with various fellow correspondents in the Middle East and with Central Intelligence Agency representatives, he later came to believe his wife's death was caused by the Russians. He said that he is now firmly convinced his wife, during the course of her assignment in Soviet-controlled Northern Iran, chanced to observe the Russians training Yugoslovian infiltration teams to be later used in politically undermining the Yugoslavian Government. When the Russians learned that she intended to publicize this matter, according to BURDETT, they apparently had her assassinated before she could return to Tabriz and file her news story.

The subject advised that upon hearing of his wife's death, he obtained a two-month leave of absence from his job with C.B.S. and proceeded from New Delhi to Iran in order to investigate his wife's death, but due to the reluctance and uncooperative attitude on the part of Iranian officials, he was completely unsuccessful in his efforts.

Continuing his places of assignment abroad, BURDETT advised that he left Bucharest in October 1940 for Belgrade, Yugoslavia, where he remained until March 1941. He then was assigned to Ankara, Turkey, from March 1941 to April 1942, but made trips during this period to Tehran between November 1941 and February 1942 and to New Delhi during March and April 1942.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-376050)

DATE: 10/27/51

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa., G.I.R.-5
Paul Strickland
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Rebulet to New York, 9/12/51.

Forwarded herewith are five copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated 10/27/51 at New York. This report is submitted for the purpose of setting forth the results of a personal interview with the subject. Investigation in this case is continuing and leads previously set forth in instant case, as contained in the report of SA [redacted] dated 9/10/51 at New York, will be subsequently covered. These leads have not been re-set forth in the accompanying report.

WINSTON BURDETT was interviewed at the New York Office on 9/20/51, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] This interview was telephonically arranged with the subject on 9/18/51, at which time receipt of his personal letter dated 8/31/51 was orally acknowledged.

It is being pointed out that BURDETT was extremely cooperative at all times, and it is the opinion of the interviewing agents that he did not appear to be knowingly withholding information during the course of the interview, with the exception of that incident involving HYMAN CHARNIAK and CHARLES LEWIS set out later herein.

It will be noted that BURDETT denied knowing IGNACY WITCZAK and BUNIA WITCZAK but added that it is possible his parents may have been acquainted with the WITCZAKS. He further related in this regard that he intended to visit his parents' home in Brattleboro, Vermont during a two-week vacation in the near future and would willingly speak with them concerning any knowledge they may have of the WITCZAKS. Subject stated he would then advise the New York Office of the results of this inquiry.

On 10/17/51 the following personal letter was received at the New York Office from the subject, wherein he states as follows:

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"I am finally leaving this week on my vacation, which was twice postponed, and have wished to advise you of this in case you were expecting my 'phone call this week.

"I plan to be away for two weeks, and that will bring me back to New York for work on October 29th. I have wished to have a further talk with you, in any case, quite apart from the particular matter you mentioned.

"I shall 'phone you at your office as soon as I return."

The results of any recontacts with the subject will be promptly reported to the Bureau.

Concerning the names of those persons whom BURDETT knew as members of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the Communist Party, [redacted] It is being pointed out that the subject specifically requested his identity not be revealed with reference to information concerning these individuals.

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In addition to the names of those twelve persons whom BURDETT knew as Communist Party members, the subject also furnished the names of HYMAN CHARNIAK and CHARLES LEWIS as persons whom he knew as fellow employees at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in the late 1930's. BURDETT said that both CHARNIAK and LEWIS, to his knowledge, are presently employed by the American Military Government in Germany. He related that in June or early July of this year, 1951, he was telephonically contacted at his CBS offices by a sister of CHARNIAK, whose name he is unable to recall. CHARNIAK's sister advised that some question had arisen as to her brother's former political activities in view of his present government position, and she requested that BURDETT recommend the name of an attorney to represent her brother in a hearing which was to be held concerning this matter.

BURDETT assumed that this hearing was to be held in Germany where CHARNIAK was then employed. Subject said he was reluctant to become involved in the matter and advised CHARNIAK's sister that he was unable to recommend an attorney since he had been in Europe a number of years and knew of none who were reliable in New York.

Subsequent to the telephone call from CHARNIAK's sister, CHARNIAK himself contacted BURDETT in late July and requested that he execute a testimonial statement concerning his, CHARNIAK's, political background during the period prior to World War II. Subject said he did not know the specific contents CHARNIAK desired in such a statement and he did not ask CHARNIAK for details concerning them, but again being reluctant to become involved in the matter, he declined to aid CHARNIAK in this regard.

Subject stated that he refused to aid CHARNIAK in view of the fact that he had not seen him since they had been employed together at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in 1940, and he advised CHARNIAK of this basis for his refusal. BURDETT said that although he did not discuss the details of the matter further with CHARNIAK, he assumed that CHARNIAK wanted him to misrepresent certain facts in a testimonial statement concerning CHARNIAK's former political activities.

BURDETT said he did not hear from CHARNIAK again after this meeting but he later learned that CHARLES LEWIS, heretofore mentioned, and also an AMG employee, did testify favorably in CHARNIAK's behalf during a hearing regarding the latter's former political activities. The subject was unable to furnish further information concerning this matter.

It is being pointed out that BURDETT did not at any time during the interview state CHARNIAK and LEWIS were Communist Party members. It was noted, however, that immediately after furnishing the names of twelve persons whom he knew as Communist Party members, the subject stated he also wished to furnish the names of CHARNIAK and LEWIS. He then related the foregoing matter concerning them. BURDETT was specifically asked at the conclusion of his statement concerning CHARNIAK and LEWIS as to whether or not they were Communist Party members.

The subject declined to answer, but stated he desired his comments concerning them stand as such.

It is being pointed out that it was noted there was no other reason for the subject to mention the names of CHARNIAK and LEWIS other than the fact that their names were furnished by him immediately after he had furnished the names of twelve Communist Party members. It is the opinion of the interviewing agents that BURDETT, although knowing CHARNIAK and LEWIS to have been Communist Party members at the "Brooklyn Eagle" in the late 1930's, was reluctant to state such a fact because he fears their status as government employees would eventually result in a public hearing involving his presence.

The procedures under Executive Order 9835, and the fact that his identity could be concealed in the event a loyalty hearing board convened, were then explained to the subject but he continued in his declination to state that CHARNIAK and LEWIS had ever been Communist Party members.

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suggest disloyalty on the part of the subject or that he represented a security risk to the United States.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts were searched and found to contain no file on subject.

Records of the Massachusetts State Board of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, which is a central clearing house for all criminal arrest records in Massachusetts contained no record for subject.

The indices of the Boston Division contained no reference which is identifiable with the subject.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Effective Cipher sent to the following [redacted]

BURDETT was graduated from Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in June, 1933. College records disclosed no subversive activity nor indication of disloyalty. Credit and criminal record negative.

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Details: [redacted] Registrar's Office, Harvard College, Cambridge, stated WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT was graduated with an AB degree in the class of 1933. He was born December 12, 1913 at Buffalo, New York. His parents are recorded as ELIZABETH TERRY (WHITE) and OWEN LONG BURDETT, who in 1933 were residents of 116-40 Park Lane, South Kew Gardens, New York.

BURDETT received the Crowninshield scholarship amounting to $325 during the year 1930-31 and the Bassett scholarship of $250 during 1931-32.

[redacted] Harvard College, stated a review of BURDETT's scholastic record disclosed no information which would [redacted]

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WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, WA, ESP - R. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE SEVEN SIX ZERO FIVE ZERO. REMYLET OCT TWENTYSEVEN LAST. SUBJECT IN INTERVIEW NOV ONE LAST AT NYO ADVISED HE FALSELY STATED IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW HE CEASED CP MEMBERSHIP JAN FORTY BUT ACTUALLY LEFT US IN FEB FORTY AS ACTIVE MEMBER. WITH THIS EXCEPTION BURDETT STATED ALL FACTS OF PREVIOUS INTERVIEW WERE TRUE. SUBJECT RELATED THAT AFTER ARRANGING FREE LANCE REPORTING JOB WITH "BROOKLYN DAILY EAGLE" TO COVER FINNISH WAR HE WAS INSTRUCTED BY NAT EINHORN, LEADER OF "EAGLE-S" CP CELL, TO CONTACT JOE NORTH OF THE DW APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS BEFORE DEPARTURE. SUBJECT WENT TO NORTH-S HOME WHERE TWO OR THREE STREETSIDE MEETINGS WITH UNIDENTIFIED MAN NO. ONE WERE ARRANGED. AT FIRST OF THESE MEETINGS NUMBER ONE INSTRUCTED SUBJECT TO BRING COPIES OF HIS PHOTO, A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH AND HIS CP CARD TO NEXT MEETING. AT NEXT MEETING NUMBER ONE WAS GIVEN LATTER ITEMS AND HE INSTRUCTED SUBJECT TO CABLE CONGENIAL MESSAGE TO WOMAN AT GREENWICH VILLAGE ADDRESS UPON ARRIVAL IN STOCKHOLM. BURDETT UNABLE TO RECALL LATTER-S NAME AND ADDRESS. NUMBER ONE ALSO FURNISHED SUBJECT WITH CASH IN AMOUNT OF THE STEAMSHIP TICKET FROM NY TO STOCKHOLM. [redacted] -67C

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JOE NORTH PRESENT AT ALL MEETINGS BETWEEN SUBJ AND NUMBER ONE. BURDETT AGAIN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTO OF JACOB GOLOS AS NUMBER ONE. ON NIGHT BEFORE DEPARTURE FEB SEVEN, FORTY, SUBJ HAD STREETSIDE MEETING WITH UNIDENTIFIED MAN NUMBER TWO WHO ADVISED BURDETT HE WOULD BE CONTACTED BY UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL NUMBER THREE, WA MR. MILLER, UPON STOCKHOLM ARRIVAL. UPON ARRIVAL STOCKHOLM BURDETT SENT CABLE AS PER INSTRUCTIONS AND WAS CONTACTED BY MILLER. AFTER SERIES OF IDENTIFICATION MEETINGS WITH MILLER HE WAS GIVEN ASSIGNMENT TO BRING BACK REPORT ON PUBLIC MORALE IN FINLAND. BURDETT THEN PROCEEDED TO FINNISH FRONT BUT WAR ENDED SHORTLY THEREAFTER AND HE RETURNED TO STOCKHOLM MARCH THIRTEEN, FORTY. HE AGAIN MET MILLER AND FURNISHED LATTER HIS IMPRESSION OF FINNS-REACTIONS TO END OF WAR. MILLER THEN INSTRUCTED SUBJECT HIS ASSIGNMENT WAS ENDED. AFTER COVERING GERMAN INVASION OF NORWAY SUBJECT APPLIED FOR TRAVEL VISAS TO RUMANIA VIA RUSSIA AND IN JUNE, FORTY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE WAS AGAIN APPROACHED BY MILLER WHO ADVISED HE WOULD BE CONTACTED IN MOSCOW DURING TWO DAY LAY-OVER. BURDETT WAS CONTACTED AT HOTEL IN MOSCOW BY MAN AND WOMAN, NUMBERS FOUR AND FIVE, WHO ADVISED HIM TO WRITE RUSSIAN CONSULATE UPON ARRIVAL IN BUCHAREST. SUBJECT

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DID SO BUT WAS NEVER CONTACTED IN BUCHAREST. HE LEFT BUCHAREST WITH WIFE FOR BELGRADE IN NOV, FORTY AND WAS CONTACTED BY UNIDENTIFIED MAN NUMBER SIX SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER ARRIVAL WHO ARRANGED MEETING WITH NUMBER SEVEN CONTACT. THIS MEETING HELD ON EDGE OF BELGRADE AT NIGHT AND NUMBER SEVEN INSTRUCTED HIM TO MAKE ACQUAINTANCES IN YUGOSLAVIAN MINISTRY. SUBSEQUENT MEETING WAS ALSO ARRANGED AT THIS TIME BUT SUBJECT STATED HE FINALLY DECIDED AT THIS TIME TO END ACTIVITIES AFTER MANY MONTHS DELIBERATION AND DID NOT APPEAR FOR SECOND MEETING WITH NUMBER SEVEN. SUBJECT WAS AGAIN CONTACTED AT HOTEL IN BELGRADE BY NUMBER SIX WHOM HE TOLD HE NO LONGER DESIRED TO ACT AS INFORMER. BURDETT STATED HE WAS NEVER AGAIN APPROACHED IN BELGRADE. IN MARCH, FORTYONE HE PROCEEDED TO ANKARA AND SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL WAS CONTACTED BY MAN NUMBER EIGHT, UNIDENTIFIED, WHOM HE ALSO ADVISED HE NO LONGER DESIRED TO OPERATE. BURDETT STATED HE HAS NEVER BEEN CONTACTED SINCE THAT TIME AND HAS NEVER BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE CP OR CP MEMBERS. SUBJECT-S MOTHER ADVISED HIM THHAT THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF IGNACY

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SUBJECT HOWEVER THAT LATTER PEROSNS EVER STAYED IN THEIR BKLYN APARTMENT OR THAT SHE EVER CORRESPONDED WITH THEM. SUBJECT STATED PARENTS WERE NEVER CP MEMBERS TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. NY WILL SUREP DETAILS OF INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT. FURTHER INTERVIEWS WITH BURDETT ARE ARRANGED AND EVERY EFFORT BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT-S DESCRIBED ESPIONAGE CONTACTS. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED PROMPTLY OF RESULTS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: November 9, 1951

FROM : MR. [redacted] -b7c

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
Paul Strickland
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

PURPOSE:

To advise you that Winston Mansfield Burdett, news commentator and analyst for the Columbia Broadcasting System, has admitted that he joined the Communist Party, August, 1937 and was an active member of the Party when he left the United States in February, 1940 for Stockholm, Sweden as a free-lance reporter for the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" newspaper. He has also admitted participation in Soviet espionage from approximately 1939 to 1941. [redacted] -b7c

BACKGROUND:

Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, a self-confessed former Soviet espionage agent, who acted as a courier for the Soviet Agent, Jacob Golos, executed a signed statement on November 30, 1945, in which she advised that Winston Burdett, in approximately 1939, was traveling in Europe. Golos informed her that he had been in communication with Burdett and had told Burdett to cable Miss Bentley whenever he changed his address. Bentley stated that she received several cablegrams from Burdett, which indicated his location. She turned these cablegrams over to Golos as instructed.

By letter to the Director dated August 31, 1951, Burdett enclosed a signed copy of a loyalty questionnaire submitted to his employer, the Columbia Broadcasting System, and a copy of a cover letter which he sent to his chief at CBS, Mr. T. Wells Church, Editor-in-Chief of CBS news, wherein he admitted membership in the Communist Party from August, 1937 to January, 1940. In his letter to the Director, Burdett stated, "I shall, of course, be ready to answer any questions you may have regarding the circumstances, if that is required. And I shall naturally be at your disposal to furnish further information, should you so desire."

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Winston Mansfield Burdett, Formerly EMPLOYED BY Columbia Broadcasting System (CONFL. CARD) RADIO INDUSTRY COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY

Brooklyn Daily Eagle

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Pursuant to Bureau instructions, Burdett was interviewed by the New York Office on September 20, 1951, at which time he admitted Communist Party membership under the Party name, Paul Strickland, while employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" newspaper, and active in the Newspaper Guild from August, 1937, to January, 1940. He furnished the names of twelve individuals who were members of his Communist Party cell. He denied knowing Jacob Golos or Elizabeth Bentley and stated he kept only members of his immediate family posted as to his whereabouts abroad between January, 1940 and March, 1946. It may be noted that investigation had developed that Burdett was described in 1942 as a supporter of the Communist leadership in the New York Newspaper Guild and as either a member of the Communist Party or a close sympathizer.

Burdett was reinterviewed by New York on November 1, at which time he advised he falsely stated in the previous interview that he ceased Communist Party membership in 1940, but actually left the United States in February, 1940, as an active member. Burdett related that after arranging a free-lance reporting job with the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" to cover the Finnish War, he was instructed by Nat Einhorn, leader of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle's" Communist Party cell, to contact Joe North of the "Daily Worker" approximately two weeks before departure. Burdett went to North's home where two or three street-side meetings with an unidentified man, No. 1 were arranged. At first of these meetings, No. 1 instructed Burdett to bring copies of his photograph, a biographical sketch and his Communist Party card to the next meeting. At the next meeting, No. 1 was given above items and he instructed Burdett to cable congenial message to a woman at Greenwich Village upon arrival in Stockholm. Burdett was unable to recall the woman's name or her address. No. 1 also furnished Burdett with cash in the amount of the steamship ticket from New York to Stockholm. Joe North was present at all of the meetings between Burdett and No. 1. Burdett was again unable to identify the photograph of Jacob Golos as No. 1.

On the night before his departure, on February 7, 1940, Burdett had a street-side meeting with unidentified man No. 2, who advised Burdett he would be contacted by unidentified individual No. 3, wa. Mr. Miller upon arrival in Stockholm. Upon arrival in Stockholm, Burdett sent a cable as instructed and was contacted by Miller. After a

series of identification meetings with Miller, he was given an assignment to bring back a report on the public morale in Finland. Burdett then proceeded to the Finnish Front, but war ended shortly thereafter, and he returned to Stockholm, March 13, 1940. He again met Miller and furnished latter his impression of Finland's reaction to the end of the war. Miller then instructed Burdett that his assignment was ended.

After covering the German invasion of Norway, Burdett applied for travel visas to Rumania via Russia and in June, 1940, prior to departure, was again approached by Miller, who advised he would be contacted in Moscow during a two-day layover. Burdett was contacted at his hotel in Moscow by a man and woman, Nos. 4 and 5, who advised him to write the Russian Consulate upon arrival in Bucharest. Burdett did so, but was never contacted in Bucharest. He left Bucharest with his wife for Belgrade in November, 1940, and was contacted by unidentified man No. 6 several weeks after arrival, who arranged a meeting with No. 7 contact. This meeting was held on the edge of Belgrade at night, and No. 7 instructed him to make acquaintances in Yugoslavian Ministry. A subsequent meeting was also arranged at this time, but Burdett stated he finally decided at this time to end activities after many months of deliberation and he did not appear for the second meeting with No. 7. Burdett was again contacted at his hotel in Belgrade by No. 6, whom he told that he no longer desired to act as an informer. Burdett stated he was never again approached in Belgrade.

In March, 1941, Burdett proceeded to Ankara and shortly after his arrival, was contacted by man No. 8 whom he also advised he no longer desired to operate. Burdett stated he has never been contacted since that time and has never been associated with the Communist Party or Communist Party members.

Further interviews with Burdett have been arranged by the New York Office, which is making every effort to identify Burdett's described espionage contacts.

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information. This matter is being followed closely.

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Assistant Attorney General
James M. McInerney
Director, FBI

November 15, 1951

WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
Paul Strickland
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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This is to inform you that Winston Mansfield Burdett, news commentator and analyst for the Columbia Broadcasting System, has admitted that he joined the Communist Party in August, 1937, and was an active member of the Party when he left the United States in February, 1940, for Stockholm, Sweden, as a free-lance reporter for the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" newspaper. Burdett has also admitted participation in Soviet espionage from approximately 1939 to 1941.

Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, a self-confessed former Soviet espionage agent, who acted as a courier for the Soviet agent, Jacob Golos, executed a signed statement on November 30, 1945, in which she advised that Winston Burdett was traveling in Europe in approximately 1939. Golos informed her that he had been in communication with Burdett and had told Burdett to cable Miss Bentley whenever he changed his address. Bentley stated that she received several cablegrams from Burdett, which indicated his location. She turned these cablegrams over to Golos as instructed.

In a letter dated August 31, 1951, to this Bureau, Burdett enclosed a signed copy of a loyalty questionnaire submitted to his employer, the Columbia Broadcasting System, and a copy of a cover letter which he sent to his chief at CBS, Mr. T. Wells Church, Editor-in-Chief of CBS news, wherein he admitted membership in the Communist Party from August, 1937, to January, 1940. In his letter, Burdett expressed his readiness to answer any questions and to furnish further information if same was desired.

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of his Communist Party cell. He denied knowing Jacob Golos or Elizabeth Bentley and stated that he kept only members of his immediate family posted as to his whereabouts abroad between January, 1940, and March, 1946. The details of this interview with Burdett are set forth in the New York report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 27, 1951, a copy of which was forwarded to the Records Administration Branch of the Department on November 7, 1951. -b7c

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-376050) DATE: December 3, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

b7C- Rereps SA [redacted] dated 9/10/51 and 10/27/51 at New York.

Forwarded herewith are copies of corrected page eight for the referenced report dated 10/27/51, which report erroneously reflected information to the effect that the subject had conversed with Central Intelligence Agency representatives concerning the death of his wife in Iran.

On page seven, line two, of referenced report dated 9/10/51 it is reflected that the subject married LEA SCHIAVI 7/28/50. This date should read 7/28/40. Offices receiving copies of instant report are requested to make the appropriate correction.

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Date: December 12, 1951

To: b7C- [redacted]
Division of Security
Office of Consular Affairs
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Washington, D. C.

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, aka.
Paul Strickland
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Report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated October 27, 1951, at New York.

Report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated December 7, 1951, at New York.

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This Bureau will appreciate receiving any information which you may possess which will assist in the identification of Burdett's contacts abroad.

BY SPL. MSGR.
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cc - Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
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The Pentagon
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Attention: Chief, Security Division
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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: December 12, 1951

To: Atomic Energy Commission
Building T-3
16th and Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: [redacted] Division of Security -67C

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, aka.
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dated October 27, 1951, at New York.

Report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated December 7, 1951, at New York.

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Note: In view of Burdett's occupation, it is likely that he may contact AEC. Therefore, reports being disseminated to AEC for its information.

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Director, FBI (~~100-376050~~)

WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, WA.
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Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated November 15, 1951, concerning Winston Mansfield Burdett who is a news commentator and analyst for the Columbia Broadcasting System.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 7, 1951, at New York. -b7C

Additional investigation is being conducted in this matter and all pertinent information developed will be forwarded to you.

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WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.	ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject re-interviewed 11/1/51 at his request. BURDETT stated portions of initial interview 9/20/51 were false and admitted he served on brief espionage assignment for Russia while in Finland as correspondent 1940. Subject described meet with JOE NORTH of "Daily Worker", 2 unidentified espionage contacts in NY and 6 unidentified contacts abroad between January, 1940 and April, 1941, details of which are set forth herein. Espionage activities and CP contacts subsequent to April, 1941 denied by BURDETT. Subject related his parents have no knowledge of IGNACY and BUNIA WITCZAK, but were acquainted with one IVAN BENSON and wife, whom they met through [redacted] Mr. and Mrs. OWEN BURDETT were never CP members to subject's knowledge. Confidential Informants [redacted] however, advise Mrs. BURDETT admitted to them in 1939 she and husband joined CP. Confidential Informants [redacted] have no knowledge of subject. BURDETT presently

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DETAILS: In a personal letter to the New York Office dated October 15, 1951, the subject expressed a desire to be re-interviewed concerning a matter "quite apart from the particular matter" mentioned in his initial interview of September 20, 1951.

It will be noted that the subject had previously admitted being a Communist Party member under the name of PAUL STRICKLAND while employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" newspaper between July, 1937 and January, 1940, but had denied Communist Party activities or associations subsequent to the latter date. He further denied knowing any espionage principals.

In accordance with BURDETT'S request, he was re-interviewed at the New York Office by the writer and SA

b7c- [redacted] on November 1, 1951.

INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT

The subject stated he had falsely advised in his previous interview that he left the Communist Party in January, 1940, but actually continued to be a member when he left the United States in February, 1940. He further stated that he had been in contact, between January, 1940 and March, 1941, with persons engaged in activities directed towards collection of information for Russia.

He added that all other information furnished in his initial interview was true, to the best of his knowledge.

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Espionage Contacts in the United States

BURDETT related it had been general knowledge among the employees at the "Brooklyn Eagle" in the latter part of 1939 that he was going abroad to do free lance reporting on the Finnish front. He said that sometime in January, 1940, several weeks before his departure, NAT EINHORN of the "Eagle", who was the leader of the Communist Party cell at that newspaper, telephoned him at his Montague Terrace address in Brooklyn and advised him that JOE NORTH of the "Daily Worker" wanted to speak with him. BURDETT stated that EINHORN did not say what NORTH wished to discuss with him, but he later learned in talking with EINHORN that EINHORN at the time of his call was aware of the matter NORTH wished to discuss.

Several days later, the subject went to NORTH'S apartment in the Greenwich Village section of New York City where he was told by NORTH that a foreign assignment had been arranged for him in view of the fact that he was going abroad. NORTH did not furnish further details concerning this matter, but arranged a second meeting with BURDETT one or two days later.

The subject was unable to recall NORTH'S address in Greenwich Village, but remembers that it was West of Seventh Avenue and South of 14th Street in New York City.

At the second meeting, according to the subject, NORTH took him to a street-side contact with an unidentified man. The latter individual shall be referred to hereinafter as Man Number 1.

The meeting with Man Number 1 took place at night on Fourth Avenue off Union Square, New York City, and it is BURDETT'S vague recollection that the meeting was held in front of a restaurant or cafeteria, possibly a Childs Restaurant. Man Number 1 repeated that there was a foreign assignment for him although he did not advise the subject of the nature of this assignment. He cautioned

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BURDETT at this time not to mention the matter to any of his fellow Communist Party members and asked him if he had received his passport as yet. The subject explained to Man Number 1 that he had not yet received his passport, but expected to receive it within a few days. Man Number 1 then made arrangements for another meet with the subject and NORTH several days later and instructed BURDETT to bring with him several copies of his photograph, a brief biography of himself and his Communist Party card to the next meet.

BURDETT stated that at the second meet, he furnished Man Number 1 with three or four copies of his photograph, a short biographical sketch he had written in longhand and his Communist Party card as requested.

This meeting, according to the subject, was again held at night on Fourth Avenue just off Union Square. BURDETT stated that he is unable to recall how many meets he had with Man Number 1, but believes there were three altogether although possibly only two, and JOE NORTH was present at all of these meetings. He related that it is his recollection his final meet with Man Number 1 took place only one or two days before his departure to Sweden.

At either the second or third meet, Man Number 1 furnished him with the amount of cash necessary to purchase a one-way steamship ticket from New York to Bergen, Norway. BURDETT said he is unable to remember the specific amount, however, but it was possibly four or five dollars in excess of the exact price of the steamship ticket. The subject was also given the name and address of a woman in the Greenwich Village section of New York City to whom he was to send a cable upon his arrival in Stockholm. This cable was to contain a congenial message and would serve as notice of his arrival in Stockholm.

BURDETT stated he is unable to recall the name of the woman and her address, but recalls that Man Number 1 wrote this information on a slip of paper and turned it over to him.

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It will be recalled at this point that ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY, a self-confessed former Soviet espionage agent who acted as a courier for the Soviet agent JACOB GOLOS, advised she had never met BURDETT.

She related, however, that GOLOS was in contact with BURDETT and when BURDETT went abroad in the latter part of 1938 or the early part of 1939, GOLOS arranged that BURDETT should maintain contact with him by sending communications to her under the name of ELIZABETH BENTON at 18 Grove Street, New York City, where she, BENTLEY, was residing at that time.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised that she subsequently received two or three cablegrams from BURDETT, which she then turned over to GOLOS. These cablegrams advised of BURDETT'S whereabouts in Europe. She stated that she is unable to recall the dates when these cablegrams were received, but believes they were received sometime between December, 1938 and December, 1940, during which period she remained at the 18 Grove Street address.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY stated that BURDETT evidently missed connections with his contact in Europe since she was later asked by GOLOS to telephone BURDETT'S mother at the latter's home in Brooklyn for the purpose of learning BURDETT'S whereabouts. GOLOS told BENTLEY that she was to tell BURDETT'S mother that she, BENTLEY, was a fellow member with BURDETT in the Newspaper Guild. BENTLEY said that she made such an inquiry and was given the subject's address by his mother.

The subject apparently made connections with his contacts in Europe, according to BENTLEY, since she did not hear from him after December, 1940.

Miss BENTLEY also recalled that GOLOS advised her at one time that BURDETT was married to a girl in Europe, possibly in Rumania. She added that GOLOS subsequently told her BURDETT'S wife met death under rather tragic circumstances. She said she was not aware of the

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nationality of BURDETT'S wife and she does not know the circumstances of her death.

On November 15, 1951 ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised the writer and SA [redacted] that she is unable to recall the specific number of cablegrams she received from the subject, but believes they were two or three in number. She added, however, that she cannot be certain of this and it is possible that she received only one cablegram from BURDETT. -b7c

With reference to the telephone call she made to BURDETT'S mother in Brooklyn, Miss BENTLEY was unable to furnish additional information in this regard.

Concerning the information she had previously furnished to the effect that GOLOS had advised her that the subject had married and his wife later met death under tragic circumstances, Miss BENTLEY stated that she is positive this information was furnished to her by GOLOS or possibly another one of her espionage contacts. She added, however, that she is certain this information came to her as a result of her espionage activities and that she did not read it in the newspapers.

BURDETT stated that the name and address of ELIZABETH BENTON, 18 Grove Street, New York City, is not familiar to him, but he cannot honestly assert they are not the name and address given to him by Man Number 1. The subject stated that Man Number 1 did not advise him of the nature of his assignment at any of their meetings.

He described Man Number 1, to the best of his recollection, as follows:

Age:	Middle-aged, past 40
Height:	Medium
Build:	Stout
Hair:	Sandy red
Complexion:	Reddish

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Speech: Fluent English
Dress: Wore hat and topcoat

The subject was unable to identify a photograph of JACOB GOLOS as being that of Man Number 1. He stated that he has never seen this individual subsequent to their two or three meetings in January, 1940.

BURDETT related that on the night or possibly two nights before his departure from New York, he had a meeting with a second unidentified man. This individual shall be referred to hereinafter as Man Number 2.

The subject stated that this meeting, which occurred late at night, had been arranged by Man Number 1 on the occasion of their last contact and took place on upper Broadway above 100th Street, but below Columbia University (116th Street), New York City, but he cannot recall the specific location. He believes, however, that this meeting also took place on the street in front of or near a Childs Restaurant.

After going to the prescribed street intersection on Broadway, the subject was approached by Man Number 2, who asked him if he was Mr. BURDETT. Upon replying in the affirmative, he was instructed by Man Number 2 to register at the Patricia Hotel after arriving in Stockholm, where he would be contacted by a "Mr. MILLER". This individual, according to the instructions, would come to BURDETT'S hotel and make reference to their mutual friend NAT EINHORN. BURDETT was to acknowledge that he had recently seen EINHORN in New York. This brief conversational exchange was to be the subject's only means of identifying MILLER.

BURDETT again was not advised as to the nature of his assignment, but was told by Man Number 2 that there would be no risk involved on his part. BURDETT said that Man Number 2 advised him he would be merely carrying out his work as a foreign correspondent. He related that "others" were undergoing a great deal of risk, but there would be none on his, the subject's, part.

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BURDETT described Man Number 2 as follows:

Age:	40 (approximately)
Height:	5' 8" to 5' 9"
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Iron gray, turning white
Eyes:	Blue
Speech:	Fluent English
Nationality:	Of undetermined foreign extraction.

Activities and Contacts Abroad

The subject stated that he departed from New York aboard ship on February 7, 1940. After disembarking at Bergen, Norway, he proceeded to Oslo to await clearance of his Swedish visa. Approximately ten days later, he arrived in Stockholm, where he registered at the Patricia Hotel and sent a cablegram to the woman in New York City as per instructions.

BURDETT advised that two or three days after registering at the hotel, a man came to his room and stated that he was Mr. MILLER, but he made no reference to NAT EINHORN. MILLER will be referred to hereinafter as Man Number 3 or Mr. MILLER.

Mr. MILLER arranged a street-side meeting with the subject in downtown Stockholm to be held several days later and this was the first of either two or three of such meetings BURDETT had with Man Number 3 subsequent to the latter's first visit. He said that these meets were in nearly every case held late at night.

BURDETT related that very little took place at these meetings and recalled that they had walked the streets of Stockholm for as long as an hour or an hour and a half at a time with MILLER remaining silent for long periods. Man Number 3 broke the silence only at infrequent intervals to ask the subject questions concerning

his personal background, such as when he had joined the Communist Party, where he had attended school, and how many brothers or sisters he had. Subject related that Mr. MILLER appeared very suspicious and cautious at these meets and it was apparent that these questions were directed towards ascertaining his, BURDETT'S, positive identity.

At the latter of these meets, Man Number 3 gave the subject his assignment. BURDETT related that Mr. MILLER directed him to bring back a report of his observations with regard to Finnish public morale and the Finns' reactions to Russian bombings when he returned to Stockholm from the Finnish front. MILLER also arranged a future street-side meet with the subject, which was to be held on a specific date subsequent to his return from Helsinki.

BURDETT advised that he flew to Helsinki one or two days later, where he arranged a junket to the Northern front through the Finnish Press Office. This trip consumed several days and upon his return to Helsinki, he departed on another junket, this one being to the Southeastern front. After one or two days observing activities on the Southeastern front, all correspondents on the junket were suddenly and surprisingly ordered to return to Helsinki, according to BURDETT. He stated that it was not until they arrived in Helsinki that they learned the Russo-Finnish War had abruptly ended. BURDETT recalled that hostilities ceased on March 13, 1940.

Subject related that a week later he returned to Stockholm and one or two days after his arrival there he held the pre-arranged street rendezvous. BURDETT recalled that he and MILLER attended a motion picture in downtown Stockholm on this occasion and after emerging from the theater, MILLER inquired as to the reaction of the Finnish people to the end of the war. BURDETT informed MILLER that, in his opinion, the cessation of hostilities had come unexpectedly and as a shock to the Finns since the Finnish people had apparently steeled themselves for a

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long war in spite of the over-all effectiveness of the Russian bombings. The subject stated that Mr. MILLER then advised him his assignment was completed.

MILLER, according to the subject, gave no indication that he would attempt to recontact him in the future and left the impression upon departing that he would not see the subject again.

BURDETT described Man Number 3, with alias Mr. MILLER, as follows:

Age:	Early 40s
Height:	5' 10" to 5' 11"
Build:	Strong, heavy-set, peasant-type
Hair:	Dull brown, dark in appearance
Peculiarities:	Square-headed with flat pugilistic face
Speech:	English with thick accent, reticent
Travel:	Indicated he had once been in the United States, possibly in New York.

Shortly after his last contact with Man Number 3, according to BURDETT, he returned to Finland with a large group of foreign correspondents for the purpose of covering the story of the Russian occupation. He related, however, that they were never allowed by the Russians to complete this junket and he subsequently returned to Stockholm by train.

The subject continued that not long after his return to Stockholm, the Germans invaded Norway and he covered the various military incidents surrounding the Nazi occupation of that country between the latter part of March and late May, 1940. He recalled that it was during this period, he became affiliated with Trans-Radio Press and that in May of that year he made his first broadcast for the Columbia Broadcasting System.

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The Scandanavian countries had virtually ceased to be a scene of international interest by June, 1940, according to the subject, and it was at this time that he decided to go to Rumania along with many of the other correspondents in that area.

He said that one or two days after he had applied for Russian and German visas, he was again contacted by Mr. MILLER who came to his hotel room in Stockholm. According to BURDETT, MILLER displayed a "searching" attitude on this occasion and said that he had heard the subject was going to Rumania. MILLER indicated by his comments that he was greatly pleased with this news. Subject related that MILLER'S comments also indicated that word of the subject's impending trip to Rumania had come to him directly from the Russian Embassy or Consulate in Stockholm.

During this meet, MILLER instructed BURDETT to register at the Hotel Moscava upon arriving in Moscow, where he would be contacted. MILLER gave the subject no further details as to how, when or by whom he would be contacted in Moscow.

BURDETT advised that he departed Stockholm during the first week in June, 1940, but upon arriving in Moscow all passengers en route to Rumania were registered by Intourist at the Hotel Metropole rather than at the Hotel Moscava for the two-day layover in that city.

The day after his arrival in Moscow, however, the subject was contacted by a man and a woman, Contacts Numbers 4 and 5, who came to his room in the Hotel Metropole. The woman did not speak during this brief visit BURDETT related, but Man Number 4 instructed him to write a letter to the Russian Consulate upon arriving in Bucharest. He directed that this letter was to contain the subject's request for a visa permitting him to cross Russia on his return to the United States via the Pacific Ocean. Man Number 4 further directed that this letter should contain BURDETT'S hotel and room number in Bucharest and would serve as notice of his arrival in that city.

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Subject said that after two days in Moscow, he flew to Odessa and took the train from there to Bucharest. He recalled that the Italians entered the war on June 10, 1940 and it was on this date that he arrived in Bucharest.

BURDETT advised that after registering at the Hotel Esplanade in Bucharest, he wrote a letter to the Russian Consulate requesting a visa as he had been instructed by Man Number 4 in Moscow. He was never contacted after writing this letter, BURDETT stated, and he wrote a second letter a week later which also went unanswered by either a return communication or a personal contact.

The subject said he maintained his base of operations for reportorial work in Bucharest until mid-November, 1940, having spent a portion of that time in Sofia, Bulgaria, where he was married in July. BURDETT stated that efforts to contact him were never made by the Russians during his stay in Bucharest or during the time he was in Sofia.

In October, 1940 the subject departed with his wife from Bucharest for Belgrade, Yugoslavia, where he registered at the Hotel Srpski Karalj.

He related that two or three days after arriving in Belgrade, a young man, who will be designated as Man Number 6, came to his hotel room. BURDETT described this individual as follows:

Age:	Approximately 30, youthful appearance
Nationality:	Russian
Speech:	English with accent

Man Number 6, according to the subject, apparently had no knowledge of the fact that he had never been contacted in Bucharest. He furnished BURDETT with instructions for a contact with Man Number 7 several days later and then departed.

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The subject related that this meet took place late at night several days later in a dimly-lit outlying suburb of Belgrade. He recalls that he rode to the end of a tram line and then walked a considerable distance in order to arrive at the specified street corner. BURDETT stated that due to the darkness, he was unable to obtain a clear view of Man Number 7, but advised that this individual was a tall person who carried a glove in either his right or left hand. He recalled the latter incident inasmuch as it had been the means of his identifying Man Number 7.

This contact addressed the subject by his true name and then mentioned the names of several lesser officials in the Yugoslavian Ministry, asking the subject if he was acquainted with them. BURDETT stated that he advised Man Number 7 he was not acquainted with these persons whereupon Man Number 7 directed him to take steps to meet these officials during the course of his reportorial assignments. Man Number 7 did not, however, instruct BURDETT to obtain information from these officials, but merely instructed him, the subject, to meet him again on the street a week later.

BURDETT said he never went to the latter arranged meet with Man Number 7. His decision not to carry out this assignment, the subject stated, was the culminating point of a long personal deliberation covering a period of approximately two years. He explained that a person's joining of the Communist Party was, in most cases, like his own, a long and gradual process. He advised further that due to the regimentation and the continual necessity on the part of each member to alternate his individual theories to coincide with Communist Party doctrines, a person's leaving of the Communist Party was an even longer and slower process.

BURDETT said that he is firmly convinced his apprehensions toward the Communist Party's aims and purposes were instigated as early as the Fall of 1939. It was not until he left the "Brooklyn Eagle" and had an

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opportunity to disassociate himself from the day-to-day Communist Party activities and discussions, however, that he was able to think for himself and allow his growing mental apprehensions to take their natural course. The subject said his personal observations abroad of the activation of Russian designs on European countries was a deciding factor in his decision to no longer be a member of the Communist Party or to furnish information to the Russians.

After failing to appear for the second meet with Man Number 7, the subject continued, he was recontacted at his hotel by Man Number 6 who asked why he had not appeared. BURDETT said that he told Man Number 6 that he no longer desired to serve in such an activity and explained to him that he, BURDETT, had arrived at a mental attitude whereby he would be of no further use to the Russians. He said that there appeared to be no marked reaction to this statement on the part of Man Number 6, but this was not strange since Man Number 6 obviously was only a messenger or courier of lesser rank. He said that Man Number 6 departed and he was never again contacted in Belgrade.

The subject continued that he left Belgrade in March, 1941 and proceeded to Ankara, Turkey for further assignments with the Columbia Broadcasting System. He resided with his wife at the Ankara Palace Hotel while in that city.

Sometime between four and six weeks after arriving in Ankara, a man, Contact Number 8, came to his hotel room. This individual, according to BURDETT, was extremely cautious in that he did not indicate whom he represented, but merely suggested the subject would be in a position to obtain a great deal of knowledge concerning Turkish Government affairs in view of his employment as a foreign correspondent.

BURDETT said he assumed Man Number 8 was from the official Russian Mission in Ankara, but he could not be certain of this and added that Man Number 8 made no

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mention of the fact that he, BURDETT, had failed to cooperate in Belgrade. He said that he repeated to Man Number 8 the same statements he had made to Contact Number 6 in Belgrade in October of the previous year when he declined to cooperate with them. According to BURDETT, Man Number 8 then appealed for him to reconsider whereupon the subject again stated he no longer was willing to serve as an "informer" since his views had changed radically in recent years.

BURDETT said Man Number 8 then departed and he was never again contacted in Ankara nor have any attempts ever been made anywhere else to recruit him for espionage activities since that time.

The subject further asserted that he has never had contact with the Communist Party or been associated with Communist Party members since the occurrence of the latter incident in Ankara.

Information Concerning Mr. and Mrs. OWEN L. BURDETT

b2- It has been previously reported that Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on September 28, 1945 that the notebook of IGNACY SAMUEL WITCZAK contained the name of BURDET, 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York, MAin 4-5962.

WITCZAK disappeared from the United States in November, 1945. In January, 1946 his wife, who was using the name of BUNIA WITCZAK, also disappeared.

[redacted] advised on January 23, 1946 that he was an acquaintance of [redacted] WINSTON BURDETT. He stated that b7C the latter formerly worked for the "Brooklyn Eagle", [redacted] b7D

WINSTON BURDETT'S address, 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that WITCZAK did not see BURDETT.

[redacted] in an interview on September 14, 1950, maintained that WITCZAK had never taken him into his confidence concerning espionage. [redacted]

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[redacted] at the residence of WINSTON BURDETT in Brooklyn.

[redacted] BUNIA WITCZAK arrived in New York, and stayed for a day or so at the BURDETT residence [redacted] on the basis of his present knowledge of WITCZAK'S activities, [redacted] may have been related to espionage activities.

b2- Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that on October 4, 1945 the WITCZAKS had in their possession a letter dated December 15, 1941 from ELIZABETH W. BURDETT (Mrs. OWEN L. BURDETT), 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York, to Mrs. BUNIA WITCZAK. In this letter, Mrs. BURDETT mentioned the "little visit" which she and her husband had with BUNIA WITCZAK. She then mentioned that they were very worried because they had not heard from b7C - [redacted] and inquired as to whether BUNIA had heard from him.

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WINSTON BURDETT, in his initial interview on September 20, 1951, admitted having known [redacted] later was in contact with his parents in the United States. He denied, however, ever having known the WITCZAKS.

In his most recent interview, BURDETT said that he had recently returned from a visit with his parents in Brattleboro, Vermont and had inquired of his mother at that time as to whether or not she had ever been acquainted with persons by the name of WITCZAK, who possibly had been introduced by [redacted] The subject pointed out that since his parents had no knowledge of his Communist Party and espionage activities or that he had admitted such activities to authorities, it was, therefore, necessary for him to ask his mother concerning the WITCZAKS in a rather casual and indirect manner. He stated that for this reason the facts related to him by his mother may not be entirely clear or correct. He said that he was unable to ascertain from her when the related events took place.

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According to the subject, Mrs. BURDETT related [redacted] subsequently paid a visit with them, the BURDETTS, at their Grace Court apartment in Brooklyn. It was her recollection [redacted] had already been to [redacted] was merely stopping through New York [redacted]

Mrs. BURDETT advised the subject [redacted] later returned to New York [redacted] although she is unable to recall the year, and in the meantime had married [redacted]

[redacted] the BURDETTS' apartment on Grace Court. She

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[redacted] told her son that [redacted] she and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. BURDETT, departed for Vermont on a vacation [redacted]

The subject stated at this point that he does not know the reason his mother and father [redacted]

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Mrs. BURDETT told the subject that she and her husband have no knowledge of a person or persons by the name of WITCZAK. She advised, however, that they were once introduced [redacted] to one IVAN BENSON and his wife from California. She stated that she and her husband once had dinner with [redacted] and the BENSONS in [redacted] Mrs. BURDETT advised that other than the fact that the BENSONS were friends of the [redacted] she had no other knowledge of them.

Mrs. BURDETT told her son that she has corresponded with [redacted] as recently as last year, but that she never corresponded with the BENSONS. According to the subject, she added, however, that she still maintains the BENSONS' address in either New York City or California although she does not recall which address.

She further related to the subject that the BENSONS could possibly have stayed in their, the BURDETTS', apartment during the time they were in Vermont [redacted] but it is her recollection that the BENSONS' stay in New York occurred prior to the time [redacted] in the BURDETT apartment.

Subject stated that he was unable to obtain additional information from his mother concerning this matter while on his recent visit with his parents in Brattleboro, Vermont.

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It will be recalled that Doctor IVAN BENSON was a mutual associate of the WITCZAKS and [redacted]

On November 8, 1945 [redacted] of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, advised that IVAN BENSON had been employed as a social professor in the Department of Journalism in the university since 1936. His legal address in 1945 was 2019 Dunsmuir Avenue, Los Angeles. He received a B.A. Degree from Stanford University in 1920 and an M.A. Degree at the University of Kansas in 1928.

[redacted] reported that BENSON left the university on October 10, 1942 to take a position with the Government. She is of the opinion that he was sent to Europe by the Government.

[redacted] further advised that BENSON in 1945 was at the Veterans Hospital, Whipple, Arizona, suffering from tuberculosis.

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With reference to the information that BENSON had been sent to Europe by the Government, it is to be noted that he was employed during the war in the Scandanavian Section of OWI.

Subject advised that his parents were never members of the Communist Party to his knowledge although they probably absorbed some of his "leftist ideas" during the late 1930s. He related that they undoubtedly had shrewd suspicions that he was a Communist Party member during those years and he believed they worried about the fact although they never mentioned the matter to him.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, advised that WINSTON BURDETT and his parents were very proud of their Communistic affiliations at the time they resided in Brooklyn, New York.

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This Informant advised on October 8, 1951 that just prior to the Communist-dominated Newspaper Guild's strike against the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in 1939, Mrs. BURDETT told the Informant that she and her husband had finally come around to the subject's way of thinking and joined the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] further related that Mrs. BURDETT participated in the picket lines and carried a placard during the strike against the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle".

On October 15, 1951 Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, advised that she also was present when Mrs. BURDETT made the statement that she and her husband had come around to the subject's way of thinking and joined the Communist Party.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, who has admitted being engaged in Soviet espionage activities in the United States, with occasional courier trips to France, during the 1930s, has no knowledge of the subject.

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[redacted] Hotel Gladstone, 114 East 52nd Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] that the subject resided at that hotel from April 16, 1951 to May 1, 1951, at which time he listed his business address as Columbia Broadcasting System, New York, New York. [redacted] was unable to furnish additional information concerning the subject. b7c

Appropriate monitoring by the writer reflects that the subject currently broadcasts a fifteen minute newscast at 8:00 a.m. daily, Mondays through Fridays, over the Columbia Broadcasting System Radio Network and appears once weekly for a fifteen minute newscast on Wednesdays at 11:00 p.m. on the Columbia Broadcasting System Television Network.

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This report is being classified SECURITY INFORMATION - SECRET in view of the nature of the information contained herein as furnished by the subject and as furnished by Confidential Informants [redacted] <b2 b7D

Copies of this report have been designated for the Albany and Washington Field Offices for information purposes. The subject's parents currently reside in Brattleboro, Vermont in the Albany Division, and the subject stated he was assigned to the Columbia Broadcasting System affiliated radio station in Washington, D.C. from June, 1946 to March, 1948. It is anticipated, therefore, that future investigation will be necessary in these divisions.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will re-interview the subject for the purpose of obtaining more detailed information concerning his espionage activities and for the purpose of identifying his admitted espionage contacts.

Will review Immigration and Naturalization Service records for any information it may have regarding the subject's wife, GIORGINA BURDETT, nee Nathan, who was born [redacted] in London, England. b7C

* Will report results of information received from confidential source special service contacts available to the New York Office for the purpose of obtaining any information they may possibly be able to furnish

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concerning WINSTON BURDETT with regard to his activities from 1946 to 1951.

* Will report results obtained from reviewing subject's bank account at the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, 11 West 51st Street.

* Will report results of mail cover placed on subject's residence at 430 East 63rd Street, Apartment 12-D, New York 21, New York.

REFERENCE

Report of S[redacted] 10/27/51, New York. -b7C
New York teletype to the Bureau, 11/2/51.
Bureau teletype to New York, 11/20/51.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-376050) DATE: December 7, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
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Re New York letter to the Bureau 10/20/51 and report of SA [redacted] dated 10/27/51 at New York. b7c

Forwarded herewith are eight copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated 12/7/51 at New York, as requested in Butel to New York 11/20/51.

It will be noted in the accompanying report, a copy of which is being designated for the Albany Office, the subject's mother advised him she had no knowledge of IGNACY and BUNIA WITCZAK, but was acquainted with one IVAN BENSON and his wife, whom she and her husband had met through [redacted] - b7c She related, however, that the BENSONS had never resided in the BURDETT apartment to her knowledge and denied that she had ever corresponded with the BENSONS.

Information has been previously reported in the captioned case to the effect that BUNIA WITCZAK, according to [redacted] introduced to the BURDETTS as a friend and she stayed for a day or so at the BURDETT residence. b7c b7D

It was further noted that ELIZABETH W. BURDETT had corresponded with BUNIA WITCZAK in December, 1941 and confidential informants have advised that Mrs. BURDETT told them in 1939 she and her husband had joined the Communist Party. In view of this information, it is suggested that the Albany Office give further consideration to conducting a full scale investigation of the subject's parents, Mr. and Mrs. OWEN L. BURDETT.

In this regard, it is being pointed out that the WITCZAKS were possibly using the names of Doctor IVAN BENSON and his wife, who were mutual friends of the WITCZAKS, [redacted] while they were in contact with the BURDETTS in 1941. b7c

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A review of the New York files concerning WITCZAK reflects that he occasionally used the aliases of friends. It is suggested that Albany also consider the possibility of specifically interviewing the BURDETTS in detail concerning the WITCZAKS and the BENSONS.

It is to be noted that Mrs. BURDETT recently advised her son she still maintains an address for the BENSONS in either California or New York City. In the event the BURDETTS should be interviewed, however, it should be noted that the subject has specifically requested that the matters of his Communist Party membership, his espionage activities, and the fact that he has talked to the representatives of the FBI not be mentioned to them.

A review of the New York file in the captioned case reflects that Albany is in possession of all pertinent information available to New York concerning Mr. and Mrs. OWEN BURDETT.

During the course of the interview with the subject, which was held in the New York Office from 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., November 1, 1951, the subject advised that he has never related his story of espionage activities to anyone else other than to his first wife, LEA, who was killed in Iran in 1942. BURDETT stated that LEA SCHIAVI was not a Communist, but was extremely opposed to Communism. She did not approve of his Communist Party membership and his attempted espionage assignment, but was aware during the course of their marriage that his interests in Communism and Russia were waning. She, therefore, was content to let him discover the error of his ways as time went on and never attempted to pursuade him one way or another.

BURDETT stated that as far as he knows, neither his present wife, GIORGINA, nor his parents have any knowledge of his past Communist Party membership and espionage contacts since he has never advised them of such.

Subject stated that the only times he has been in contact with Communist Party members since 1941 occurred once when he visited the newspaper plant at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" after returning to the United States in 1946 and on several occasions when DORETTA TARMON attempted to contact him by telephone in Washington, D.C. and New York City after he returned from abroad.

BURDETT stated that he went to the "Eagle" to pay his respects to GEORGE CURRIE, under whom he had worked at that newspaper during the late 1930s. He said that he toured the newspaper's offices at this time and during the course of this tour saw several of those persons, whom he advised on 9/20/51 were members of the Communist Party when he was employed at that newspaper. Among those persons whom he observed as still being employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and who were Communist Party members in the late 1930s were GLADYS BENTLEY, VIOLET BROWN and HERBERT COHN. BURDETT stated that he did not converse with these people and they did not attempt to speak with him.

The subject stated that the only other exception to his having any contact with the Communist Party members since 1941 occurred while he was employed by the CBS affiliated radio station in Washington, D.C., during which period DORETTA TARMON attempted to contact him. BURDETT stated that DORETTA TARMON was at one time a very good friend of his, whom he knew as a Communist Party member while working at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and whom he had first met at CP Section Headquarters in Brooklyn. He said that he does not know what position she held in the CP during those years, but she was actually employed by the Party and was very active in its affairs.

BURDETT stated that he saw a great deal of DORETTA TARMON before 1940 and even corresponded with her after he went abroad. He stated that he considered her to be such a close friend at one time that after he ceased to view the Communist Party and the Russians in a favorable light, he had hoped some day to attempt to explain his change of mind to her.

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He stated that while he was with CBS in Washington, DORETTA TARMON called him two or three times on the telephone and later called him once at his CBS Office in New York. On each of these occasions, according to the subject, he gave her excuses for not meeting her. He said that she apparently soon came to realize these excuses were a form of reluctance on his part not to see her and she did not contact him again.

The subject stated that with the exception of these aforementioned instances, he has never had any contact with Communist Party members, representatives of the Russian Government, or any persons whom he thought to be engaged in espionage activities since he was last contacted in Ankara, Turkey, in April, 1941.

SAC, New York (65-15665) December 12, 1951

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Reference New York report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 7, 1951, which sets forth an undeveloped lead for the New York Office to reinterview Burdett for the purpose of obtaining more detailed information concerning his espionage activities and for the purpose of identifying his admitted espionage contacts.

During its next interview with Burdett, New York should obtain descriptions of contacts number four and five mentioned on page eleven of referenced report and of contact number eight mentioned on page fifteen of the report.

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For the information of the New York Office, copies of Special Agent [redacted] reports dated October 27, 1951, and December 7, 1951, have been furnished the Department of State, [redacted] G-2, ONI and OSI stating that the Bureau would appreciate receiving any information these Agencies may possess which will assist in the identification of Burdett's contacts abroad.

cc - Albany (For Information) (65-1776)
Washington Field (For Information) (65-5735)

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TO : Director, FBI (100-376050) DATE: February 18, 1952

FROM : SAC, Albany (65-1776)

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Rerep SA [redacted] 12-7-51 at New York and New York letter to the Bureau dated 12-7-51.

Inasmuch as the report of SA [redacted] reflects that Mr. and Mrs. OWEN BURDETT were not identified with the subject's espionage activities in any way, no further investigation of Mr. and Mrs. OWEN BURDETT will be conducted in the absence of a request for additional investigation by the New York Division, and this case will be considered RUC by this letter.

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PHO:ATN
cc: New York (65-15665)

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SAC, New York (65-15665)

March 25, 1952

Director, FBI (100-376050)

WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950

Rebulet 12-12-51.

To date, the Bureau has received no information from your office indicating that subject has been extensively re-interviewed for all possible details concerning his espionage activities including description of all unknown subjects involved in this investigation. The Bureau desires that this action be taken promptly by the New York Office and that a report be submitted in this matter not later than ten days after this communication is received in your office.

RDG:elw

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa	ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, in re-interview 1/2/52, furnished additional information and/or descriptions re NYC contact #1 and foreign contacts #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8. BURDETT unable to identify his contacts after being shown numerous photographs of known and suspected espionage operatives, 1/2/52 and 2/28/52. [redacted] has no knowledge of subject's contacts abroad. -62

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[redacted] Information re [redacted] recent correspondents set forth herein. Election records, NYC, reflect ALP registrations for subject and/or parents, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1943, and 1944. [redacted] advised BURDETT's broadcast 8/28/46 was sponsored by STUDEBAKER CORP. 62 67D 67C

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DETAILS: At New York, New York

In a previous interview with WINSTON BURDETT, November 1, 1951, he related that he had two unidentified espionage contacts in New York City and six unidentified contacts abroad between January 1940 and April 1941. These contacts have been numbered 1 through 8 for purposes of identification.

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b7C- BURDETT was re-interviewed at the New York Office on January 2, 1952, by the writer and SA [redacted]. At this time he furnished the additional information hereinafter set forth concerning his contacts.

CONTACT #1

BURDETT stated that JOE NORTH who brought him in contact with Man #1 at New York City in January 1940, greeted this individual with a salutation one would ordinarily use in greeting an older person with familiarity. Subject is unable to remember the exact term used by NORTH but believes he greeted Contact #1 with a phrase similar to "Hi, Pop." Subject was unable to furnish any additional identifying data with respect to Man #1.

CONTACTS #4 and #5

It has been previously reported that the subject related he proceeded from Stockholm to Moscow during the first week in June 1940. The day after his arrival in Moscow, he was contacted at the Hotel Metropole by a man and a woman, Contacts #4 and #5, respectively.

The following descriptions of Contacts #4 and #5 were furnished by BURDETT:

Contact #4 (Man)

Age:	35 - 40
Height:	5'8" - 5'10"
Weight:	150 - 160 lbs
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Dark brown
Hair:	Black
Face:	Sharp-featured
Speech:	Good English, although no regional characteristic noted
Nationality:	Assumed to be Russian
Peculiarities:	Appeared "physically and mentally agile" and "vigorously healthy"; displayed a "keen, shrewd glance"

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Contact #5 (Woman)

Age:	55 - 60
Height:	5'8" - 5'10"
Weight:	130 - 140 lbs.
Build:	Tall, slender
Eyes:	Light blue
Hair:	Blond, graying
Complexion:	Fair, red-faced
Speech:	English, spoken casually as if for many years
Nationality:	Russian type

BURDETT stated that Contacts #4 and #5 spent approximately one-half to one hour in his hotel room, during which time he was given instructions for making a future contact in Bucharest. Information concerning these instructions has been previously reported. BURDETT recalled that Man #4, who did nearly all of the talking during this period, jokingly referred to him as "The Eagle", obviously referring to his previous employment with the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle". Contact #4 also possibly referred, during the conversation, to NAT EINHORN of that newspaper, according to the subject, but he is unable to specifically remember if the man did so. BURDETT did recall, however, that the man mentioned the fact his, BURDETT'S, original instructions in Stockholm had been to register at the Hotel Moscava rather than at the Hotel Metropole where he was ushered by Intourist upon arrival in Moscow.

The subject stated that Contact #5, the woman, exchanged pleasantries during the early part of the meet and did very little talking thereafter. It was BURDETT'S impression that she had been sent along merely as an observer. The meet with Contacts #4 and #5 lasted from one-half hour to an hour, he related, during which period he received instructions as to his future contact in Bucharest. No other conversations of a pertinent nature took place at this time, according to BURDETT. He stated that, judging from their conversation, it was his impression that neither Contact #4 nor Contact #5 had ever been in the United States.

CONTACT #6

Contact #6, the young man whom it has been previously reported visited BURDETT on two occasions at the Hotel Srpski Karalj, Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in October 1940, was described further by the subject as follows:

Contact #6

Age:	27 - 29
Height:	6'
Weight:	160 - 170 lbs.
Build:	Tall
Hair:	Sandy, unkempt
Face:	Deep-set eyes, large nose, and pronounced cheekbones
Speech:	English, spoken with difficulty
Nationality:	Russian
General Appearance:	Young peasant type

BURDETT related that Man #6 displayed little initiative during their two meetings and left the impression that he held a position of minor rank. It was felt by BURDETT that this individual was only carrying out instructions that had been specifically issued to him and he was probably incapable of exercising any prime decisions without consulting his superiors. Although he is unable to specifically recall the circumstances, it is the subject's recollection that Man #6 identified himself as holding an official position with the Russian Embassy in Belgrade. BURDETT further recalled that he asked Contact #6 why he had not been previously contacted in Bucharest as had been indicated by his instructions received earlier in Moscow. The subject stated that the young man merely shrugged his shoulders in answer and furnished no explanation concerning this matter.

CONTACT #7

BURDETT related in an earlier interview that he was met at night by Contact #7 on the outskirts of Belgrade several days after receiving his instructions for this contact from Man #6. In his most recent interview, he described this individual as follows:

Contact #7

Age:	35 - 40
Height:	6'2" - 6'4"
Hair:	Very blond
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Fair
Face:	Regular-featured

Build:	Tall, athletic, strong, erect
Attire:	Nattily dressed, black hat, gloves
Speech:	Well-spoken English, but with difficulty

Subject related that, judging from the stylish attire of Man #7, he assumed this man was also from the Russian Embassy in Belgrade but of much higher rank than Contact #6. Man #7 gave the impression that he had travelled widely and possibly had visited the United States. BURDETT added, however, that he is now unable to recall what transpired during the meet that caused him to believe the man had possibly been in this country.

It may be noted that in his previous interview of November 1, 1951, BURDETT related that his meet with Contact #7 took place late at night in a dimly-lit, outlying suburb of Belgrade. He recalled that he rode to the end of a tram line and then walked a considerable distance in order to arrive at the specified street corner.

During the course of his most recent interview, BURDETT advised that he possibly was somewhat in error as to the specific circumstances he previously furnished surrounding the meet with Man #7. He pointed out that this meeting occurred nearly eleven years ago and lasted only a brief period of time, probably one-half hour at the most. Further, during his previous interview he had attempted in a short time to recall the details of a number of incidents with respect to his espionage contacts. For these reasons, he stated he was previously unable to describe the meet with Man #7 in detail. After giving this particular meeting further thought, however, he now recalls that it took place on the outskirts of Belgrade in the early evening, rather than late at night as stated earlier. To the best of his recollection, he boarded a bus or tram in the central business area of Belgrade which proceeded easterly towards the suburbs on Alexander (or Alexandra) Avenue. BURDETT explained that this avenue is the main thoroughfare leading east from the business section of Belgrade and was later renamed the Avenue of the Red Army by the Russians. He has no knowledge as to its present title under the TITO regime but stated that the Yugoslavian House of Parliament is located on this avenue. He left the bus or tram at a pre-arranged stop in an outlying residential area of the city, he continued, by which time it had become dark or nearly so.

BURDETT said that he had been advised earlier that Man #7 would be standing on a street corner and would be carrying a glove in either his right or left hand, which was to be the means of identification. BURDETT related that he apparently walked a considerable distance before arriving at instant intersection, but he is now unable to remember the exact distance or direction he walked from the point at which he disembarked from the public transport. He continued that, upon arriving at the specified street corner, he immediately identified Man #7 by means of the glove. Upon seeing BURDETT, Man #7 rounded the corner and proceeded up the street. BURDETT followed him as previously instructed and eventually overtook him, whereupon the man addressed BURDETT by his true name. Subject stated that he and Man #7 then walked leisurely about the neighborhood for approximately one-half hour as they conversed. The nature of this conversation has previously been reported to have involved Man #7's questioning of BURDETT with respect to his knowledge of Yugoslavian officials. When Man #7 had completed his talk, he departed the area and BURDETT returned to his hotel alone. He recalled that the next meet with Contact #7, which it has been reported never took place, was to have been in the vicinity of another stop on the same bus or tram line.

CONTACT #8

With reference to Contact #8, whom the subject previously related came to his hotel room in Ankara, this man was described as follows:

Contact #8

Age:	Approximately 35
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	145 - 150 lbs.
Build:	Slight
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Gray
Complexion:	Fair
Face:	Narrow, sharp-featured
Speech:	English with accent, but not halting

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BURDETT stated that Man #8 came to his hotel room during the daylight hours as had Man #6 in Belgrade. This individual, however, appeared to be more definitely the professional type and apparently had travelled widely. The subject received the definite impression that Contact #8 had come from the official Russian Mission in Ankara and possibly introduced himself as a representative of the Embassy. At the conclusion of the interview with BURDETT he was shown numerous photographs of known and suspected Russian espionage operatives but was unable to identify any of his related eight espionage contacts. The subject was shown additional photographs on February 28, 1952, again with negative results. He stated, however, that in the future, should he recall any incidents or facts which might prove beneficial in identifying his contacts, he will voluntarily furnish such information.

b2- The files of Confidential Informant [redacted], another Government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, do not contain information concerning BURDETT'S contacts abroad.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised in October 1951 that the subject [redacted] BURDETT'S current address, according to the informant, is 430 East 63rd Street, New York City. Confidential Informant [redacted] further advised [redacted] and the subject's father is OWEN L. BURDETT [redacted] The subject went to Rome in 1948, according to the informant, [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] Informant was unable to furnish any identifying information concerning these two individuals. Informant related that [redacted]

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The information furnished herein by Confidential Informants [redacted] may not be utilized in public proceeding without the usual issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. - b2 b7D

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Recent monitoring of programs on the Columbia Broadcasting System radio and television networks reveals that the subject currently broadcasts a fifteen minute news program on radio from 8:00 A.M. to 8:15 A.M., five days weekly. He no longer makes regularly scheduled television appearances, although he was observed during the week beginning March 3, 1952, to substitute for Newscaster ALAN JACKSON, who regularly broadcasts over the CBS television network from 11:00 P.M. to 11:15 P.M., five days weekly.

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, advised that WINSTON BURDETT or his wife, GIORGINA, 460 East 63rd Street, New York City, were in receipt of written communications bearing the following return addresses between September 1, 1951, and November 1, 1951: - b2 b7D

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Date	Return Address
September 4, 1951	[redacted] Borna, Italia
September 4, 1951	[redacted] Laconia, New Hampshire
September 20, 1951	[redacted] Rome, Italy
September 20, 1951	C. E. MORAN Room 1700 25 Broadway New York, New York
September 22, 1951	[redacted] Roma, Italia
September 22, 1951	C. E. MORAN Room 1700 25 Broadway New York, New York
September 24, 1951	[redacted] Roma, Italia
September 24, 1951	(Addressor Unknown) Roma Perrovia
October 4, 1951	G-60 1155 York Avenue New York, New York
October 11, 1951	G-60 1155 York Avenue New York, New York

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Date	Return Address
October 15, 1951	[redacted] New York, New York
October 16, 1951	[redacted] Roma, Italia
October 18, 1951	HUGO GALLERY 26 East 55th Street New York, New York
October 20, 1951	[redacted] Rome, Italy
October 23, 1951	[redacted] Rome, Italy
October 31, 1951	BURDETT R.F.D. 3 Brattleboro, Vermont

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With respect to the communications received by the subject or his wife from [redacted], Rome, Italy, it was noted in this regard that GIORGINA BURDETT'S maiden name is NATHAN and her parents reportedly reside in Italy.

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Concerning the communication received by the subject or his wife on October 18, 1951, from HUGO GALLERY, 26 East 55th Street, New York, New York, the New York Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan contains a listing for the HUGO ART GALLERY, 26 East 55th Street, New York City.

It will be noted above that BURDETT or his wife received correspondence from one BURDETT, R.F.D. 3, Brattleboro, Vermont, on October 31, 1951. It has been previously reported that subject's parents reside on R.F.D. 3, Brattleboro, Vermont.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] mentioned heretofore, advised that additional correspondence received by WINSTON BURDETT and his wife at 460 East 63rd Street, New York City, between September 1, 1951, and November 1, 1951, appeared to be of a routine or commercial nature. -b2

MISCELLANEOUS

In his most recent interview, January 2, 1952, BURDETT advised that he resided at 2800 Woodley Road, N.W., Washington, D.C., from July 1946 to March 1948, during which period he was employed as a member of the news staff of the CBS affiliated station WTOP in Washington.

The records of the Board of Elections for the Boroughs of Queens and Brooklyn, as maintained at the Reference Library, Municipal Building, New York City, contain the following information:

8409 Talbot Street
Queens, New York

1931	No Record.
1932	No Record.
1933	No Record.
1934	No Record.
1935	No Record.
1936	No Record.
1937	No Record.

2 Grace Court
Brooklyn, New York

1937	WINSTON BURDETT and ELIZABETH BURDETT	Registered with the American Labor Party.
	OWEN BURDETT	Registered with one of the two major political parties.
1938	ELIZABETH BURDETT	Registered with the American Labor Party.
	OWEN BURDETT	Registered with one of the two major political parties.

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1939	ELIZABETH BURDETT	Registered with the American Labor Party.
	OWEN BURDETT	Registered with one of the two major political parties.
1940	ELIZABETH BURDETT and OWEN BURDETT	Registered with one of the two major political parties.
1941	No Record.	
1942	No Record.	
1943	OWEN BURDETT	Registered with the American Labor Party.
1944	OWEN BURDETT and ELIZABETH BURDETT	Registered with the American Labor Party.
1945	No Record.	

5 Montague Terrace
Brooklyn, New York

1938	WINSTON BURDETT	Registered with the American Labor Party.
1939	WINSTON BURDETT	Registered with one of the two major political parties.
1940	No Record.	

The American Labor Party was cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, Page 78, as follows:

"For years the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control."

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The California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, Pages 40 and 41, cited the American Labor Party as being among "organizations that are victims of Communist domination".

[redacted] (S) b1

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, has advised that WINSTON BURDETT made a radio newscast from 6:10 P.M. to 6:15 P.M. on August 28, 1946, over Radio Station WTOP, Washington, D.C., which is the local CBS affiliated station in Washington. The informant stated that he has no knowledge as to the availability of a script for the subject's broadcast, but added that the sponsor of this program was the STUDEBAKER CORPORATION and it is possible that corporation retained a copy of instant script. b2 b7D

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INFORMANTS

- G-2, Washington, D.C.
- [redacted] on October 8, 1951.
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
  Lenox Hill Station
  United States Post Office
  221 East 70th Street
  New York City
- [redacted] (S) as set forth in the report of SA [redacted] dated April 6, 1951, at Washington, D.C., in the captioned case.
- Confidential Source [redacted], contacted by SA [redacted] in November 1951.

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LEADS

ALBANY

At Brattleboro, Vt.

Will, in event of authorization by the Bureau, interview Mr. and Mrs. OWEN L. BURDETT, the subject's parents, in the light of suggestions set forth in New York letter to the Bureau dated March 27, 1952

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ADMINISTRATIVE (Cont'd)

LEADS (Cont'd)

ALBANY (Cont'd)

At St. Albans, Vt.

Will review the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for the purpose of obtaining any information available concerning GIORGINA BURDETT, nee NATHAN, the subject's wife, who was born on [redacted], in London, England [redacted]

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BOSTON

[redacted]

Will identify [redacted] from whom the subject or his wife reportedly received correspondence on September 4, 1951, and report any pertinent information appearing in the files of the Boston Office.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will, through contact with a logical representative of the STUDEBAKER CORPORATION, Washington, D.C., ascertain whether that corporation retained a copy of the script for BURDETT'S broadcast over Radio Station WTOP on August 28, 1946.

Will verity subject's residence at 2800 Woodley Road, N.W., where he claims to have resided from July 1946 to March 1948.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (Cont'd)

LEADS (Cont'd)

NEW YORK

At New York, N. Y.

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Will identify C. E. MORAN, Room 1700, 25 Broadway, [redacted] from whom the subject or his wife have received correspondence.

Will ascertain the significance of the address "G-60, 1155 York Avenue, New York City", from which the subject or his wife have received correspondence.

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Will attempt to identify [redacted]

Will conduct any investigation necessitated as a result of information received from covering outstanding leads in the captioned case.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted], New York, 12/7/51.
Letter to Bureau, 12/7/51.
Bureau letters, 12/12/51 and 2/13/52.
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TO : Director, FBI (100-376050) SECRET DATE: March 27, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (65-15665)

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa
ESPIONAGE - R;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re NY letter to the Bureau, 12/7/51, and report of SA [redacted] dated 12/7/51 at NY.

Forwarded herewith are five copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated 3/27/52 at NY. Two copies of this report are also being furnished to the Albany Office.

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During the course of interview with BURDETT on 1/2/52, [redacted] (S)

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In view of available information with respect to dates and areas of operation, BURDETT was also specifically shown photographs of the following individuals, among whom it was thought the subject might possibly identify some or all of his contacts:

ARMAND LABIS FELDMAN
GAIK OVAKIMIAN
CHARLES PETER ATKIN
WILLY BRANDES
MARY BRANDES
WALTER CHARAK
MAURICE BACON COOK
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The above listed individuals, it may be noted, were members of the GAIK OVAKIMIAN-ARMAND LABIS FELDMAN apparatus.

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MICHAEL ENDELMAN
JACOB EPSTEIN
[redacted] (S)

JACOB GOLOS
WILLIAM GREINKE
[redacted] (S)

MAURICE HALPERIN
VLADIMIR SERGEEVICH PRAVDIN

[redacted] (S)

SERGE BASSOFF (Scandinavia)
PAVEL DNIEPROV (Balkans)
LEONTI FELDMAN (Balkans)
ARNOLD BORISOVICH GROSOVSKY (Scandinavia)
LEOPOLD ADOLPH HERMANN (Scandinavia)
KONSTANTIN FEODORIVICH VINOGRADOV (Scandinavia)

The above persons were reported to have been, and possibly operated, in the areas indicated in parentheses around 1940.

As has been indicated in the accompanying report, BURDETT was unable to identify the photographs of any individuals as being identical with his two NYC contacts or his six contacts abroad.

As may be noted in the accompanying report, communications bearing the following return addresses were among those received by the subject or his wife between 9/1/51 and 11/1/51:

Date	Return Address
b7c - 9/4/51	[redacted] Borna, Italia

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Date	Return Address
9/20/51	[redacted] Rome, Italy
9/22/51	[redacted] Roma, Italia
9/24/51	[redacted] Roma, Italia
9/24/51	(Addressor Unknown) Roma Perrovia
10/16/51	[redacted] Roma, Italia
10/20/51	[redacted] Rome, Italy
10/23/51	[redacted] Rome, Italy

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It is requested that the Bureau ascertain, if possible, through foreign sources the identity of the above individuals who have corresponded with BURDETT or his wife, GIORGINA.

By letter dated 2/18/52, the Albany Office advised that no further investigation of Mr. and Mrs. OWEN BURDETT would be conducted unless requested by NY. With a view towards bringing the captioned case to a logical conclusion, it is now believed advisable that BURDETT'S parents be interviewed for the purpose of obtaining information specifically concerning their knowledge of IGNACY and BUNIA SWITCZAK, Dr. IVAN BENSON and his wife, and [redacted]

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Inasmuch as Mr. and Mrs. BURDETT were reported by informants, of unknown reliability, to have been CP members in 1939, Bureau authorization for Albany to interview the BURDETTS is hereby requested.

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In the event instant authorization is granted, it is being pointed out that the subject has requested his parents not be made cognizant of his admitted CP and espionage activities. For this reason it is suggested Albany be appropriately circumspect in its interviews of OWEN and ELIZABETH BURDETT. During the course of specific inquiry concerning the WITCZAKS, however, it is also suggested Albany be alert for any information furnished by Mr. and Mrs. BURDETT which might prove indicative as to their own reported activities and for information which might be pertinent to the investigation of the subject.

For the information of the Albany Office, it will be recalled the subject's mother reportedly advised him in October 1951 that she had no knowledge of IGNACY and BUNIA WITCZAK but was acquainted with one IVAN BENSON and his wife, whom she and her husband had met through [redacted] She related, however, that the BENSONS had never resided in the BURDETT apartment to her knowledge and denied that she had ever corresponded with the BENSONS. Information had previously been reported in the captioned case to the effect that BUNIA WITCZAK, according to [redacted] introduced to the BURDETTS as a friend and she stayed for a day or so at the BURDETT residence in Brooklyn, NY. It will be further recalled that ELIZABETH W. BURDETT had corresponded with BUNIA WITCZAK in December 1941. In view of this information, it was theorized in referenced NY letter to the Bureau dated 12/7/51 that the WITCZAKS were possibly using the names of Dr. IVAN BENSON and his wife, who are mutual friends of the WITCZAKS and [redacted], while they were in contact with the BURDETTS in 1941. This view was taken since the NY files reflected WITCZAK had occasionally used the aliases of his friends and acquaintances when receiving mail from his wife.

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Further review of the NY files, however, now reveals that the aforementioned correspondence between ELIZABETH W. BURDETT and BUNIA WITCZAK in December 1941 consisted of a letter under date of 12/15/41. This letter, the contents of which were originally set forth in the report of SA [redacted] [redacted] dated 11/28/45 at Los Angeles in the case entitled "IGNACY SAMUEL WITCZAK, was; IS - R", is quoted as follows for the information of the Albany Office:

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"My dear Mrs. Witczak, Dear Lady of Last Summer! My husband and I often speak of you and the pleasure it gave us to have that little visit with you. We are terribly worried about

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Letter to Director
NY 65-15665

b7c- [redacted] having received no word since his one letter, written in Berlin and mailed from Sweden. You may have heard from him and so you may be able to relieve our anxiety. If you can and will do so we shall be more than grateful. My husband in his telephone - work - capacity was kept busy for twelve hours yesterday (Sunday), connecting up U.S. Army anti-aircraft stations in New York City. Our home is too near the Brooklyn Navy Yard to be safe! We feel that you in Los Angeles are safe having heard indirectly about the situation on the west coast. Yours faithfully, Elizabeth W. Burdett."

In view of the salutation in the above letter, it would appear Mrs. BURDETT actually knew Mrs. WITCZAK under the name of WITCZAK and not BENSON. It is also possible moreover that the BURDETTS knew the BENSONS aside from the WITCZAKS. It is requested, therefore, that, during the course of interview, Albany obtain the BENSONS' address, which Mrs. BURDETT reportedly continues to maintain.

Photographs of IGNACY and BUNIA WITCZAK are being forwarded herewith to the Albany Office for use in the proposed interview with the BURDETTS.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER 380424

Date: April 25, 1952

To: [redacted]

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WINSTON MERRIFIELD BURDETT, aka
ESPIONAGE - R
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Reference is made to our previous correspondence concerning the captioned individual.

A confidential informant of known reliability has advised that the subject has recently received correspondence bearing return addresses as follows:

[redacted] Berne, Italia

[redacted] Rome, Italy

[redacted] Rome, Italia

[redacted] Rome, Italia

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Rome, Italy

It would be appreciated if you might identify the above individuals for us and determine through appropriate Italian sources whether any information is available indicating that these persons may be engaged in subversive activities.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-376050)

DATE APR 16 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (65-15665)

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
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67C - Re report of SA [redacted] March 27, 1952, New York.

On page 2 of referenced report, under the heading "Contact #1", reference is made to NAT EINHORN. The contents of this paragraph should refer to JOE NORTH, as previously reported and not to NAT EINHORN.

On page 15, a lead is set forth for the Albany Division at Brattleboro, Vermont, wherein reference is made to a New York letter to the Bureau. The date of this letter was inadvertently omitted and should read March 27, 1952.

The Bureau and all offices are requested to make appropriate corrections on the copies of referenced report.

Correction made on Bureau copies - DER

Corrected page 2 prepared and inserted in all cc's DER 4-24-52

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Supervisor [redacted] Room 1738

Subj: Elizabeth Burdett

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Subj: Mr + Mrs Owen Burdett

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SAC, Albany (65-1776) April 25, 1952

Director, FBI (100-376050)

WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa
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Re NY let March 27, 1952.

Bureau authority granted to interview the subject's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Burdett, Brattleboro, Vermont, along the lines set forth in relet.

These interviews must be conducted by two Agents, at least one of whom is experienced in handling espionage and security matters. The interviews should be well planned in advance and both Agents must be thoroughly familiar with the background of this case. The interviews must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of SAC Letter No. 24, Series 1952, dated March 4, 1952.

A review of Bufiles reflects the Albany Office is in possession of all pertinent information contained in Bufiles concerning Mr. and Mrs. Owen Burdett.

The results of your interviews with the Burdetts should be furnished the Bureau promptly and should be submitted in report form suitable for dissemination.

cc - New York (65-15665)

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(NOTE: Subj Winston Burdett, news commentator and analyst for the Columbia Broadcasting System, has been interviewed by our New York Office on three occasions and has admitted Communist Party membership from 1937 to 1940. He also admitted participation in Soviet espionage from approximately 1939 to 1941 and has furnished info concerning his Soviet contacts in U.S. and Europe. Burdett stated his parents were unaware of his CP or espionage activities and would have opposed them had they known. 100-376050-19

In October 1951 two infomants of unknown reliability stated that in 1939 Mr. and Mrs. Burdett, subject's parents, had "come around to Winston's way of thinking and had joined the Communist Party." 100-376050-18

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Subject's name was found in notebook of Ignacy Samuel Witczak, known Soviet agent who disappeared from this country in 1945, and some indications Mr. and Mrs. Burdett may know Witczak. ibid 6

The Burdetts will be interviewed for info concerning Ignacy Witczak, and also for info concerning the subj and to develop info concerning their own background.)

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.	ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Studebaker Corporation, Hill and Knowlton Advertising Agency and Radio Reports, Inc., was unable to locate a copy of BURDETT's broadcast on August 28, 1946 over radio station WTOP. BURDETT's lease on apartment at 2800 Woodley Road, N. W., began October 1, 1946, on month to month basis. No record of termination of lease.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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[redacted] Studebaker Corporation, Tower Building, 14th and K Streets, N. W., searched the records of her office in an endeavor to locate a copy of the radio script of WINSTON BURDETT for a broadcast on August 28, 1946 from 6:10 P.M. to 6:15 P.M., over radio station WTOP, Washington, D. C. [redacted] advised that she could not find any information with respect to the BURDETT broadcast. Consequently, she communicated with [redacted] of the Studebaker Public Relations Office, South Bend, Indiana, and was advised by [redacted] on April 16, 1952, by teletype that there was no copy available at South Bend of BURDETT's script.

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[redacted] suggested that the Advertising Agency, Hill and Knowlton, Inc., 1000 Vermont Avenue, N. W., might possibly furnish information concerning the script.

[redacted] of Hill and Knowlton advised that his agency had had the Studebaker account for only a very few months, and therefore, they had nothing in their files concerning BURDETT's broadcasting. He stated that as a matter of interest, the Studebaker Corporation does not discuss with its advertising agent the type of things that are to be broadcasted, stating that at the present time, the agency has a West Coast broadcast, advertising the Studebaker automobiles and that Studebaker is not interested in what is actually said in the broadcast, other then the advertising matter. [redacted] contacted [redacted] of the agency, New York Office, who advised that he did not know who handled the Studebaker account in 1946, in Washington, D. C.

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[redacted] suggested that Radio Reports, Inc., of 220 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, a manuscript service with a Washington Office at 519 6th Street, N. W., provides reproductions of radio broadcasts, and television narrative comments as a service. Therefore, he thought perhaps they might be able to furnish the desired manuscript of 1946.

[redacted] Radio Reports, Inc., 519 6th Street, N.W., advised that her concern does not keep copies of scripts, beyond the period of one year, and therefore, she would be unable to provide a copy of any scripts for the year 1946.

[redacted] 2800 Woodley Road, N.W., recalled that WINSTON BURDETT resided at this address several years ago. She was unable to furnish any information with respect to his friends and associations.

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[redacted], advised that her records reveal that BURDETT signed a lease on October 1, 1946, for the rental of an apartment 130 on a month to month basis. She stated that there were no references reflected, and that BURDETT paid $79.50 a month rental, plus $10 a month for a garage. She said there was no record of the date of termination of the lease.

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b7C - REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 27, 1952, at New York.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-376050) DATE: MAY 1 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-5735)

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

G.I.R.-6

Referenced WFO report dated MAY 1 1952 .

Referenced report reflects efforts made to locate a copy of the August 28, 1946 script of a broadcast of WINSTON BURDETT, station WTOP.

It appears now that the most logical source of the script is station WTOP, and the permission is therefore requested to contact this station in an endeavor to obtain the script providing the Bureau deems it necessary.

This matter has been RUC'd by referenced report to the office of origin, and will be reopened by WFO, in event Bureau instructions are received to contact WTOP.

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WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
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Reurlet May 1, 1952, requesting Bureau authority to contact Radio Station WTOP in an effort to obtain a copy of the script of a broadcast made over that station by the subject on August 28, 1946.

The Bureau has contacted a Washington representative of the Columbia Broadcasting System who advised, after checking the files of WTOP, a CBS affiliated station, that they do not have a copy of the desired script. The CBS official further advised that a copy of this script could not be located in the CBS New York Office.

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WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT	ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted]

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DETAILS: AT LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

An examination of the City Directory, Telephone Directory, Credit Bureau and Police records fails to reflect any information pertaining to one [redacted] Laconia, New Hampshire.

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In connection with the local Police census, [redacted] Laconia, New Hampshire Police Department, ascertained from [redacted] is a friend of [redacted] who is also a writer, and that [redacted] visited at [redacted] residence during the early part of September, 1951.

An item in the Laconia Evening Citizen, a daily newspaper published at Laconia, New Hampshire on April 18, 1952, stated that [redacted]

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A review of the Boston files reflects the following information:

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Boston Informant [redacted], of known reliability, furnished information that on April 5, 1944, [redacted] stated that he had been talking with [redacted] about Chinese Communists.

Boston Informant [redacted], of known reliability, identified [redacted] the Massachusetts American Youth for Democracy organization and stated that he was a paid official of this organization at a salary of $32 per week in April, 1944.

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INFORMANTS

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[redacted] who furnished this information to SA [redacted] (Boston File 66-1020).

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TO : Director, FBI (100-376050) DATE: May 15, 1952

FBI. X FROM : SAC, Albany (65-1776)

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
ESPIONAGE - R
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ReBulet April 25, 1952.

Arrangements have been made to interview Mr. and Mrs. OWEN BURDETT, Brattleboro, Vt., as directed in referenced letter.

An attempted interview on May 14, 1952 developed that the BURDETTs had left Vermont unexpectedly because of serious illness in the family. It is believed that they are presently in Chicago, Ill., and that they are expected to return to Brattleboro in the course of the next ten days.

The interview will be re-scheduled as soon as they are returned to this territory.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field (65-5735)

DATE: May 19, 1952

FROM : Director, FBI (100-376050)

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reurlet May 1, 1952.

Bureau authority granted to contact Radio Station WTOP, Washington, D. C., in an effort to obtain a copy of the script of a radio broadcast over that station by Winston Burdett on August 28, 1946.

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Not sent. See memo 5-20-52 of L.B. Nichols to Mr. Lad. DER 5-22-52

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 20, 1952

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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With reference to the proposed letter to the Washington Field Office requesting that an effort be made to secure a radio script by Winston Burdett on August 28, 1946, you are advised that I called [redacted] of CBS in Washington, as I felt this would be a simpler and more expeditious way of handling this.

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[redacted] after checking his files, called back and stated they had made a very thorough search and they do not have copies of the scripts during that period. He does not know where a copy of the script could be secured. He knows they are not in the New York office and the only other possibility would be that Burdett might have a copy himself.

cc - Mr. Belmont

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TO : Director, FBI (100-376050)

DATE: June 5, 1952

FROM : SAC, Albany (65-1776)

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, Wa.
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 3/27/52 at New York, New York, which requested Albany to review the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service at St. Albans, Vermont, for the purpose of obtaining available information concerning GIORGINA BURDETT, nee NATHAN, the subject's wife.

This is to advise that authorities of District No. 1, Immigration and Naturalization Service, St. Albans, Vermont, have advised that their file on GIORGINA BURDETT, nee NATHAN, has been transferred to the New York City Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service at the request of the New York Office. That file can be presently found at Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City.

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It is requested that the New York Office review the records on GIORGINA BURDETT, nee NATHAN, for any information available concerning her.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.	ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject identified photo of JACOB GOLOS, a Soviet espionage agent, as his NYC contact #1 in 1940. Subject's broadcast of 8/28/46 could not be located at radio station WTOP or CBS, NYC. Information regarding identity of BURDETTS' correspondents [redacted]

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DETAILS: In a previous interview with WINSTON BURDETT on November 1, 1951 by SAS [redacted] he advised that he had two unidentified espionage contacts in New York City and six unidentified contacts abroad between January 1940 and April 1941. These contacts were previously reported for identification purposes as Numbers 1 through 8.

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It will be recalled that BURDETT had stated that JOE NORTH of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, introduced him to unidentified man #1 at New York City in January 1940, with whom BURDETT met several times. On BURDETT's interview of January 2, 1952, he recalled that JOE NORTH greeted man #1 with a familiar salutation ordinarily used

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for an older person, such as "Hi, pop".

b7C- On April 16, 1952, BURDETT was interviewed by SAS [redacted] in connection with another matter, at which time he was shown an additional photograph of JACOB GOLOS. He stated this was unidentified man #1 with whom he had two or three street meetings in New York City in January 1940. He said that he could furnish no additional data regarding this man who was previously reported as being unidentified man #1.

It will be recalled that ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY, a self-confessed former Soviet espionage agent, acted as courier for the Soviet agent, JACOB GOLOS. She advised SA LESTER O. GALLAHER on August 23, 1951 that she had never met BURDETT. She said that GOLOS was in contact with the subject when BURDETT went abroad in late 1938 or early 1939, since GOLOS arranged for BURDETT to maintain contact with him by sending communications to her under the name of ELIZABETH BENTON at 18 Grove Street, New York City, where BENTLEY then lived.

She said that she later recalled receiving two or three cablegrams from BURDETT, exact number being unknown, which she gave to GOLOS. The cablegrams advised of BURDETT's whereabouts in Europe. She said she did not recall the dates when the cablegrams were received, but she believes she had received them between December 1938 and December 1940, during which period she lived at the 18 Grove Street address.

Also, ELIZABETH BENTLEY was previously reported as saying that BURDETT had evidently missed connections with his contacts in Europe since she was later asked by GOLOS to telephone BURDETT's mother in Brooklyn, New York in order to learn BURDETT's whereabouts. It will be recalled that at this time GOLOS told BENTLEY that she was to tell BURDETT's mother that she, BENTLEY, was a fellow member with BURDETT in the Newspaper Guild. BENTLEY said she made this inquiry and was given the subject's address by his mother.

Miss BENTLEY said that the subject apparently made connections with his contacts in Europe since she did not hear from him after December 1940.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability,

advised that the files of radio station WTOP, a CBS affiliate in Washington, D. C., failed to reflect a copy of the script of WINSTON BURDETT's news broadcast on August 28, 1946. Further, the informant advised that this script could not be located at the Columbia Broadcasting System offices in New York City.

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b2 - Previously it was reported that Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, had furnished information that during September and October 1951, the subject and his wife had received correspondence from C. E. MORAN, Room 1700, 25 Broadway, New York City; from G-60, 1155 York Avenue, New York City; and from [redacted] New York City.

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SA [redacted] ascertained the following information at the Credit Bureau of Greater New York:

A 1940 report reflected that C. EARL MORAN resided at 118 Johnston Drive Extension, North Plainfield, New Jersey, where he had lived most of his life. He was described as married to ELLEN MORAN by whom he had two grown daughters who were nurses. He was listed as the secretary and treasurer of the Anaconda Copper Company, 25 Broadway, New York City, and as having been with this firm for about 25 years. In addition, Mr. MORAN was described as a member of the School Board of Plainfield, New Jersey, about whom there was no unfavorable information known.

SA [redacted] also ascertained the following information at the Credit Bureau of Greater New York:

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A report of August 1951 reflected that [redacted] and his wife lived at [redacted] New York City. He was described as a student at Columbia University and as an assistant in the Anthropology Department, where he earned in excess of $3,000 a year. He reportedly banked at the National City Bank, Washington Square Branch, and there was no unfavorable information indicated.

There was no pertinent information located in the New York Office files concerning C. EARL MORAN or [redacted]

Concerning the address G-60, 1155 York Avenue, New York City, it was observed that this address is in the same group of buildings where the subject lives at 430 East 63rd Street, New York City. Also, it was observed that the Gristede Brothers, a grocery and meat store, is the sole occupant of 1155 York Avenue and that there is no apartment number G-60.

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Previously it was reported that Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, in October 1951 advised that WINSTON BURDETT [redacted] Also, it was previously reported that Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that [redacted]

The information furnished herein by Confidential Informants [redacted] may not be used in a public proceeding without the usual issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

There was no other information in the New York Office files regarding [redacted]

The Manhattan telephone directory for June 1952 lists one [redacted] It was observed that this

store deals in women's apparel and is in the same development as the subject's residence at 430 East 63rd Street, New York City.

SE [redacted] ascertained at the Credit Bureau of Greater New York that a report of June 1951 reflected that [redacted]

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The telephone directories for Manhattan, Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, Richmond, Westchester, Nassau, and Suffolk Counties failed to list any [redacted]

SE [redacted] ascertained at the Credit Bureau of Greater New York that in September 1944, one [redacted] reportedly was located at [redacted], New York City, and had formerly been located at [redacted], Bedford Hills, New York. He was reported as being about 50 years old and as residing with his wife [redacted] at the first mentioned address. There was no further information concerning him in the files of the Credit Bureau other than the notation that an "inquiry" had been made on October 4, 1950 at Hartford, Connecticut.

Confidential Informant [redacted] was previously reported as advising that WINSTON BURDETT [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on June 17, 1952 that WINSTON BURDETT [redacted]

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[redacted] He advised that he did not know WINSTON BURDETT.

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Also, the file reflected a letter from WINSTON BURDETT, Apartment 130, 2800 Woodley Road, Washington, D. C., [redacted]

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It is noted that no unfavorable information was listed for the Analytical Psychology Club of New York, Inc. in the New York Office files.

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[redacted] Unnamed individual, Bureau contact at CBS, Washington, D.C.	Bureau letter of 5/26/52 to New York			65-15665-59
[redacted] [b7]	Report of SA [redacted] 4/6/51, Washington, D. C.	August, 1946		65-15665-5
[redacted] Post Office, 221 E. 70th Street, New York City	Mail cover from September 1 to November 1, 1951	9/1 - 11/1/51	[redacted]	65-15665-49
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One copy of this report is being forwarded to the Albany Office inasmuch as that office presently has a lead outstanding to interview the subject's parents, Mr. and Mrs. OWEN L. BURDETT.

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At New York, New York

Will, at [redacted], inquire concerning the identity of one [redacted]

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Will recontact [redacted]

Will conduct such further investigation as may be indicated from the coverage of outstanding leads in this case.

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WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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Advise whether interviews have been conducted with Mr. and Mrs. Owen Burdett, Brattleboro, Vermont. If interviews have been conducted, surep immediately.

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As the New York and Washington Field Offices are aware, [redacted] and this case has been in a pending inactive status since February, 1952.

[redacted] employed by the Columbia Broadcasting System as a news commentator, news analyst and writer since about [redacted] He is still so employed at [redacted]

The attention of the New York Division is directed to New York file 65-15665, which is the case entitled "Winston Mansfield Burdett, Espionage - R, Internal Security Act of 1950." The Washington Field Office file number is 65-5735. Burdett has been employed by CBS as a news commentator and news analyst since 1940. Burdett has been interviewed several times during the past year and has confessed Communist Party membership as well as Soviet espionage activity.

You will recall that Burdett first came to the attention of the Bureau in 1945, when Elizabeth Bentley in her signed statement of November 8, 1945, identified Burdett as an espionage contact of Jacob Golos, paramour and Soviet espionage superior of Bentley. Burdett recently identified a photograph of Golos as being identical with his Soviet espionage superior in 1940. Burdett denied that his espionage activity for the Russians went beyond the year 1941.

In view of the fact that both Burdett and [redacted] are CBS employees who have been employed in a similar capacity for CBS, and further, since both of them are known to have engaged in Soviet espionage operations, New York is requested to determine from Burdett, upon the occasion of his next interview, if he is acquainted with [redacted] If Burdett is acquainted with [redacted] he should be thoroughly interviewed for any pertinent information concerning him. [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-376050)

DATE: July 23, 1952

FROM : SAC, Albany (65-1776)

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
ESPIONAGE - R
ISA, 1950

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Albany, 4/25/52 in captioned matter, granting authority to interview the parents of the subject, Mr. and Mrs. OWEN BURDETT, Brattleboro, Vermont.

On May 15, 1952, the Albany Office advised the Bureau that the BURDETTs were not in this jurisdiction at that date, having presumably left for Chicago, Ill. because of illness in the family.

A confidential source has advised that the BURDETTs have returned to Vermont, but that subject's father has been quite ill since his return from Chicago.

The interviews authorized by the Bureau will be held in abeyance until Mr. BURDETT regains his health.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa. Paul Strickland	ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] OWEN L. and ELIZABETH BURDETT cannot recall anything about IGNACY or BUNIA WITCZAK. Mrs. BURDETT recalled IVAN BENSON, his wife, and [redacted]. Description of BENSONs furnished by BURDETTs and address given as 213 East 58th Street, N.Y.C. Mrs. BURDETT admitted that she had met many left-wing people during the late 1938's and 1940's in N.Y.C., that she had enrolled in the American Labor Party, and that she had worked in the Russian War Relief. She made no admissions as to CP membership or activities, nor was this discussed with her. b2 b7c

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DETAILS: AT BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT

Mr. and Mrs. OWEN BURDETT were interviewed at Brattleboro, Vermont on August 27, 1952 by the reporting agent and SA [redacted] and subsequently re-interviewed by SA [redacted] on September 4, 1952, for the purpose of displaying photographs and taking Mrs. BURDETT's enlarged comments. b7c

ELIZABETH BURDETT stated in the first interview that she and her husband met [redacted] in New York in late 1939 or 1940. She stated that he was a friend of her son, WINSTON BURDETT, that he had met WINSTON [redacted] he called on them at the request of her son. Mrs. b7c

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BURDETT stated that when she and her husband first met [redacted] they were living at 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York. She stated [redacted] was "on his way some place" and that he merely had an hour or two at the house. Mrs. BURDETT had a recollection [redacted] may have spent a month or so at New York in early 1940. She recalled that subsequently he went to [redacted] and then returned to New York.

Mrs. BURDETT professed inability to recall the exact year, but she thought possibly it was 1941 [redacted]

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She stated that it was about the time that she and her husband would go to Vermont on their vacation for two or three weeks, which would be in the late summer, [redacted]

Mr. BURDETT confirmed this recollection of his wife.

ELIZABETH BURDETT furnished general background information about [redacted] Mrs. BURDETT stated that she understood that [redacted] was strongly pro-Russian in his sympathies and that this attitude eventually [redacted] She was unable to supply his name or further details.

With ~~reference to~~ Mr + Mrs. IVAN BENSON, she recalled him as a man who called at the 2 Grace Court address late one afternoon and who introduced himself to her as a friend of [redacted] Mrs. BURDETT thought this might have been in the first part of 1940 or 1941. She related it to a time some two or three months [redacted] She stated that she was rather surprised at this call, that BENSON appeared to be ill at ease and to act peculiarly. She stated that she finally determined in her own

mind that he had come to her perhaps for money or food or a place to stay, although he asked for none of these things. In any event, she told him it was not convenient for him to call at that time and he left. Mrs. BURDETT explained that because of his peculiar actions and because Mr. BURDETT was at business, and she was alone in the apartment, she did not wish to entertain this man. She stated that she was positive it was IVAN BENSON who called for she later met both him and his wife, [redacted] at a Sunday supper. Mrs. BURDETT corrected her recollection at this point, stating that she could not be sure BENSON was at the particular supper that she intended to describe, but that she had subsequently met him at [redacted] and that the night in question, she had a clear recollection that she had met Mrs. BENSON and had talked to her to some extent. She stated that the supper must have been some time in the latter part of 1941, and that Mrs. BENSON told her that she had come from California to see her husband in New York City, and that she had left her children in California. She commented that BENSON had been ill, and Mrs. BURDETT received the impression that he was suffering from tuberculosis of some sort. She described Mrs. BENSON as in her thirties, thin, lanky, under-nourished, oval-faced and she had stringy greyish hair. She stated that Mrs. BENSON laughed easily. She also recalled that Mrs. BENSON spoke English well and appeared to have no accent of any type. Mrs. BURDETT could not recall Mrs. BENSON's first name.

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She described IVAN BENSON as being in his late thirties, she thought, spare in build, and as having a "loose, (unformed) face". She was unable to describe him further, except to comment that he looked ill and had no distinguishing marks, such as glasses, that she could recall.

Mrs. BURDETT referred to her address book and stated that the only address she had for IVAN BENSON was 213 East 58th Street, New York City. She thought that this address was the one she was given in 1940 or 1941 when she met these people.

Mrs. BURDETT insisted that she could not recall ever having met with IGNACY or BUNIK WITCZAK. When it was pointed out to

her that it appeared very clear that she must have some acquaintance with these people, however casual, Mrs. BURDETT volunteered that she might have met the WITCZAKs under some other name. She ostensibly racked her memory for items which would relate to such an acquaintanceship with negative results.

On the subsequent interview, Sept. 4, 1952, Mrs. BURDETT examined several photographs, among which were those of the WITCZAKs. She passed IGNACY WITCZAK's picture without any question, stating that she had never seen that man before. However, she admitted that BUNIA WITCZAK's picture depicted someone who was vaguely familiar to her. She was not told, of course, the identity of the persons whose photographs she was shown, and when she was asked if it could possibly be Mrs. BENSON, since she had suggested that she might have known the WITCZAKs under the name of BENSON in the previous interview, she emphatically stated that it was not Mrs. BENSON.

The sum total of showing Mrs. BURDETT the pictures was that she immediately dismissed the picture of IGNACY WITCZAK, but found something quite familiar about the picture of BUNIA WITCZAK without being able to identify the person portrayed.

Mrs. BURDETT stated in general conversation about her life in Brooklyn that she had, of course, met many people with "left-wing" sympathies, and she intimated that she had been taken in by them. She mentioned casually that she had registered with the American Labor Party for some years, and during the 1938-40 period, at one time she had done work for the Russian War Relief which led to her contacts with these "undescribed left-wing people".

At the second interview, the facts previously discussed were recapitulated briefly, but no significant change in the story of either Mr. or Mrs. BURDETT was noted.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-376050) DATE: Sept. 9, 1952

FROM : SAC, Albany (65-1776)

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
Paul Strickland
ESPIONAGE - R
ISA, 1950

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Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] captioned as above, dated 9/9/52, which is enclosed.

Mr. and Mrs. OWEN BURDETT were interviewed by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on August 27, 1952 and by SA [redacted] on September 4, 1952.

The consensus of the interviewing agents is that Mr. BURDETT knows very little about his wife's activities with reference to these matters, but that Mrs. BURDETT has some small knowledge at least of Communist or left-wing activities during the late 1930's and early 1940's.

Mrs. Burdett is quite intelligent and she professes to be hard of hearing which enables her to conveniently overlook the questions which might be embarrassing. Both she and her husband, however, were very cooperative and friendly and they seemed extremely eager to try and satisfy the interviewing agents of their freedom of complicity in this matter.

Mrs. BURDETT suggested that possibly she might have been the victim of untruthful stories spread by MARY ~~BESSE~~, former wife of ALVAH ~~BESSE~~, whom she described as erratic and given to spreading imaginary stories. BESSIE BESSIE.

In view of the fact that the connection between Mrs. BURDETT and BUNIA WITCZAK is a letter written by Mrs. BURDETT addressed to Mrs. WITCZAK, this interpretion of her possible involvement is not considered too seriously, but her efforts to avoid the issue are recited to reflect her concern. It is also felt that MRS. BURDETT is particularly concerned about the possible involvement of her son in these matters, although she did not mention him, nor, of course, was the son's name mentioned by interviewing agents.

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Mrs. BURDETT was most curious as to what her position might be if there appeared to be any complicity between her and the WITCZAKS. She was told that she could best decide that question, since she knew her own actions and that if she had not been guilty of any act that was illegal, she should have no hesitancy or fear in discussing that period of her life with Bureau agents.

The BURDETTs were left very clearly with the impression that their interviews had not been satisfactory in explaining certain of the questions asked. Without divulging the source of information that Mrs. BURDETT apparently knew Mrs. WITCZAK, it was made clear to her that her attempt to explain it away was not acceptable in the light of information which was available to suggest that they knew each other well.

Both Mr. and Mrs. BURDETT were advised that they might again be reinterviewed in these matters and they expressed their desire to cooperate with the Bureau.

It is suggested that the New York Office may wish to furnish other pictures that may be shown to the BURDETTS, particularly some of those as described in New York letter to the Bureau dated March 27, 1952 in captioned matter. If the pictures of the BENSONs are available or other views of the WITCZAKs, these might serve to elicit the desired information from Mrs. BURDETT.

No further interviews will be conducted with the BURDETTs unless they get in touch with agents of the Albany Office, or unless this is requested by the Bureau or Office of Origin.

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WINSTON MANSFIELD BURNETT, wm.
Paul Strickland
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

b7c { [redacted] In connection with the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 9, 1952, at Albany in this case and the memorandum of the Albany Office of the same date, the New York Office should submit their recommendation as to whether additional interviews of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Burnett should be conducted.

cc - 2 - Albany (65-1776)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No information developed regarding identity of [redacted]

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DETAILS

In October, 1951, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that WINSTON BURDETT [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that on November 4, 1951, WINSTON BURDETT [redacted]

The information furnished by Confidential Informants [redacted] may not be used in a public proceeding without the usual issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

There was no information in the New York Office Files or the Telephone Directories of New York City regarding a [redacted]

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From a report of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York of September 1944, SE [redacted] ascertained that one [redacted] was located at [redacted] New York City, being about fifty years old and residing with his wife, [redacted], at this address. No more recent information was available at the Credit Bureau other than a notation that an "inquiry" had been made on October 4, 1950 at Hartford, Connecticut.

[redacted] since 1949, advised that the records of the Foundation reflected no information about [redacted] as ever living or working there since late 1944, when Doctor [redacted] purchased the building.

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[redacted] Yorkville Medical Center, and [redacted] New York City, advised they had never heard of any [redacted], at this address. [redacted] believed the building had formerly been a two family residential apartment prior to 1945.

[redacted] New York City advised she knew of no [redacted] as ever living next door during the five years of her residence on this street. She stated that Mrs. LYDIA EMMETT, who had lived at [redacted] for over twenty years, had died recently, however, Mrs. EMMETT's maid, [redacted], lived in the building and was the oldest resident in the neighborhood.

[redacted] New York City said she had lived there for over twenty years. She said that she recalled merely that a [redacted] had lived at [redacted], New York City, before the [redacted] Foundation took over the building. She said she believed that a Mrs. CROSS, now deceased, was the former owner and only other resident at [redacted]. She said she knew of no one else who might know this [redacted] and her husband, about whom she never heard anything unfavorable.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on September 29, 1952 that WINSTON BURDETT [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] also advised that [redacted]

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