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The following is set forth for the information of New Haven Office, which has no previous information.

ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY, a self-confessed former Soviet Agent, who acted as a courier for the Soviet Agent, JACOB GOLOS, advised in 1945 and 1951 that she had never met WINSTON BURDETT, a CBS news reporter; however, she said that BURDETT was in contact with GOLOS, when BURDETT went abroad in 1938 or 1939, since GOLOS arranged for BURDETT to maintain contact with GOLOS through ELIZABETH BENTLEY, under name of ELIZABETH BENTON. She said she received two or three cablegrams from BURDETT, which were given to GOLOS, and the cables advised of BURDETT's whereabouts in Europe. On one occasion, she recalled having to get BURDETT's European address by a pretext telephone call to BURDETT's mother in Brooklyn, N.Y. She recalled no information about BURDETT's activities after December, 1940.

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IGOR GOUZENKO, the former code clerk of USSR Embassy in Ottawa, advised in 1945 that a Soviet Espionage Agent named IGNATZ WITCZAK was a student at some University in Los Angeles; he was later identified as IGNACY SAMUEL WITCZAK, who disappeared in November, 1945.

The notebook of WITCZAK contained the name of BURDETT, 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York. In 1946, [REDACTED] said he knew [REDACTED] WINSTON BURDETT, whom he met [REDACTED] while WINSTON was with the "Brooklyn Eagle" newspaper.

[REDACTED] claimed WITCZAK did not see BURDETT. In a 1950 interview, [REDACTED] said that BUNIA WITCZAK, IGNACY's wife, had visited [REDACTED] in 1941 in Brooklyn, N.Y., and had been introduced to WINSTON BURDETT's parents as a friend of [REDACTED]. In October 1945, an informant said that the WITCZAKS had a letter dated 12/15/41 from ELIZABETH W. BURDETT (Mrs. OWEN BURDETT, 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N.Y., where subject's parents once lived) to Mrs. BUNIA WITCZAK, which mentioned the "little visit" she and her husband had with BUNIA WITCZAK.

The subject was interviewed at his request on several occasions in 1951 and once in 1952. He admitted being a Communist Party member under the name of PAUL STRICKLAND from July 1937 to February 1940 while with the "Brooklyn Eagle" and when he went to cover the Finnish War. He also admitted that through JOE NORTH of the "Daily Worker" he met JACOB GOLOS in January 1940 and received instructions, before leaving for Sweden in February 1940, about contacting an unidentified person called "MILLER" in Stockholm, Sweden. This MILLER wanted a report on the Finnish reaction to the Soviet Armed Forces. BURDETT said he had furnished this information to "MILLER" in March 1940. BURDETT admitted having several contacts with different unidentified persons thereafter for possible espionage in Europe but refused to cooperate with them between March 1940 and April 1941; so he was not contacted again.

BURDETT recalled that GOLOS had given him the name and address of a woman in NYC to cable upon his arrival in Stockholm but he could not recall her name or address. BURDETT also admitted knowing [REDACTED] and said that

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b7c- [redacted] had been in contact with BURDETT's parents in the United States, but he denied knowing the WITCZAKS, and he said his mother had informed him she did not know the WITCZAKS.

He was in Europe, North Africa and Asia from 1940 to 1946 for the "Brooklyn Eagle" and then for CBS.

The following is a description of the subject obtained by observation and investigation:

Name	WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
Race	White
Born	December 12, 1913
Place	Buffalo, N.Y.
Height	5' 8"
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Build	Slender
Parents	OWEN LONG BURDETT and ELIZABETH WHITE BURDETT, Brattleboro, Vt.
Marital Status	LEA SHIAMI, previous wife, killed in Iran in 1942. GIROGINA BURDETT, nee NATHAN married in 1945.

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At Brattleboro, Vt.

Will, in event of Bureau Authorization and upon receipt of additional photos of the WITCZAKS, reinterview Mr. and Mrs. OWEN L. BURDETT, subject's parents, as previously suggested.

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At Hartford, Conn.

Will contact established sources regarding the identity of one [redacted], who lived at [redacted] New York City in 1944, according to the Credit Bureau of New York City which reported an "inquiry" was made at Hartford on October 4, 1950. It is noted that the subject [redacted]

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REPORT MADE AT ALBANY, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE MAR 2 - '53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-9, 13-53	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] -67C
TITLE WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.		CHARACTER OF CASE efv/atn ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 195	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Full face photos of IGNACY and BUNIA WITCZAK, as well as smaller photos, were exhibited to Mrs. OWEN L. BURDETT, the mother of the subject, on 2-9-53. Mrs. BURDETT stated that she definitely does not recognize individuals appearing in photos. <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6.1.11.0</p>			
Details: On February 9, 1953, contact was made with Mrs. OWEN L. BURDETT, by the writer, at the Hotel Brooks, Brattleboro, Vermont. At this time, Mrs. BURDETT stated that her husband was confined to the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital with extremely high blood pressure, and she thought it best not to interview him at this time. The enlarged photographs of IGNACY and BUNIA WITCZAK, as well as smaller photographs, were exhibited to Mrs. BURDETT at this time. The large photograph of IGNACY WITCZAK was presented to Mrs. BURDETT first, and she stated that she definitely does not recognize the individual in this photograph. This photograph was followed by the enlarged photograph of BUNIA WITCZAK and Mrs. BURDETT denied any recognition of the individual in this photograph. Mrs. BURDETT advised that the photographs reminded her of no one whom she has ever known. The smaller photographs created a like impression on Mrs. BURDETT.			
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At the time of this interview, Mrs. BURDETT volunteered the fact that she was well known to persons whom she knew to be Communists when she was connected with the American Labor Party and the Russian War Relief but could not name these persons due to the fact that she only had casual association with these persons in line with her work.

Mrs. BURDETT did state however that there was one person, namely AKE SANDLER, who was a very good friend of her son, WINSTON BURDETT, who was among this group known to her as Communists.

Mrs. BURDETT was not enlightened as to the identities of the individuals appearing in the photos exhibited to her.

Mrs. BURDETT furnished no further information in regard to their contacts with BUNIA WITCZAK in 1941.

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It will be noted that at the conclusion of the interview with Mrs. OWEN L. BURDETT on February 9, 1953, she stated that her husband is very easily upset and due to his present condition and the fact that he had not fully recovered from the death of their daughter in Chicago in May, 1952, she would not mention the fact that the FBI had contacted her again. Mrs. BURDETT also requested that in the event any future contact was to be made with her, she be called on the phone in advance.

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 9, 1952, at Albany, New York.
Albany letter to Bureau dated September 9, 1952.
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 5, 1952, at New York.
New York letter to Bureau dated November 5, 1952.
Bureau letter to Albany, dated November 21, 1952.
Los Angeles letter to Albany dated December 10, 1952.

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March 6, 1953

Director, FBI (100-376050)

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Rerep SA [redacted], New York,
dated November 5, 1952.

On January 8, 1953, an O-1 form was sent to your office inquiring when a report would be submitted in this case. Your reply advised that a report would be submitted on February 6, 1953. To date no report has been received from your office.

You are instructed to submit a report in this case so as to reach the Bureau within 10 days from the date of this letter.

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TITLE WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="float: left; width: 30%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><i>no dissem - no pertinent info JE R 3-30-53</i></p> </div> <div style="float: right; width: 65%;"> <p>Subject presently maintaining account with [REDACTED] Rhoades and Company, Brokers, New York City. Unable to ascertain employment of JERE COLLINS.</p> <p align="center">-p-</p> </div>			
DETAILS: <div style="float: left; width: 30%;"> <p>42 Wall Street, New York, New York, [REDACTED] Rhoades and Company, Brokers, reflected that the subject opened an account with their firm on December 10, 1951 and purchased stock with a par value of \$4,100.</p> </div> <div style="float: right; width: 65%;"> <p>[REDACTED] advised that the subject had a very active account up to December, 1952. The account has been inactive since that time with a balance of approximately \$9,000. B</p> <p>[REDACTED] advised that the subject was introduced to their firm by A. G. EDWARDS and Sons, 501 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York.</p> </div>			
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Brooks Brothers, 346 Madison Avenue, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Bonwit Teller and Company, 721 Fifth Avenue, and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] A. De Pinna Company,
650 Fifth Avenue, all of New York City, advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], New York maintained an active account at their
respective stores. They advised their files contained no other
information regarding [REDACTED] other than his residence.

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At Millbrook, New York

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Will attempt to ascertain the employment of
[REDACTED] New York.

At New York, New York

Will conduct such other investigation as may be
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Report of SA [REDACTED] 11/5/52, New York.



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NOTE: 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)

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TITLE WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE-R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: DECLASSIFIED BY SP4-BJA/TMG ON 2-11-98 380974			
Subject interviewed and signed statement furnished. CP and espionage activities set forth in statement. [REDACTED] identified.			
DETAILS The subject was interviewed on June 1 and 25, and also on July 20, 1953, at which time he furnished the following signed statement covering his Communist Party and espionage activities:			
"I, WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I do not have to make a statement, and that any statement made by me may be used against me in a court of law. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to make this statement, and I realize that I have a right to counsel.			
"I was born on December 12, 1913 at Buffalo, New York. My father is OWEN LONG BURDETT, born in Massachusetts, and my mother is ELIZABETH WHITE BURDETT, born in San Francisco, California, both of whom currently reside at RFD #3, Brattleboro, Vermont. I had one sister, MARJORIE BURDETT MAC KENZIE, who passed away in Chicago, Illinois, in June, 1952.			
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"When I was approximately 7 or 8 years of age, I moved with my family to New York City where I attended public school in the Bronx, and later Trinity School in Manhattan, and then, for 3 months, the University of North Carolina. I received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Harvard University in 1933, and engaged in Graduate Study of Romance Languages at Columbia University, New York City, from 1933 to 1934.

Mrs. Winston Mansfield Burdett
"I presently reside at 430 East 63rd Street, New York City, with my wife, GIORGINA BURDETT, nee NATHAN, who I married in Rome, Italy on July 1, 1945. She is a British citizen, having been born in London, England. Her father, who is now deceased, was an Italian subject; her mother is of Australian birth, but is an Italian citizen by reason of her marriage. She currently resides in Italy. I had previously been married to LEA SCHIAVI, who was killed in Iran in April, 1942.

"I will now list my employment and foreign travels from 1934 to the present time.

"From September, 1934 to February, 1940, I was employed as a reporter, book and film reviewer, and associate editor, by the Brooklyn Daily Eagle newspaper at Brooklyn, New York. During the summer of 1936, however, I vacationed in Europe, during which period I was on leave of absence from the newspaper.

"In February, 1940 I went abroad as a free lance reporter and did work on assignment in the Scandanavian 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 that I began free lance reporting for the Columbia Broadcasting System, although it was not until the fall of that year in Rumania that I actually became a permanent and salaried employee of CBS.

"In June, 1940, I proceeded by way of passage through Russia, to Bucharest, Rumania, where I remained until October

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"or November, 1940. While with CBS abroad, I was assigned to various large cities that served as my basis of operations, but the nature of my reportorial work necessitated my making frequent and temporary trips to other cities and adjacent countries, on assignment.

"In July, 1940, in Sofia, Bulgaria, I married LEA-SCHIAVI, journalist, who was an ardent anti-Fascist. In 1942 she was shot and killed by a young Kurd while enroute through Soviet controlled Northern Iran to Tabriz. I was on assignment in New Delhi at this time. My wife had gone to Northern Iran with a young Armenian girlfriend, as interpreter to cover a news story and during a trip in the environs of Tabriz their car was stopped by a small group of Kurdistan tribesmen. My wife was then shot by one of the young Kurds, and she died while being rushed to a hospital in Tabriz, which was approximately 40 miles distance from the scene of the shooting.

"It has always been a mystery to me as to why my wife was killed, inasmuch as robbery was apparently not the motive involved and no other person in her party of five was injured. 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. The services of the Kurds were frequently utilized by the representatives of various foreign missions in Iran, during the early 1940's.

"I 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. As a result of numerous conversations with various fellow correspondents in the middle East and with American Counter Intelligence, I later came to believe that my wife's death was caused by the Russians. I am now firmly convinced that my wife, during the course of her assignment in Soviet controlled Northern Iran, chanced to learn that the Russians had been training Yugoslavian infiltration teams to be later used for politically undermining the Yugoslavian Government. When the Russians heard that she had learned of the matter,

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"and presumably might publish it, I believe they had her assassinated before she could return to Tabriz and file her news story.

"Upon hearing of my wife's death, I obtained a two month leave of absence from my job with CBS and proceeded from New Delhi to Iran, in order to investigate her death, but due to the reluctance and uncooperative attitude on the part of the Iranian officials, I was completely unsuccessful in these efforts.

"Continuing with my places of assignment abroad, I left Bucharest in October or November, 1940 for Belgrade, Yugoslavia, where I remained until March, 1941. I was then assigned to Ankara, Turkey, from March, 1941 to the end of March, 1942, but made a trip during this period to Teheran, between November, 1941 and February, 1942. I made a special trip to New Delhi in April, 1942. It was following the completion of this assignment in New Delhi that I went to Iran to investigate my wife's death, where I stayed until July of that year.

"From July, 1942 to March, 1943 I reported from Cairo moving to Algiers for work there between March, 1943 and May, 1944. This year or more of work in Algiers was interrupted by a brief trip to Cairo in the summer of 1943. I spent from May, 1944 until March, 1946 in Italy, during which period I went to France briefly to cover the Allied Invasion of Western France, and went on a short trip to Palestine in the Fall of 1945.

"In April of 1946 I returned to the United States, and after a three months vacation was assigned to the CBS affiliated radio station in Washington, DC in June, 1946 where I was employed until March, 1948. I again returned to Italy for assignment in Rome with CBS from March, 1948 to April, 1951, during which time I also covered news events in Yugoslavia and Greece. I returned to New York City in April, 1951 and am presently employed in the News Department of the Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, New York City.

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"I was a dues-paying member of the Communist Party, USA, from August, 1937 to approximately January, 1940. During this time, I was employed by the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Brooklyn, New York, and I was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the CP. 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; those of 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 months' strike at the Eagle from September to December, 1937.

① "While I was a member of the CP I used the name PAUL STRICKLAND, and was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit, which was called the S 41 or 41 S Section of the CP. After becoming employed by the Brooklyn Daily Eagle I became extremely interested in the work of the newspaper guild and it was this interest in union activities that was largely responsible for my eventually becoming a CP member. Active participation in the guild's activities at the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and membership in the CP were for me synonymous.

"During the late 1930's I held various menial positions in the newspaper guild, but in 1939 I became chairman of the guild's grievance committee, at the Brooklyn Daily Eagle. During the guild strike at this newspaper in 1937 I actively participated as a picket and in the organizing of strike-fund-raising social affairs. My primary responsibility as a CP member was in the publication of the Eagle Unit's Communist newspaper.

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"My leaving the CP was the result of a growing apprehension on my part based on various inconsistencies of CP doctrine during the period of years I was a member, and on the spirit of narrow fanaticism with which such doctrine was held by CP members. The one outstanding event that caused me to doubt the Party's objectives was the Hitler-Stalin Peace Pact in 1939. I believe that my original joining of the CP was due to my zealous interest in guild work, coupled with the foolhardiness of my youth.

"I want to furnish the names of the following individuals who were employed at the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and were members of the CP Unit at that newspaper during years I was a member. However, I have no personal knowledge of these individuals' activities subsequent to 1940, inasmuch as all or a portion of them could later have ceased their CP membership for the same reasons I left the Party. Indeed, I should personally assume that several among them would have done so in these intervening years:

"VICTOR WEINGARTEN *NY*
This individual was employed as a news room reporter.

"VIOLET BROWN *weingarten NY*
She was married to VICTOR WEINGARTEN and was employed in the editorial news room as a reporter.

"NAT EINHORN *NY*
This individual was an editorial room re-write man who was on general assignment on news stories.

"DAVID GORDON *NY*
This individual was a general assignment reporter.

"MELVIN BARNETT (or BARNET) *NY*
This individual was employed as a general assignment reporter.

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"The following persons were known by me to be CP members and they were members of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit, except in those cases where I will so state.

"ALVAH BESSIE NY

BESSIE was one of my closest friends while at the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and although my joining the CP was not caused by any particular individual, I believe he was probably the most instrumental of any single person in recruiting me into the CP. I am certain that BESSIE was a member of the CP although I cannot be sure whether he was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit, inasmuch as he left his employment at this newspaper prior to the time I became a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the CP.

"GLADYS BENTLEY NY

This individual was employed in the Commercial Department of this newspaper and was active in the newspaper guild.

"LARRY ADLER NY

ADLER was in his late teens or early twenties and was employed in the Commercial Department.

"HERBERT COHN NY

This individual was employed as a reporter and movie reviewer.

"I. KAUFMAN NY

He was also known as ISIDORE KAUFMAN and was a very militant individual and was employed as a number one re-write man for the Eagle. He led discussions at meetings between representatives of the newspaper guild and the newspaper, and for a long period was chairman of the Eagle Unit of the Newspaper Guild. The point I wish to make about him is that, contrary to what might have been supposed by outsiders, he was not a member of the Eagle Unit of the CP when I was at the Eagle, and was not, to my best knowledge and belief, a member of the CP during that period.

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"LYLE DOWLING

He was employed by the Brooklyn Daily Eagle in 1937 in an executive position, but he did not agree with the newspaper's policies in publishing what he considered to be a good newspaper. Due to this friction between DOWLING and other executives of the newspaper he became interested and active in the newspapers guild strike against the paper. DOWLING was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the CP from, as I recall, the Spring of 1938 on, although he actually left his job at the Eagle at about that time.

"CHARLES GRUTZNER

He was a reporter for the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and it is my belief that he was in the process of dropping out of the CP in 1939, although I cannot positively say that he is no longer a CP member.

"HYMAN CHARNIAK and CHARLES LEWIS

These individuals were members of the CP Unit of the Brooklyn Eagle, when I joined the unit in August, 1937. I believe that both CHARNIAK and LEWIS had been members of this unit for sometime prior to August, 1937 because they seemed to be familiar with the activities and procedure of the unit and did not appear to be new members. The meetings of this unit were usually held weekly at one of the members places of residence. It was customary to rotate the meetings at the homes of those members who resided in the proximity of the Brooklyn Eagle plant.

"I do not believe that any of these meetings were held at LEWIS' home, inasmuch as his residence was not readily accessible. I do recall attending at least one meeting at the home of CHARNIAK which was on Montague Street in Brooklyn. The meetings were held at my apartment on the average of about twice a month.

"CHARNIAK was very regular in his attendance at the meetings and took an active part in the affairs of the unit, until the latter part of 1939. It was sometime during the Fall of 1939 that many vigorous and soul-searching discussions

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"were held at the meetings, relative to Russia's position in world affairs and particularly to Russia's participation in the Nazi-Soviet Pact. CHARNIAK openly expressed his dissatisfaction over the Russian-Nazi Pact, and at a meeting held about two or three months prior to my leaving the unit in January, 1940, he made a statement to the effect that he could not take it any longer and that it was the last meeting he was going to attend. I am quite certain that CHARNIAK did not attend any other meeting of the unit from that time until I left in January, 1940, and that this incident, indeed marked the end of his CP association.

"CHARLES LEWIS was not as regular in attendance at CP meetings, and this was the cause of some discontent among the other members. It was my understanding that LEWIS' wife was opposed to his activity in the unit and also in the newspaper guild because it took up so much of his time. LEWIS edited the Brooklyn Eagle Guild shop paper the Eagle Reporter for a long period of time and was very active in the unit's affairs.

"At the time I left the unit in January, 1940 LEWIS was still officially and formally a member of the unit. It had been general knowledge among the employees of the Brooklyn Eagle in the latter part of 1939 that I was going abroad to do free lance reporting on the Finnish front.

"It was in January of 1938 that NAT EINHORN, who was the 'prime mover' of the Brooklyn Eagle CP Unit, proposed that I and one other member of the Unit attend a 'Section' school of the CP, to take one or more 'indoctrination courses' there. This was done. The other member who attended the courses was VIOLET BROWN. The school was situated in the 'Section' office of the CP, in downtown Brooklyn off Fulton Street. We attended the school, as I recall, for 2 or 3 months in the Spring of 1938, attending classes one or two evenings each week.

"At this time, and later, at the Section offices, I came to know these CP members whom I can recall:

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"1-A man named ~~MARTIN~~ who was head (or 'Secretary') of the Section Office. This was, I believe, his real name. His first name I cannot remember, but it was a familiar name such as BOB or ED. *NY*

"2-~~LAZARE~~. Again, I cannot recall the first name. This individual at a certain time succeeded ~~MARTIN~~ as 'Secretary' of the 'Section' Office. He was obviously of foreign birth, speaking English fluently but with a thick accent.

"3-~~DORETTA~~ ~~TARMON~~. I have mentioned this person before. I mention her name here because it was at the Section Office that I met her. *NY*

"4-~~HELEN~~ ~~WEISSMAN~~ or ~~WEISSMANN~~ (Mrs.). This is her real name, as a married woman. I cannot recall her exact capacity at the Section Office.

"In the Newspaper Guild of New York, I knew the following persons as members of the CP during the time that I was a member at the Eagle:

"1) ~~MILTON~~ ~~KAUFMAN~~, executive secretary of the N.Y. Guild at that time. *NY*

"2) ~~JACK~~ ~~RYAN~~, treasurer (I believe) of the N.Y. Guild at that time. *NY*

"3) ~~GLADYS~~ ~~KOPF~~, who worked as office secretary at the N.Y. Guild. I cannot recall the exact title of her position.

"Sometime in January, 1940, a few weeks before my departure, ~~NAT~~ ~~EINHORN~~, of the Eagle, who was the leader of the CP cell at that newspaper, telephoned me at my Montague Terrace address in Brooklyn, and advised me that ~~JOE~~ ~~NORTH~~ of the Daily Worker wanted to speak with me. ~~EINHORN~~ did not tell me what ~~NORTH~~ wanted to discuss with me, but I later learned in talking with ~~EINHORN~~ that at the time of his call *NY*

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"he was aware of the matter NORTH wished to discuss.

"A few days later I went to NORTH'S apartment in the Greenwich Village Section of New York City, where I was told by NORTH that a foreign assignment had been arranged for me in view of the fact that I was going abroad. NORTH did not furnish further details concerning this matter, at that time, but arranged a second meeting with me one or two days later. I am unable to recall NORTH'S address in Greenwich Village, but believe it was West of Seventh Avenue and South of 14th Street, New York City. At the second meeting NORTH took me to a street side contact with a man who was unidentified to me. Hereinafter, I will describe this unidentified man as man number 1.

"The meeting with man #1 took place at night on Fourth Avenue in Union Square, New York City. We met on the street, and together went into a Fourteenth Street restaurant or cafeteria, possibly a Childs Restaurant. JOE NORTH was present at this and subsequent meetings with this man. Man #1 repeated that there was a foreign assignment for me although he did not advise me of the nature of this assignment. He cautioned me at this time not to mention this matter to any of my fellow CP members and asked me if I had received my passport as yet. I explained to man #1 that I had not yet received my passport but expected to receive it within a few days. Man #1 then made arrangements to meet with me and also JOE NORTH several days later and instructed me to bring several copies of my photograph and a brief biography of myself, and also my CP card to our next meeting.

"At the second meeting with man #1 I gave him three or four photographs of myself and a short biographical sketch I had written in longhand and also my CP card. This meeting was again held in the early evening, in the same cafeteria or restaurant on 14th Street. I am unable to recall just how

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"many meetings I had with man #1, but believe that there were three, each at the same approximate hour and each in the same place. It is my recollection that our final meeting took place only one or two days before my departure to Sweden.

"At the second meeting, man #1 gave me enough cash necessary to purchase a one way Steamship ticket from New York to Bergen, Norway. I am unable to remember the specific amount, however; it was possibly four or five dollars in excess of the exact price of the steamship ticket. Man #1 also gave me the name and address of a woman in Greenwich Village to whom I was to send a cable upon my arrival in Stockholm. I am unable to recall the name of the woman and her address, but believe that man #1 wrote this information on a slip of paper and gave it to me. Man #1 did not advise me of the nature of my assignment at any of our meetings. I do recall that the address of the woman in question was in the Greenwich Village Section of New York City.

"The following is a description of man #1, as I remember him:

"Age	Middle age, past 40
Height	Medium
Build	Stout
Hair	Sandy red in tone, but possibly greying
Complexion	Red
Speech	Fluent English, but obviously foreign born, with marked accent.
Dress	Wore hat and topcoat.

"After having viewed a photograph exhibited to me, I believe that I can identify the man in this photograph, who is ~~JACOB~~ GOLOS, as being man #1. Given the lapse of time, I

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"can say that I feel 95 percent sure of the identification.

"On the night or possible two nights before my departure from New York, I had a meeting with the second unidentified man, who I shall refer to hereinafter as man #2.

"This meeting, which occurred late at night, had been arranged by man #1 on the occasion of our last contact and took place at upper Broadway above 100th Street but below Columbia University. After going to the prescribed street intersection on Broadway I was approached by man #2 who asked me if I were Mr. BURDETT. When I replied in the affirmative, we together entered a nearby restaurant, on the west side of Broadway; it was, I believe, a Childs Restaurant. Man #2 instructed me to register at the Patricia Hotel after arriving in Stockholm, where I would be contacted by a Mr. MILLER. This individual, according to the instructions, would come to my hotel and make reference to our mutual friend, NAT EINHORN. I was to acknowledge that I had recently seen EINHORN in New York, and that this brief conversational exchange was to be my only means of identifying MILLER. I was still not advised as to the nature of my assignment but was told by man #2 that there would be no risk involved on my part. I was told that I would be merely acting out my work as a foreign correspondent. Man #2 stated that others were undergoing a great deal of risk but that there would be none on my part.

"The following is a description of man #2, to the best of my recollection:

"Age	40, or perhaps in the late thirties
Height	5'8" - 5'9"
Build	Medium
Hair	Iron grey, turning white
Eyes	Blue, I believe
Speech	Fluent English
Nationality	Of undetermined foreign extraction

"I departed from New York aboard ship on February 7,

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"1940. After disembarking at Bergen, Norway, I proceeded to Oslo to await clearance of my Swedish visa. Approximately 10 days later I arrived in Stockholm, where I registered at the Patricia Hotel and sent a cablegram to the woman in New York City, as per the instructions I had received. Two or three days after I registered at the hotel a man came to my room and stated that he was Mr. MILLER, but he made no reference to NAT EINHORN. Hereinafter, I will refer to Mr. MILLER as man #3.

"Man #3 arranged a street side meeting with me in downtown Stockholm, which was to be held a few days later, and this was the first of either 3 or 4 such meetings that I held with him. These meetings were in nearly every case held at night. Very little took place at these meetings, as we walked the streets of Stockholm for as long as an hour or an hour and-a-half at a time, with man #3 remaining silent for long periods. He broke the silence only at infrequent intervals to ask me questions concerning my personal background, where I attended school and how many brothers and/or sisters I had. Man #3 appeared very suspicious and cautious at these meetings, and it was apparent to me that these questions were directed in order that he might positively identify me. He also asked me directly, apparently as his clinching question, whether I was a member of the CP.

"At the last meeting with man #3 he gave me my assignment. He directed me to bring back a report of my observations with regard to Finnish public morale and the Finn's reactions to Russian bombings, when I returned to Stockholm from the Finnish front. He also arranged a future street side meeting with me which was to be held on a specific date, subsequent to my return from Helsinki.

"I flew to Helsinki one or two days later where I arranged a junket to the northern front through the Finnish Press office. This trip consumed several days and upon my return to Helsinki, I departed on another junket, this one being

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"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. It was not until we arrived in Helsinki that we learned the Russo-Finnish war had abruptly ended. Thus hostilities ceased on March 13, 1940.

"Approximately one week later I returned to Stockholm and one or two days after my arrival there I held a pre-arranged street rendezvous with man #3. The only business transacted at this meeting was to arrange for a further rendezvous, 2 or 3 days later. On this latter occasion man #3 and I attended a motion picture in downtown Stockholm, and after emerging from the theatre he inquired as to the reaction of the Finnish people to the end of the war. I advised him that in my opinion the cessation of hostilities had come unexpectedly and as a shock to the Finns, since they had apparently steeled themselves for a long war in spite of the hardships and the great odds against them. Man #3 then advised me that my assignment was completed. He gave me no indication that he would attempt to recontact me in the future and left me with the impression that I would not see him again.

"The following is a description of man #3 to the best of my recollection:

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

"Shortly after my last contact with man #3, I returned to Finland with a large group of Foreign correspondents for the purpose of covering the story of the Russian

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"occupation of the key port of Petsamo, in the north of the country. However, we were never allowed by Russia to complete this junket and we subsequently returned to Stockholm by train. Not long after my return to Stockholm, the Germans invaded Norway and I covered the various military incidents surrounding the Nazi occupation of that country between the beginning of April and late May, 1940.

"It was during this period that I became affiliated with Trans Radio Press, and in May of that year I made my first broadcast for the Columbia Broadcasting System. The Scandanavian countries had virtually ceased to be a scene of international interest by June, 1940, and it was at this time that I decided to go to Rumania, along with many of the other correspondents in that year.

"One or two days after I had applied for Russian and German visas, I was again contacted by man #3 who came to my hotel room in Stockholm. Man #3 told me that he had heard that I was going to Rumania. He indicated by his comments that he was greatly pleased with this news. His comments also indicated that word of my impending trip to Rumania came to him directly from the Russian Embassy or Consulate in Stockholm. He instructed me to register at the Hotel Moskva upon my arrival in Moscow, where I would be contacted. He gave me no further instructions or details as to how, when, or by whom I would be contacted in Moscow.

"I left Stockholm the first week in June, 1940 but upon arriving in Moscow all passengers enroute to Rumania were registered by Intourist at the Hotel Metropole rather than at the Hotel Moskva for the two day lay over in that city.

"The day after my arrival in Moscow, however, I was contacted by a man and woman, who I shall refer to as contacts #4 and 5 respectively, who came to my room in the Hotel

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"Metropole. The woman had little to say during this brief visit, but contact #4 instructed me to write a letter to the Russian Consulate upon arriving in Bucharest. He told me that this letter was to contain my request for a visa permitting me to cross Russia on a presumed return to the United States via the Pacific Ocean.

"Contact #4 also advised me that this letter should contain my hotel and room number in Bucharest and that it would serve as notice of my arrival in that city. After two days in Moscow I flew to Odessa and took the train from there to Bucharest. I recall that the Italians entered the war on June 10, 1940, and it was on or near this date that I arrived in Bucharest.

"After registering at the Hotel Esplanade, in Bucharest, I wrote a letter to the Russian Consulate requesting a visa as I had been instructed by contact #4. I was never contacted after writing this letter, so approximately one week later I wrote a second letter which went unanswered by either a return communication or a personal contact.

"I maintained my base of operations in reportorial work in Bucharest until October or November, 1940 having spent a portion of that time in Sofia, Bulgaria, where I was married in July, and no efforts to contact me were ever made by the Russians during my stay in Bulgaria or during the time I was in Sofia.

"The following are descriptions of contacts 4 and 5, as I remember them:

"Contact #4 (man)

"Age	35 to 40
Height	5'8" - 5'10"
Weight	150-160lbs.
Build	Medium
Eyes	Dark Brown

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Face	Sharp featured
Speech	Good English although no regional characteristic noted
Nationality	Assumed to be Russian
Peculiarities	Appeared physically and mentally agile, and vigorous, displayed a keen shrewd glance.

"Contact #5 (woman)

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

"In October or November, 1940 I departed with my wife from Bucharest for Belgrade, Yugoslavia, where I registered at the Hotel Srpski Karalj. As I recall, about 10 days or 2 weeks after arriving in Belgrade, a young man, who I will designate as man #6, came to my hotel room. Man #6 apparently had no knowledge of the fact that I had never been contacted in Bucharest. He furnished me instructions for a contact with man #7, a few days later and then departed.

"The following is a description of man #6:

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

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"I had a second meeting with man #6, as I shall later describe. During our two meetings he gave me the impression that he held a position of minor rank and 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. It seems to me that he identified himself as holding an official position with the Russian Embassy in Belgrade. When I asked him why I had not been previously contacted in Bucharest, as I had been instructed earlier in Moscow, he merely shrugged his shoulders in answer and furnished no explanation concerning this matter.

"I met man #7 at a specified street corner, at night, several days later, in a dimly lit outlying section of Belgrade. This contact addressed me by my true name and then mentioned the names of several lesser officials in various Yugoslav ministries, asking me if I was acquainted with any of them. I advised him that I was not acquainted with these individuals whereupon he instructed me to take steps to meet these officials during the course of my reportorial assignment. He did not, however, instruct me to obtain information from these officials, but merely instructed me to meet him again on the street a week later. As I recall this meeting took place on the outskirts of Belgrade in the early evening. To the best of my recollection I boarded a bus or street-car in the central business area of Belgrade which proceeded easterly along Alexander (or) Alexandria Avenue. This avenue is a main thoroughfare leading east from the business section of Belgrade and was later renamed the Avenue of the Red Army by the Russians. I do not know its present title under the Tito Regime, but I know that the Yugoslavian House of Parliament is located on this avenue.

"I left the bus or street-car at a pre-arranged spot in an outlying residential area of the city, by which time it had become dark or nearly so. I 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 a means of identification.

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"I walked a short distance to the designated intersection and upon arriving I immediately identified man #7 by means of the glove. Upon seeing me man #7 walked down to the next corner and proceeded up a side street. I followed him on as previously instructed and finally overtook him where upon he addressed me by my true name. We walked leisurely about the neighborhood for approximately a half hour at which time we had a casual discussion.

"The following is a description of man #7:

"Age	35-40
Height	6'2"-6'4"
Hair	Very fair hair
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Very fair
Face	Regular features
Build	Tall, athletic, strong and erect
Dress	Nattily dressed, black hat and gloves
Speech	Well spoken English but with difficulty

"I never went to the second arranged meeting with man #7 as this was the culminating point of a long personal deliberation covering a period of approximately a year and a half. A persons' joining of the CP was in most cases, like my own, a long and gradual process. Due to the regimentation and the continual necessity on the part of each member to hack and distort his personal ideas to fit the mold of CP doctrines, a persons' leaving of the CP was, equally, a long and slow and painful process.

"My first doubts and apprehensions with regard to the CP and its aims and purposes were prompted by events in the Fall of 1939. It was not until I left the Brooklyn Eagle and had an opportunity to disassociate myself from the day to day CP activities and discussions that I was able to think for myself and allow my doubts and reservations to take their natural course.

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"My personal observations abroad of the activation of Russian designs in European countries was the deciding factor in my decision to no longer be a member of the CP or to furnish information to the Russians.

"After failing to appear for the second meeting with man #7 I was recontacted at my hotel by man #6 who asked why I had not shown up for this meeting. I told him that I no longer desired to serve in such activity and explained to him that I was no longer in a position to do so, and did not intend to do so. As I recall, I offered him no further explanation. There seemed to be no marked reactions to my statement on the part of man #6, but this did not seem too strange to me as man #6 obviously was only a messenger or courier of lesser rank. He then left and I was never again recontacted in Belgrade.

"I left Belgrade in March, 1941 and proceeded to Ankara, Turkey, for further assignments with the Columbia Broadcasting System. I resided with my wife at the Ankara Palace Hotel, while in that city.

"Sometime between four and eight weeks after arriving in Ankara, a man, contact #8, came to my hotel room. He was extremely cautious and though he did not indicate whom he represented, but merely suggested that I would be in a position to furnish helpful information in view of my employment as a foreign correspondent. I assumed that man #8 was from the official Russian mission in Ankara, but I cannot be certain of this.

"Man #8 made no mention of the fact that I had failed to cooperate in Belgrade. I advised man #8 of my intentions in the matter much as I had previously done in Belgrade to man #7. Man #8 then appealed to me to reconsider where upon I stated my position to him in more explicit terms, saying I was no longer willing to serve as an informer, that my views had changed radically in recent years, and that I had made my decision for personal reasons of my own. Man #8 then departed and I have never been con-

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"tacted again, nor have any attempts ever been made to recruit me in Espionage activities since that time.

"I have never had any further contact with the CP nor have I been associated with any CP members that I know of since the appearance of this last contact with man #8 in Ankara.

"The following is a description of man #8:

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

"I quit the CP 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 aims 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.

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

"WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT

"Witnessed by:

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[redacted] of known reliability, advised that on November 4, 1951, WINSTON BURDETT [redacted]

The information furnished by [redacted] may not be used in a public proceeding without the usual issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

BURDETT advised that [redacted] was independently wealthy and for the past year or so has been residing in England.

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[redacted] of known reliability, advised that one [redacted] had been a resident of [redacted] New York from approximately 1945 until the Fall of 1952, at which time he left for England. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had married an English girl and that they had one son.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was independently wealthy. [redacted] added that he believes that [redacted] has permanently moved to England, and that he can be reached in care of [redacted]

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Rebulet 5/13/53.

67C - Enclosed herewith are five copies of report of SA (A) dated July 30, 1953, at New York.

The subject was interviewed on 6/1,25/53 and on 7/20/53 at which time he could furnish no further information other than that already reported.

BURDETT appeared very cooperative and expressed a willingness to furnish a signed statement covering his CP and Espionage activities. He advised that he has not been contacted by any of his former associates regarding these activities and in the event anyone were to do so, he would advise this office immediately.

Inasmuch as all logical leads have been covered in this case and no information present that would indicate any present CP or Espionage activities on the part of the subject, this case is being considered closed by this office.

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Reference is made to the Bureau's memoranda dated December 12, 1951, and November 15, 1951. Attached hereto is a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 30, 1953, at New York, New York. This report contains the information set forth by Burdett in his signed statement.

Burdett admitted that in 1940 and 1941 he was in contact with Russian intelligence agents and furnished information to them.

Copies of other pertinent reports have been previously furnished to the Records Administration Branch. Your opinion is requested as to whether Burdett is subject to registration under Section 20 (a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950 or is subject to prosecution for violation of any other Federal statute.

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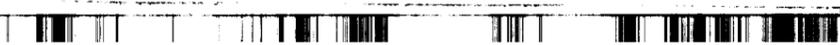
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It would be appreciated if you would advise this Bureau of the present status of the above matter.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>My fall 2-26-54 Capt dated 2-23-54 ER 7-23 10-57</i> Subject interviewed and signed statement furnished. CP and espionage activities set forth in statement. [REDACTED] identified. b7c - -C- See <i>Bulet to NY 1-28/54-HK</i>			
DETAILS The subject was interviewed on June 1 and 25, and also on July 20, 1953, at which time he furnished the following signed statement covering his Communist Party and espionage activities: "I, WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I do not have to make a statement, and that any statement made by me may be used against me in a court of law. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to make this statement, and I realize that I have a right to counsel. "I was born on December 12, 1913 at Buffalo, New York. My father is OWEN LONERBURDETT, born in Massachusetts, and my mother is ELIZABETH WHITE BURDETT, born in San Francisco, California, both of whom currently reside at RFD #3, Brattleboro, Vermont. I had one sister, MARJORIE BURDETT MAC KENZIE, who passed away in Chicago, Illinois, in June, 1952. <i>Serial de-indexed. See Serial 29 file dup.</i>			
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"When I was approximately 7 or 8 years of age, I moved with my family to New York City where I attended public school in the Bronx, and later Trinity School in Manhattan, and then, for 3 months, the University of North Carolina. I received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Harvard University in 1933, and engaged in Graduate Study of Romance Languages at Columbia University, New York City, from 1933 to 1934.

"I presently reside at ^{Mrs. Winston Winstiey Burdett} 430 East 63rd Street, New York City, with my wife, ~~GIORGINA BURDETT~~, nee ~~NATHAN~~, who I married in Rome, Italy on July 1, 1945. She is a British citizen, having been born in London, England. Her father, who is now deceased, was an Italian subject; her mother is of Australian birth, but is an Italian citizen by reason of her marriage. She currently resides in Italy. I had previously been married to LEA SCHIAVI, who was killed in Iran in April, 1942.

"I will now list my employment and foreign travels from 1934 to the present time.

"From September, 1934 to February, 1940, I was employed as a reporter, book and film reviewer, and associate editor, by the Brooklyn Daily Eagle newspaper at Brooklyn, New York. During the summer of 1936, however, I vacationed in Europe, during which period I was on leave of absence from the newspaper.

"In February, 1940 I went abroad as a free lance reporter and did work on assignment in the Scandanavian 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 that I began free lance reporting for the Columbia Broadcasting System, although it was not until the fall of that year in Rumania that I actually became a permanent and salaried employee of CBS.

"In June, 1940, I proceeded by way of passage through Russia, to Bucharest, Rumania, where I remained until October

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"or November, 1940. While with CBS abroad, I was assigned to various large cities that served as my basis of operations, but the nature of my reportorial work necessitated my making frequent and temporary trips to other cities and adjacent countries, on assignment.

"In July, 1940, in Sofia, Bulgaria, I married LEA SCHIAVI, journalist, who was an ardent anti-Fascist. In 1942 she was shot and killed by a young Kurd while en route through Soviet controlled Northern Iran to Tabriz. I was on assignment in New Delhi at this time. My wife had gone to Northern Iran with a young Armenian girlfriend, as interpreter to cover a news story and during a trip in the environs of Tabriz their car was stopped by a small group of Kurdistan tribesmen. My wife was then shot by one of the young Kurds, and she died while being rushed to a hospital in Tabriz, which was approximately 40 miles distance from the scene of the shooting.

"It has always been a mystery to me as to why my wife was killed, inasmuch as robbery was apparently not the motive involved and no other person in her party of five was injured. 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. The services of the Kurds were frequently utilized by the representatives of various foreign missions in Iran, during the early 1940's.

"I 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. As a result of numerous conversations with various fellow correspondents in the middle East and with American Counter Intelligence, I later came to believe that my wife's death was caused by the Russians. I am now firmly convinced that my wife, during the course of her assignment in Soviet controlled Northern Iran, chanced to learn that the Russians had been training Yugoslavian infiltration teams to be later used for politically undermining the Yugoslavian Government. When the Russians heard that she had learned of the matter,

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"and presumably might publish it, I believe they had her assassinated before she could return to Tabriz and file her news story.

"Upon hearing of my wife's death, I obtained a two month leave of absence from my job with CBS and proceeded from New Delhi to Iran, in order to investigate her death, but due to the reluctance and uncooperative attitude on the part of the Iranian officials, I was completely unsuccessful in these efforts.

"Continuing with my places of assignment abroad, I left Bucharest in October or November, 1940 for Belgrade, Yugoslavia, where I remained until March, 1941. I was then assigned to Ankara, Turkey, from March, 1941 to the end of March, 1942, but made a trip during this period to Teheran, between November, 1941 and February, 1942. I made a special trip to New Delhi in April, 1942. It was following the completion of this assignment in New Delhi that I went to Iran to investigate my wife's death, where I stayed until July of that year.

"From July, 1942 to March, 1943 I reported from Cairo moving to Algiers for work there between March, 1943 and May, 1944. This year or more of work in Algiers was interrupted by a brief trip to Cairo in the summer of 1943. I spent from May, 1944 until March, 1946 in Italy, during which period I went to France briefly to cover the Allied Invasion of Western France, and went on a short trip to Palestine in the Fall of 1945.

"In April of 1946 I returned to the United States, and after a three months vacation was assigned to the CBS affiliated radio station in Washington, D.C. in June, 1946 where I was employed until March, 1948. I again returned to Italy for assignment in Rome with CBS from March, 1948 to April, 1951, during which time I also covered news events in Yugoslavia and Greece. I returned to New York City in April, 1951 and am presently employed in the News Department of the Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, New York City.

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✓ "I was a dues-paying member of the Communist Party, USA, from August, 1937 to approximately January, 1940. During this time, I was employed by the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," Brooklyn, New York, and I was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the CP. (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; those of 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 months strike at the Eagle from September to December, 1937.

✓ (C) "While I was a member of the CP I used the name PAUL STRICKLAND, and was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit, which was called the S 41 or 41 S Section of the CP. After becoming employed by the Brooklyn Daily Eagle I became extremely interested in the work of the newspaper guild and it was this interest in union activities that was largely responsible for my eventually becoming a CP member. Active participation in the guild's activities at the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and membership in the CP were for me synonymous.

"During the late 1930's I held various menial positions in the newspaper guild, but in 1939 I became chairman of the guild's grievance committee, at the Brooklyn Daily Eagle. During the guild strike at this newspaper in 1937 I actively participated as a picket and in the organizing of strike-fund-raising social affairs. My primary responsibility as a CP member was in the publication of the Eagle Unit's Communist newspaper.

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✓ "My leaving the CP was the result of a growing
✓ apprehension on my part based on various inconsistencies of
✓ CP doctrine during the period of years I was a member, and
✓ on the spirit of narrow fanaticism with which such doctrine
✓ was held by CP members. The one outstanding event that caused
me to doubt the Party's objectives was the Hitler-Stalin
✓ Peace Pact in 1939. (I believe that my original joining of the
CP was due to my zealous interest in guild work, coupled with
the foolhardiness of my youth.

"I want to furnish the names of the following
individuals who were employed at the Brooklyn Daily Eagle
and were members of the CP Unit at that newspaper during
years I was a member. However, I have no personal knowl-
edge of these individuals activities subsequent to 1940, in-
asmuch as all or a portion of them could later have ceased
their CP membership for the same reasons I left the Party.
Indeed, I should personally assume that several among them
would have done so in these intervening years:

~~met m.~~ "VICTOR WEINGARTEN 117

This individual was employed as a news room
reporter.

"VIOLET BROWN 117

She was married to VICTOR WEINGARTEN and was
employed in the editorial news room as a
reporter.

"NATHAN HORN 117

This individual was an editorial room re-write
man who was on general assignment on news
stories.

"DAVID GORDON 117

This individual was a general assignment
reporter.

"MELVIN BARNETT (or BARNET) 117

This individual was employed as a general
assignment reporter.

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"The following persons were known by me to be CP members and they were members of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit, except in those cases where I will so state.

"~~ALVAE~~ ~~BESSIE~~

BESSIE was one of my closest friends while at the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and although my joining the CP was not caused by any particular individual, I believe he was probably the most instrumental of any single person in recruiting me into the CP. I am certain that BESSIE was a member of the CP although I cannot be sure whether he was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit, inasmuch as he left his employment at this newspaper prior to the time I became a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the CP.

"~~GLADYS~~ ~~BENTLEY~~

This individual was employed in the Commercial Department of this newspaper and was active in the newspaper guild.

"~~LARRY~~ ~~ADLER~~

ADLER was in his late teens or early twenties and was employed in the Commercial Department.

"~~HERBERT~~ ~~COHN~~

This individual was employed as a reporter and movie reviewer.

"~~I.~~ ~~KAUFMAN~~

He was also known as ~~ISIDORE~~ ~~KAUFMAN~~ and was a very militant individual and was employed as a number one re-write man for the Eagle. He led discussions at meetings between representatives of the newspaper guild and the newspaper, and for a long period was chairman of the Eagle Unit of the Newspaper Guild. The point I wish to make about him is that, contrary to what might have been supposed by outsiders, he was not a member of the Eagle Unit of the CP when I was at the Eagle, and was not, to my best knowledge and belief, a member of the CP during that period.

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"LYLE DOWLING *NJ*

He was employed by the Brooklyn Daily Eagle in 1937 in an executive position, but he did not agree with the newspaper's policies in publishing what he considered to be a good newspaper. Due to this friction between DOWLING and other executives of the newspaper he became interested and active in the newspaper's guild strike against the paper. DOWLING was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the CP from, as I recall, the Spring of 1938 on, although he actually left his job at the Eagle at about that time.

"CHARLES BRUTZNER *NJ*

He was a reporter for the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and it is my belief that he was in the process of dropping out of the CP in 1939, although I cannot positively say that he is no longer a CP member.

"HYMAN CHARNIAK and CHARLES LEWIS *NJ*

These individuals were members of the CP Unit of the Brooklyn Eagle, when I joined the unit in August, 1937. I believe that both CHARNIAK and LEWIS had been members of this unit for sometime prior to August, 1937 because they seemed to be familiar with the activities and procedure of the unit and did not appear to be new members. The meetings of this unit were usually held weekly at one of the members' places of residence. It was customary to rotate the meetings at the homes of those members who resided in the proximity of the Brooklyn Eagle plant.

"I do not believe that any of these meetings were held at LEWIS' home, inasmuch as his residence was not readily accessible. I do recall attending at least one meeting at the home of CHARNIAK which was on Montague Street in Brooklyn. The meetings were held at my apartment on the average of about twice a month.

"CHARNIAK was very regular in his attendance at the meetings and took an active part in the affairs of the unit until the latter part of 1939. It was sometime during the Fall of 1939 that many vigorous and soul-searching discussions

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"were held at the meetings, relative to Russia's position in world affairs and particularly to Russia's participation in the Nazi-Soviet Pact. CHARNIAK openly expressed his dissatisfaction over the Russian-Nazi Pact, and at a meeting held about two or three months prior to my leaving the unit in January, 1940, he made a statement to the effect that he could not take it any longer and that it was the last meeting he was going to attend. I am quite certain that CHARNIAK did not attend any other meeting of the unit from that time until I left in January, 1940, and that this incident, indeed marked the end of his CP association.

"CHARLES LEWIS was not as regular in attendance at CP meetings, and this was the cause of some discontent among the other members. It was my understanding that LEWIS' wife was opposed to his activity in the unit and also in the newspaper guild because it took up so much of his time. LEWIS edited the Brooklyn Eagle Guild shop paper the Eagle Reporter for a long period of time and was very active in the unit's affairs.

"At the time I left the unit in January, 1940 LEWIS was still officially and formally a member of the unit. It had been general knowledge among the employees of the Brooklyn Eagle in the latter part of 1939 that I was going abroad to do free lance reporting on the Finnish front.

"It was in January of 1938 that NAT EINHORN, who was the 'prime mover' of the Brooklyn Eagle CP Unit, proposed that I and one other member of the Unit attend a 'Section' school of the CP, to take one or more 'indoctrination courses' there. This was done. The other member who attended the courses was VIOLET BROWN. The school was situated in the 'Section' office of the CP, in downtown Brooklyn off Fulton Street. We attended the school, as I recall, for 2 or 3 months in the Spring of 1938, attending classes one or two evenings each week.

"At this time, and later, at the Section Offices, I came to know these CP members whom I can recall:

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"1-A man named ~~MARTIN~~ who was head (or 'Secretary') of the Section Office. This was, I believe, his real name. His first name I cannot remember, but it was a familiar name such as BOB or ED.

"2-~~LAZARE~~. Again, I cannot recall the first name. This individual at a certain time succeeded ~~MARTIN~~ as 'Secretary' of the 'Section' Office. He was obviously of foreign birth, speaking English fluently but with a thick accent.

"3-~~DORETTA~~. I have mentioned this person before. I mention her name here because it was at the Section Office that I met her.

"4-~~HELEN~~ ~~WEISSMAN~~ or ~~WEISSMANN~~ (Mrs.). This is her real name, as a married woman. I cannot recall her exact capacity at the Section Office.

"In the Newspaper Guild of New York, I knew the following persons as members of the CP during the time that I was a member at the Eagle:

"1) ~~MILTON~~ ~~KAUFMAN~~, executive secretary of the N.Y. Guild at that time.

"2) ~~JACK~~ ~~RYAN~~, treasurer (I believe) of the N.Y. Guild at that time.

"3) ~~GLADYS~~ ~~KOPF~~, who worked as office secretary at the N.Y. Guild. I cannot recall the exact title of her position.

"Sometime in January, 1940, a few weeks before my departure, ~~NAT~~ ~~EINHORN~~, of the Eagle, who was the leader of the CP cell at that newspaper, telephoned me at my Montague Terrace address in Brooklyn, and advised me that ~~JOE~~ ~~NORTH~~ of the 'Daily Worker' wanted to speak with me. ~~EINHORN~~ did not tell me what ~~NORTH~~ wanted to discuss with me, but I later learned in talking with ~~EINHORN~~ that at the time of his call

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He was aware of the matter NORTH wished to discuss.

"A few days later I went to NORTH'S apartment in the Greenwich Village Section of New York City, where I was told by NORTH that a foreign assignment had been arranged for me in view of the fact that I was going abroad. NORTH did not furnish further details concerning this matter, at that time, but arranged a second meeting with me one or two days later. I am unable to recall NORTH'S address in Greenwich Village, but believe it was West of Seventh Avenue and South of 14th Street, New York City. At the second meeting NORTH took me to a street side contact with a man who was unidentified to me. Hereinafter, I will describe this unidentified man as man number 1. (He subsequently identified the person as Joe North.)

"The meeting with man #1 took place at night on Fourth Avenue in Union Square, New York City. We met on the street, and together went into a Fourteenth Street restaurant or cafeteria, possibly a Childs Restaurant. JOE NORTH was present at this and subsequent meetings with this man. Man #1 repeated that there was a foreign assignment for me although he did not advise me of the nature of this assignment. He cautioned me at this time not to mention this matter to any of my fellow CP members and asked me if I had received my passport as yet. I explained to man #1 that I had not yet received my passport but expected to receive it within a few days. Man #1 then made arrangements to meet with me and also JOE NORTH several days later and instructed me to bring several copies of my photograph and a brief biography of myself, and also my CP card to our next meeting.

"At the second meeting with man #1 I gave him three or four photographs of myself and a short biographical sketch I had written in longhand and also my CP card. This meeting was again held in the early evening, in the same cafeteria or restaurant on 14th Street. I am unable to recall just how

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"many meetings I had with man #1, but believe that there were three, each at the same approximate hour and each in the same place. It is my recollection that our final meeting took place only one or two days before my departure to Sweden.

"At the second meeting, man #1 gave me enough cash necessary to purchase a one way Steamship ticket from New York to Bergen, Norway. I am unable to remember the specific amount, however; it was possibly four or five dollars in excess of the exact price of the steamship ticket. Man #1 also gave me the name and address of a woman in Greenwich Village to whom I was to send a cable upon my arrival in Stockholm. I am unable to recall the name of the woman and her address, but believe that man #1 wrote this information on a slip of paper and gave it to me. Man #1 did not advise me of the nature of my assignment at any of our meetings. I do recall that the address of the woman in question was in the Greenwich Village Section of New York City.

"The following is a description of man #1, as I remember him:

"Age	Middle age, past 40
Height	Medium
Build	Stout
Hair	Sandy red in tone, but possibly greying
Complexion	Red
Speech	Fluent English, but obviously foreign born, with marked accent.
Dress	Wore hat and topcoat.

After having viewed a photograph exhibited to me, I believe that I can identify the man in this photograph, who is JACOB GOLOS, as being man #1. Given the lapse of time, I

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"can say that I feel 95 percent sure of the identification.

"On the night or possible two nights before my departure from New York, I had a meeting with the second unidentified man, who I shall refer to hereinafter as man #2.

"This meeting, which occurred late at night, had been arranged by man #1 on the occasion of our last contact and took place at upper Broadway above 100th Street but below Columbia University. After going to the prescribed street intersection on Broadway I was approached by man #2. He asked me if I were Mr. BURDETT. When I replied in the affirmative, we together entered a nearby restaurant, on the west side of Broadway; it was, I believe, a Childs Restaurant. Man #2 instructed me to register at the Patricia Hotel after arriving in Stockholm, where I would be contacted by a Mr. MILLER. This individual, according to the instructions, would come to my hotel and make reference to our mutual friend, MR. EINHORN. I was to acknowledge that I had recently seen EINHORN in New York, and that this brief conversational exchange was to be my only means of identifying MILLER. I was still not advised as to the nature of my assignment but was told by man #2 that there would be no risk involved on my part. I was told that I would be merely acting out my work as a foreign correspondent. Man #2 stated that others were undergoing a great deal of risk but that there would be none on my part.

"The following is a description of man #2, to the best of my recollection:

"Age	40, or perhaps in the late thirties
Height	5'8" - 5'9"
Build	Medium
Hair	Iron grey, turning white
Eyes	Blue, I believe
Speech	Fluent English
Nationality	Of undetermined foreign extraction

"I departed from New York aboard ship on February 7,

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"1940. After disembarking at Bergen, Norway, I proceeded to Oslo to await clearance of my Swedish visa. Approximately 10 days later I arrived in Stockholm, where I registered at the Patricia Hotel and sent a cablegram to the woman in New York City, as per the instructions I had received. Two or three days after I registered at the hotel a man came to my room and stated that he was Mr. MILLER, but he made no reference to NAT EINHORN. Hereinafter, I will refer to Mr. MILLER as man #3.

"Man #3 arranged a street side meeting with me in downtown Stockholm, which was to be held a few days later, and this was the first of either 3 or 4 such meetings that I held with him. These meetings were in nearly every case held at night. Very little took place at these meetings, as we walked the streets of Stockholm for as long as an hour or an hour and-a-half at a time, with man #3 remaining silent for long periods. He broke the silence only at infrequent intervals to ask me questions concerning my personal background, where I attended school and how many brothers and/or sisters I had. Man #3 appeared very suspicious and cautious at these meetings, and it was apparent to me that these questions were directed in order that he might positively identify me. He also asked me directly, apparently as his clinching question, whether I was a member of the CP.

"At the last meeting with man #3 he gave me my assignment. He directed me to bring back a report of my observations with regard to Finnish public morale and the Finn's reactions to Russian bombings, when I returned to Stockholm from the Finnish front. He also arranged a future street side meeting with me which was to be held on a specific date, subsequent to my return from Helsinki.

"I flew to Helsinki one or two days later where I arranged a junket to the northern front through the Finnish Press office. This trip consumed several days and upon my return to Helsinki, I 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. It was not until we arrived in Helsinki that we learned the Russo-Finnish war had abruptly ended. This hostilities ceased on March 13, 1940.

"Approximately one week later I returned to Stockholm and one or two days after my arrival there I held a pre-arranged street rendezvous with man #3. The only business transacted at this meeting was to arrange for a further rendezvous, 2 or 3 days later. On this latter occasion man #3 and I attended a motion picture in downtown Stockholm, and after emerging from the theatre he inquired as to the reaction of the Finnish people to the end of the war. I advised him that in my opinion the cessation of hostilities had come unexpectedly and as a shock to the Finns, since they had apparently steeled themselves for a long war in spite of the hardships and the great odds against them. Man #3 then advised me that my assignment was completed. He gave me no indication that he would attempt to recontact me in the future and left me with the impression that I would not see him again.

"The following is a description of man #3 to the best of my recollection:

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

"Shortly after my last contact with man #3, I returned to Finland with a large group of Foreign correspondents for the purpose of covering the story of the Russian

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"occupation of the key port of Petsamo, in the north of the country. However, we were never allowed by Russia to complete this junket and we subsequently returned to Stockholm by train. Not long after my return to Stockholm, the Germans invaded Norway and I covered the various military incidents surrounding the Nazi occupation of that country between the beginning of April and late May, 1940.

"It was during this period that I became affiliated with Trans Radio Press, and in May of that year I made my first broadcast for the Columbia Broadcasting System. The Scandanavian countries had virtually ceased to be a scene of international interest by June, 1940, and it was at this time that I decided to go to Rumania, along with many of the other correspondents in that year.

"One or two days after I had applied for Russian and German visas, I was again contacted by man #3 who came to my hotel room in Stockholm. Man #3 told me that he had heard that I was going to Rumania. He indicated by his comments that he was greatly pleased with this news. His comments also indicated that word of my impending trip to Rumania came to him directly from the Russian Embassy or Consulate in Stockholm. He instructed me to register at the Hotel Moskva upon my arrival in Moscow, where I would be contacted. He gave me no further instructions or details as to how, when, or by whom I would be contacted in Moscow.

"I left Stockholm the first week in June, 1940 but upon arriving in Moscow all passengers enroute to Rumania were registered by Intourist at the Hotel Metropole rather than at the Hotel Moskva for the two day lay over in that city.

"The day after my arrival in Moscow, however, I was contacted by a man and woman, who I shall refer to as contacts #4 and 5 respectively, who came to my room in the Hotel

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"Metropole. The woman had little to say during this brief visit, but contact #4 instructed me to write a letter to the Russian Consulate upon arriving in Bucharest. He told me that this letter was to contain my request for a visa permitting me to cross Russia on a presumed return to the United States via the Pacific Ocean.

"Contact #4 also advised me that this letter should contain my hotel and room number in Bucharest and that it would serve as notice of my arrival in that city. After two days in Moscow I flew to Odessa and took the train from there to Bucharest. I recall that the Italians entered the war on June 10, 1940, and it was on or near this date that I arrived in Bucharest.

"After registering at the Hotel Esplanade, in Bucharest, I wrote a letter to the Russian Consulate requesting a visa as I had been instructed by contact #4. I was never contacted after writing this letter, so approximately one week later I wrote a second letter which went unanswered by either a return communication or a personal contact.

"I maintained my base of operations in reportorial work in Bucharest until October or November, 1940 having spent a portion of that time in Sofia, Bulgaria, where I was married in July, and no efforts to contact me were ever made by the Russians during my stay in Bulgaria or during the time I was in Sofia.

"The following are descriptions of contacts 4 and 5, as I remember them:

"Contact #4 (man)

"Age	35 to 40
Height	5'8" - 5'10"
Weight	150-160 lbs.
Build	Medium
Eyes	Dark Brown

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"Face	Sharp featured
Speech	Good English although no regional characteristic noted
Nationality	Assumed to be Russian
Peculiarities	Appeared physically and mentally agile, and vigorous, displayed a keen shrewd glance.

"Contact #5 (woman)

"Age	55 to 60
Height	5'8"-5'10"
Weight	130-140 lbs.
Build	Tall and slender
Eyes	Light Blue
Hair	Bland, greying
Complexion	Fair, red face
Speech	English, spoken casually as if for many years
Nationality	Russian type

"In October or November, 1940 I departed with my wife from Bucharest for Belgrade, Yugoslavia, where I registered at the Hotel Srpski Karalj. As I recall, about 10 days or 2 weeks after arriving in Belgrade, a young man, who I will designate as man #6, came to my hotel room. Man #6 apparently had no knowledge of the fact that I had never been contacted in Bucharest. He furnished me instructions for a contact with man #7, a few days later and then departed.

"The following is a description of man #6:

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

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"I had a second meeting with man #6, as I shall later describe. During our two meetings he gave me the impression that he held a position of minor rank and 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. It seems to me that he identified himself as holding an official position with the Russian Embassy in Belgrade. When I asked him why I had not been previously contacted in Bucharest, as I had been instructed earlier in Moscow, he merely shrugged his shoulders in answer and furnished no explanation concerning this matter.

"I met man #7 at a specified street corner, at night, several days later, in a dimly lit outlying section of Belgrade. This contact addressed me by my true name and then mentioned the names of several lesser officials in various Yugoslav ministries, asking me if I was acquainted with any of them. I advised him that I was not acquainted with these individuals whereupon he instructed me to take steps to meet these officials during the course of my reportorial assignment. He did not, however, instruct me to obtain information from these officials, but merely instructed me to meet him again on the street a week later. As I recall this meeting took place on the outskirts of Belgrade in the early evening. To the best of my recollection I boarded a bus or street-car in the central business area of Belgrade which proceeded easterly along Alexander (or) Alexandria Avenue. This avenue is a main thoroughfare leading east from the business section of Belgrade and was later renamed the Avenue of the Red Army by the Russians. I do not know its present title under the Tito Regime, but I know that the Yugoslavian House of Parliament is located on this avenue.

"I left the bus or street-car at a pre-arranged spot in an outlying residential area of the city, by which time it had become dark or nearly so. I 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 a means of identification.

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"I walked a short distance to the designated intersection and upon arriving I immediately identified man #7 by means of the glove. Upon seeing me man #7 walked down to the next corner and proceeded up a side street. I followed him on as previously instructed and finally overtook him where upon he addressed me by my true name. We walked leisurely about the neighborhood for approximately a half hour at which time we had a casual discussion.

"The following is a description of man #7:

"Age	35-40
Height	6'2"-6'4"
Hair	Very fair hair
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Very fair
Face	Regular features
Build	Tall, athletic, strong and erect
Dress	Natly dressed, black hat and gloves
Speech	Well spoken English but with difficulty

"I never went to the second arranged meeting with man #7 as this man was the culminating point of a long personal deliberation covering a period of approximately a year and a half. A persons' joining of the CP was in most cases, like my own, a long and gradual process. Due to the regimentation and the continual necessity on the part of each member to hack and distort his personal ideas to fit the mold of CP doctrines, a persons' leaving of the CP was, equally, a long and slow and painful process.

"My first doubts and apprehensions with regard to the CP and its aims and purposes were prompted by events in the Fall of 1939. It was not until I left the 'Brooklyn Eagle' and had an opportunity to disassociate myself from the day to day CP activities and discussions that I was able to think for myself and allow my doubts and reservations to take their natural course.

New York was directed by letter 9/12/51 to interview Burdett re his past Communist activities and his relations with Jacob Golos, Elizabeth Bentley, Ignacy Witczak and his wife, Buntia. ~~SECRET~~

67C- Burdett, during the initial interview conducted on 9/20/51, admitted Communist activity under the name Paul Strickland and furnished names of others who were members of the same Party unit to which he belonged. He, however, denied knowing Jacob Golos, Elizabeth Bentley or Elizabeth Benton. He admitted knowing [redacted] but denied knowing either of the Witczaks. Burdett also denied ever advising anyone of his whereabouts in Europe.

67C (In connection with [redacted], previously mentioned, Burdett said he knew him as [redacted] in Bucharest in 1940. Burdett described [redacted] as a near-do-well journalist who tried to associate with a group of foreign correspondents in Bucharest. Burdett stated he had little to do with [redacted] and never employed him. However, he did state that he later met [redacted] in Sofia and that [redacted]. He explained that by saying that he accidentally bumped into [redacted] in Sofia and as Burdett had no friends in Sofia [redacted].

Burdett was reinterviewed by New York on 11/1/51 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 advised 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

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, 4/14/55

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU
ATT: INSPECTOR

WINSTON MANFIELD BURDETT, WA; ESPIONAGE - R. RENYTEL AND
 LETTER, 4/8/55, AND NYAIRTEL, 4/13/55. SUBJECT INTERVIEWED
 AT THIS OFFICE TODAY FROM 1:30 P.M. TO 5:45 P.M., DURING WHICH
 TIME HE DICTATED FROM 1:45 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M. HE HAS COMPLETED
 THE DICTATION OF HIS SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT, WHICH FOR THE
 MOST PART CONTAINS THE INFORMATION EMBODIED IN REFERENCED
 LETTER. AN APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE SUBJECT AT HIS
 CONVENIENCE FOR 9:15 A.M., 4/19/55, WHEN HE WILL BE AFFORDED
 AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ AND SIGN THIS STATEMENT. BUREAU WILL
 BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND A REPORT SUBMITTED IN THIS
 CASE AS SOON AS THE SUBJECT HAS READ AND SIGNED HIS STATEMENT.

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 Special Agent in Charge

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"My personal observations abroad of the activation of Russian designs in European countries was the deciding factor in my decision to no longer be a member of the CP or to furnish information to the Russians.

"After failing to appear for the second meeting with man #7 I was recontacted at my hotel by man #6 who asked why I had not shown up for this meeting. I told him that I no longer desired to serve in such activity and explained to him that I was no longer in a position to do so, and did not intend to do so. As I recall, I offered him no further explanation. There seemed to be no marked reactions to my statement on the part of man #6, but this did not seem too strange to me as man #6 obviously was only a messenger or courier of lesser rank. He then left and I was never again recontacted in Belgrade.

"I left Belgrade in March, 1941 and proceeded to Ankara, Turkey, for further assignments with the Columbia Broadcasting System. I resided with my wife at the Ankara Palace Hotel, while in that city.

"Sometime between four and eight weeks after arriving in Ankara, a man, contact #8, came to my hotel room. He was extremely cautious and though he did not indicate whom he represented, but merely suggested that I would be in a position to furnish helpful information in view of my employment as a foreign correspondent. I assumed that man #8 was from the official Russian mission in Ankara, but I cannot be certain of this.

"Man #8 made no mention of the fact that I had failed to cooperate in Belgrade. I advised man #8 of my intentions in the matter much as I had previously done in Belgrade to man #7. Man #8 then appealed to me to reconsider where upon I stated my position to him in more explicit terms, saying I was no longer willing to serve as an informer, that my views had changed radically in recent years, and that I had made my decision for personal reasons of my own. Man #8 then departed and I have never been contacted again, nor have any attempts ever been made to recruit me in Espionage activities since that time.

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"I have never had any further contact with the CP nor have I been associated with any CP members that I know of since the appearance of this last contact with man #8 in Ankara.

"The following is a description of man #8:

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

"I quit the CP 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 aims 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.

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

"WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT

"Witnessed by:

Special Agent, FBI

Special Agent, FBI"

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of known reliability, advised that on November 4, 1951, WINSTON BURDETT [REDACTED]

The information furnished by [REDACTED] may not be used in a public proceeding without the usual issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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BURDETT advised that [REDACTED] was independently wealthy and for the past year or so has been residing in England.

[REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that one [REDACTED] had been a resident of [REDACTED] from approximately 1945 until the Fall of 1953, at which time he left for England. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had married an English girl and that they had one son.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was independently wealthy. [REDACTED] added that he believes that [REDACTED] has permanently moved to England, and that he can be reached in care of [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES

NY report of SA [REDACTED] 3-23-53 ser 56
Bureau letter to NY 5-13-53. ser. 58

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TO : Director, FBI (100-376050)

DATE: 1/18/54

FROM : SAC, New York (65-15665)

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa
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Enclosed herewith are nine copies of report of SA [redacted] dated 7/30/53 as requested in Bureau routing slip dated 1/7/54.

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7 copies destroyed as unnecessary. For instructions to NY re closing rpt see Bulet to NY 1/28/54. HP

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ReNYlet 1-18-54, forwarding the closing report of SA [redacted] made 7-30-53, at New York and form 0-24 sent to New York on 1-7-54, to which form was attached a copy of a memo from the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, in captioned matter dated 12-31-53. This memo set out the prosecutive opinion of the Criminal Division in this matter.

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R.S. 2-23-54*

It is requested that all pertinent information contained in your file on Burdett and not set out heretofore in report form, as well as the contents of the memo referred to above be set out in a closing report suitable for dissemination. In view of the dissemination made at the Bureau, it is requested that nine copies of this closing report be forwarded to the Bureau without unnecessary delay.

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<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>(c)</p>			
<p>On July 20, 1953, the subject furnished a signed statement in which he advised that after having viewed a photograph exhibited to him he believed he could identify the man in the photograph, who was <u>JACOB GOLOS</u>, a known Soviet Espionage Agent, as being contact man number one.</p> <p>NO LUC</p> <p>According to the subject's story, however, contact man number one, who advised the subject that there was a foreign assignment for [REDACTED], did not</p>			
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inform the subject of the nature of this assignment. No information has been developed from the subject's own account or from other informants as to the identity of the other contact men, particularly with reference to any connection there may have been with a foreign government or foreign political party.

In addition, only two incidents were related in the subject's story where assignments were given to him. The first of these incidents occurred in Stockholm when contact man number three asked the subject to report on his observances of Finnish public morale and the Finns reactions to Russian bombings. As a result of the ending of the Russo-Finnish War on March 13, 1940, before his next meeting with contact man number three, he was asked only for his views as to the reactions of the Finnish people to the end of hostilities. Contact man number seven in Yugoslavia during October or November, 1940 asked the subject to take steps to meet several lesser officials in various Yugoslav ministries, but did not instruct him to obtain information from them. Due to the fact that the subject, according to his own story, had decided at this time to have no further relationship with such contact men, he did not go to the second meeting with contact man number seven and took no steps to meet the officials in question.

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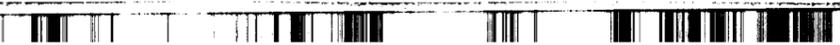
In view of these considerations the subject is not subject to registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended by Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950. In addition, a review of the available material reflects that there is insufficient evidence upon which prosecution of the subject for a violation of the espionage statutes could be predicated.

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TO : [REDACTED] *abs*
FROM : [REDACTED] *abs*
SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
Paul Strickland
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Winston Mansfield Burdett - Summary
Burdett was born 12-12-13, in Buffalo, New York. He was graduated from Harvard in 1933 and attended Columbia University in 1933 and 1934. Since then he has been employed in the newspaper and radio field, principally by the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in New York and by CBS abroad. Elizabeth Bentley advised in 1945 and 1951 that she never met Burdett, a CBS news reporter; however, she said that he was in contact with Jacob Golos when Burdett went abroad. This, according to Bentley, was in 1938 or 1939. (Actually Burdett went abroad in 1940.) According to Bentley, Golos had arranged for Burdett to maintain contact with him through Bentley, who was to use the name Elizabeth Benton. Bentley said she received two or three cablegrams from Burdett advising of his whereabouts in Europe. These messages were given to Golos by her. On one occasion Bentley recalled obtaining Burdett's European address through a pretext telephone call to Burdett's mother. Bentley recalled no information about Burdett or his activities after December, 1940.

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b7c The investigation of Burdett was carried in the Gregory file until January, 1951, when a separate investigative file was opened with New York the office of origin. It was established Burdett was acquainted with [REDACTED], who was a friend of the Soviet agent Ignacy Witczak, and that Burdett's name was found in Witczak's notebook. Election records in New York City reflected Burdett had registered as a member of the ALP in 1937 and 1938. In 1942, Burdett was described as either a Communist Party member or Communist sympathizer. Certain informants with knowledge of Communist Party and espionage activities in New York had no knowledge of Burdett.

b1- Records of the following contained no information regarding the subject: [REDACTED] ONI, (S) G-2, and CIA. Burdett was interviewed initially on 9-20-51, and on seven other occasions thereafter and on 7-20-53, submitted a signed statement in which he admitted Communist Party membership under the name Paul Strickland from August, 1937, to February, 1940, while he was with the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and until he went to Europe to cover the Russo-Finnish War. He denied knowing Ignacy and Bunia Witczak. He admitted knowing [REDACTED] who later corresponded with Burdett's parents. Burdett could not recall advising Bentley of his whereabouts while in Europe.

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but stated that a person he had contacted in 1940 and whom he later identified as Jacob Golos had given him the name of a woman whom he should keep advised of his whereabouts while in Europe. Burdett said he contacted this woman on several occasions in 1940. He admitted having several contacts with different unidentified persons in 1940 and early 1941 for possible future espionage purposes in Europe. He cooperated to a limited extent with two of these contacts in early 1940, but refused to cooperate with the remainder. He said he was not contacted for possible espionage purposes after April, 1941.

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Dissemination of pertinent reports in this case has been made [REDACTED]. The Criminal Division was requested to advise whether Burdett was subject to registration under the Internal Security Act of 1950 or subject to prosecution for violation of any other federal statutes. By memorandum dated 12-31-53, the Criminal Division advised that evidence was insufficient to conclude that Burdett had received an assignment in the counterintelligence service of a foreign government. The Criminal Division concluded that Burdett was not subject to registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act and that there was insufficient evidence upon which prosecution for a violation of the espionage statutes could be predicated. Burdett is not on the Security Index. Bureau references to Burdett, as well as the subject's main file, were reviewed and no information requiring further investigation was established. By report dated 2-23-54, New York recommended closing the investigation on Burdett.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the results of the investigation and the opinion rendered by the Criminal Division and since all logical leads appear to be covered, it is recommended that this case be closed and that this memorandum be filed in the subject's main file, 100-376050.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-376050)

DATE: July 8, 1954

From: SAC, WFO (65-5735)

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
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The files of the Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, disclose subject submitted to the Passport Office a sworn affidavit dated June 29, 1954, to explain why he waited so long before reporting to the FBI the facts concerning his past membership in the Communist Party and his Party activities. He also explained the reason why he made certain statements in a passport application in 1940 and cited an occasion on which he communicated from abroad with the Communist Party.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau and the New York Office is one photostatic copy each of the sworn affidavit described above.

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This matter was brought to the attention of SA [redacted] of the WFO by Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Deputy Director, Passport Office, Department of State, and this fact may be included on the Administrative Page of a report but should not be included in the details of a Bureau report.

A copy of this affidavit is being forwarded to the New York Office by Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested, in order that the New York Office can, at a later date, return the photostatic copy in an unmarked condition to the WFO for authentication by the Department of State should such procedure be necessary at any time in the future.

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Will contact [REDACTED] Rhoades and Company, 42 Wall Street, for information as to subject's stock purchase on December 10, 1951.

Will conduct such other investigation as may be indicated from outstanding leads.

REFERENCES

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Report of SA [REDACTED] New York, 7/2/52
Report of SA [REDACTED] Albany, 9/9/52
Albany letter to Bureau, 9/9/52
Bureau letter to New York, 9/29/52

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TO : Director, FBI (100-376050)

DATE: NOV 5 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (65-15665)

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa: G.I.R. 3
Paul Strickland
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67C- Forwarded herewith are five copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated NOV 5 1952 at New York in captioned case.

Two copies of this report are enclosed for Albany.

67C- Rebutlet of 9/29/52 inquiring whether the New York Office recommends additional interviews of Mr. and Mrs. OWEN BURDETT in view of the Albany report of SA [redacted] and memorandum in this case, dated 9/9/52 on their interview.

67C- In the interview of Mrs. OWEN (ELIZABETH) BURDETT she insisted she could not recall meeting IGNACY or BUNIA WITCZAK, although she volunteered she may have met them under another name. She said she did not recognize the photograph of IGNACY WITCZAK but admitted that BUNIA WITCZAK's picture was vaguely familiar to her. She said that Mrs. WITCZAK's picture was not that of Mrs. IVAN BENSON, whom she admitted meeting through [redacted] a friend of her son, the subject. Mrs. BURDETT also recalled meeting IVAN and Mrs. BENSON in 1941 [redacted] in Brooklyn, N.Y. She even recalled that IVAN BENSON was ill with tuberculosis and that Mrs. BENSON came from California to visit Mr. BENSON in New York City.

In her interview, Mrs. BURDETT was described as curious as to her position in the event of any complicity between her and the WITCZAKS.

67C- Since it has been previously reported in this case that BUNIA WITCZAK was introduced to the BURDETTS as a friend, according to [redacted] and that BUNIA WITCZAK stayed at the BURDETT residence in Brooklyn, N.Y. for a day or so; and, since ELIZABETH BURDETT wrote to BUNIA WITCZAK in December 1941, mentioning that Mrs. BURDETT and her husband often spoke of Mrs. WITCZAK's "little visit", it seems that Mrs. and Mr. BURDETT

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knew BUNIA WITCZAK as such.

It is recommended that additional photographs be shown to Mr. and Mrs. BURDETT with a view of refreshing their recollection, so that the BURDETTS may have another opportunity to explain their contact with BUNIA WITCZAK in 1941 and their knowledge of IGNACY WITCZAK, providing the Bureau authorizes another interview.

b7c - The New York files contain no pictures of IVAN or DOVE F. BENSON. IVAN BENSON had the address of 213 East 58 Street, New York City, and was with the Office of War Information from June 1943 until November 1944, when dismissed for medical reasons, according to New York report of SA [REDACTED], dated 12/27/45 in the case entitled "IGNACY SAMUEL WITCZAK, was; IS-R" (Los Angeles file 100-23457). A Phoenix letter to the Bureau dated 11/11/45, entitled "Dr. IVAN BENSON; Comrap, IS-R" mentions that IVAN BENJAMIN BENSON, 2019 Dunsmuir Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was a professor at the University of Southern California and was admitted for tuberculosis treatment at the Veterans Hospital, Whipple, Arizona on 7/7/45. His description was given as follows: Born, 12/12/96 in Sweden; Height, 6'; Weight, 157; Hair, Brown; Eyes, Blue; Race, white; Employed, formerly by OWI; Wife, DOVE F. BENSON; Daughter, Dove II, age 15; Sons, BERNT, age 10 and IVAN II, age 22, in the United States Army.

Enclosed for Albany are copies of full face photographs of IGNACY and BUNIA WITCZAK forwarded to New York by Los Angeles letter of 2/10/48 in case entitled "IGNACY SAMUEL WITCZAK, was; IS-R".

Los Angeles is requested to furnish Albany with any available photographs of IVAN and DOVE F. BENSON. Los Angeles is also requested to furnish Albany with any other pictures of IGNACY and BUNIA WITCZAK, so that they may be used in the proposed interview of the BURDETTS.

SAC, Albany (65-1776)

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Reference New York letter dated November 5, 1952.

Bureau authority granted to the Albany Office to reinterview the subject's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Burdett, Brattleboro, Vermont, to exhibit additional photographs of Ignacy and Bunia Wiczak, and to attempt to obtain from the Burdetts further details concerning their contact with Bunia Wiczak in 1941.

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NOTE:

Bureau authority previously granted to interview Mr. and Mrs. Owen Burdett, parents of the subject, in connection with allegations that subject knew Ignacy and Bunia Wiczak, and that the Wiczaks were in contact with the subject's parents in 1941. In previous interviews, the Burdetts were outwardly cooperative but claimed not to know the Wiczaks. The possibility exists that they knew the Wiczaks under a different name which is the reason for reinterview at this time.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Records of Hartford Credit Rating Bureau, Hartford, Conn., reflect address of [REDACTED] N.Y. for [REDACTED] in 1950.

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The records of the Hartford Credit Rating Bureau, 252 Asylum St., under the name of [REDACTED], disclose that in early Oct. 1950 the G. Fox Co. of Hartford, a subscribing member to the Hartford Credit Rating Bureau, requested that agency to ascertain the credit standing in the New York area for [REDACTED] New York. It is to be noted that this record reflected the given name of [REDACTED] wife as [REDACTED]

The records further disclosed that on Oct. 7, 1952 the Hartford Credit Rating Bureau received a trade clearing report of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, Inc., 350 W. 4th St., New York City wherein it was reflected that [REDACTED] New York, had a good credit standing.

The New York report advised that in July 1941 [REDACTED] had purchased items from Member #264 and Member #3 and in Nov. 1946 had purchased material from Member #26. In addition, [REDACTED] on an undisclosed date, had an account for mens wear with Member #15. All of the above numbers apply to members of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York.

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Checks were also made of the records of the Merchants Reporting Service, 327 Trumbull St. and the Retail Credit Co., 410 Asylum St., both Hartford, Conn., and no record for [REDACTED] was located.

The Hartford Credit Rating Bureau has advised that G. Fox & Co. of Hartford would have no other information concerning [REDACTED] other than was furnished to them by that agency.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/5/52 at New York.

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February 27, 1953

Director, FBI (100-376050)

**WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950**

Rebulet dated November 21, 1952.

You are instructed to submit a report setting forth the results of your investigation in this matter so as to reach the Bureau not later than March 11, 1953.

cc - 2 - New York (65-15065)

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

July 16, 1954

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to previous correspondence to the Criminal Division of the Department concerning the captioned subject.

There is attached for your information a Photostat of a sworn affidavit dated June 29, 1954, and submitted by the subject to the Passport Office, United States Department of State.

Attachment

NOTE ON YELLOW: Investigation of Burdett based on statement of Elizabeth Bentley that Burdett was in contact with Jacob Golos prior to going abroad in 1938 or 1939. Burdett has been interviewed and was cooperative. Criminal Division by letter 12-31-53 advised evidence insufficient to warrant prosecution or registration of subject. Case closed on 3-4-54. Photostat of statement of Burdett being furnished to Department for completion of its file only.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WINSTON BURDETTE
CBS COMMENTATOR

DATE: February 16, 1955

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[redacted] called me on the night of February 16th to furnish on a strictly informal and confidential basis the following information:

He stated that Winston Burdette, the CBS commentator, came to him today. He had previously been to Morris Ernst, who is the General Counsel for CBS. Ernst referred him to [redacted]. He advised [redacted] of his membership in the Communist Party, of how he was recruited into espionage by Nate Einhorn, who once ran the newspaper guild in New York, and how Einhorn introduced him to Jacob Golos. Burdette stated that when he went abroad as a foreign correspondent Einhorn arranged for him to send a cable to a woman who lived in Greenwich Village advising that he had arrived satisfactorily. This he did and was contacted by a Soviet Agent in Sweden; that he furnished information to the Soviets throughout the Finish-Soviet War. He then went to Moscow where he was contacted by the same Agent and then to Bucharest. In 1941 Burdette broke with the Party and subsequently Einhorn wrote him an accusatory letter. He does not know Einhorn's present whereabouts.

[redacted] stated that Burdette's story was very melodramatic; that according to Burdette, he has already been to the FBI and made a full disclosure; however, some years ago when he filled out a CBS questionnaire he did not make a full disclosure. He did admit Communist Party membership, but never did tell CBS of his espionage connections; that CBS now wants to fire him as only recently he has come to the conclusion that as a matter of moral principle he must make a public disclosure and publicly recant. This apparently CBS does not want him to do, according to [redacted] and he expects to be dismissed from CBS within the next day or two. Ironically, Don O'Shea, the Vice President, who had said he was going to fire Burdette, was himself fired according to a rumor which Burdette received today.

Last October Burdette was subpoenaed to appear before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. CBS intervened and had the subpoena killed. Since then this has pressed on Burdette's mind. He is now dedicated to correct the record, to publicly make amends and according to [redacted] impresses him very favorably as one having a high degree of moral sensitivity.

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont
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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

RE: WINSTON BURDETTE
CBS COMMENTATOR

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Morris Ernst is in favor of his making a public disclosure. Morris Ernst referred him to [redacted] since he could not advise Burdette along these lines since he was counsel for CBS. [redacted] was impressed with Burdette and told Burdette that if he were asked for his resignation he should advise CBS that he, [redacted] was Burdette's advisor and that he would not turn in his resignation until CBS first talked to [redacted] reasoning was that if this occurred Burdette would then have/witness who could support him on the premise that he was fired on the verge of making a public disclosure; that by talking to [redacted] and [redacted] interceding this would give CBS an out should they later be criticized. [redacted] stated that from the sincerity of Burdette he is certain that he was telling him the truth about coming to the FBI.

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I told him that I frankly did not recall the details; that we would make a check. It is suggested that the files be reviewed to determine if Burdette has in fact confessed espionage as [redacted] related.

Yes.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: February 18, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, with alias
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Memorandum 2/16/55 captioned "Winston Burdette, CBS Commentator" from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson pointed out that [redacted] had contacted Mr. Nichols on 2/16/55 concerning the subject. Burdett had related to [redacted] details concerning his (Burdett's) Communist Party membership and possible involvement in Soviet espionage. Burdett indicated to [redacted] that he had been to the FBI and had made a full disclosure. Mr. Nichols suggested a check to determine whether Burdett has confessed his espionage activities.

Burdett, at present a CBS commentator, was previously employed by CBS abroad. He left for Europe in February, 1940. According to Elizabeth Bentley, she never met Burdett but in 1940 received two or three cablegrams from him advising her of his whereabouts in Europe. She gave these messages to Jacob Golos. Burdett was interviewed initially on 9/20/51 and on seven occasions thereafter and on 7/20/53 submitted a signed statement in which he admitted CP membership under the name Paul Strickland from August, 1937, to February, 1940. The person identified as Jacob Golos induced him to go to Europe to await assignment. Burdett could not recall advising Bentley of his whereabouts while in Europe but stated that a person he had contacted in 1940 and whom he later identified as Jacob Golos had given him the name of a woman whom he should keep advised of his whereabouts while in Europe. Burdett admitted contacting this woman on several occasions in 1940. He did not recall her name. He admitted contacts with several unidentified persons in 1940 and 1941 in Europe. In Sweden Burdett was contacted by an unidentified individual who requested his observations regarding Finnish public morale and the Finnish reactions to bombings by the Russians. In Yugoslavia and Turkey he was contacted by three unidentified individuals who suggested he might be able to furnish helpful information in view of his employment as a foreign correspondent. He cooperated to a limited extent with two of these contacts in early 1940 but refused to cooperate with the remainder. He said he was not contacted for such information or similar information after April, 1941. Certain informants with knowledge of CP and espionage

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activities in New York had no knowledge of Burdett. Records of the following contain no information regarding the subject: [redacted] ONI, G-2, and (S) CIA. Dissemination of pertinent reports was made [redacted]

The Criminal Division on 12/31/53 advised that evidence was insufficient to conclude that Burdett had received assignment in the counterintelligence service of a foreign government. The Criminal Division also concluded that Burdett was not subject to registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act and that there was insufficient evidence upon which prosecution for a violation of the espionage statutes could be predicated. Burdett is not on the Security Index.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, it does not appear that a further interview of Burdett is necessary at this time, and, consequently, no further interview of Burdett is being recommended.

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: March 9, 1955

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn (orig. & 1)
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WINSTON BURDETT, with alias
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ON 2-11-98 380414

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 1, 1955, your reference SY/JHM, concerning the captioned subject. In that memorandum you refer to statements made by Burdett in connection with his application for a passport. You also requested to be furnished the results of any inquiries we may make on the basis of those statements.

A review of Burdett's file at this Bureau reflected the receipt from our Washington Field office of a Photostat of Burdett's June 29, 1954, statement to the Department of State. No other statements given to the State Department by Burdett were located in our file on him and a review of the above statement failed to locate any references to the specific matters referred to by you. Prior to the initiation of any investigation, it is requested that this Bureau be provided with copies of those statements referred to in your March 1, 1955, memorandum.

b7c - For your information, Burdett is not under investigation by this Bureau at this time. It should be noted that the report of Special Agent [redacted] made February 23, 1954, at New York, and previously furnished to you, reported that the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice on December 31, 1953, advised Burdett was not subject to registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended by Section 20 (a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950, and that there was insufficient evidence upon which prosecution of Burdett for violation of the espionage statutes can be predicated. All pertinent investigative reports in this case have been made available to you previously.

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WINSTON MANFIELD BURDETT, wa.
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For your information the subject has been in contact with [redacted] of NYU and has advised him of his CP membership and possible involvement in Soviet espionage. Burdett was directed to [redacted] by Morris Ernst, General Counsel for the Columbia Broadcasting System in NYU. Burdett's initial contact with Ernst apparently was prompted by the fact that CBS wanted to terminate Burdett's services because of his desire to make a public disclosure of his previous involvement in Communist and Soviet matters.

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On 3/15/55 Burdett met with [redacted]. Thereafter, [redacted] advised the Bureau that Burdett was very much ashamed of the fact that there were two items concerning which he had not furnished the FBI information previously. The first item consisted of the details surrounding Burdett's trip to Europe in 1940. He stated that he went abroad at the instigation of Jacob Golos, Nathan Einhorn and Joseph North. Burdett stated that Einhorn and North were present at each meeting he had with Golos. Burdett also felt that these contacts were made in Elizabeth Bentley's apartment. He told [redacted] that he was very much ashamed of this fact since it meant that his career as a foreign correspondent actually was launched by Communists.

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The second item concerned his failure to advise the FBI previously of his contact with a female Soviet official in Turkey in February or March, 1942. He said he gave this individual no information and carried out no assignments. A comparison of the data furnished to [redacted] by Burdett on 3/15/55 with the information furnished by Burdett in his signed statement of 7/20/53 indicates that Burdett furnished us only part of the facts relating to arrangements for his trip abroad in 1940 and nothing regarding his contact with a female Soviet official in Turkey in 1942.

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NOTE: Cover memo from Belmont to Boardman prepared on 3/24/55 by HWS:sjr in connection with this memo.

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Burdett
In view of the above, you are requested to reinterview Burdett for all details relating to the preparations for his trip abroad in 1940. The parts played by Coles, Kinkhorn and North concerning the arrangements for this trip should also be established. Burdett should also be interviewed for all the facts regarding his contact with a female Soviet official in Turkey in early 1942. He should be interviewed concerning the time he finally broke with the Communists and also for all other pertinent information regarding his own activities and background and activities of persons known to him as CP members or sympathizers or Soviet agents or Soviet sympathizers. This matter must be given your immediate attention and results thereof should be submitted without delay in report form suitable for dissemination.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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_____ has taken a decided stand in seeking to assist Winston Burdette. Burdette wanted to make a full disclosure before the Internal Security Subcommittee in order to purge himself of Communist affiliations in years gone by. Dan O'Shea, Vice President of the Columbia Broadcasting System, threatened to fire Burdette if he did this as he did not want to subject the Columbia Broadcasting System to embarrassment, particularly in view of the fact that Burdette has been close to Edward R. Murrow. _____ saw Dan O'Shea recently and told him this would be a mistake to fire someone who wanted to come clean. O'Shea has now changed his tune and states he will talk to Paley about this.

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_____ had a long discussion with Burdette on the afternoon of March 15, 1955. Burdette told _____ that he was very much ashamed of the fact that there were two items that he had not furnished the FBI. The first item consisted of the details surrounding Burdette's going abroad in 1940. He stated he went abroad at the instigation of Jacob Golos, Einhorn of the Newspaper Guild, and Joseph North of the Daily Worker. He has been very much ashamed of this fact since it means his career as a foreign correspondence was actually launched by the Communists. _____ told Burdette that this is something that he should advise the FBI of fully.

The second point grows out of the fact that Burdette states he had informed the FBI that he finally broke with the Communists in October or November of 1941. He stated that actually he became disillusioned long before this. However, there is one incident that troubles him; namely, that after being in Teheran and Egypt, he arrived in Turkey in February or March, 1942, at which time he saw the female Soviet charge d'affaires who had previously been his espionage contact. On this occasion, he gave her no information. He carried out no assignments, but the fact remains he did have a contact. _____ was concerned about this since it occurred during war time. _____ wondered what

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Mr. Belmont

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RE: WINSTON BURDETTE
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Burdette should do. I told him that obviously Burdette should make a clean breast; that if the facts are as Burdette related them, it appeared he did not have anything to be concerned over.

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_____ further stated that Burdette states that at each meeting he had with Jacob Golos, Joseph North and Einhern were present. Burdette also feels very definitely that the woman at whose address he made contacts was Elizabeth Bentley. Miss Bentley has, of course, previously told us this. _____ feels very good over this as this is another bit of evidence supporting Bentley.

_____ further stated that Charles Greutzner of the New York Times was in the Communist Party unit to which Burdette was assigned. Greutzner covered the Internal Security Subcommittee hearings of the Institute of Pacific Relations and the coverage was so one-sided that Senator Ferguson protested to the New York Times, who defended Greutzner claiming that he was speculating. In due time Burdette will probably identify Greutzner as a member of the Party.

_____ further stated Burdette related to him his experience with an individual named Hy Chakalian who was a member of the Communist Party guild unit to which Burdette also belonged. Chakalian was in the Army Information Service as late as 1951 when he got into some difficulties. At that time he approached Burdette as a reference to certify that Chakalian was not a member of the Communist Party. This Burdette refused stating that Chakalian was a member of his unit with him.

It is suggested that the Domestic Intelligence Division again review the relationship of Joseph North and Einhern to information furnished by Burdette. If we don't have all these details, it is entirely possible that some additional investigation will be indicated.

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2. Let me have complete memo on Burdette.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 22, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
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SYNOPSIS:

By memorandum 3-16-55, from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson regarding captioned subject, it was pointed out that Burdett admitted to [redacted] that he (Burdett) had not furnished the FBI with all details surrounding his trip to Europe in 1940, which trip was made at the instigation of Jacob Golos, Nathan Einhorn and Joseph North, and that he had not mentioned to the FBI his contact with a female Soviet official in 1942 in Turkey. Mr. Nichols suggested a check to determine what information Burdett had furnished regarding Einhorn and North. The Director commented: "1. Yes. 2. Let me have complete memo on Burdette. H."

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A comparison of the data furnished by Burdett to [redacted] with the data furnished by Burdett in his signed statement of 7-20-53 indicates that Burdett apparently failed to furnish the Bureau all details relating to the arrangements by Golos, Einhorn, and North for his trip abroad in 1940 and no details regarding his contact with a female Soviet official in Turkey in 1942. Bureau files reflect that Burdett indicated he ceased paying Communist Party dues in January, 1940, and that he had no contact with the Communist Party after May, 1941. Burdett advised [redacted] however, that he finally broke with the Communists in October or November, 1941, although he had become disillusioned long before that.

Bureau files contain no references on Charles Greutzner or Hy Chakalian, referred to by Burdett in his conversation with [redacted]. In his signed statement of 7-20-53 Burdett did refer, however, to Charles Grutzner and Hyman Charniak of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" as members of Burdett's CP unit prior to 1940.

[redacted] In the Summer of 1951 Burdett refused to comply with Charniak's request for Burdett to furnish an affidavit regarding Charniak's loyalty to the Loyalty Hearing Board handling the latter's case.

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Attachment sent 3-2-55
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Mr. Nichols
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]

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Brief background on Burdett is set out; a complete memorandum on Burdett is being prepared.

RECOMMENDATION:

There is attached for approval and transmittal a letter to New York authorizing New York to reinterview Burdett for all details relating to the arrangements for his trip abroad in 1940 and for all information concerning his contact with a female Soviet official in Turkey in 1942. He should be interviewed concerning the time he finally broke with the Communists and also about all other pertinent information regarding his own activities and the background and activities of persons known to him as Communist Party members or sympathizers or as Soviet agents or Soviet sympathizers.

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Memorandum dated 3-16-55, and captioned "Winston Burdette, Internal Security - C, Espionage - R" from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson, pointed out that [redacted] had contacted Mr. Nichols regarding the subject. [redacted] had a lengthy discussion regarding Burdett on 3-15-55, when the subject indicated he had failed to advise the FBI previously of the terms surrounding his trip abroad in 1940, which trip was made at the instigation of Jacob Golos, Nathan Einhorn, and Joseph North and of his contact in February or March, 1942, with a female Soviet official in Turkey. Mr. Nichols suggested a check to determine what information Burdett furnished regarding Einhorn and North. The Director commented: "1. Yes. 2. Let me have complete memo on Burdette. H."

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A comparison of the data furnished by Burdett to [redacted] on 3-15-55 with information furnished by Burdett in his signed statement of 7-20-53 and with information contained in Bureau files follows:



Burdett to [redacted] as reflected in Mr. Nicnols' memorandum of 3-16-55.

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[redacted] had a long discussion with Burdette on the afternoon of March 15, 1955. Burdette told [redacted] that he was very much ashamed of the fact that there were two items that he had not furnished the FBI. The first item consisted of the details surrounding Burdette's going abroad in 1940. He stated he went abroad at the instigation of Jacob Golos; Einhorn of the Newspaper Guild, and Joseph North of the Daily Worker. He has been very much ashamed of this fact since it means his career as a foreign correspondent was actually launched by the Communists."

Comment:

Concerning Burdett's statement to [redacted] regarding his contact with Jacob Golos, Nathan Einhorn and Joseph North prior to going abroad in 1940, it should be noted that Burdett in his signed statement advised in brief as follows: Some time in January, 1940, Nat Einhorn of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" who, according to Burdett, was the leader of the CP unit of that newspaper, advised Burdett that Joe North of the "Daily Worker" wanted to talk to him. Burdett met North at his apartment a few days later and there Burdett was told that a foreign assignment had been arranged for him. One or two days later North introduced Burdett to a person he later identified as Jacob Golos. North and Burdett met Golos about three times prior to Burdett's departure for Europe. Golos advised Burdett there was a foreign assignment for him and provided Burdett with cash to purchase a steamship ticket to Norway and also with the name and address of a woman in Greenwich Village to whom Burdett was to send a cable upon his arrival in Stockholm. At the second meeting with Golos, Burdett provided Golos, upon previous request by Golos, with several photographs and a brief biography of himself and with his CP card.

From the above it would appear that Burdett's career as a foreign correspondent was launched with the assistance of the Communists.

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Burdett to [redacted] as reflected in Mr. Nichols' memorandum of 3-10-55:

"The second point grows out of the fact that Burdette states he had informed the FBI that he finally broke with the Communists in October or November of 1941. He stated that actually he became disillusioned long before this."

Comment:

Burdett in his signed statement advised in part as follows: "I was a dues-paying member of the Communist Party, USA, from August, 1937, to approximately January, 1940. During this time, I was employed by the 'Brooklyn Daily Eagle,' Brooklyn, New York, and I was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the CP. While I was a member of the CP I used the name Faul Strickland, and was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit, which was called the S 41 or 41 S Section of the CP. My leaving the CP was the result of a growing apprehension on my part based on various inconsistencies of CP doctrine during the period of years I was a member, and on the spirit of narrow fanaticism with which such doctrine was held by CP members. The one outstanding event that caused me to doubt the Party's objectives was the Hitler-Stalin Peace Pact in 1939.

"My first doubts and apprehensions with regard to the CP and its aims and purposes were prompted by events in the Fall of 1939. It was not until I left the 'Brooklyn Eagle' and had an opportunity to disassociate myself from the day to day CP activities and discussions that I was able to think for myself and allow my doubts and reservations to take their natural course.

"My personal observations abroad of the activation of Russian designs in European countries was the deciding factor in my decision to no longer be a member of the CP or to furnish information to the Russians.

"I quit the CP 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 aims 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."

From the above there appears to be a discrepancy in the date of Burdett's final break with the Communists.

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Burdett to [REDACTED] as reflected in Mr. Nichols' memorandum of 3-16-55:

"There is one incident that troubles him (Burdett); namely, that after being in Teheran and Egypt, he arrived in Turkey in February or March, 1942, at which time he saw the female Soviet charge d'affaires who had previously been his espionage contact. On this occasion, he gave her no information. He carried out no assignments, but the fact remains he did have a contact."

Comment:

Burdett in his signed statement advised in part as follows: "I left Belgrade in March, 1941, and proceeded to Ankara, Turkey, for further assignments with the Columbia Broadcasting System. I resided with my wife at the Ankara Palace Hotel, while in that city.

"Sometime between four and eight weeks after arriving in Ankara, a man, whom I shall identify as contact #8, came to my hotel room. He was extremely cautious and though he did not indicate whom he represented, but merely suggested that I would be in a position to furnish helpful information in view of my employment as a foreign correspondent. I assumed that man #8 was from the official Russian mission in Ankara, but I cannot be certain of this.

"Man #8 made no mention of the fact that I had failed to cooperate in Belgrade. I advised man #8 of my intentions in the matter much as I had previously done in Belgrade to man #7. Man #8 then appealed to me to reconsider whereupon I stated my position to him in more explicit terms, saying I was no longer willing to serve as an informer, that my views had changed radically in recent years, and that I had made by decision for personal reasons of my own. Man #8

then departed and I have never been contacted again, nor have any attempts ever been made to recruit me in Espionage activities since that time.

"I have never had any further contact with the CP nor have I been associated with any CP members that I know of since the appearance of this last contact with man #8 in Ankara."

A review of Bureau files and Burdett's signed statement reflects that the Bureau has not been advised heretofore of Burdett's contact with a female Soviet official in Turkey in February or March, 1942.

Burdett to [redacted] as reflected in Mr. Nichols' memorandum of 3-16-55:

[redacted] further stated that Burdette states that at each meeting he had with Jacob Golos, Joseph North and Einhorn were present. Burdette also feels very definitely that the woman at whose address he made contacts was Elizabeth Bentley. Miss Bentley has, of course, previously told us this."

Comment:

Burdett in his signed statement advised in part as follows: "Sometime in January, 1940, a few weeks before my departure, Nat Einhorn, of the 'Eagle,' who was the leader of the CP cell at that newspaper, telephoned me that Joe North of the 'Daily Worker' wanted to speak with me. A few days later I went to North's apartment in the Greenwich Village Section of New York City where I was told by North that a foreign assignment had been arranged for me in view of the fact that I was going abroad. North did not furnish any further details but arranged a second meeting with me one or two days later. At the second meeting North introduced me to a man who was unidentified to me. (Burdett subsequently identified this person as Jacob Golos.) Joe North was present at this and subsequent meetings with this man who repeated that there was a foreign assignment for me although he did not advise me of the nature of the assignment. This man made arrangements to meet with me and Joe North several days

later and instructed me to bring several copies of a personal photograph and a brief biography of myself as well as my CP card to our next meeting. At the second meeting with this man I gave him three or four photographs of myself, a short biographical sketch I had written in longhand and also my CP card. I am unable to recall just how many meetings I had with this man but I believe that there were three. At the second meeting this man gave me enough cash to purchase a steamship ticket from New York to Bergen, Norway. He also gave me the name and address of a woman in Greenwich Village to whom I was to send a cable upon my arrival in Stockholm. I am unable to recall the name of the woman and her address but I believe that the man wrote this information on a slip of paper and gave it to me. This man did not advise me of the nature of my assignment abroad at any of our meetings."

Elizabeth Bentley has advised she never met Burdett but in 1940 received two or three cablegrams from him advising her of his whereabouts in Europe. She gave these messages to Golos. Bentley on interview advised she recalled no information about Burdett or his activities after December, 1940.

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He has consistently followed the CP line and associated with Communists and is reported to have attended closed CP meetings. Einhorn is working for the Polish Embassy in the Press and Public Relations Division in Washington and has registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Joseph North has been identified by reliable informants as a Communist Party leader and writer. He was formerly on the staff of the "Daily Worker" and also was one of the editors of "New Masses." [REDACTED]
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Burdett to [REDACTED] as reflected in Mr. Nichols' memorandum of 3-16-55.

[REDACTED] further stated that Charles Greutzner of the New York Times was in the Communist Party unit to which Burdette was assigned. Greutzner covered the Internal Security Subcommittee hearings of the Institute of Pacific Relations and the coverage was so one-sided that Senator Ferguson protested to the New York Times, who defended Greutzner claiming that he was speculating. In due time Burdette will probably identify Greutzner as a member of the Party."

Comment:

Bureau files contain no reference on Charles Greutzner. A review of Burdett's statement, however, reflects the following regarding one Charles Grutzner, who may be identical with the party mentioned above: "He was a reporter for the 'Brooklyn Daily Eagle' and it is my belief that he was in the process of dropping out of the CP in 1939, although I cannot positively say that he is no longer a CP member."

61c- Informants of unknown reliability reported him to have been a member of the CP unit of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in the late 1930's. In 1953 he was reported as being a member of a group of pro-Communist writers at the "New York Times." He registered under the symbol of the American Labor Party in 1947, 1948 and 1949. Information provided by Burdett regarding Grutzner has been disseminated.

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([redacted] further stated Burdette related to him his experience with an individual named Hy Chakalian who was a member of the Communist Party guild unit to which Burdette also belonged. Chakalian was in the Army Information Service as late as 1951 when he got into some difficulties. At that time he approached Burdette as a reference to certify that Chakalian was not a member of the Communist Party. This Burdette refused stating that Chakalian was a member of his unit with him."

Comment:

Bureau files contain no reference to Hy Chakalian. A review of Burdett's statement, however, reflects the following regarding one Hyman Charniak: (It is noted that Burdett's comments regarding Chakalian apply to Charniak and it appears possible that reference here actually was being made to Charniak.) "He was a member of the CP unit of the 'Brooklyn Daily Eagle' when I joined the unit in August, 1937. I believe that Charniak was a member of that unit prior to August, 1937, because he seemed to be familiar with the activities of the unit."

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[REDACTED] Former fellow employees at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" advised that Charniak was pro-Communist. Charniak resigned his government position before a decision on his loyalty was reached in 1952. On interview on 4-15-52, Burdett advised that in the Summer of 1951, Charniak had requested him to furnish an affidavit regarding Charniak's loyalty for use before the Loyalty Hearing Board handling the latter's case. Burdett advised he refused to comply with this request because of Charniak's previous Communist sympathies. [REDACTED] Information provided by Burdett regarding Charniak has been disseminated.

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Winston Churchill Summary

Burdett was born 12-12-13, in Buffalo, New York. He was graduated from Harvard in 1933 and attended Columbia University in 1933 and 1934. Since then he has been employed in the newspaper and radio field, principally by the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in New York and by CBS abroad. Elizabeth Bentley advised in 1945 and 1951 that she never met Burdett, a CBS news reporter; however, she said that he was in contact with Jacob Golos when Burdett went abroad. This, according to Bentley, was in about 1939. (Actually Burdett went abroad in 1940.) According to Bentley, Golos had arranged for Burdett to maintain contact with him through Bentley who was to use the name Elizabeth Benton. Bentley said she received two or three cablegrams from Burdett advising of his whereabouts in Europe. These messages were given to Golos by her. On one occasion Bentley recalled obtaining Burdett's European address through a pretext telephone call to Burdett's mother. Bentley recalled no information about Burdett or his activities after December, 1940.

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The investigation of Burdett was carried in the Gregory file until January, 1951, when a separate investigative file was opened with New York the office of origin. It was established Burdett was acquainted with [REDACTED] who was a friend of the Soviet agent Ignacy Witczak, and that Burdett's name was found in Witczak's notebook. Election records in New York City reflected Burdett had registered as a member of the ALP in 1937 and 1938. In 1942, Burdett was described as either a Communist Party member or Communist sympathizer.

Certain informants with knowledge of Communist Party and espionage activities in New York had no knowledge of Burdett. Records of the following contained no information regarding the subject:

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CIA. Burdett was interviewed initially on 9-20-51, and on seven other occasions thereafter and on 7-20-53, submitted a signed statement in which he admitted Communist Party membership under the name Paul Strickland from August, 1937, to February, 1940, while he was with the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and until he went to Europe to cover the Russo-Finnish War. He denied knowing Ignacy and Bunia Witczak. He admitted knowing [redacted] who later corresponded with Burdett's parents. Burdett could not recall advising Bentley of-67C his whereabouts while in Europe, but stated that a person he had contacted in 1940 and whom he later identified as Jacob Golos had given him the name of a woman whom he should keep advised of his whereabouts while in Europe. Burdett said he contacted this woman on several occasions in 1940. He did not recall her name. He admitted contacts with several unidentified persons in 1940 and 1941 in Europe. In Sweden, Burdett was contacted by an unidentified individual who requested his observations regarding Finnish public morale and the Finnish reactions to bombings by the Russians. In Yugoslavia and Turkey he was contacted by three unidentified individuals who suggested he might be able to furnish helpful information in view of his employment as a foreign correspondent. He cooperated to a limited extent with two of these contacts in early 1940 but refused to cooperate with the remainder of his contacts. He said he was not contacted for such information or similar information after April, 1941.

Dissemination of pertinent reports was made [redacted] } 62

The Criminal Division on 12-31-53 advised that evidence was insufficient to conclude that Burdett had received assignment in the counterintelligence service of a foreign government. The Criminal Division also concluded that Burdett was not subject to registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act and that there was insufficient evidence upon which prosecution for a violation of the espionage statutes could be predicated. Burdett is not on the Security Index. A complete memorandum on Burdett is being prepared.

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TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 24, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
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- Parsons
- Rosen
- Tamm
- Sizoo
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Gandy

SYNOPSIS: By memorandum 3/22/55 you were advised a complete memorandum on Burdett was being prepared in response to the Director's request.

Burdett was born at Buffalo, New York, 12/12/13 to native-born parents. He graduated from Harvard University in 1933. His first wife was killed in Iran in April, 1942. He married his present wife, Giorgina Nathan Burdett, 7/1/45. His employment has been principally in the newspaper and correspondent field. He is currently employed by the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) as a news commentator. He traveled extensively in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia as a newspaper journalist and CBS news reporter during the 1940's.

Investigation of Burdett was initiated following disclosures of Elizabeth Bentley in November, 1945. Bentley, who never met Burdett, said he was in contact with Jacob Golos when Burdett went abroad. Bentley said she received two or three cablegrams from Burdett, advising of his whereabouts in Europe, in 1940. Bentley gave these messages to Golos. Our investigation showed Burdett as a supporter of the Communist leadership in the New York Newspaper Guild.

_____ stated he had collaborated with Winston Burdett in Bucharest, Rumania, in 1940. _____ was interviewed in New York City in 1942 and advised _____ was a Communist. No information developed that _____ was ever in U.S. Burdett initially interviewed 9/20/51 and on several occasions thereafter. On 7/20/53 he submitted a signed statement. Burdett admitted knowing _____ but said he had little to do with him. He also admitted contacts with several unidentified persons in Europe in 1940 and 1941. He did identify Jacob Golos as the person with whom he had two or three street meetings in New York City in January, 1940.

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- CC: Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. _____
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By letter 12/21/53 the Department advised that evidence was insufficient on which prosecution could be predicated. The Department also advised Burdett was not subject to registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Records of the following have no information re Burdett: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ONI, G-2 and (S) CIA. . Dissemination has been made of pertinent reports [REDACTED] Case was closed 3/4/54 but has been reopened in view of the fact that Burdett will be reinterviewed.

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information, the New York office was instructed by memo 3/23/55 to reinterview Burdett.

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Personal History Data:

- A. **Birth:** Winston Mansfield Burdett was born at New York 12/12/13. His father, Owen Long Burdett, was born at Wakefield, Massachusetts, on 4/6/81. His mother, Elizabeth White Burdett, was born on 8/19/78 at San Francisco, California. He had one sister, Marjorie Burdett MacKenzie, who passed away at Chicago, Illinois, in June, 1952.
- B. **Education:** Burdett specialized in romance languages at Harvard where he graduated Magna Cum Laude at the age of 19 in 1933. He attended Columbia University in 1933 and 1934 and did graduate work in Italian.
- C. **Marital Status:** On 4/18/41 passport number 231 was issued to Burdett at the American Consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, at which time Burdett stated he was married to Lea Schiavi. Burdett stated this marriage took place on 7/28/40 and that his wife was born at Borgosesia, Italy. Lea Schiavi Burdett was killed on 4/24/42 near Miandoab, Iran. State Department files reflect that Burdett had felt the murder of his wife was deliberate. Burdett explained his wife, Lea, had political enemies arising out of her position as Head of the Anti-Fascist League in Iran.

On 11/6/45 Burdett was issued a passport in Rome, Italy. He then stated he was last married on 7/1/45 to Giorgina Nathan who was born at London, England, on [REDACTED]. She is his present wife.

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D. *Employment:* Since graduation from school, Burdett's career has been in the newspaper and correspondent field. He first worked for the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle." His work for this newspaper while in Sweden in 1940 earned him contracts with Trans-Radio Press and the Columbia Broadcasting System. He is presently employed as a commentator by the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS).

E. *Foreign Travel:* Burdett was granted a passport on 6/23/36 at which time he indicated he had no prior passport. He planned to visit France and England for 4 months on vacation. His father signed the passport as an identifying witness.

In 1940 he was issued passport number 660915 in connection with which he indicated he would probably travel in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Germany and possibly elsewhere as a special correspondent with the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle."

In May, 1940, while in Stockholm, Sweden, Burdett's passport was amended for travel to Esthonia, Latvia, Russia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Turkey.

His passport was amended and validated for travel in June, 1940, while at Bucharest, Rumania, for travel in the following countries: Rumania, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Italy, Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece, Spain and Portugal.

In December, 1940, his passport was again validated at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, until June, 1941, for travel in Belgium, France, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Turkey, USSR, Italy, Holland, Germany and Yugoslavia. This passport was again validated for travel in January, 1941, at Belgrade, to Yugoslavia, Holland, Belgium, Turkey and the USSR.

In connection with the foregoing the passport was amended for travel in connection with journalistic work by Burdett.

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In April, 1941, passport number 231 was issued to Burdett at Istanbul, Turkey, which listed as countries to be visited as follows: Turkey, Russia, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Palestine, India, Burma and China. This passport was amended at Ankara, Turkey, in April, 1941, to be valid until October, 1941, for residence in the above countries. The passport was again amended in October, 1941, for residence in the above countries and Egypt.

Passport number 231 was amended for travel in connection with journalistic work by Burdett.

On 1/26/42 Burdett executed an application for renewal of passport at Teheran, Iran, at which time he stated he represented the Columbia Broadcasting System.

On 11/6/45 passport number 124-FS-113124 was issued to Burdett at Rome, Italy. It was valid for travel to Great Britain, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece, Albania, USSR, Egypt, North Africa, Palestine, Syria and Turkey as a correspondent for the CBS. This passport was amended in March, 1946, by the American Consulate at Rome to include travel through necessary countries to the United States.

State Department records reflect that on 3/1/48 the CBS directed a letter to the Department of State advising Burdett was being sent 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, Rumania and Hungary.

On 10/25/49 passport number 2808-FS-279522 was issued to Burdett by the American Consulate at Rome, Italy. This passport was for all countries.

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Bureau Investigation

- A. Following the disclosures of Elizabeth Bentley in November, 1945, that Winston Burdett was a possible espionage contact of Jacob Golos (deceased espionage superior of Bentley) an investigation of Burdett was instituted in connection with the over-all "Gregory" case.

Elizabeth Bentley advised in 1945 and on interview in 1951 that she had never met Burdett, a Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) news reporter. She said that Burdett was in contact with Jacob Golos when Burdett went abroad. According to Bentley this was in approximately 1939 (Burdett went abroad in 1940), and Golos arranged for Burdett to maintain contact with him through Bentley, who was to use the name Elizabeth Benton. Bentley said she received two or three cablegrams from Burdett advising of his whereabouts in Europe. These messages were given to Golos by her. On one occasion Bentley recalled obtaining Burdett's European address through a pretext telephone call to Burdett's mother. Bentley recalled no information about Burdett or his activities after December, 1940.

Our investigation disclosed that Burdett was not in the United States at the inception of the "Gregory" case.

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The Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) in March, 1942, described Burdett as a supporter of the Communist leadership in the New York Newspaper Guild and as either a Communist or a close sympathizer. In 1939, Burdett was a reference for a Doretta Tarmon who has been described as a member of the Communist Party by two informants of known reliability. Copies of the publication "New Masses" prior to August 26, 1947, reflected Doretta Tarmon was a field director for that publication. The subject was a close friend of [redacted] who in turn was a close associate of Ignacy Witczak, the Soviet agent who disappeared from the U. S. in November, 1945. In September, 1945, the notebook of Witczak contained the name of Burdett. On interview in September, 1950, [redacted] advised that Witczak had never taken him into his confidence concerning espionage. [redacted] also said he had given Burdett's name and address to Witczak but that Witczak did not see Burdett.

Investigation disclosed that Bunia, wife of Ignacy Witczak, did meet with Winston Burdett's parents in New York City in 1941. Burdett's parents were interviewed on 8/27/52 and 9/4/52. They denied having met the Witczaks though Mrs. Burdett said the photograph of Bunia looked vaguely familiar. Mrs. Elizabeth Burdett (subject's mother)

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admitted having met many people with left wing sympathies during the 1938-1940 period. Reinterviews of Burdett's parents were held 2/9/53 at which time additional photographs of the Witczak's were shown to no avail.

Election records at New York City reflect American Labor Party registration for the subject and/or parents in 1937, 1938, 1939, 1943 and 1944. Certain informants with knowledge of Communist and espionage activities in the New York area had no knowledge of Burdett. Louis Budenz in August, 1951, advised he met Burdett once but was unable to recall the circumstances or whether Burdett was introduced to him as a Communist.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed in New York City in November, 1942, regarding [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said he had last seen [REDACTED] in February, 1939. He said he felt [REDACTED] was a Communist in view of his services in the Spanish Civil War on the Loyalist's side. He last heard from [REDACTED] in late 1939 or early 1940 when [REDACTED] cabled for money to come to America. [REDACTED] did not send [REDACTED] any money. He again received information in April or May, 1942, through the Czechoslovakian Consulate in New York City that [REDACTED] had been imprisoned in Batavia, Java. There is no indication in the file on [REDACTED] that he had ever been in the United States.

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By letter to the Director dated 8/31/51 Burdett forwarded copies of two documents he had sent to his superior, Mr. T. Wells Church, Editor-in-Chief of CBS news. Burdett in these documents admitted Party membership from August, 1937, to January, 1940, but made no mention of espionage. Burdett in his letter 8/31/51 advised of his willingness to answer any questions and placed himself at the Bureau's disposal to furnish further information if it were so desired.

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.

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In a reinterview of 1/2/52 and 2/28/52 Burdett furnished additional information and/or descriptions concerning his espionage contacts but was unable to identify any of these contacts. On 4/16/52 additional photographs of Jacob Golos were shown to Burdett. At this time he identified Golos as being identical with his unidentified man No. 1 with whom he had two or three street meetings in New York City in January, 1940.

Burdett was reinterviewed on 6/1, 25 and on 7/20/53 at which times he could furnish no further information other than that already reported. He did, on 7/20/53, furnish a signed statement setting forth his Communist Party and espionage activity as well as information concerning people he knew as Communists.

B. **Prosecution:** By letter 12/31/53 the Department advised a review of available material reflects that there was insufficient evidence upon which a prosecution of the subject for a violation of the espionage statutes could be predicated. The Department also advised Burdett was not subject to registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, by Section 20a of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

b1 { C. **Agency Checks:** The main file on Burdett indicated that inquiry made of [redacted] G-2, CIA and ONI reflected those Services (S) had no information of pertinence re Burdett.

b2 - D. **Dissemination:** Pertinent reports have been disseminated in this case [redacted]

E. **Status:** This case was closed by memorandum dated 3/4/54 at which time Bureau references to Burdett as well as the subject's main file were reviewed and no information requiring further investigation was established. Additional See references were also reviewed with the same result. In view of the instructions furnished New York to interview Burdett this case has been reopened.

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WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
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Attached for your information and assistance is one copy of a self-explanatory memorandum from the Office of Security, Department of State, dated March 30, 1955, regarding the captioned subject. Attached also is one Photostat of the June 9, 1954, memorandum referred to in the above memorandum. The last paragraph of said Photostat sets forth certain investigation considered to be of value by the State Department at this time. For your information, a Photostat of Burdett's statement to the State Department on June 29, 1954, was made available to the New York office by WFO letter to the Bureau dated July 8, 1954.

^{Sub 4} You are requested to analyze the requests made by the State Department in the June 9, 1954, Photostat, mentioned above, and in the course of the interviews of Burdett being conducted, you should attempt to resolve those matters raised by the State Department. If necessary, you should also conduct such investigation and set out such investigative leads in an effort to bring the matters raised by the State Department to a logical conclusion.

This case must be given expeditious and continuous handling since the Bureau is desirous of bringing this matter to a satisfactory and logical conclusion. Pertinent results should be set out in report form suitable for dissemination.

RK Enclosures (2) *JR* *ghm* *H8*

NOTE:

Burdett, a CBS news commentator, was interviewed at his request by the NY office on 3/29/55. NY has advised that additional interviews of Burdett would be conducted in order to obtain complete and accurate info regarding his past activities. In an effort to resolve the matters raised by the State Dept. in a satisfactory manner, it is believed that those points should be included in the forthcoming interviews of Burdett.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

Mr. Tolson	
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ATTENTION INSPECTOR [REDACTED] - b7c - [REDACTED]

WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, WA, ESP -R. RE BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE SEVEN SIX ZERO FIVE ZERO AND RE NY AIRTEL, MARCH THREE ONE, FIFTYFIVE, IN WHICH IS SET FORTH THE DETAILS OF THE INTERVIEW OF THE SUBJECT AT THIS OFFICE ON MARCH TWO NINE, FIFTYFIVE. ON THAT DATE, THE SUBJECT WAS INTERVIEWED AT GREAT LENGTH WHEN HE ADMITTED THE IN ACCURACIES AND OMISSIONS IN THE SIGNED STATEMENT PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY HIM, AS SUMMARIZED IN REFERENCED AIRTEL.

THE SUBJECT WAS REINTERVIEWED AT HIS CONVENIENCE ON APRIL FIVE LAST AT THIS OFFICE, WHEN HE ADVISED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO RECALL ANY ADDITIONAL INFO CONCERNING HIS PAST ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN THAT WHICH HAD BEEN DISCUSSED ON MARCH TWO NINE LAST. ON APRIL FIVE HE AGREED TO THE SUGGESTION THAT HE REVIEW IN DETAIL HIS ORIGINAL SIGNED STATEMENT EXECUTED ON JULY TWO ZERO, FIFTYTHREE, IN ORDER THAT ANY PREVIOUSLY GIVEN INACCURATE INFO MIGHT BE BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION. BURDETT HAS AGREED TO DICTATE

A SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT. HE HAS ADVISED THAT THIS SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT WILL CONTAIN ALL OF THE INFO IN HIS POSSESSION CONCERNING HIS PAST COMMUNIST AND SOVIET ACTIVITIES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE

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SUBJECT-S WISHES, AN APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN MADE FOR ONE THIRTY PM, APRIL THIRTEEN, NEXT, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL DICTATE HIS STATEMENT. THIS DATE WAS THE EARLIEST AVAILABLE TO BURDETT DUE TO HIS EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE AT CBS, NYC, HIS EXPRESS DESIRE TO PREPARE HIS THOUGHTS FOR THE DICTATION AND HIS COMMITMENT TO TRAVEL TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN ON EITHER FOUR ELEVEN OR FOUR TWELVE NEXT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CBS COVERAGE OF THE RESULTS OF THE SALK TEST EXPERIMENT. BURDETT HAS STATED THAT HE EXPECTS TO DICTATE HIS COMPLETE SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT ON FOUR THIRTEEN NEXT. THIS IS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE OUR INTERVIEWS WITH BURDETT, EXCEPT FOR THE READING AND THE SIGNING OF THE STATEMENT. DETAILED LETTER FOLLOWS APRIL EIGHT NEXT.

KELLY

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100-376050

BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: April 11, 1955

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn (orig. & 1)
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, with alias
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Reference is made to your memorandum of March 30, 1955, enclosing a copy of a memorandum dated June 9, 1954, concerning the subject. You requested information on various points raised in the latter memorandum.

For your information, interviews of Burdett are being conducted at this time. During these interviews every effort will be made to resolve the matters raised in the June 9, 1954, memorandum and, if necessary, further investigation will be conducted in an attempt to resolve those matters. Pertinent results of the interviews of Burdett and any investigation conducted will be made available to you upon receipt of the same.

cc - 1 - New York (65-15665) (for info)

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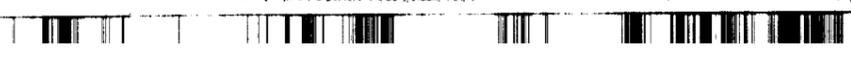
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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Gandy	

AIR-TEL *W*
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 NEW YORK, NY, 3/31/55

Transmit the following Teletype message to BUREAU

WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, WA; ESP - R. RE NY REPORT,
 7/30/53 AND BUREAU LETTER, 3/23/55. ON 3/24/55 SUBJECT
 VOLUNTARILY TELEPHONED THIS OFFICE TO ADVISE THAT HE
 DESIRED TO BE REINTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH HIS PAST
 ACTIVITIES. AT HIS REQUEST, HE WAS INTERVIEWED ON 3/29/55
 AT THIS OFFICE. AT THE OUTSET THE SUBJECT VOLUNTEERED
 THAT HE IS PERSONALLY EMBARRASSED IN THAT HE HAD NOT FULLY
 DISCLOSED HIS ACTIVITIES TO THE FBI REGARDING ^{His} INVOLVEMENT
 IN COMMUNIST AND SOVIET MATTERS WHEN PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED
 IN THIS CASE AND PROFESSIONALLY ASHAMED OF THE FACT THAT
 HIS ENTIRE CAREER AS A CORRESPONDENT HAD ACTUALLY BEEN
 LAUNCHED AT THE INSTIGATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. HE

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3 BUREAU (100-376050) (REGULAR)

Letter to Attorney General
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cc - Rosen
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ATTRIBUTED HIS RELUCTANCE AND FAILURE TO FULLY ADVISE THE ~~THE~~ FBI OFFICE OF HIS PAST ACTIVITIES TO A LACK OF COURAGE ON HIS PART TO ADMIT TO THE COMPLETE DETAILS OF THESE ACTIVITIES, WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE SUBJECT, HAVE BEEN A GREAT SOURCE OF SHAME AND EMBARRASSMENT TO HIM. HE STATED THAT HE HAD TWO MAJOR CHANGES TO MAKE IN THE SIGNED STATEMENT PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY HIM AND NAMED THE FIRST CHANGE AS RELATING TO HIS TRIP TO EUROPE IN 1940. IN THAT REGARD, THE SUBJECT ADMITTED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN THE IMPRESSION THAT HE HAD AGREED TO PERFORM A FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT, THE NATURE OF WHICH WAS UNKNOWN TO HIM AT THAT TIME, AT THE REQUEST OF A JOSEPH NORTH AND THE INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED BY HIM AS JACOB GOLOS, WHICH ASSIGNMENT WAS TO BE IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS TRIP ABROAD AS A CORRESPONDENT FOR THE "BROOKLYN DAILY EAGLE." HE STATED THAT THIS IS UNTRUE. HE STATED THAT THIS FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT HAD BEEN PROPOSED TO HIM BY NORTH AND GOLOS AND THAT HE HAD WILLINGLY AGREED TO CARRY OUT THIS

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ASSIGNMENT. HE STATED THAT HE HAD FULLY UNDERSTOOD IT
 TO BE A COMMUNIST PARTY ASSIGNMENT, WHICH WOULD BE CONNECTED
 WITH HIS WORK AS A CORRESPONDENT. THE SUBJECT FURTHER
 STATED THAT HE, THEREAFTER, PERSUADED THE OFFICIALS AT THE
 "BROOKLYN DAILY EAGLE" TO ACCREDIT HIM AS A FOREIGN
 CORRESPONDENT FOR THAT NEWSPAPER. ^{per} THE SECOND CHANGE IN
 HIS SIGNED STATEMENT CONCERNS HIS SOVIET CONTACTS ABROAD. ^{report of 3 A}
 IN-REHERP-ON PAGE 15 ^{of the} IT IS NOTED THAT CONTACT MAN #3 ADVISED ^{made 7/30/53 w/a}
 THE SUBJECT THAT HIS ASSIGNMENT WAS COMPLETED. THE
 SUBJECT NOW ADVISES THAT MAN #3 GAVE HIM AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT
 OF MONEY, ABOUT \$300.00, AFTER HE, THE SUBJECT, REPORTED
 TO MAN #3 CONCERNING HIS ASSIGNMENT IN FINLAND. THE
 SUBJECT STATED THAT MAN #3 AT THAT TIME TOLD HIM THAT HIS
 ASSIGNMENT WAS COMPLETED AND THAT THE MONEY WAS FOR THE
 SUBJECT'S RETURN TO THE U.S. THE SUBJECT STATED THAT HE
 WAS UNPREPARED FOR THIS NEWS, AS HE HAD PLANNED TO REMAIN
 IN EUROPE AS A CORRESPONDENT. HE STATED THAT, SINCE HE HAD

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NOT RECEIVED ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM MAN #3, HE DECIDED TO REMAIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING HIS WORK AS A CORRESPONDENT AND, THEREAFTER, WAS RECONTACTED BY MAN #3, AS HE HAS ADVISED IN HIS ~~PREVIOUS~~ SIGNED STATEMENT. THE SUBJECT, IN BRIEF, FURTHER ADVISED THAT AFTER ARRIVING IN ANKARA, TURKEY, IN ABOUT MARCH, 1941, HE CONTACTED A WOMAN OFFICIAL AT THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY, NAME UNKNOWN, AND ADVISED HER OF HIS PAST ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND HIS AVAILABILITY FOR A FUTURE ASSIGNMENT. HE STATED THAT, LATER, AT HER REQUEST, HE HAD SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORTS TO HER CONCERNING INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY HIM THROUGH HIS CONTACTS WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE TURKISH VIEWPOINT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR AND OF TURKEY'S POLITICAL LEANINGS. SUBJECT STATED THAT HE HAD REPEATED CONTACTS WITH THIS UNKNOWN RUSSIAN WOMAN OFFICIAL UNTIL MARCH, 1942 WHEN HE ADVISED HER THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY DECIDED TO DISCONTINUE HIS ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIETS.

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(Par -) ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS WILL BE HAD WITH THE SUBJECT (AT
THIS OFFICE) IN ORDER THAT COMPLETE INFORMATION CONCERNING
HIS PAST ACTIVITIES CAN BE OBTAINED. THEREAFTER, THE
CHANGES ~~HEREIN~~ ^{above} STATED AS WELL AS OTHER CHANGES WHICH HAVE
BEEN FURNISHED BY THE SUBJECT IN REGARD TO HIS PREVIOUSLY
GIVEN SIGNED STATEMENT, WILL BE RECORDED IN A SUPPLEMENTARY
STATEMENT, IF POSSIBLE. THE SUBJECT CONTINUES TO ADVISE
THAT HE IS UNABLE TO RECALL THE NAMES OF HIS VARIOUS CONTACTS.
IT IS NOTED THAT THE SUBJECT, WHEN QUESTIONED CONCERNING
HIS DECISION TO CONTACT THE FBI AT THIS TIME, ADVISED THAT
HE HAS BEEN GIVEN THE IMPRESSION THAT HE MAY BE CALLED
AT SOME FUTURE DATE BEFORE A SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE
REGARDING HIS PAST ACTIVITIES. HE SAID THAT HE HAS NO
SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THAT MATTER. THE SUBJECT
STATED THAT IT IS NOW HIS DESIRE TO FURNISH THIS ^{e. FBI} OFFICE
WITH ALL OF THE INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION PRIOR TO ANY
POSSIBLE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF HIS ACTIVITIES, SINCE HE HAD

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ORIGINALLY REPORTED THE INFORMATION TO THIS OFFICE. IT
IS NOTED THAT THE SUBJECT ALSO STATED THAT IN 1954 HE HAD
SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR A PASSPORT IN ORDER THAT HE
WOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT AN ASSIGNMENT FOR THE COLUMBIA
BROADCASTING SYSTEM IN PARIS, FRANCE, FOR A PERIOD OF THREE
MONTHS. HE STATED THAT THIS APPLICATION FOR A PASSPORT HAD
NEVER BEEN APPROVED. (BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ADDITIONAL
DEVELOPMENTS.)

KELLY

CC: MR. BELMONT
~~AND SUPERVISOR~~
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson
FROM : L. B. Nichols
SUBJECT: WINSTON BURDETTE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: April 7, 1955

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I have previously reported that Winston Burdette, the CBS commentator, had been threatened by CBS that if he made a public disclosure of his contacts with the Soviets that CBS would fire him. He went to ██████ for advice. ██████ in turn has talked to Dan O'Shea, the Vice President of CBS, and pointed out to O'Shea the untenable position that CBS would be put in if they were to fire Burdette because he made a full disclosure and this were made known to the public. O'Shea at one point agreed with ██████ but stated that he would have to go to Paley, the President of CBS. O'Shea lamented that they are still having trouble with left-wingers in CBS and mentioned some of the individuals tied up with Edward R. Murrow.

Subsequently O'Shea told Morris that CBS was going to stand firm and that if Burdette made a public disclosure through a Congressional Committee that CBS was going to dispense with his services. Burdette has gradually been reduced to the point where he now only has one Sunday broadcast on the UN. ██████ feels very keenly that individuals who come forward and make a full disclosure should not be penalized.

Arrangements are presently being made for Burdette to appear before the Internal Security Subcommittee. Burdette has made a full disclosure to us. ██████ has talked to David Lawrence and David Lawrence in a discussion with the Attorney General last night mentioned the Burdette case and the proposed action of CBS in firing him. The AG had not heard of the Burdette case and manifested interest.

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We will no doubt be receiving a request from the AG for information on Burdette. The background on this is briefly set forth in the event the AG raises this with the Director.

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont

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Line memo to AG -
CC Rogers - explain
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : L. V. Boardman

SUBJECT: WINSTON BURDETTE

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By reference from your office, I talked with the Attorney General, at 3:55 p.m. today.

He advised he had talked with Dave Lawrence concerning a matter about which we may already know. He stated that Lawrence has been talking with [redacted] up in New York who, in turn, has had several sessions with Winston Burdette, who is believed to be a "former you-know-what." (It was obvious the Attorney General had reference to Burdette's having been a former Communist.)

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The Attorney General then went on to advise that he had not been aware of Burdette. He stated that [redacted] had had several talks with Burdette, and that the question of self-incrimination on the part of Burdette has now been raised. According to Lawrence, [redacted] wanted to know about the possibility of self-incrimination and indicated to Lawrence that he might be desirous of talking with the Attorney General about it.

The Attorney General stated that I might desire to have prepared, for Mr. Hoover and himself, a background memorandum concerning Burdette, in order that the Attorney General, if approached by [redacted] would have the appropriate background.

I informed the Attorney General that appropriate inquiry and action would be immediately undertaken concerning his call.

Attached hereto is a tickler copy of a memorandum from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman, dated 3/24/55, which contains complete background data on Burdette. This was prepared pursuant to your request of 3/22/55.

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There is presently in transcription a memorandum to the Attorney General, with copies to Rogers and Tompkins, concerning Burdette, to which is attached a background summary of the data.

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cc Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Belmont

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on Burdette, reflecting his personal history, his foreign travel, his employment, the Elizabeth Bentley allegations concerning him, the results of the Bureau's investigation concerning him, the results of the various interviews previously had with Burdette, and the results of the recent re-interview of Burdette on 3/29/55. This memorandum is being typed for tomorrow's date, and should be sent through for your approval tomorrow afternoon.

Also attached hereto is a tickler copy of a memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson, dated 4/7/55, wherein Mr. Nichols indicates that we may be receiving a request from the Attorney General for information on Burdette.

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L. V. Boardman ✓

March 24, 1955

A. H. Belmont

WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
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SYNOPSIS: By memorandum 3/22/55 you were advised a complete memorandum on Burdett was being prepared in response to the Director's request.

Burdett was born at Buffalo, New York, 12/12/13 to native-born parents. He graduated from Harvard University in 1933. His first wife was killed in Iran in April, 1942. He married his present wife, Giorgina Nathan Burdett, 7/1/45. His employment has been principally in the newspaper and correspondent field. He is currently employed by the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) as a news commentator. He traveled extensively in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia as a newspaper journalist and CBS news reporter during the 1940's.

Investigation of Burdett was initiated following disclosures of Elizabeth Bentley in November, 1945. Bentley, who never met Burdett, said he was in contact with Jacob Golos when Burdett went abroad. Bentley said she received two or three cablegrams from Burdett, advising of his whereabouts in Europe, in 1940. Bentley gave these messages to Golos. Our investigation showed Burdett as a supporter of the Communist leadership in the New York Newspaper Guild.

b1 { [redacted] (S) stated he had collaborated with Winston Burdett in Bucharest, Rumania, in 1940. [redacted] was interviewed in New York City in 1942 and advised [redacted] was a Communist. No information developed that [redacted] was ever in U.S. Burdett initially interviewed 9/20/51 and on several occasions thereafter. On 7/20/53 he submitted a signed statement. Burdett admitted knowing [redacted] but said he had little to do with him. He also admitted contacts with several unidentified persons in Europe in 1940 and 1941. He did identify Jacob Golos as the person with whom he had two or three street meetings in New York City in January, 1940.

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By letter 12/21/53 the Department advised that evidence was insufficient on which prosecution could be predicated. The Department also advised Burdett was not subject to registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Records of the following have no information re Burdett: [REDACTED]

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CIA. Dissemination has been made of pertinent reports [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Case was closed 3/4/54 but has been reopened in view of the fact that Burdett will be reinterviewed.

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information, the New York office was instructed by memo 3/23/55 to reinterview Burdett.

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DETAILS:

Personal History Data:

- A. **Birth:** Winston Mansfield Burdett was born at New York 12/12/13. His father, Owen Long Burdett, was born at Wakefield, Massachusetts, on 4/6/81. His mother, Elizabeth White Burdett, was born on 8/19/78 at San Francisco, California. He had one sister, Marjorie Burdett MacKengie, who passed away at Chicago, Illinois, in June, 1952.
- B. **Education:** Burdett specialized in romance languages at Harvard where he graduated Magna Cum Laude at the age of 19 in 1933. He attended Columbia University in 1933 and 1934 and did graduate work in Italian.
- C. **Marital Status:** On 4/18/41 passport number 231 was issued to Burdett at the American Consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, at which time Burdett stated he was married to Lea Schiavi. Burdett stated this marriage took place on 7/28/40 and that his wife was born at Borgosesia, Italy. Lea Schiavi Burdett was killed on 4/24/42 near Miandoab, Iran. State Department files reflect that Burdett had felt the murder of his wife was deliberate. Burdett explained his wife, Lea, had political enemies arising out of her position as Head of the Anti-Fascist League in Iran.

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D. **Employment:** Since graduation from school, Burdett's career has been in the newspaper and correspondent field. He first worked for the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle." His work for this newspaper while in Sweden in 1940 earned him contracts with Trans-Radio Press and the Columbia Broadcasting System. He is presently employed as a commentator by the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS).

E. **Foreign Travel:** Burdett was granted a passport on 6/23/36 at which time he indicated he had no prior passport. He planned to visit France and England for 4 months on vacation. His father signed the passport as an identifying witness.

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On 1/26/42 Burdett executed an application for renewal of passport at Teheran, Iran, at which time he stated he represented the Columbia Broadcasting System.

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State Department records reflect that on 3/1/48 the CBS directed a letter to the Department of State advising Burdett was being sent 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, Rumania and Hungary.

On 10/25/49 passport number 2808-FS-279522 was issued to Burdett by the American Consulate at Rome, Italy. This passport was for all countries.

Bureau Investigation

- A. Following the disclosures of Elizabeth Bentley in November, 1945, that Winston Burdett was a possible espionage contact of Jacob Golos (deceased espionage superior of Bentley) an investigation of Burdett was instituted in connection with the over-all "Gregory" case.

Elizabeth Bentley advised in 1945 and on interview in 1951 that she had never met Burdett, a Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) news reporter. She said that Burdett was in contact with Jacob Golos when Burdett went abroad. According to Bentley this was in approximately 1939 (Burdett went abroad in 1940), and Golos arranged for Burdett to maintain contact with him through Bentley, who was to use the name Elizabeth Benton. Bentley said she received two or three cablegrams from Burdett advising of his whereabouts in Europe. These messages were given to Golos by her. On one occasion Bentley recalled obtaining Burdett's European address through a pretext telephone call to Burdett's mother. Bentley recalled no information about Burdett or his activities after December, 1940.

Our investigation disclosed that Burdett was not in the United States at the inception of the "Gregory" case.

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The Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) in March, 1942, described Burdett as a supporter of the Communist leadership in the New York Newspaper Guild and as either a Communist or a close sympathizer. In 1939, Burdett was a reference for a Doretta Tarmon who has been described as a member of the Communist Party by two informants of known reliability. Copies of the publication "New Masses" prior to August 26, 1947, reflected Doretta Tarmon was a field director for that publication. The subject was a close friend of [redacted] who in turn was a close associate of Ignacy Witczak, the Soviet agent who disappeared from the U. S. in November, 1945. In September, 1945, the notebook of Witczak contained the name of Burdett. On interview in September, 1950, [redacted] advised that Witczak had never taken him into his confidence concerning espionage. [redacted] also said he had given Burdett's name and address to Witczak but that Witczak did not see Burdett.

Investigation disclosed that Bunia, wife of Ignacy Witczak, did meet with Winston Burdett's parents in New York City in 1941. Burdett's parents were interviewed on 8/27/52 and 9/4/52. They denied having met the Witczaks though Mrs. Burdett said the photograph of Bunia looked vaguely familiar. Mrs. Elizabeth Burdett (subject's mother)

admitted having met many people with left wing sympathies during the 1938-1940 period. Reinterviews of Burdett's parents were held 2/9/53 at which time additional photographs of the Witezak's were shown to no avail.

Election records at New York City reflect American Labor Party registration for the subject and/or parents in 1937, 1938, 1939, 1943 and 1944. Certain informants with knowledge of Communist and espionage activities in the New York area had no knowledge of Burdett. Louis Budenz in August, 1951, advised he met Burdett once but was unable to recall the circumstances or whether Burdett was introduced to him as a Communist.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed in New York City in November, 1942, regarding [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said he had last seen [REDACTED] in February, 1939. He said he felt [REDACTED] was a Communist in view of his services in the Spanish Civil War on the Loyalist's side. He last heard from [REDACTED] in late 1939 or early 1940 when [REDACTED] cabled for money to come to America. [REDACTED] did not send [REDACTED] any money. He again received information in April or May, 1942, through the Czechoslovakian Consulate in New York City that [REDACTED] had been imprisoned in Batavia, Java. There is no indication in the file on [REDACTED] that he had ever been in the United States.

By letter to the Director dated 8/31/51 Burdett forwarded copies of two documents he had sent to his superior, Mr. T. Hells Church, Editor-in-Chief of CBS News. Burdett in these documents admitted Party membership from August, 1937, to January, 1940, but made no mention of espionage. Burdett in his letter 8/31/51 advised of his willingness to answer any questions and placed himself at the Bureau's disposal to furnish further information if it were so desired.

New York was directed by letter 9/12/51 to interview Burdett re his past Communist activities and his relations with Jacob Golos, Elizabeth Bentley, Ignacy Fitzek and his wife, Bunia.

67C- Burdett, during the initial interview conducted on 9/20/51, admitted Communist activity under the name Paul Strickland and furnished names of others who were members of the same Party unit to which he belonged. He, however, denied knowing Jacob Golos, Elizabeth Bentley or Elizabeth Benton. He admitted knowing [redacted] but denied knowing either of the Fitzeks. Burdett also denied ever advising anyone of his whereabouts in Europe.

67C In connection with [redacted] previously mentioned, Burdett said he knew him as [redacted] in Bucharest in 1940. Burdett described [redacted] as a near-do-well journalist who tried to associate with a group of foreign correspondents in Bucharest. Burdett stated he had little to do with [redacted] and never employed him. However, he did state that he later met [redacted] in Sofia and that [redacted]

He explained that by saying that he accidentally bumped into [redacted] in Sofia and as Burdett had no friends in Sofia [redacted]

Burdett was reinterviewed by New York on 11/1/51 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 advised that after arranging a free-lance reporting job with the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" to cover the Finnish War he was instructed by Nat Fishorn, 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 Coles 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, va. 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, when 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.

In a reinterview of 1/2/52 and 2/28/52 Burdett furnished additional information and/or descriptions concerning his espionage contacts but was unable to identify any of these contacts. On 4/16/52 additional photographs of Jacob Golos were shown to Burdett. At this time he identified Golos as being identical with his unidentified man No. 1 with whom he had two or three street meetings in New York City in January, 1940.

Burdett was reinterviewed on 6/1, 25 and on 7/20/53 at which times he could furnish no further information other than they already reported. He did, on 7/20/53, furnish a signed statement setting forth his Communist Party and espionage activity as well as information concerning people he knew as Communists.

- B. **Prosecution:** By letter 12/31/53 the Department advised a review of available material reflects that there was insufficient evidence upon which a prosecution of the subject for a violation of the espionage statutes could be predicated. The Department also advised Burdett was not subject to registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, by Section 20a of the Internal Security Act of 1950.
- b1 { C. **Agency Checks:** The main file on Burdett indicated that inquiry made of [redacted] G-2, CIs and ONI reflected those Services (S) had no information of pertinence re Burdett.
- b2 - D. **Dissemination:** Pertinent reports have been disseminated in this case [redacted]
- E. **Status:** This case was closed by memorandum dated 3/4/54 at which time Bureau references to Burdett as well as the subject's main file were reviewed and no information requiring further investigation was established. Additional See references were also reviewed with the same result. In view of the instructions furnished New York to interview Burdett this case has been reopened.

Mr. Tolson

April 7, 1955

L. B. Nichols

WINSTON BURDETTE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

I have previously reported that Winston Burdette, the CBS commentator, had been threatened by CBS that if he made a public disclosure of his contacts with the Soviets that CBS would fire him. He went to [redacted] for advice. [redacted] in turn has talked to Dan O'Shea, the Vice President of CBS, and pointed out to O'Shea the untenable position that CBS would be put in if they were to fire Burdette because he made a full disclosure and this were made known to the public. O'Shea at one point agreed with [redacted] but stated that he would have to go to Paley, the President of CBS. O'Shea lamented that they are still having trouble with left-wingers in CBS and mentioned some of the individuals tied up with Edward R. Murrow.

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Subsequently O'Shea told [redacted] that CBS was going to stand firm and that if Burdette made a public disclosure through a Congressional Committee that CBS was going to dispense with his services. Burdette has gradually been reduced to the point where he now only has one Sunday broadcast on the UN. [redacted] feels very keenly that individuals who come forward and make a full disclosure should not be penalized.

Arrangements are presently being made for Burdette to appear before the Internal Security Subcommittee. Burdette has made a full disclosure to us. [redacted] has talked to David Lawrence and David Lawrence in a discussion with the Attorney General last night mentioned the Burdette case and the proposed action of CBS in firing him. The AG had not heard of the Burdette case and manifested interest.

We will no doubt be receiving a request from the AG for information on Burdette. The background on this is briefly set forth in the event the AG raises this with the Director.

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont

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Burdett, at present a Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) commentator, was formerly on the staff of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and also was employed by CBS abroad. He left for Europe in February, 1940. Elizabeth Bentley advised in 1945 and on interview in 1951 that she had never met Burdett, a CBS news reporter. She said that Burdett was in contact with Jacob Golos when Burdett went abroad. According to Bentley, this was in approximately 1939 (Burdett went abroad in 1940), and Golos arranged for Burdett to maintain contact with him through Bentley, who was to use the name Elizabeth Benton. Bentley said she received two or three cablegrams from Burdett advising of his whereabouts in Europe. These messages were given to Golos by her. On one occasion Bentley recalled obtaining Burdett's European address through a pretext telephone call to Burdett's mother. Bentley recalled no information about Burdett or his activities after December, 1940. Burdett was interviewed initially on September 20, 1951, and on several occasions thereafter and on July 20, 1953, submitted a signed statement in which he admitted Communist Party membership from August, 1937, to February, 1940. He identified Jacob Golos as the person who induced him to go to Europe. Burdett admitted contacts with several unidentified persons in Europe in 1940 and 1941. Other than furnishing his observations on public morale and on certain political matters, Burdett advised he did not cooperate with his contacts. He advised he was not contacted for any espionage-type information after April, 1941. The Criminal Division on December 31, 1953, advised that the evidence available was insufficient to require Burdett to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act and that there was insufficient evidence upon which prosecution for a violation of the espionage statutes could be predicated.

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The Attorney General

April 8, 1955

On March 29, 1955, Burdett was reinterviewed at his request by our New York office. He admitted that in the signed statement submitted by him to this Bureau on July 20, 1953, and considered by the Criminal Division in rendering the above opinion, he had not furnished this Bureau with all the details regarding his involvement in Communist and Soviet matters immediately prior to his trip to Europe in 1940. He also stated that his career as a correspondent actually had been launched at the instigation of the Communist Party. He further admitted that he completely failed to mention to this Bureau his contacts in Turkey in 1942 with a female Soviet official whom he furnished certain political information.

Additional interviews with Burdett are being conducted in an effort to obtain complete and accurate information regarding his past activities. When questioned on March 29, 1955, concerning his decision to contact the FBI at this time, Burdett advised that he had been given the impression that he might be called before a Senate investigating committee regarding his past activities at some future date. He said he had no specific information concerning this matter.

A complete memorandum on Burdett is attached for your information.

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cc - 1 - Mr. William P. Rogers (Enclosure - 1)
Deputy Attorney General

cc - 1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure - 1)
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RE: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, with alias (Orig. & 1)
Paul Strickland

Personal History Data:

Summary

- A. Birth: Winston Mansfield Burdett was born at New York, December 12, 1913. His father, Owen Long Burdett, was born at Wakefield, Massachusetts, on April 6, 1881. His mother, Elizabeth White Burdett, was born on August 19, 1878, at San Francisco, California. He had one sister, Marjorie Burdett MacKenzie, who passed away at Chicago, Illinois, in June, 1952.
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Bureau Investigation

- A. Following the disclosures of Elizabeth Bentley in November, 1945, that Winston Burdett was a possible espionage contact of Jacob Golos (deceased espionage superior of Bentley), an investigation of Burdett was instituted.

Elizabeth Bentley advised in 1945 and on interview in 1951 that she had never met Burdett, a Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) news reporter. She said that Burdett was in contact with Jacob Golos when Burdett went abroad. According to Bentley, this was in approximately 1939 (Burdett went abroad in 1940), and Golos arranged for Burdett to maintain contact with him through Bentley, who was to use the name Elizabeth Benton. Bentley said she received two or three cablegrams from Burdett advising of his whereabouts in Europe. These messages were given to Golos by her. On one occasion Bentley recalled obtaining Burdett's European address through a pretext telephone call to Burdett's mother. Bentley recalled no information about Burdett or his activities after December, 1940.

The Office of Naval Intelligence in March, 1942, described Burdett as a supporter of the Communist leadership in the New York Newspaper Guild and as either a Communist or a close sympathizer. In 1939, Burdett was a reference for a Doretta Tarmon, who has been described as a member of the Communist Party by two informants of known reliability. Copies of the publication "New Masses" prior to August 26, 1947, reflected Doretta Tarmon was a field director for that publication. The subject was a close friend of [redacted], who in turn was a close associate of Ignacy Witezak, the Soviet agent who disappeared from the U.S. in November, 1945. In September, 1945, the notebook of Witezak contained the name of Burdett. On interview in September, 1950, [redacted] advised that Witezak had never taken him into his confidence concerning espionage. [redacted] also said he had given Burdett's name and address to Witezak but that Witezak did not see Burdett.

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Investigation disclosed that Bunia, wife of Ignacy Witzak, did meet with Winston Burdett's parents in New York City in 1941. Burdett's parents were interviewed on August 27, 1952, and September 4, 1952. They denied having met the Witzaks though Mrs. Burdett said the photograph of Bunia looked vaguely familiar. Mrs. Elizabeth Burdett (subject's mother) admitted having met many people with left-wing sympathies during the 1938-1940 period. Reinterviews of Burdett's parents were held February 9, 1953, at which time additional photographs of the Witzaks were shown to no avail.

Election records at New York City reflect American Labor Party registration for the subject and/or parents in 1937, 1938, 1939, 1943, and 1944. Certain informants with knowledge of Communist and espionage activities in the New York area had no knowledge of Burdett. Louis Budenz in August, 1951, advised he met Burdett once but was unable to recall the circumstances or whether Burdett was introduced to him as a Communist.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed in New York City in November, 1942, regarding [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said he had last seen [REDACTED] in February, 1939. He said he felt [REDACTED] was a Communist in view of his services in the Spanish Civil War on the Loyalists' side. He last heard from [REDACTED] in late 1939 or early 1940, when [REDACTED] cabled for money to come to America. [REDACTED] did not send [REDACTED] any money. He again received information in April or May, 1942, through the Czechoslovakian Consulate in New York City that [REDACTED] had been imprisoned in Batavia, Java. There is no indication that [REDACTED] had ever been in the United States.

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By letter to the Director of the FBI dated August 31, 1951, Burdett forwarded copies of two documents he had sent to his superior, Mr. T. Wells Church, Editor-in-Chief of CBS News. Burdett in these documents admitted Party membership from August, 1937, to January, 1940, but made no mention of espionage. Burdett in his letter August 31, 1951, advised of his willingness to answer any questions and placed himself at the Bureau's disposal to furnish further information if it were so desired.

New York was directed to interview Burdett regarding his past Communist activities and his relations with Jacob Golos, Elizabeth Bentley, Ignacy Witezak and his wife, Bunia.

Burdett, during the initial interview conducted on September 20, 1951, admitted Communist activity under the name Paul Strickland and furnished names of others who were members of the same Party unit to which he belonged. He, however, denied knowing Jacob Golos, Elizabeth Bentley or Elizabeth Benton. He admitted knowing [redacted] but denied knowing either of the Witezaks. Burdett also denied ever advising anyone of his whereabouts in Europe.

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In connection with [redacted] previously mentioned, Burdett said he knew him as [redacted] in Bucharest in 1940. Burdett described [redacted] as a ne'er-do-well journalist who tried to associate with a group of foreign correspondents in Bucharest. Burdett stated he had little to do with [redacted] and never employed him. However, he did state that he later met [redacted] in Sofia and that [redacted]. He explained that by saying that he accidentally bumped into [redacted] in Sofia and, as Burdett had no friends in Sofia, [redacted].

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Burdett was reinterviewed by New York on November 1, 1951, 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 advised that, after arranging a freelance 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 a man identified as No. 1 were arranged. At the 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 the above items and he instructed Burdett to cable a 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, with alias, 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 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 the latter his impression of Finland's reaction to the end of the war. Miller then instructed Burdett that his assignment was ended.

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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. He arranged a meeting with No. 7 contact. This meeting was held on the edge of Belgrade at night, and No. 7 instructed Burdett to make acquaintances in the 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.

In reinterviews on January 2, 1952, and February 28, 1952, Burdett furnished additional information and/or descriptions concerning his espionage contacts but was unable to identify any of these contacts. On April 16, 1952, additional photographs of Jacob Golos were shown to Burdett. At this time he identified Golos as being identical with his unidentified man No. 1, with whom he had two or three street meetings in New York City in January, 1940.

Burdett was reinterviewed on June 1 and 25, 1953, and on July 20, 1953, at which times he could furnish no further information other than that already

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reported. He did, on July 20, 1953, furnish a signed statement setting forth his Communist Party and espionage activity as well as information concerning people he knew as Communists.

- B. **Prosecution:** By letter December 31, 1953, the Criminal Division advised a review of available material reflected that there was insufficient evidence upon which a prosecution of the subject for a violation of the espionage statutes could be predicated. The Department also advised Burdett was not subject to registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, by Section 20a of the Internal Security Act of 1950.
- C. **Recent Admissions:** On March 24, 1955, subject voluntarily telephoned the New York office to advise that he desired to be reinterviewed in connection with his past activities. At his request, he was interviewed on March 29, 1955, at the New York office. At the outset the subject volunteered that he is personally embarrassed in that he had not fully disclosed his activities to the FBI regarding his involvement in Communist and Soviet matters when previously interviewed in this case and professionally ashamed of the fact that his entire career as a correspondent had actually been launched at the instigation of the Communist Party. He attributed his reluctance and failure to fully advise the FBI of his past activities to a lack of courage on his part to admit to the complete details of these activities, which, according to the subject, have been a great source of shame and embarrassment to him. He stated that he had two major changes to make in the signed statement previously furnished by him and named the first change as relating to his trip to Europe in 1940. In that regard, the subject admitted that he had previously given the impression that he had agreed to perform a foreign assignment, the nature of which was unknown to him at that time, at the request of a Joseph North and the individual identified by him as Jacob Golos. This assignment was to be in conjunction with his trip abroad as a correspondent for the

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"Brooklyn Daily Eagle." He stated that this is untrue. He stated that this foreign assignment had been proposed to him by North and Golos and that he had willingly agreed to carry out this assignment. He stated that he had fully understood it to be a Communist Party assignment, which would be connected with his work as a correspondent. The subject further stated that he, thereafter, persuaded the officials at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" to accredit him as a foreign correspondent for that newspaper.

b7c- The second change in his signed statement concerns his Soviet contacts abroad. On page 15 of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] made July 30, 1953, at New York, it is noted that contact man No. 3 advised the subject that his assignment was completed. The subject now advised that man No. 3 gave him an unknown amount of money, about \$300.00, after he, the subject, reported to man No. 3 concerning his assignment in Finland. The subject stated that man No. 3 at that time told him that his assignment was completed and that the money was for the subject's return to the United States. The subject stated that he was unprepared for this news as he had planned to remain in Europe as a correspondent. He stated that, since he had not received any specific instructions from man No. 3, he decided to remain for the purpose of continuing his work as a correspondent and thereafter was recontacted by man No. 3, as he has advised in his signed statement. The subject, in brief, further advised that after arriving in Ankara, Turkey, in about March, 1941, he contacted a woman official at the Russian Embassy, name unknown, and advised her of his past activities on behalf of the Soviet Government and his availability for a future assignment. He stated that later, at her request, he had submitted written reports to her concerning information developed by him through his contacts with Turkish officials concerning the Turkish viewpoint on the progress of the war and of Turkey's political leanings. Subject stated that he had repeated contacts with this unknown Russian woman official until March, 1942, when he advised her that he had personally decided to discontinue his activities on behalf of the Soviets.

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Additional interviews will be had with the subject in order that complete information concerning his past activities can be obtained. Thereafter, the changes stated above, as well as other changes which have been furnished by the subject in regard to his previously given signed statement, will be recorded in a supplementary statement, if possible. The subject continues to advise that he is unable to recall the names of his various contacts. It is noted that the subject, when questioned concerning his decision to contact the FBI at this time, advised that he has been given the impression that he may be called at some future date before a Senate investigating committee regarding his past activities. He said that he has no specific information concerning that matter. The subject stated that it is now his desire to furnish the FBI with all of the information in his possession prior to any possible public disclosure of his activities since he had originally reported the information to the FBI. It is noted that the subject also stated that in 1954 he had submitted an application for a passport in order that he would be able to carry out an assignment for the Columbia Broadcasting System in Paris, France, for a period of three months. He stated that this application for a passport had never been approved.

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