WINSTON BURDETT

NEW YORK FILE 65-15665

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1. 10 photos of subj. WINSTON BURDETTE, 1936 & 1 neg.
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7. 6 photos of subj. WINSTON BURDETTE, 1945 with signature.

NOTE: 1A1 thru 1A7 recd. 4/9/51 from WFO. See ser 5. Subm by SA [redacted]

8. Programming record for radio station WTOP Wash. D.C. 8/28/46 reflecting subj. Burdett's broadcast recd. from [redacted], 10/15/51. Subm by SA [redacted] 3/26/52.

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9. 1 photo and neg. of Ignacy Samuel Witczak. Recd. 2/16/48 from Los Angeles. See ser. 420. in 100-80111. Subm by [redacted].

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11. Signedsstatement of subject.

NOTE: Exhibits 1A11 transferred from 1B folder 7/20/54 per SA W.K. Breuel.

12. 7/29/54. Photostatic copy of sworn affadivit dtd. 6/29/54.
13. 5/10/55. Steno notes taken by [redacted] NYO, of sworn statement of subject.
14. [redacted] (S) -b1

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From W.T.O.
(Name of contributor)

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(Address of contributor)

By [redacted]
(Name of Special Agent)

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:STON BURDETT
to circa 1936)

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..STON BURDETT
(Photo circa 1940

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

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WINSTON BURDETT
(Photo circa 1940)

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

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(Photo circa 1940

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

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Photo (circa 1941)

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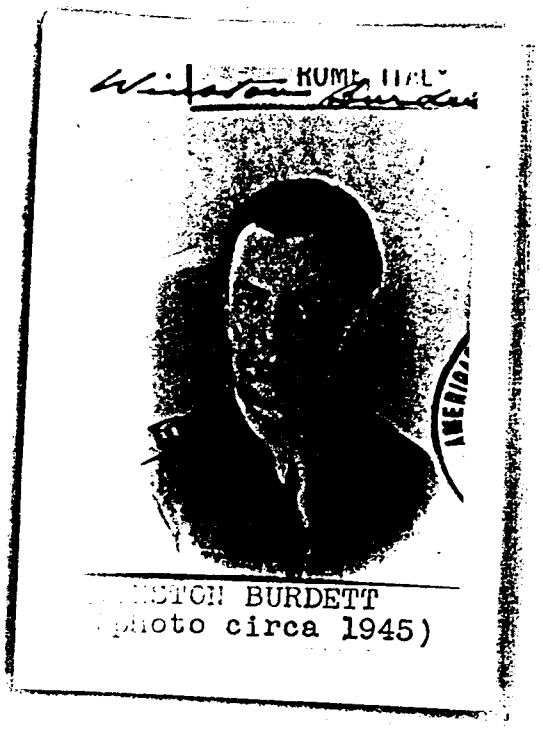

STON BURDETT
(photo circa 1945)

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Born December 12, 1913,
Buffalo, New York
Height 5'8"
Hair Brown
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Date Received 10/15/51

From ..... [redacted]
(Name of Contributor)

..... New York
(Address of Contributor)

By ..... [redacted] b7C
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From [redacted]

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Form 152

COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC.

F 2548-10/42

CONTROL ROOM LOG

RADIO ST

	NAME OF PROGRAM	SPONSOR	TYPE (ADD ET FOR TRANSCRIPTION, R FOR RECORD)	SPONSOR IDENTIFIED	TI START
S-EL SE-CM	Janice Grey	Continental Baking	Drama	Y	P.M. 2.30
	Overseas Secretaries CSA (No chg)		Speech	N	2.4433
T-Di	Arthur Godfrey		ET Music-Speech	N	2.45
T-LH	ET Spot Annnct.	Super Suds	Jingle ET	Y	2.5932
	G E House Party	General Electric	Speech	Y	3.00
S-LH	Bill Shadel News	Lansburghs	Talk	Y	3.2432
	Top Tune PA No chg		Talk	N	3.2936
	Give & Take	American Home Product	Variety	Y	3.30
	WTOP-CBS Workshop CSA No chg		Talk	N	3.5935
T-GK S-EL	Stumpus	(Participating)	Music Talk Spots ET	N	4.00
M. T. Dale	Spot Announcement	Metropolitan Life	Speech	Y	4:08
	Spot Announcement	Continental Baking	Speech ET	Y	4:1816
	Washington Post C. A. (No Chg)		Speech	N	4:26
	John Cramer P. A. (No Chg)		Speech	N	4:2933
SE-HS T-LH S-LH	Top Tune Inn	(Participating)	Music ET & R & Spots ET & L	N	4:30
	Spot Announcement	Super Suds	Mu. & Sp. ET	Y	4:3328
	Spot Announcement	Penn Aerosect	Mu. & Sp. ET & Live Tag	Y	4:4357
	Spot Annct.	Bulova	Speech	Y	4:5930
	Spot Announcement	Fork Union	Speech	Y	5:1545
	Spot Announcement	Metropolitan Life	Speech	Y	5:2245
S-WJ	Spot Announcement	Times Herald	Speech	Y	5:2932
T-WJ	City Desk		News L & ET	N	5:30
	WTOP-CBS Workshop C. S. A. (No Chg)				5:3006
	Holiday for Music P. A. (No Chg)				5:3913
S-LH	John Cramer		News	N	5:40
	Blood Donors C. S. A. (No Chg)				5:4331
	Spot Announcement	Chestnut Farms	Speech	Y	5:4432
	Robert Trout	Campbell	News	Y	5:45
	Time Signal	Bulova	Speech	Y	5:5933
S-GK	Top News Time	Peter Paul	News	Y	6:00
S-LH	Winston Burdett	Studebaker	News	Y	6:10
	Spot Announcement	Sports Center	Speech	Y	6:1434
T-WJ S-WJ	Speaking of Sports	Shell Oil	Sports	Y	6:15
T-LH	Spot Announcement	Sen Sen	Speech ET	Y	6:2934

		[illegible]	Speech	Y	3.00
S-LH	Bill Shadel	Lansburgh	Talk	Y	3.2432
	Top Tune PA [illegible] chg		Talk	N	3.2936
	Give & Take	American Home Product	Variety	Y	3.30
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T-LH	Spot Announcement	Sen Sen	Speech ET	Y	6:2934
	Ellery Queen	American Home Prods	Drama	Y	6:30
	Spot Annct.	C & P	Speech	Y	6:5931
	The Whistler		Drama	N	7:00
T-LH	Spot Announcement	Paramount	Speech ET & L	Y	7:2933
	Dr. Christian	Chesebrough	Drama	Y	7:30
	Spot Annct.	Evening Star	Speech	Y	7:5431 PM

ATION WTOP CITY ~~Washington, D. C.~~ DATE Wednesday ~~August 28, 1946~~

E FINISH	LOCAL IDENTIFICATION GIVEN	TIME MECHANICAL RECORD SO ANNOUNCED	CONTRACT NO. RADIO SALES	LOCAL	LOCAL COM.	LOCAL SUS.	NETWORK COM.	NETWORK SUS.	TYPE IN INITIALS PROGRAM ANNOUNCER	PROGRAM TECHNICIAN	COMMENTS (TECHNICIAN MUST SIGN IN INK ON AND OFF DUTY SHOW NAME AND POLITICAL AFFILIATION IN CASE OF SPEECH BY POLITICAL CANDIDATE.)
P.M. 2.4430					X				VH	WJ-LC OK	
2.4451	2.45 ER					X			ER	WJ-LC OK	
		2.4500									
2.5930		2.5918						X	TL	WJ-LC OK	
2.5944	3.00 TL	2.5931			X				TL	WJ-LC OK	(PC 3.12 RB/LC)
3.2430							X		ER	WJ-LC OK	
3.2930					X				WC	WJ-ES OK	
3.2950	3.30 ER					X			ER	" OK	
3.5930							X		WC	" OK	
3.5953	4.00 WC					X			"	" OK	
		4:0019									(P. C. RB/WJ - 4:03)
4:2930		4:2907				X			ER	WJ-LB OK	(T. C. RB/WJ - 8:00 to 4:00)
4:1915					X						
					X						
4:2951	4:30 WC					X			WC	" OK	
		4:3038								WJ	(PXXGX
5:2930		5:0002			X				TL-RA	LA-LB OK	
4:3421		5:2922			X						
4:4458					X						
	5:00 TL				X						(PC 5:03 LM/LA)
					X						
					X						
5:2946	5:30 WC				X				WC	LA-LB OK	
		5:3317									
5:40	5:40 RA					X			RA	" OK	
5:4430						X			VH	" OK	
5:4453	5:45 WC				X				WC	" OK	
5:5930							X		RA	" OK	
5:5948	6:00 RA				X				"	" OK	(PC 6:02 LM/LA)
6:0945	6:10 WC				X				ER	" OK	
6:1430					X				VH	" OK	
6:1455	6:15 RA				X				RA	" OK	
		6:1925									
6:2930					X				WC	" OK	

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By-Name of SA [redacted]

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~~Bernie Witz~~ -
Ignacy Samuel Witczak

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Date Received 7/23/53

From Winston M. Burdett
(Name of contributor)

430 E.63rd, NYC
(Address of contributor)

By [redacted]
(Name of Special Agent)

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"I, Winston Mansfield Burdett, make the following

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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 Franicsco, California, both of whom currently reside at RFD #3, Brattleboro, Vermont. I had one sister, Marjorie Burdett MacKenzie, who passed away in Chicago, Illinois, in June, 1952.

"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 430 East 63rd Street, New York City, with my wife, Giorgina Burdett, nee Nathan, who I married

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"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, ~~and~~ -W.B. her mother is ~~, to the best of my knowledge, a British subject (of Australian birth)~~ of Australian birth, but is an Italian citizen by reason of her marriage. -W.B. -W.B. -W.B. 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

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"October 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 Kurdestan 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

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"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, 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

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"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

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"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.

"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.

"While I was a member of the CP I used the name PAUL STRICKLAND, and was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit,

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"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 ~~was~~ were for me synonomous. W.B.

"During the late 1930's I held various menial positions in the newspaper guild, but in 1939 I became chairman of the guild's greivance 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.

"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

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"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
This individual was employed as a news room reporter.

"Violet Brown
She was married to Victor Weingarten and was employed in the editorial news room as a reporter.

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

"David Gordon
This individual was a general assignment reporter.

"Melvin Barnett (or Barnet)
This individual was employed as a general assignment reporter.

"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.

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"Alvah Bessie

Bessie was one of my closest friends while at the Brooklyn Daily Eagle — W.P. 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

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"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.

"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

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"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 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,

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"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 - N.B. 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~~ 1938 - N.B. 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.

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

"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 Tarmon. 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.

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"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 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.

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"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 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.

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"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.

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

"On the night or possibly 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

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"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 — W.B.
Speech	Fluent English
Nationality	Of undetermined foreign extraction

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

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"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

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"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 — W.B. 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, ~~pleasant~~ peasant type — W.B.
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

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"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 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

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"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 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.

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"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
Hair	Black
N.B. — ~~Fact~~ 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.

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"Contact #5 (woman)

"Age	55 to 60
Height	5'8" - 5'10"
Weight	130 - 140 lbs.
Build	Tall and slender
Eyes	Light blue
Hair	Blond, 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

"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 - W.B

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"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

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"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.

"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

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"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.

"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.

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"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.

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"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 N.B. 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.

"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

N.B.

"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

Winston Mansfield Burdett.

"Witnessed by:

b7c [redacted] Special Agent, FBI

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(1) Signed statement of subj. Winston M. Burdett ,430 E. 63 St. NYC 7/20/53
subm.by SA [redacted] 7/30/53

Referred to IA envelope per instructions of SA [redacted] 7-30-54. MM.

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

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N.Y. Field Division

5/19/55 Date

Title and Character of Case: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT wa.
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Date Property Acquired: See below

Source From Which Property Acquired: See below

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: VAULT

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Evidence and information
Dispositon: Permanent

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: See below

(1) Signed statement of Subject dictated by Him. Rec'd 4/19/55 from Subject. Subm. 5/19/55 by SA [redacted] ej

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(2) 1 photograph of [redacted] Rec'd. on 8/16/56 from [redacted] per Bureau R/S 8/15/56. Subm. by SA [redacted] on 9/27/56. See serials 146 & 147. jlj

Exhibit 2/11/60 personal & returned for investigative purposes jmc/ccs

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Originated at: BOSTON, MASS.			Made by: [redacted]
Made at: BOSTON, MASS.	Date: 11-8-48	Period: 11-2-48	Character of Case: SECURITY MATTER - R
Title: [redacted]			

Synopsis of Facts: [redacted] Russian Research Center, Harvard University. Nature of latter organization outlined herein. Confidential informants advise: [redacted] Subject attempted to indoctrinate [redacted] with Communist philosophy; attempted to place a known C.P. member in a strategic position [redacted] endorsing Communist ideology publicly; [redacted] admits his belief in Marxism; [redacted] Boston and under the auspices of the Progressive Party; is a known associate of [redacted] Communist suspects in Boston. [redacted]

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D E T A I L S

Inquiry in instant case is predicated upon information received from Boston [redacted] to the effect that the Subject was an admitted Marxist. The data furnished by [redacted] will be set forth in greater detail below.

BACKGROUND

The following background data concerning the Subject was received from confidential informants Boston [redacted]

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rather than subject himself to an investigation under Executive Order No.9835

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It has been ascertained that [redacted]

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STATEMENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF SUBJECT
INDICATING SYMPATHY FOR COMMUNISM

[redacted] was attacking the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the Loyalty Program. It is noted that [redacted] has advised that the objects [redacted] condemnation were similarly being attacked at the same time by the Communist Party. [redacted] according to [redacted] advised him that the Loyalty Order had caused the morale of Government service to reach its lowest ebb and had cast a pall over Washington; that, continuing, [redacted] declared that the loyalty check had resulted in wholesale resignations on the part of all liberal thinkers in the Federal Government; that the only employees left in the Federal service were "yes men, rubber stamps," and those favoring war against the Soviet Union.

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It is noted that the foregoing would appear to be corroborated in part by the reasons given for the Subject's resignation from the Federal service by [redacted] and referred to under the heading above.

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It is noted that these were disjuncted statements [redacted]

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[redacted] has provided the following information:

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the United States and the USSR. [redacted] described as being of the same general effort as TOYNBEE's "Civilization on Trial". It is marked principally by its efforts to rationalize foreign and international economic policy on the basis of the theories of KARL MARX. [redacted] the Subject describes himself as a Marxist. [redacted] It was given by the Subject to an unidentified person who, after reviewing it, gave it to [redacted] has been identified by [redacted] as a Communist Party member and an active leader in the Progressive Party of New Hampshire.

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[redacted] of the late Samuel Adams School, a sponsor of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, and one of the leading national figures in the Progressive Party. Boston informants have provided circumstantial evidence [redacted] is a member of the Communist Party.

[redacted] stated that he had known the Subject well when both were [redacted] and that considerable publicity could be developed from the Subject's relationship [redacted] feels that the Communism for which he argues is highly unpopular in this country. [redacted] advocating Marxism for the United States [redacted]

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[redacted] the following personal contacts of the Subject will be solicited [redacted] WINSTON BURDETT, radio commentator for the Columbia Broadcasting Company at Washington, D. C.; Professor ROBERT LYND, Sociology Professor, Columbia University; Professor FRANCIS O. MATTHIESSEN, of Harvard University; former Secretary of the Treasury HENRY MORGENTHAU, Jr.; REXFORD GUY TUGWELL and J. RAYMOND WALSH. [redacted]

The Boston press recorded that on May 5, 1948, and again on October 13, 1948, the Subject had lectured on "The International Situation" at the Community Church in Boston. This church is under the direction of the Reverend DONALD LOTHROP, a candidate for the State Legislature on the Progressive Party ticket in the November 2, 1948 elections and the Subject of a pending Security Matter investigation in Boston. [redacted] has observed that the lecturers at Lothrop's church as a group might well be classified as Communist propagandists. Said lecturers have included ANNA LOUISE STRONG, ELLA WINTER, ISRAEL EPSTEIN, et al.

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[redacted] also furnished this office with a throwaway flyer reflecting that the Progressive Party held in Whitney Hall, Brookline, Massachusetts, on October 21, 1948, a political rally on behalf of the candidacy of WALTER O'BRIEN for the Congressional seat now held by CHRISTIAN HERTER. The Subject was again speaking on "The International Situation" and was to attack the Marshall Plan. It is noted that all of the speakers at this rally are the Subjects of pending Security Matter investigations predicated upon allegations from reliable informants that they are individually affiliated with the Communist movement.

"The Harvard Crimson" for May 22, 1948, carried a news item reflecting that certain faculty members had signed a petition opposing the Ferry Nixon Bill, which would have outlawed the Communist Party. Among opposers of said bill, according to "The Harvard Crimson" st[illegible] Subject in the instant case.

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THE RUSSIAN RESEARCH CENTER AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

"The Boston Traveler," and "The Boston Globe" for December 5, 1947, carried featured news stories announcing the opening of a Russian Research Center at Harvard University. According to the stories, the following appears:

Funds for said center were provided by a preliminary grant of $100,000 from the Carnegie Foundation of New York. The purpose of the center is to provide the U. S. Department of State and other Governmental agencies with systematized information concerning contemporary Russia. The Director appointed was Dr. CLYDE KLUCKHOHN, a Harvard Professor of Anthropology with a war service record in OWI. The immediate purpose of the center was to collect, correlate, and evaluate available information concerning the Soviet Union in the United States. Harvard was reported to have declined to undertake "classified" research but was also reported to have reached an agreement whereby its findings and conclusions would be available to the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency on an informal basis and prior to publication by the University. No decision had been reached on the date the news stories were published as to when or where or how scholars from the center would be sent into the Soviet Union.

"The Harvard Crimson" of February 3, 1948, carried a news item reporting that the Subject, "an expert in foreign intelligence" for the State Department, had been appointed Associate Director of the Russian Research Center. At the same time, the appointment of one DEMITRI B. SHIMKIN, described as an Army specialist on Russia, as a Research Associate was announced. Thereafter, on April 9, 1948, the "Boston Globe" announced the addition of two additional faculty members to the Research Center. These were Professor HAROLD J. BERMAN, of Stamford, who had studied Economics and Political Science at the London School of Economics and Political Science; also the appointment of Dr. ALEX INKELES, a graduate of Cornell and Columbia. No information has been received thus far indicating the exact nature of the Subject's duties at the Harvard University Russian Research Center.

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LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will advise of any information additional to that contained in Washington Field letter to Bureau dated April 12, 1948 under the caption of this case. It is noted that the latter letter reflected that at least some investigation [redacted] made in connection with the Silver case.

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Will provide the Boston Office with a physical description and photograph of the Subject if such be readily available.

THE BOSTON DIVISION

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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Will recontact [redacted] and contact [redacted] in an effort to develop further information concerning the Subject's activities of a Communist nature.

Will place a mail cover on the Subject's residence address.

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Will check the Subject's record [redacted] in order to determine associates and extracurricular activities.

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Will check the records of [redacted] to determine the exact relationship of the Subject with that institution [redacted] Will endeavor to develop additional information concerning his associates and activities [redacted]

The leads at [redacted] will not be covered until authority to conduct investigation at these schools has been received from the Bureau.

INFORMANTS

[redacted]

[redacted] Civil Service form 84 executed by the Subject in connection with the Loyalty Program, a copy being furnished Boston together with the Bureau letter (LGE) on May 24, 1948.

[redacted] Information set forth in Washington Field letter to Bureau under date of April 12, 1948, at pages 3 and 4, said information having been obtained from the Subject's personnel file at the Department of State.

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[redacted] Information furnished the Boston Office in the "121" letter referred to above. Said letter reflects that the information, in turn, was received from the New York Office in a letter dated September 30, 1947, New York file 100-79316.

[redacted] This information was received in the Washington Field letter of April 12, 1948

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A copy of this report has been furnished the Army and the Navy in view of the possible use by these organizations of the Russian Research Center and the Subject in connection with investigations lying within the jurisdiction of those agencies.

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Re: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
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New York 21, N.Y.
July 13th 1951

Federal Bureau of Investigation -
U. S. Court House
Foley Square - New York - N.Y. -

Dear Sir:

Bkatt. c.b. #12 pm 7/20

I was last night on Television on the Columbia network I saw and heard a news commentator at 9 P.M. I think was the time. It was Winston Burdett. I know nothing of his politics now. I do know that in the late thirties - 1937 or 38 - he was one of the instigators of the "strike" of the Brooklyn Eagle

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You can no doubt verify this. He was living then with his father and mother at Trooper Grace Court Brooklyn in the same building with me. They were then very proud of their communistic affiliations. In those days the ordinary layman did not take such connections too seriously but in view of what has developed in late years we take a very different view of it. No doubt he has seen the light as so many others have and no longer thinks as he did. I sincerely hope this is so.

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I know he was a war correspondent in the last war.

In as much as you have appealed for information that may be of service to you I felt it a duty as a citizen to let you know what I know about this man.

If he is innocent I know you will see he knows nothing of any suspicions. Far be it from me to hurt him unjustly -

Yours sincerely

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

July 20, 1951

b7C- [redacted]
New York #21, New York

Dear [redacted]

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 13, 1951.

I have carefully noted the contents of your communication and want you to know that I appreciate the thoughtfulness which prompted you to forward this information to me.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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

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August 30, 1951

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General Post Office
33rd Street & 8th Avenue
New York 21, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

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

Winston Mansfield Burdett
Mrs. Georgina Burdett
430 East 63rd Street, Apt. 12-D
New York 21, N.Y.

☐ return cards

☐ tracings

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

RAF:IM
65-15665

EDWARD SCHMIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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United States Post Office

DIVISION OF INCOMING MAILS
NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER TO INITIALS AND DATE
INC GM:GEM
TELEPHONE PENN. 6-7700
EXTENSION 889

August 31, 1951.

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

** CONFIDENTIAL **

My dear Sir:

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

Winston Mansfield Burdett,
Mrs. Georgina Burdett,
430 East 63rd Street, Apt. 12-D,
New York 21, N. Y.

Return Cards X Tracings File No. 65-15665

The necessary instructions have been issued that the indicated item is to be forwarded to your office directly as they arrive, indexed with your file number.

Respectfully yours,

[redacted]

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CC: Station: **Lenox Hill - 21**
For attention.

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New York Field Division

RE: Winston Mansfield Burdett
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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October 15, 1951

b7C- Mr. [redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Courthouse
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

b7C- Dear Mr. [redacted]

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

Winston Burdett

Winston Burdett

430 East 63rd Street
New York, N. Y.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York DATE: October 16, 1951

FROM : SAC, Albany

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

b7C - Rerep of SA [redacted] at New York dated 9-10-51.

The following investigation was conducted at Brattleboro and Guilford, Vermont:

The records of the U. S. Post Office, Brattleboro, Vermont, reveal that OWEN L. BURDETT and his wife, ELIZABETH BURDETT, reside at RFD #3, Guildord Center, Vermont. There was no record on Mr. and Mrs. BURDETT at the Brattleboro Police Department or at the Vermont State Police at Brattleboro, Vermont, which agency covers Guilford Center.

[redacted] advised that the BURDETTS resided at Guilford Center for several years and are regarded as substantial and loyal citizens of the community. [redacted] advised further that he has no knowledge of Communist Party activity on the part of BURDETT or his wife.

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[redacted], stated that he has never observed any indication of Communist activity on the part of either of the BURDETTS. He pointed out that the BURDETTS have very little to do with their neighbors residing in the same community and advised that the BURDETT residence sets back from the main road, and activities in that residence cannot be observed easily by passersby on the main road.

The records of the Vermont-Peoples National Bank, Brattleboro, Vermont, reflect that Mr. and Mrs. BURDETT maintain a checking account in the low four figures.

The Albany Field Division indices reveal that in the report of SA [redacted] at New York, dated 12-27-45, in the case entitled "IGNACY SAMUEL WITCZAK, was. et al, INTERNAL SECURITY - R", (reference 5IS), on page 42 there appears information relative to OWEN BURDETT as follows:

A highly confidential source of information advised on September 28, 1945, that the name BURDETT, 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York, telephone MA 4-5962, was contained in a notebook in the possession of WITCZAK.

[redacted] 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, advised SA [redacted] that one OWEN BURDETT had resided at 2 Grace Court for three or four years and that about July, 1945 he moved to 10 Greene Street, Brattleboro, Vermont. [redacted] stated that OWEN BURDETT

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resided at 2 Grace Court with his wife and that he had a son whom he believed was a commentator who was working with the United States Army in Italy. He stated he believed the son had married a Jewish girl. He stated that he had read something about this in the paper but could not recall any of the facts.

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[redacted] stated that he did not recall OWEN BURDETT or his wife receiving any unusual mail or any visitors while residing at Grace Court. He added that they did have a young girl visit them and remain for a short time. He said, however, that he knew nothing about her. [redacted] described OWEN BURDETT as follows:

Age	55-60
Height	5' 5"
Weight	130 lbs.
Complexion	Light
Build	Slender
Hair	Gray
Remarks	Well dressed, no accent

By letter dated October 18, 1945 the Albany Field Office advised New York that an investigation had been conducted at Brattleboro, Vermont relative to OWEN BURDETT. Albany advised that OWEN BURDETT and his wife E. W. BURDETT were residing at 10 Green Street, Brattleboro and had been there since June 1, 1945.

Through observation by the Albany Office it was determined that the BURDETTS were well educated people and further that their house contains a sizeable library of books on Russia, as well as the customary pro-Russian publications.

A mail cover placed on the BURDETTS by the Albany Field Office reflects that they receive a fair volume of mail and receive frequent letters addressed to Mrs. BURDETT from France. The letters were not servicemen's letters. The investigation by Albany reflects that the BURDETTS are of French extraction.

In view of the fact that the subject's father and mother are known to have been in contact with a known Soviet espionage agent, unless advised to the contrary by the New York Division within five days, the Albany Division will undertake a full-scale investigation of Mr. and Mrs. OWEN BURDETT, father and mother of the subject, at Guilford Center, Vermont.

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New York, New York
January 4, 1952

MEMO:

Re: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT (INFORMANT)
SM-C

WINSTON BURDETT, who is employed as a newscaster by the Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, NYC, advised on 9/20/51, that he had been a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the CP from July, 1937 to January, 1940. During this period he was employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and was active in the unit of the Newspaper Guild at that newspaper.

CC: NY 65-15665 (WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT) (INFORMANT)

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In a subsequent interview on 11/1/51, BURDETT advised that he did not cease to be a member of the CP in January, 1940, as previously related, but actually continued to be a member when he went to Stockholm, Sweden, as a free-lance correspondent in February, 1940. He then admitted serving on a brief espionage assignment for the Soviets against Finland in early 1940 and related that he had two unidentified Russian espionage contacts in NYC and six such contacts in Europe between January, 1940 and March, 1941. BURDETT has denied espionage contacts or Communist Party membership or associations since the latter date.

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

VICTOR WEINGARTEN

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

VIOLET BROWN, was:
Violet Weingarten, Mrs. Victor Weingarten

BURDETT stated that VIOLET BROWN was employed in the editorial news room as a reporter and later married VICTOR WEINGARTEN.

NAT EINHORN

BURDETT described this individual as an editorial room re-write man who was on general assignment news stories.

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Additional information concerning EINHORN is set forth later in this memo.

DAVID GORDON

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

MELVIN BARNETT (or Barnet)

This individual BURDETT stated was employed as a general assignment reporter.

The following persons were named by BURDETT as individuals whom he knew to be CP members although not necessarily members of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the CP, except in those cases where so stated:

ALVAH BESSIE

BURDETT described BESSIE as one of his close friends while he was employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and stated that he was a member of the CP, although he is not certain BESSIE was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit. He stated, however, that he believed BESSIE was at one time a member of that particular unit. BURDETT said that although his joining of the CP was not caused by any particular individual, ALVAH BESSIE was probably the most instrumental of any single person in recruiting him in CP membership.

BURDETT said that although he is certain ALVAH BESSIE was a CP member he can not be sure BESSIE was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit, since BESSIE left his employment at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" prior to the time that he, the subject, became a member of the CP unit at that newspaper. BURDETT added that he has no further knowledge of ALVAH BESSIE, although he has read of BESSIE in the newspapers as being one of the "Unfriendly Hollywood Ten."

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GLADYS BENTLEY

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

LARRY ADLER

BURDETT described ADLER as being in his late teens or early twenties while employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and as having been employed in the Commercial Department. He pointed out that this individual is not identical with LARRY ADLER the well known entertainer and harmonica player.

HERBERT COHN

According to BURDETT, COHN was employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" as a reporter and movie reviewer.

I. I. KAUFMAN, wa:
Isidore

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

LYLE DOWLING

BURDETT stated that DOWLING was employed by the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in 1937 in an executive position,

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but DOWLING 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 paper, he became interested and active in the Newspaper Guild's strike against the paper. BURDETT said that DOWLING was a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the CP at one time but was not a member at the same time as he, having left the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" prior to the time BURDETT became employed there.

CHARLES GRUTZNER

BURDETT described GRUTZNER as an individual who had been a reporter with the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and one who was in the process of dropping out of the CP in 1939. BURDETT stated that he is positive GRUTZNER is no longer a CP member.

DORETTA TARMON

BURDETT advised that he was at one time personally acquainted with DORETTA TARMON, whom he knew to be a CP member while working at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle". He said that he had first met DORETTA TARMON at CP Section Headquarters in Brooklyn. BURDETT does not know what position she held in the CP during those years but she was actually employed by the Party and was very active in its affairs.

In a second interview with BURDETT, 11/1/51, he related it had been general knowledge among the employees at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in the latter part of 1939, that he was going abroad to do free-lance reporting on the Finnish front. He said that sometime in January, 1940, several weeks before his departure, NAT EINHORN of the "Eagle", who was the leader of the CP cell at that newspaper, telephoned him at his Montague Terrace address in Brooklyn and advised him

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that JOE NORTH of the "Daily Worker" wanted to speak to him. BURDETT stated that EINHORN did not say what NORTH wished to talk about but he later learned in talking with EINHORN that EINHORN at the time of his call was aware of the matter NORTH wished to discuss.

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

At the second meeting, according to BURDETT, NORTH took him to a street-side contact with an unidentified man. BURDETT then had two or three subsequent meetings with this unidentified man, at which, arrangements were made for BURDETT'S identification and contacts in Sweden. BURDETT stated that JOE NORTH was present at all of the meetings between himself and the unidentified man.

Prior to his departure abroad BURDETT had a single meeting with a second unidentified man in the vicinity of Columbia University, NYC. This individual directed BURDETT to register at the Patricia Hotel after arriving in Stockholm, where he would be contacted by a Mr. MILLER. Mr. MILLER, according to the instructions, would come to BURDETT'S hotel and make reference to their mutual friend, NAT EINHORN. BURDETT was to then acknowledge that he had recently seen EINHORN in New York.

BURDETT later advised that he was contacted by MILLER in Stockholm but MILLER made no reference to EINHORN at that time.

In event information furnished by BURDETT is reported, his identity should be concealed in compliance with his specific request.

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New York, New York
January 8, 1952

MEMO

WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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ReBulet to NY 10/31/51.

WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, who is employed on the news staff of the Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised the writer and SA [redacted] on 1/2/52 that he has no knowledge of [redacted]

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BURDETT had advised previously that he was employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" from September, 1934 to February, 1940. He has admitted joining the "Eagle" unit of the CP in July, 1937 and later serving on a brief espionage assignment for the Soviets while engaged as a free lance correspondent in Finland during the early part of 1940. He has denied CP and espionage activities or contacts since March, 1941.

BURDETT stated that the name [redacted] is not familiar to him and he was unable to identify a photograph of [redacted]

In event the information contained herein is placed in report form, BURDETT'S identity should be concealed in compliance with his specific request.

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NEW YORK Field Division

RE: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The following is set out for the information of the Bureau for consideration [redacted]

On Sept. 20, 1951, WINSTON BURDETT, who is employed as a news caster by the Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, NYC, advised that he had been a member of the Brooklyn Eagle Unit of the CP from July, 1937 to January, 1940. During this period he was employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and was active in the Unit of the Newspaper Guild at that newspaper.

In a subsequent interview, Nov. 1, 1951, BURDETT advised that he did not cease to be a member of the CP in January, 1940, as previously related, but actually continued to be a member when he went to Stockholm, Sweden, as a free-lance correspondent in February, 1940. He then admitted serving on a brief espionage assignment for the Soviets against Finland in early 1940 and related that he had two unidentified Russian espionage contacts in NYC and six such contacts in Europe between January, 1940 and March, 1941. BURDETT has denied espionage contacts and CP membership or associations since the latter date.

In his initial interview, Sept. 20, 1951, BURDETT furnished the names of thirteen persons whom he knew to be members of the CP during the time he was employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle". In addition to the names of those persons whom BURDETT knew as CP members, he also furnished the names of HYNAM CHARNIAK and CHARLES LEWIS as persons whom he knew as fellow employees at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in the late 1930's. BURDETT said that both CHARNIAK and LEWIS to his knowledge are presently employed by the American Military

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Government in Germany. He related that in June or early July of this year, 1951, he was telephonically contacted at his CBS offices by a sister of CHARNIAK, whose name he is unable to recall. CHARNIAK'S sister advised that some question had arisen as to her brother's former political activities in view of his present government position and she requested that BURDETT recommend the name of an attorney to represent her brother in a hearing which was to be held concerning this matter.

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

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

BURDETT stated that he refused to aid CHARNIAK in view of the fact that he had not seen him since they had been employed together at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in 1940 and he advised CHARNIAK of this basis for his refusal.

BURDETT said that although he did not discuss the details of the matter further with CHARNIAK, he assumed that CHARNIAK wanted him to misrepresent certain facts in a testimonial statement concerning CHARNIAK'S former political activities.

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

It is being pointed out that BURDETT did not at any time during the interview state CHARNIAK and LEWIS were CP members. It was noted, however, that immediately after furnishing the names of thirteen persons whom he knew as CP members, BURDETT stated he also wished to furnish the names of CHARNIAK and LEWIS. He then related the foregoing matter concerning them.

BURDETT was specifically asked at the conclusion of his statement concerning CHARNIAK and LEWIS, as to whether they were CP members. BURDETT declined to answer but stated he desired his comments concerning them stand as such. It was noted that there was no other reason for BURDETT to mention the names of CHARNIAK and LEWIS, other than the fact that their names were furnished by him immediately after he had furnished the names of thirteen CP members.

It was the opinion of the interviewing agents that BURDETT, although knowing CHARNIAK and LEWIS to have been CP members at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagel" in the late 1930's, was reluctant to state such a fact because he feels their status as government employees would eventually result in a public hearing involving his presence.

In a second interview with BURDETT, Nov. 1, 1951, BURDETT was asked if he desired to furnish any further information concerning CHARNIAK and LEWIS, at which time he stated he wished to give the matter further thought.

In the event information furnished by BURDETT is reported, his identity should be concealed in compliance with his specific request.

Letter to Director
NY 121-C

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Reference New York letter to Bureau dated 6/9/50. "GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN STATE DEPARTMENT, [redacted] INFORMANT, LGE". Enclosed with relet were two copies of a report of [redacted] re, "The RIAS OPERATION". It is noted that [redacted] report, pertaining to radio station in Germany under OMGUS, refers (P.5) to CHARLES LEWIS, Chief of Radio Branch of OMGUS, and former OW, and VOA man. This individual may be identical with the captioned CHARLES LEWIS. (NY 123-2620-10)

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In view of the lack of background information on hand, other references in New York files were not reviewed at this time.

WFO is requested to check appropriate sources to determine whether or not individuals of the captioned names are currently employed in Germany by the U.S. Government and to advise the Bureau of the results of this check.

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Date March 26, 1952

SAC: NEW YORK

NEW YORK Field Division

RE: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
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The attached is for your information. If used in a future report, (✓) conceal all sources, ( ) paraphrase contents. ( ) Remarks:

Received 3-20-50 through Liaison Channels.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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New York, New York
April 16, 1952

MEMO:

Re: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa.
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IS ACT OF 1950

Re reports of SA [redacted] dated 12/7/51 and 3/27/52 at NY and NY letter to Bureau, 3/27/52.

While being interviewed at NY Office on 4/16/52 by the writer and SA [redacted] WINSTON BURDETT was shown an additional photo of JACOB GOLOS. BURDETT identified instant photo of GOLOS on this occasion as being that of Contact #1 with whom he had two or three street meetings in NYC in January, 1940.

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Enclosed herewith are the originals and six copies of the reports of SA [redacted] dated April 30, 1952 [redacted]

In accordance with instructions set forth in re Bulet to New York dated 4/9/52, Mr. WINSTON BURDETT was interviewed by SA [redacted] and the writer at the New York Office on 4/15/52 [redacted] at which time the following information was furnished.

BURDETT advised that HYMAN CHARNIAK and CHARLES LEWIS were members of the Communist Party Unit of the "Brooklyn Eagle" when he joined the unit in July of 1937. BURDETT assumed that both CHARNIAK and LEWIS had been members of the unit for some time prior to July 1937 because they seemed to be familiar with the activities and procedure of the unit and did not appear to be new members.

He said that the meetings of the unit were usually held weekly at one of the member's place of residence. He explained that it was customary to rotate the meetings at the residence of those members who resided in the proximity of the "Brooklyn Eagle" plant. In this connection BURDETT pointed out that he does not believe that any meetings were held at LEWIS' home, inasmuch as his residence was not readily accessible. However, he did recall attending at least one meeting at the residence of CHARNIAK, which he stated was on Montague Street in

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Brooklyn. BURDETT stated that meetings were held at his apartment (BURDETT'S) on an average of about twice a month. According to the Informant, 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.

Continuing, BURDETT advised that it was sometime during the autumn of 1939 that many "vigorous and sole searching" discussions were held at the meetings relative to Russia's position in world affairs, and also as to Russia's participation in the Nazi-Soviet Pact. He recalled that CHARNIAK openly expressed his dissatisfaction over the Russian-Nazi Pact, and recalls that at a meeting held about two or three months prior to BURDETT'S leaving the unit in January 1940, CHARNIAK made a statement to the effect that he could not take it any longer and that it was the last meeting he was attending. BURDETT stated that he is quite certain CHARNIAK did not attend any other meeting of the unit from that time until he left in January 1940.

In reference to CHARLES LEWIS, the Informant advised that he was not as regular in attendance at the meetings as CHARNIAK, and that this was the cause of some discontent among the other members. BURDETT pointed out that he understood 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 and believed that this might have been the reason for LEWIS' irregular attendance. BURDETT further advised that LEWIS edited the "Brooklyn Eagle" shop paper, the "Eagle Reporter", for a long period of time, and was very active in the union affairs. He said that at the time he left the unit in January 1940, LEWIS was still officially and formally a member of the unit.

BURDETT went on to advise that he did not have any contact with either of these individuals until sometime during World War II, when he met CHARNIAK, who was with an Anti-Aircraft Division in Italy. According to BURDETT, this meeting was very brief and did not amount to much more than exchanging a greeting.

BURDETT further stated that it was not until the summer of 1951 that he again had any knowledge of either CHARNIAK or LEWIS. He related that in June of 1951 a woman who identified

herself as HYMAN CHARNIAK'S sister, telephonically informed him that her brother, an employee of the American Army in the Public Information Office in Germany, was in some trouble concerning his former political affiliations and that BURDETT could help if he would sign an affidavit on behalf of her brother. BURDETT stated that CHARNIAK'S sister advised him that her brother's attorney, a Mr. KPSTEIN, whom BURDETT could not further identify, was handling the matter and requested BURDETT to contact him.

In connection with this information, it may be noted that in the initial interview with BURDETT on September 20, 1951, which information was furnished to the Bureau by letter dated March 24, 1952, he advised that CHARNIAK'S sister requested that BURDETT recommend the name of an attorney to represent her brother.

When questioned concerning this discrepancy, BURDETT advised if he had furnished this information in a previous interview, it was in error and that he is certain that CHARNIAK'S sister mentioned the name of her brother's attorney

BURDETT further stated that CHARNIAK'S sister telephonically recontacted him a few weeks later and inquired if he had spoken to her brother's attorney as she had requested. BURDETT explained that he had not contacted the attorney, inasmuch as he desired to find out more about the matter. At this time CHARNIAK'S sister informed BURDETT that the matter was most urgent and explained that the affidavit was a statement attesting to her brother's loyalty as a United States citizen.

Within a week of the second telephone conversation with CHARNIAK'S sister, BURDETT received a telephone call from CHARNIAK requesting that BURDETT meet him the following morning. BURDETT stated that on the following morning he had breakfast with CHARNIAK in the CBS Cafeteria. He said that CHARNIAK appeared to be very emotionally upset and related to him that he was in a terrible position as a result of having signed a loyalty form declaring that he was not and never had been a member of the Communist Party. He also told BURDETT that loyalty hearings on him had been held in Germany and that he, CHARNIAK, had testified he had never been a member of the Communist Party, and that CHARLES LEWIS and others had also corroborated his testimony.

CHARNIAK, according to BURDETT, stated that he had returned to the United States in order to get further testimony attesting to his loyalty in the form of affidavits which he intended to make available to the Loyalty Hearing Board when he returned to Germany in a few days.

BURDETT stated that he refused to sign any such affidavit and explained to CHARNIAK that he did not desire to be caught in a lie. BURDETT said that he strongly suggested to CHARNIAK that he set the record straight and admit his membership in the party, and also informed CHARNIAK that he, BURDETT, had recently admitted membership in the Communist Party in a loyalty form he executed in connection with his CBS employment. BURDETT further stated that he mentioned to CHARNIAK that he was also considering advising the proper authorities concerning his former membership in the Communist Party.

According to BURDETT, CHARNIAK replied that it was not merely a question of his job alone that concerned him, but also the fact that if he admitted membership in the Communist Party, he would undoubtedly be questioned concerning the identities of the other members of the unit.

During the conversation CHARNIAK also mentioned to BURDETT that he had secured a signed affidavit from an individual whom he merely described as a good friend, and who was acquainted with him when he was connected with the American Labor Party in Brooklyn, New York. BURDETT stated that he was not familiar with CHARNIAK'S activity in the American Labor Party but presumed that it was during the pre-war period. BURDETT further stated that CHARNIAK implied that his affiliation with the American Labor Party had come up in his loyalty hearing and that apparently the aforementioned friend was able to cover him on this point.

BURDETT stated that he did not see a copy of the affidavit which CHARNIAK requested him to sign, but assumed that the substance of it would have been to misrepresent facts by testifying to CHARNIAK'S loyalty and non-membership in the Communist Party.

Concerning the Communist Party Unit of the "Brooklyn Eagle", BURDETT advised that the membership of the Unit was

comprised of from ten to fifteen members and usually held weekly meetings at a member's home. He stated that the activity of the unit dealt primarily with union matters. He pointed out that the strike held at the "Brooklyn Eagle" in the fall of 1937 was organized and directed by the unit; however, he asserted that all participants in this strike were by no means members of the unit. He noted that both CHARNIAK and LEWIS took an active part in organizing and carrying out the strike.

In conclusion, BURDETT advised that he was reluctant to furnish this information pertaining to CHARNIAK and LEWIS during his previous interviews because he was convinced in his own mind that CHARNIAK is loyal to the United States and that he did not desire to incriminate a man who he did not consider a security risk as of today. He stated that after thinking the matter over carefully, however, he realized that his opinion of CHARNIAK was based merely on his own personal convictions and therefore was by no means any proof of CHARNIAK'S loyalty.

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DATE: 9-29-52

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: Winston Mansfield Burdett, wa

CHARACTER OF CASE: Espionage - R
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DEADLINE DATE: 9/29/52

This case will be delinquent because trying locate info @ [redacted]

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Report will reach the Bureau by the following date; 10/10/52

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December 10, 1952

SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-5570)

WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, Wa.
ESPIONAGE - R
ISA, 1950
OO: New York

Re New York letter to the Director, November 5, 1952 requesting photographs of IVAN and DOVE F. BENSON and IGNACY and BUNIA WITCZAK.

A search of Los Angeles files failed to produce photographs of either IVAN or DOVE F. BENSON.

Enclosed herewith are three photographs of BUNIA WITCZAK and two photographs of IGNACY WITCZAK obtained from from an anonymous source on October 28, 1945. The dates the enclosed photographs were taken is unknown. RUC.

RKS:jmb
Enc. (5)
cc: 2 - New York (65-15665)

12/15/52 no photographs'd

Deadline of 2/6/53 postponed - SA on case

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Date April 20, 1953

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NEW YORK Field Division

RE: Winston Mansfield BURDETT, wa.
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Date 1/7/54

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New York Field Division (65-15665)

RE: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa
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Submit 9 copies of Closing Report suitable for Dissemination

Very truly yours,

J. Ed. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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TO : SAC, NY DATE: 5/26/54

b7c — FROM : [redacted] SA (65-15665)

SUBJECT: BULKY EXHIBIT REVIEW

RE: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa

The exhibit in this case, as shown below, has been reviewed on 5/20/54. It has been determined that this exhibit should be retained indefinitely since it is a signed statement made by the subject and may be necessary for evidentiary value as well as intelligence information in this case.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 5/12/55

b7C- FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: WINSTON BURDETT
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b7C { At approximately 4:00 P.M., 5/11/55, I telephonically contacted Inspector [redacted] Bureau, and advised him that WINSTON BURDETT had telephonically contacted SA [redacted] of this office and advised BURDETT was scheduled to appear before an executive session of the Senate Internal Security Committee (Senator Eastland), at 10:30 A.M., 5/12/55. He will be in touch with JAY SOURWINE, Counsel for the Subcommittee. BURDETT anticipates that all his remarks will be kept in executive session.

TJM:MFB

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ROUTING SLIP

Date 7/6/55

SAC:

New York Field Division (65-15665)

RE: ~~WINSTON~~ MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa
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IS A (SSA)

The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ( ) conceal all sources, ( ) paraphrase contents. ( ) Remarks:

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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COMPLAINT FORM
FD-71
(9-29-54)

NOTE: HANDPRINT NAMES LEGIBLY: HANDWRITING SATISFACTORY FOR REMAINDER

SUBJECT'S NAME AND ALIASES	ADDRESS OF SUBJECT	CHARACTER OF CASE
Winston Burdett	CBS, NY	IS-C

COMPLAINANT	ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF COMPLAINANT	DATE AND TIME COMPAINT RECEIVED
[redacted]	[redacted]	6/30/55 9 50 AM

SUBJECT'S DESCRIPTION

RACE	SEX	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	OTHER DATA
	☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE				
HAIR	EYES	BIRTH DATE	BIRTHPLACE		
BUILD	COMPLEXION	SCARS AND MARKS			

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FACTS OF COMPLAINT Personnel

Complainant states that the subject [redacted] at that time, the complainant was convinced that the subject was a CP member. Complainant states that the story Burdett is telling before the congressional committee is basically true, but the inferences are not true. Complainant believes that the subject made the arrangements for the murder of the subject's wife, a former Station newspaperwoman.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

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65-15665-108 [redacted]

SPECIAL AGENT

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complainant states that the mother and father of the subject lived for years in Brooklyn. They are now living in Vermont in such a remote area that it is almost impossible to get there by automobile.

Complainant stated that he wanted to get this on record with the FBI; but that he was also was going to contact CIA, and the Congressional Committee before which Everdell had testified.

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COMPROS-NY; IS-C. SAAG DAVID H. HARRIS IN CHARGE OF PROSECUTION US V. ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, ET AL, WHICH INCLUDES DEFENDANTS TRACHTENBERG, GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, SIDNEY STEINBERG, AND MARION BACHRACH AND IS SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL AUG. TEN NEXT, SDNY, HAS REQUESTED WINSTON BURDETT, WHO RECENTLY TESTIFIED PUBLICLY BEFORE SENATE ~~IS~~ INTERNAL Security SUBCOMMITTEE, BE INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE EVIDENCE BURDETT MAY HAVE PERTAINING TO FOUR DEFENDANTS AND IN ADDITION EVIDENCE AGAINST ALL PERSONS NAMED IN INDICTMENT, INCLUDING CO-CONSPIRATOR$ NON-DEFENDANTS. SAAG DESIRED PARTICULAR ATTENTION PAID TO DEVELOPING INFO ABOUT BACHRACH. IN ADDITION, SAAG REQUESTED SIMILAR INTERVIEW OF ALL OTHER PERSONS AFFILIATED WITH AND EMPLOYED IN NEWSPAPER OR PUBLIC RELATIONS FIELDS WHO HAVE APPEARED PUBLICLY AS WITNESSES BEFORE SENATE IS SUBCOMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH BURDETT'S TESTIMONY. WFO IDENTIFY THESE WITNESSES AND CONDUCT INTERVIEW AND/OR SET OUT TELETYPE LEADS FOR INTERVIEW THESE PERSONS BY APPROPRIATE OFFICES. FOR ASSISTANCE WFO PERSONS NAMED IN INDICTMENT IN ADDITION TO FOUR DEFENDANTS ARE:

1-NY65-15665 (WINSTON BURDETT)(#6)

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ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, BETTY GANNETT, VICTOR J. JEROME, ARNOLD S. JOHNSON, CLAUDIA JONES, ALBERT FRANCIS LANNON, JACOB MINDEL, PETTIS PERRY, LOUIS WEINSTOCK, WILLIAM WEINSTONE, WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON, FRED MORRIS FINE, JAMES EDWARD JACKSON, JR., HENRY WINSTON, GILBERT GREEN, ISRAEL AMTER, ISADOR BEGUN, SIMON W. GERSON, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, ROBERT G. THOMPSON, GUS HALL, JOHN GATES, EUGENE DENNIS, JACOB STACHEL, IRVING POTASH, CARL WINTER, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., AND JOHN WILLIAMSON.

UACB, NY WILL INTERVIEW BURDETT.

KELLY

SAC, New York

7/6/55

ASAC D. E. Moore (100-81752)

COMPROS - NEW YORK

On 7/5/55 I telephonically contacted Inspector V. P. Keay and advised him that we had received a letter from David H. Harris, Special Assistant to the AG, requesting that WINSTON BURDETT and all other witnesses who have appeared publicly before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee in connection with Mr. BURDETT's testimony be interviewed in connection with evidence and documents they may have pertaining to any of the activities of TRACHTENBERG, CHARNEY, STEINBERG, and BACHRACH, with particular attention to BACHRACH. I told Mr. Keay that BURDETT had been interviewed by us on numerous occasions, has been cooperative, and there appeared to be no objection to interviewing him, but on the other hand this appeared to be a fishing expedition inasmuch as BURDETT indicated he broke completely with the Party in 1942. I told Mr. Keay, however, that we wanted to conduct every bit of logical investigation possible to strengthen the captioned case, and unless the Bureau thought to the contrary we would go ahead and interview BURDETT in accordance with Harris' request and would have Washington Field determine what other witnesses had appeared and have them interviewed.

Mr. Keay said that it did not appear we should object to Harris' request, as some information might be developed, and he requested that we send a teletype to the Bureau and Washington Field setting forth the results and stating that the investigation would be conducted UACB.

DEM:RAA
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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

100-81752 Sub 23

July 18, 1955

Honorable J. Edward Lumbard
United States Attorney
Southern District of New York
United States Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

Attention: Special Assistant, Attorney General, David H. Harris

Re: United States vs. Alexander Trachtenberg, et al

My dear Mr. Lumbard:

Reference is made to the letter of Special Assistant, Attorney General, David H. Harris dated July 1, 1955, requesting an interview of Winston Burdett regarding the four defendants in this case, plus all persons named in the indictment, including co-conspirator non-defendants.

On July 13, 1955, Winston Burdett, Columbia Broadcasting System news commentator, was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] pursuant to Mr. Harris' request.

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Mr. Burdett advised he was never personally acquainted with any of these individuals. He stated that during his membership in the Communist Party in New York City from 1937 through 1939 he attended one or two public rallies sponsored by the Communist Party held in Madison Square Garden, New York City. Mr. Burdett recalled that Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, William Z. Foster and possibly Israel Amter were among the Communist Party leaders who sat on the speakers platform at these meetings and undoubtedly

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speke at the meetings, although he is now unable to recall the substance of their speeches or the nature of the rallies.

Mr. Burdett advised that during his Communist Party membership he heard Jacob Mindel mentioned by Communist Party members as a noted Communist Party teacher and lecturer.

Mr. Burdett stated that the names Gus Hall, Benjamin J. Davis, Jr. and Jack Stachel are familiar to him at the present time but only from newspaper accounts of their prosecution.

Mr. Burdett advised that all written material which he accumulated during his Communist Party membership has been destroyed long ago. In this regard he stated that the material which he had possessed consisted only of Communist Party publications which were then readily available to the general public as well as Communist Party members.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

Director, FBI (100-3-74-34) 7/20/55

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67C- On 7/13/55, WINSTON BURDETT was interviewed by SAs [redacted] regarding his knowledge of the TRACHTENBERG defendants and other persons named in the indictment including non-defendant co-conspirators. MR. BURDETT advised that he was never personally acquainted with any of these individuals. He stated that during the time he was a member of the CP in NYC from 1937-1939, he attended one or two public rallies held by the CP in Madison Square Garden. MR. BURDETT recalled that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and possibly ISRAEL AMTER were among the CP leaders who sat on the speakers platform at the CP rallies, but he is unable to recall if they made speeches or even the nature of the rallies.

MR. BURDETT recalled JACOB MINDEL being mentioned in CP circles as a noted CP teacher and lecturer. He stated the names, GUS HALL, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., and JACK STACHEL are familiar to him, but only through newspaper accounts of their prosecution.

MR. BURDETT advised he has no CP documents or publications in his possession at the present time. He stated the only material he ever possessed would have been available to the general public as well as CP members.

The above information has been furnished to SAAG DAVID H. HARRIS for info.

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Date 7-28-53

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RE: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, aka
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The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ( ) conceal all sources, ( ) paraphrase contents. (✓) Remarks:

Burdett's registration statement contains no new pertinent information.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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TO : SAC (65-15665)

DATE: 7-28-55

67C- FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT
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On 6-30-55 [redacted] visited the NYO for purpose of furnishing information on subject. [redacted] advised on this occasion that BURDETT'S recent testimony before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee was " basically true, but the inferences are not true". He advised that although BURDETT had testified that he severed all connection with the CP in 1942, [redacted] felt that BURDETT was still a CP member [redacted] also stated on 6-30-55 that he believed that subject made arrangements for the murder of BURDETT'S first wife.

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[redacted] interviewed at length at his place of business, the [redacted] on 7-8-55 by SAS [redacted] concerning the allegations he had made concerning BURDETT on 6-30-55.

Regarding his statement that BURDETT was a member of the CP seven years ago, [redacted] advised that he could recall nothing of a specific nature except the following:

a) [redacted] he had asked BURDETT'S opinion about Russian news correspondents. [redacted] that he did not recall his specific questions to BURDETT or BURDETT'S specific answers, but had the impression that BURDETT said something to the effect that the Russian correspondents were sincere and were doing the job they were supposed to do. In answer to a question by the interviewing agents for more

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specific information, [redacted] advised that he was unable to recall anything further at this time.

b) [redacted] recalled that both subject and [redacted] were critical of the behaviour of some of the American soldiers in Italy, particularly their conduct with Italian girls. [redacted] said that there had been some adverse publicity in American newspapers about U.S. soldiers in Italy and was not questioning BURDETT'S accuracy in telling him about this, but resented BURDETT'S talking about it because [redacted] felt that BURDETT should have been in the U.S. Armed Forces instead of " travelling all over as a news correspondent".

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Concerning his statement on 6-30-55 that he believed that BURDETT arranged for the murder of his first wife, [redacted] advised that this allegation is completely without foundation. He said that he was resentful of BURDETT getting " all that publicity" and being made " a hero" after his testimony before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee.

[redacted] advised that he came to the F.B.I. office on 6-30-55 because after reading about BURDETT'S testimony before the Senate committee he got"madder and madder", because he felt that BURDETT'S objective was to get publicity, and that if he were sincere he would have testified a long time ago. He further advised that he would not be surprised if BURDETT wrote a book about his experiences and made some money on the venture. He stated that he had nothing to substantiate this impression.

[redacted] said that he did not know of anyone related to BURDETT who might have information regarding BURDETT'S CP activities. He also stated that several days after his appearance at the NYO on 6-30-55(probably on July 2 or July3) he wrote a letter tothe CIA, Washington, D.C. concerning his allegations against BURDETT.

A teletype summarizing results of interview [redacted] was sent to the Bureau on 7-6-55.

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OF ABOVE PERSONS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING US VERSUS TRACHTENBERG, ET AL DEFENDANTS AND COCONSPIRATORS. HARRIS LETTER CONVEYING REQUEST STATES IF ANY OF THESE PERSONS QUOTE HAVE IN THE PAST REFUSED TO GIVE SUCH INFORMATION ON REQUEST, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THEY BE REINTERVIEWED PRESENTLY. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT SUMMARY REPORTS CONCERNING THE ABOVE LISTED INDIVIDUALS, IF ANY, TOGETHER WITH SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS, BE FURNISHED THIS OFFICE AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY UNQUOTE. REBUAIRTEL INSTRUCTED NEW YORK REGARDING CHARLES LEWIS, MONROE STERN AND CHARLES GRUTZNER. SINCE MANY OF PERSONS LISTED IN THIS ADDITIONAL REQUEST, MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY BUREAU IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF HARRIS' ~~PENDING~~ PRIOR REQUEST AND MAY BE AMONG WITNESSES WHO INVOKED FIFTH AMENDMENT BEFORE SUB COMMITTEE, NEW YORK TAKING NO ACTION PENDING ADVICE FROM BUREAU.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (65-15665) DATE: 10/10/55

FROM : SA WILLIAM K. BREUEL

SUBJECT: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, wa
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Source: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT (protect at his request), staff news correspondent, Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York.

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Date of Activity: Self-admitted CP member, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1937-1940, who performed espionage assignments abroad from 1940-1942.

Date Information Received: The entire information furnished by the subject concerning his activities, contacts and associates has been included in two signed statements dated 7/20/53 and 4/19/55. The date he furnished information concerning any particular individual named in this memo will be brought out hereafter in this memo.

Received By: The statement on 7/20/53 was furnished to SA [redacted] The statement 4/19/55 was furnished to SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]

Location: Statement 7/20/53 (65-15665-79), statement 4/19/55 (65-15665-99).

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In his statement of 7/20/53, the subject advised that MELVIN BARNETT (or BARNET) had been one of the individuals known to him who had been employed at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle", and who had been a member of the CP Unit there during the years that he, BURDETT, had been a member of that CP unit. He said that BARNET had been employed as a General Assignment Reporter for the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle".

An article in the "New York Times dated 7/14/55 has disclosed that on 7/13/55, MELVIN L. BARNET, a Copy Editor on the "New York Times", had refused to tell the SISS (SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE) in Washington, D. C., whether he had ever been a Communist. The article said that he invoked the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, which guarantees a witness against self-incrimination. According to the same article, Mr. BARNET was immediately discharged by ARTHUR HAYS SULZBERGER, President and Publisher of the "New York Times".

According to the same article, BARNET, of 93 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, New York, testified that after having left the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in 1941 he had been a Copy Editor on the "New York Daily Mirror", a New York newspaper, for about three months. He said that he was then employed by the Office of War Information for about nine months in 1942, and thereafter served in the U. S. Army Signal Corps during the war. After the war, according to the article, BARNET was a Copy Editor on the "New York Journal of Commerce" from February, 1946, to early 1953, and had then been employed by the "New York Times".

The article related that after BARNET had testified that he had been employed on the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" as Reporter, Rewrite Man, and Copy Editor from June, 1936, to February, 1941, he was asked by J. G. SOURWINE, Counsel to the SISS, if he had ever been a member of the CP while employed by the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle". The article states that BARNET then asserted his privilege under the Fifth Amendment, and, according to the article, when Mr. SOURWINE repeated the question BARNET asked if he might confer with his lawyer, LEONARD BOUDIN of New York City. After he was permitted to do so the article states that he then requested Mr. SOURWINE to repeat the question. The article states that after the question was repeated BARNET replied that since February or March of 1942 he had not been a

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Communist, and that as to the time prior to that he would assert his privilege under the Fifth Amendment. According to the same article, BARNET also invoked the Fifth Amendment to avoid answering questions about the possible Communist affiliation of other former employees of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle."

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In his statement of July 20, 1953, the subject advised that GLADYS BENTLEY had been known to him as a member of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Unit of the CP during the years that he had been a member of that unit. He described GLADYS BENTLEY as one who was employed in the Commercial Department of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" and who was active in the Newspaper Guild of New York.

An article in the "New York Times" dated 7/1/55 disclosed that a CHARLES GRUTZNER, a reporter for the "New York Times", had testified before the SISS on 6/30/55 when he named GLADYS BENTLEY as one of the three whom he had known as Communists at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" during the period about 1937 to 1940.

Senate Internal Security Subcommittee

An article in the "New York World Telegram and Sun", a New York daily newspaper, dated 7/1/55, has disclosed that GLADYS BENTLEY invoked the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer nearly all questions when she testified before the SISS at Washington, D. C., on 6/30/55.

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In his statement of 7/20/53, the subject advised that GLADYS KOPF had worked as Office Secretary at the Newspaper Guild of New York, and had been known to him as a CP member during about 1937 to 1940.

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In his statement of 7/20/53, the subject advised that ALVAH BESSIE had been one of his closest friends while at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle", and that although his, BURDETT'S, joining of the CP was not caused by any particular individual, ALVAH BESSIE was possibly the most instrumental of any single person in recruiting him into the CP. The subject stated that he is certain that BESSIE was a member of the CP, although he cannot be certain whether BESSIE was a member of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Unit of the CP as he, BESSIE, left the employment of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" prior to the time that BURDETT became a member of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Unit of the CP.

Senate Internal Security Subcommittee

An article in the "New York Times" dated 6/30/55 disclosed that on 6/29/55 ALVAH BESSIE, while testifying before the SISS at Washington, D. C., invoked the Constitution's Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination and refused to answer a long series of questions put to him by Mr. J. G. SOURWINE, Committee Counsel. The article went on to say that BESSIE cited the Fifth Amendment in refusing to say whether he knew most of the persons named by the subject, or whether those he would admit knowing had been Communists.

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The subject, in his statement of April 19, 1955, advised that early in July, 1951, HYMAN CHARNIAK phoned him at his office at the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) in New York City, New York, and asked to have breakfast with him the following day. Subject said that arrangements had been made to meet for breakfast on the following day when CHARNIAK told him that he was in trouble and under investigation by authorities of the U. S. Army, for which he was then working in the American Occupation Zone of Western Germany. Subject said that CHARNIAK asked him whether he, BURDETT, would be willing to sign a statement which, in effect, would testify to his political integrity and loyalty. Subject said that he did not know exactly what the text of the statement would have been, but it would have carried the implication that CHARNIAK was not and never had been a member of the CP. Subject said that he declined to sign the statement and strongly suggested to CHARNIAK that the best thing for him to do would be to tell the whole truth of his past CP membership which he, CHARNIAK, had terminated, to BURDETT'S knowledge, in 1939.

It is noted that subject, in his statement of 7/20/53, stated that HYMAN CHARNIAK was a member of the CP Unit of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in Brooklyn, New York, when he, BURDETT, joined that unit in August of 1937. He said at that time that he believed that CHARNIAK had been a member for some time prior to August of 1937.

Subject related that CHARNIAK was very regular in his attendance at the CP meetings and took an active part in the affairs of the unit until the latter part of 1939. He went on to say that, at that time, CHARNIAK expressed openly his dissatisfaction over the Russian-Nazi Pact and that at a meeting held about two or three months prior to BURDETT'S leaving the unit in January, 1940, CHARNIAK made the statement to the effect that he could not take it any longer and that it was the last meeting he was going to attend.

BURDETT said that he is quite certain that CHARNIAK did not attend any other meetings of the unit from that time until he, BURDETT, left in January, 1940, and that the incident, indeed, marked the end of CHARNIAK'S CP association.

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In his statement of 4/19/55, BURDETT advised that in the spring of 1947 he had received a letter from HERBERT COHN whom he had identified in his statement of 7/20/53 as an individual employed as a reporter and movie reviewer on the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle", a now defunct newspaper published in Brooklyn, New York. The subject said in his statement of 7/20/53 that COHN had been known to him as a CP member during the years 1937-1940 when he, BURDETT, had been a CP member at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Unit of the CP. Continuing in his statement of 4/19/55, the subject said that COHN, in his letter, asked him to make a contribution of money. Subject said he assumed that this contribution was designed for CP purposes and on that basis assumed also that COHN was, at that time, still a member of the CP at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle", where he thought COHN was still employed. BURDETT said he never responded to COHN'S letter and of course never sent him any money.

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	Belgrade, Yugoslavia (1940-41)
	Ankara, Turkey, Tehran, Iran (1941-42). New Delhi, India Cairo, Egypt (1942-43)
	Algiers (1943-44)
	Italy (1944-46)
	2800 Woodley Road, Northwest Washington, D.C. (1946-48)
	Rome, Italy (1948-51)
	Hotel Gladstone, 114 West 52nd Street, New York City (1951)
	430 East 63rd Street, New York City (1951-55)
	London, England (1955-56)
	Rome, Italy (1956-)
Employment	Reporter, columnist and associate editor "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," Brooklyn, New

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The subject, in his statement of 4/19/55, advised that ELEANOR DOWLING was the wife of LYLE DOWLING, whom he had identified as being, at one time, a member of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Unit of the CP. He said that he cannot recall ELEANOR DOWLING having participated in any specific CP meeting or activity, but did recall that she was aware of his, BURDETT'S, CP membership, as well as that of her husband's. He said that it is his strong belief that she was also a card-carrying Party member, although he cannot state so with finality.

It is noted that subject, in his statement of 7/20/53, advised that LYLE DOWLING was employed by the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in 1937 in an executive position, but that he did not agree with the newspaper's policies in publishing what he considered to be a good newspaper. BURDETT advised that due to this friction between DOWLING and other executives of the newspaper, he, DOWLING, became interested and active in the Newspaper Guild's Strike against the paper.

Subject said that DOWLING was a member of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Unit of the CP from the spring of 1938 on, although he actually left his job at the "Eagle" at about that time.

An article in the "New York Times" dated 6/30/55 disclosed that on 6/29/55, LYLE DOWLING, 55 East 93rd Street, NYC, New York, testified as a witness before the SISS at Washington, D. C., when he said he was not a Communist. According to the article, DOWLING used the Constitution's Fifth Amendment frequently in avoiding the questions concerning possible Communist affiliations on his part.

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The subject, in his statement of 4/19/55, advised that FRIEDA EINHORN, the wife of NATHAN EINHORN, was, in his opinion, fully aware of her husband's CP membership and activities. Subject said that he cannot place her at any CP meeting, but definitely assumes that she was a CP member during the period of his acquaintance with her.

It is noted, in his signed statement of 7/20/53, subject advised that NATHAN EINHORN was the "leader" and "prime mover" of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" CP Unit.

On 4/19/55, subject advised that, in his opinion, NATHAN EINHORN was the only "professional member" of the individuals known to him at that time to be members of that CP unit.

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In his statement of 7/20/53, the subject advised that NATHAN EINHORN was the "leader" and "prime mover" of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" CP Unit.

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An article in the "New York Times" dated 7/14/55 disclosed that on 7/13/55, CHARLES S. LEWIS appeared before the SISS at Washington, D. C., when he stated that he had been a member of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" staff from February, 1929, to October, 1942, and a member of the CP Unit of that newspaper for a short while during about 1937. In regard to NATHAN EINHORN, LEWIS testified that he had known EINHORN as the man who was "in charge of the Unit".

An article in the "New York Times" dated 7/1/55 disclosed that CHARLES GRUTZNER, a reporter for the "New York Times", testified before the SISS on 6/30/55, when he named NATHAN EINHORN as one of three men whom he had known as Communists during the period 1937 to 1940, the time he, GRUTZNER, was a reporter on the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle".

In the same article it was reported that NATHAN EINHORN testified before the Subcommittee that he is not a Communist. The article said that EINHORN stated he had not been a member of any political party since he first started work for the Polish Information Service in 1949. The article stated that EINHORN pleaded the Fifth Amendment in response to all questions on whether he had ever been a member of the CP in the past, and also in response to all questions concerning possible Communist affiliations on the part of other former employees of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle". The article further related that EINHORN denied that he had recruited subject into the CP, or that he had been instrumental in sending him overseas on an espionage mission for the Communists, as the subject had testified on 6/29/55 before that Subcommittee. EINHORN, according to the article, admitted that he had "suggested" the subject to JOSEPH NORTH, Editor of the Communist publication "New Masses", as someone who would "give a fairer picture" of the Finnish-Russian War then in progress.

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An article in the "New York Herald Tribune", a New York City daily newspaper, dated 7/1/55 further disclosed that EINHORN, in his testimony before the SISS in Washington, D. C., on 6/30/55, advised that he, EINHORN, had worked for the "Rocky Mountain News" in Denver, Colorado, in 1927-1928, had joined the staff of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" in 1933, and had been Executive Secretary of the Newspaper Guild of New York from 1939 to 1946. According to this article, EINHORN was described as an American citizen who was Public Relations Director in Washington, D. C., for the "Embassy of Communist Poland".

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An article in the "New York Times" dated 6/30/55 has disclosed that Mr. J. G. SOURWINE, Counsel for the SIIS, Washington, D. C., on 6/29/55 questioned the subject concerning IRA HENRY FREEMAN. According to the article, the subject could not identify him as a Communist when he testified before the Subcommittee on that date.

An article in the "New York Times" dated 7/15/55, disclosed that on 7/14/55 IRA HENRY FREEMAN, a reporter on the "New York Times" since 1928, testified before the SISS, Washington, D. C., that he had been a member of the CP for "approximately one year" from 1938 to 1939. FREEMAN said, according to the article, that he had been recruited into the CP by MILTON KAUFMAN, then Executive Director of the New York Newspaper Guild, and "one other person" who he claimed is now deceased and for that reason did not identify him.

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In his statement of 7/20/53, the subject advised that DAVID GORDON, a general assignment reporter for the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle", was a member of the CP Unit at that newspaper during the years that he was a member of that CP Unit.

An article in the "New York Times" dated 7/14/55 disclosed that on 7/13/55, DAVID GORDON, a reporter on the "New York Daily News", a New York newspaper, invoked the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution when he testified before the SISS at Washington, D. C. According to the article, GORDON said that he had been on the staff of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" from 1933 to 1943 and had been a reporter on the "New York Daily News" for the past six years. The article stated that when asked by Mr. J. G. SCURWINE, Counsel for the SISS, as to whether he had been a member of the CP Unit at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle", GORDON replied that he is not a Communist and has not been in any way for the past 12 years. He answered all further questions about the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Unit by invoking the Fifth Amendment. The article went on to say that GORDON admitted knowing most of the persons named by the subject, but invoked the Fifth Amendment when asked if he had known them as Communists.

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An article in the "New York Times" dated 7/15/55 disclosed that DAVID GORDON had been discharged by the "New York Daily News". The article went on to say that GORDON was notified of his dismissal by RICHARD W. CLARKE, Executive Editor of the "Daily News" in a letter which read in part, "your conduct as a witness before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee in Washington, D. C., on July 13, 1955, together with other disclosures and circumstances regarding alleged Communist activities, has destroyed your usefulness to 'The News'. Therefore, your services as an employee of 'The News' are being terminated immediately."

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In his statement of 7/20/53, the subject advised that CHARLES GRUTZNER, a reporter for the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle", was known by him to be a member of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Unit of the CP. The subject said that it is his belief that he was in the process of dropping out of the CP in 1939, although he cannot positively state that GRUTZNER is no longer a CP member.

An article in the "New York Times" dated 7/1/55 disclosed that CHARLES GRUTZNER, a reporter for the "New York Times", testified before the SIBS at Washington, D. C., on 6/30/55, that he had joined the CP in 1937 and had left it in 1940, during which time he was a reporter for the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle". He said that he has had no contact with the CP whatsoever since that time. According to the article, GRUTZNER joined the city staff of the "New York Times" as a reporter in 1941. The article went on to say that GRUTZNER testified that his party membership had grown out of his interest in civic activities, such as better housing committees, anti-discrimination committees, and the like. He said that he had been first invited to join the CP in 1936, however, did not become a member until almost a year later, when NAT EINHORN invited him to join. He said that since he left the CP in the fall of 1940, he has not knowingly aided or abetted Communism. The article went on to say that GRUTZNER identified NATHAN EINHORN, GLADYS BENTLEY and MILTON KAUFMAN as persons known to him to have been Communists during the time that he had been a member of the CP.

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In his statement of 7/20/53, the subject advised that MILTON KAUFMAN, formerly Executive Secretary of the Newspaper Guild ~~at that time~~, was known to him to be a member of the CP during the time that he, the subject, was a member of the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" unit, CP.

It is noted that IRA HENRY FREEMAN (NY 100-79241) has named MILTON KAUFMAN as the one who had recruited him into the CP during 1938-1939 and CHARLES GRUTZNER (NY 100-103328) has named MILTON KAUFMAN as one of the three known to him as a member of the CP during the period 1937-1940.

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An article in the "New York Times" dated 6/30/55 has disclosed that MILTON KAUFMAN appeared as a witness before the SISS, Washington, D. C., 6/29/55, when he invoked the Constitution's Fifth Amendment when questioned about Communism in the Newspaper Guild of New York by the Committee Counsel Mr. J. G. SOURWINE.

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The subject stated, in his statement of 4/19/55 that AMOS LANDMAN was active in the New York Newspaper Guild at the time that he, BURDETT, was working for the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle". BURDETT said that LANDMAN was employed at that time as a reporter at the New York (Manhattan) newspaper which he believed was either the "New York Daily News" or the "New York Daily Mirror". He said that he cannot recall any episode or contact which definitely identified LANDMAN as a CP member, and that he cannot definitely state that LANDMAN was a CP member. He said that nevertheless, whether because he was mentioned to him as a Party member, or because he may have met or seen him at some Party "fraction" meeting, the strong impression remains in his mind that LANDMAN was indeed a CP member.

An article in the "New York Times" dated 7/1/55 disclosed that on 6/30/55, AMOS LANDMAN appeared as a witness before the SISS, Washington, D. C., when he said he was not a Communist. According to the article, LANDMAN invoked the Fifth Amendment to avoid replying to questions on an affidavit signed in Bombay, India, by an AMOS LANDMAN on 9/15/53, which affidavit said the signer had become a member of the CP in 1937 or 1938, but had not been a member since that time.

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In his statement of 7/20/53, the subject advised that CHARLES LEWIS was a member of the CP unit at the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" when he, the subject, joined that unit in August, 1937. He said that CHARLES LEWIS was not as regular in his attendance at the CP meetings as some of the others and that this was the cause of some discontent among the other members. He said that it was his understanding that LEWIS' wife was opposed to his activities in the unit and also in the New York Newspaper Guild because it took up so much of his time. He went on to say that LEWIS edited the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Guild paper for a long time and was very active in the unit's affairs. According to the subject, when he, the subject, left the unit in January, 1940, LEWIS was still officially and formally a member of that unit.

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An article in the "New York Times" dated 7/14/55 disclosed that CHARLES S. LEWIS, now Public Affairs Director of WCAX radio and television stations in Burlington, Vermont, testified before the SISS, Washington, D. C., on 7/13/55 that he had been a Communist for two or three months in 1937. According to the article, LEWIS stated he had been recruited into the CP by VIOLET BROWN, subsequently known as Mrs. WEINGARTEN. The article went on to say that she had contacted him and had given him a sales talk that as an active member of the Newspaper Guild, he should be a member of the CP, which she told him was making the actual decisions in the Newspaper Guild. According to the article, LEWIS said he had signed an application, received a Party card, and paid dues. He identified NAT EINHONR as the man who was "in charge of that unit".

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