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March 1, 1976

Mr. Joseph P. Lash
29 East 9th Street
New York, New York 10003

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11-7-88 BY SP2 [redacted]

Dear Mr. Lash:

This is in reference to your letter dated
January 30, 1976, concerning your Freedom of Information-
Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

We have completed processing your request, and
those documents proposed for release are currently being
reviewed by a representative for White House FOIPA matters
as explained in my earlier letter.

We expect to have the results of this review
within two weeks. You will be advised at that time as
to what can be released and a final determination of
the charges incurred for processing.

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MAR 1 1976
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Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
Attention: [redacted]

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NOTE: Mr. Lash has requested reports that went to the
White House concerning the American First movement. They
are currently being reviewed by the Intelligence Division
and its White House liaison section. Bufiles 100-4712,
100-81322 and 62-43818.

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Type of References Requested:

Regular Request (Analytical Search)
 All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
 Subversive References Only
 Nonsubversive References Only
 Main References Only

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Type of Search Requested:

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Subject American First Movement
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JOSEPH P. LASH
NEW YORK N. Y.

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Director Clarence M. Kelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

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DATE 11-7-88 BY [redacted]

Dear Director Kelley:

Pursuant to your letter of March 8, 1976
I am enclosing my check for \$16.70 in payment of
the duplication fees for the material that has
been made available for release.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph P. Lash

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JOSEPH P. LASH
20 East 9 St.
NEW YORK N. Y. 10023

May 17, 1975

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

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DATE 11-2-88 BY ~~SP-7~~

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In connection with the Roosevelt-Churchill book on which I am at work I now have a further query. It relates to the America First movement and the Bureau's investigation of its activities at the behest of Mr. Roosevelt.

Would it be possible for me to see copies of the reports that went to the White House in connection with that investigation? As this was one of the first political investigations by the Bureau, apart from the investigation of Communists, Nazis and the like, it has, as you will appreciate, considerable historical interest.

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March 16, 1976

1 - Mr. Walsh - Enc. 1
Attn: [REDACTED]

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 11-7-86 BY SP7 [REDACTED]

Mr. Joseph P. Lash
20 East 9th Street
New York, New York 10003

Dear Mr. Lash:

Receipt of your payment for fees as previously
requested is acknowledged.

Enclosed are copies of documents from our files.
Excisions have been made from these documents, and other
documents have been withheld in their entirety in order to
protect materials which are exempted from disclosure by the
following subsections of Title 5, United States Code,
Section 552:

(b) (2) materials related solely to the internal
rules and practices of the FBI;

(b) (6) materials contained in sensitive records
such as personnel or medical files, the
disclosure of which would constitute a
clearly unwarranted invasion of personal
privacy;

(b) (7) investigatory records compiled for law
enforcement purposes, the disclosure of
which would:

(C) constitute an unwarranted invasion
of the personal privacy of another
person;

(D) reveal the identity of an individual
who has furnished information to the
FBI under confidential circumstances
or reveal information furnished only
by such a person and not apparently
known to the public or otherwise
accessible to the FBI by overt means;

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure - detached
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Mr. Joseph P. Lash

(F) endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel.

You have thirty days from receipt of this letter to appeal to the Attorney General from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Attorney General (Attention: Freedom of Information Appeals Unit), Washington, D. C. 20530. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal."

Sincerely Yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (32)

NOTE: Bufiles (100-81322-27), (62-43818-227, 255, 257 and 405), (100-4712-7x, 18, 20, 25, 73, 100, 103, 104, 127, 150, 158, 161x, 170, 176, 177, 201, 206, 207, 210, 230, 263, 284, 289, 290, 309, and 320.). This completes the processing of the FOIA request concerning the Americal First Movement. The \$16.70 was for duplication fees incurred.

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JOSEPH P. LASH

NEW YORK N. Y. 10003

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May 17, 1975

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

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JUN 18 1975

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June 17, 1975

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EX-120 Mr. Joseph P. Lash
East 9th Street
New York, New York 10003

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 11-7-88 BY SP- [redacted]

Dear Mr. Lash:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request dated May 17, 1975, making an inquiry relating to the America First Movement.

We have made a preliminary search of our records which has revealed extensive references regarding the subject of your inquiry.

Department of Justice regulations authorize searching fees in the amount of \$4.00 per hour exclusive of the first 15 minutes of searching time. It is anticipated that fees with regard to your request will be approximately \$317.00. Prior to processing your request, we will require you to indicate your willingness to pay fees in this amount, and to furnish a 25 percent deposit of \$80.00 by check or money order payable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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I must caution, however, that submission of the above deposit will not necessarily result in the entire contents of our records being disclosed to you, since we are guided by the provisions of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552, as recently amended, in disclosing materials from our records.

In the event you do authorize the above, I wish to point out there is an additional fee for duplicating material which may be determined to be subject to release, at the rate of 10 cents a page.

Sincerely yours,
C. M. Kelley

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
Attention: [redacted]

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Mr. Joseph P. Lash

NOTE: Mr. Lash made a request in the past in connection with a book he is writing. This is a new request. The \$317.00 was determined by approximately 79 1/4 hours searching time.

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- Teletype
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- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

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Date 12/21/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [(105-307474)] (E7C)
 FROM: SAC, WFO [(105-143166 Sub GG)] (E2U)

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 AND FIELD OFFICES
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Based upon available information, WFO indices contained no record identifiable with these individuals. (U)

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In all cases, FBIHQ indices will, automatically be checked so that pertinent identifiable information will be made available to the appropriate field office to assist that office in making the determination whether or not preliminary investigation should be instituted. (S)

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In order to respond to periodic Attorney General or Congressional inquires for accountability of cases opened for investigation, recipient office will direct a copy of their first outgoing communication, indicating that a preliminary investigation has been initiated, to WFO file 105-143166 Sub GG. This communication must reference WFO's Sub GG original airtel for retrieval purposes. (S)

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3 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552

Section 552a

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Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

_____ Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

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For your information: _____

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Director, FBI (100-50914)

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DATE 9/27/88 [REDACTED]

JOSEPH P. LASH
20 EAST 9TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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In the event that the WFO and New York files concerning the above captioned have been destroyed under the current guidelines for the destruction of field files and records, the following information is being furnished to your offices. (U)

Joseph P. Lash, born 12/2/09, in New York, New York, was employed by the New York Post for a number of years as a feature writer and reporter on U. N. matters. He joined the Socialist Party of the United States in 1929 and remained a member until 1937. Subsequently he became associated with a number of communist front organizations and followed the Communist Party line until 1939, when he criticized the Russian attack on Finland and took an anti-communist stand. (U)(U)

Of late Lash has been the author of numerous letters directed to FBIHQ under the Freedom of Information-Privacy Act, requesting information for a book he is writing on the late President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. (U)

In view of Lash's age and employment (author), New York need not take any action unless information contained by your office indicates to the contrary. (U)

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Letter to New York
Re: Joseph P. Lash
20 East 9th Street
New York, New York
100-50914

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: JOSEPH LASH
FROM J. EDGAR HOOVER'S O&C FILES

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Mr. Coffey _____

Mr. Glavin _____

Mr. Ladd _____

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Mr. Rosen _____

Mr. Tracy _____

Mr. Carson _____

Mr. Hendon _____

Mr. Mumford _____

Mr. Harbo _____

Mr. Starke _____

Mr. Quinn Tamm _____

Tele. Room _____

Mr. Nease _____

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Miss Gandy _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DATE December 31, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: DISMEMBERMENT OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE
CORPS, G-2

It has been apparent to the writer for several months that certain powerful interests within or near the War Department have undertaken an active program aimed at the dismemberment of the Counterintelligence Corps of G-2. It is now the writer's belief that this opinion is justified because of certain information which has come to my attention and which is set out below.

Recently at a G-2 social function the writer had a long discussion with Colonel Kibler who is Officer in Charge of the Counterintelligence Corps. This discussion was of a very frank nature since the writer has become very friendly personally with Colonel Kibler. The Colonel stated quite frankly that the reason Counterintelligence Corps had been wrecked was that Harry Hopkins and the Secret Service had ordered it to be so wrecked. Colonel Kibler stated that through some unknown means Harry Hopkins learned that the Counterintelligence Corps was investigating Joseph Lash, former Young Communist leader who is now in the Army and that in this investigation they had run upon Mrs. Roosevelt who had come to Chicago apparently for the purpose of meeting Lash. Colonel Kibler stated that he did not know exactly how Hopkins found out about this but believed it was through some indiscretion of Colonel Furbershaw who is the Director of Intelligence, Sixth Service Command, stationed in Chicago.

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Recently while Bissell was in Washington he made some calls at the War Department and learned that he had been blackballed by the White House. He also learned that because of his record it was quite

possible that at the present time, if he had not been blackballed, he would be a Major General. He also had a long discussion with Colonel Forney who succeeded Bissell as Chief, Counterintelligence Group, G-2. Forney advised Bissell that the reason he had been blackballed and the reason that he would never advance any further in the Army and would probably never be sent out of the country with troops was because he had been connected with the Joe Lash-Eleanor Roosevelt investigation in Chicago.

Forney stated to Bissell that the facts of this investigation had been disclosed to the White House through some unknown means and that shortly after Bissell left, a call was received by General Strong and Colonel Forney to proceed to the White House with the complete records of this matter at approximately 10:00 p.m. at night. When they reached the White House they were received by the President, General Watson and Harry Hopkins and were ordered to produce the entire records in this case. Colonel Forney stated to Colonel Bissell that this was extremely embarrassing in as much as the material contained a recording of the entire proceedings between Lash and Mrs. Roosevelt which had been obtained through a microphone which had been planted in the hotel room. This recording indicated quite clearly that Mrs. Roosevelt and Lash engaged in sexual intercourse during their stay in the hotel room. Forney advised Bissell that after this record was played Mrs. Roosevelt was called into the conference and was confronted with the information and this resulted in a terrific fight between the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. At approximately 5:00 a.m. the next morning the President called for General Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Corps, and upon his arrival at the conference ordered him to have Lash outside the United States and on his way to a combat post within ten hours.

After the conference was over it was learned that the President had ordered that anybody who knew anything about this case should be immediately relieved of his duties and sent to the South Pacific for action against the Japs until they were killed. Forney advised Bissell that everyone who is known to have any knowledge at all of this matter is on the permanent black list at the White House. Bissell stated that the only thing that kept these men from being sent to the South Pacific was that it was learned that there were too many of them to be treated in this manner. Colonel Bissell stated that the only reason that more was not done to him was that General Watson apparently came to his defense and assured the President that Bissell would not talk about this matter indiscriminately.

Respectfully,

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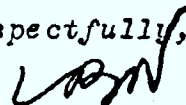
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August 25, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR

You will recall our conversation some time ago wherein a reporter from the Times Herald was checking up on Joe Lash and was interested in endeavoring to locate a recording of the activities between Mrs. Roosevelt and Lash. Our files contained no information on the subject. However, a pink memorandum concerning this matter has been located, a copy of which is attached.

Respectfully,



L. E. Nichols

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Attachment

January 18, 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Mr. Ladd and I have checked on the Joe Lash file.

With reference to the Mrs. Roosevelt incident, we of course never investigated this. It was investigated by CIC prior to 1943. We do have a photostat of the G-2 file.

There were no recordings ^{IN THE BURTON FILES.} between Mrs. Roosevelt and Lash. Obviously, they did have a microphone because there were recordings of conversations between Lash and Mrs. Trudie W. Pratt which also reflected what transpired in the hotel room.

This information was given to George Burton by Colonel Kibler and Colonel Jack Bissell. It is recorded in a blue memorandum dated December 31, 1943.

The blue memorandum and a photostat of the G-2 file are maintained by Miss Gandy but have never been in the Files Section.

It is not believed that anyone in the Bureau has knowledge of this except Burton, Mr. Ladd, E. A. Tamm, me, and the stenographer whose initials are FIL and whose identity we are now trying to establish.

It is therefore believed thoroughly safe for Mr. Tracy to tell Senator Watkins the FBI never investigated the Roosevelt-Lash incident. There is nothing from official sources on this in the FBI files.

Both Mr. Ladd and I do recall there have been newspaper articles linking Lash to Mrs. Roosevelt.

In 1949, Frank Waldrop of the Times Herald told me they were on the trail of certain recordings that allegedly would show an illicit relationship between Lash and Mrs. Roosevelt. At that time I made a thorough check of all our files and there was nothing in the main files. The pink memorandum has never been circulated in the Bureau and is not known to anyone outside of Miss Lurz in my office, Mr. Tolson, Miss Gandy, and you. Mr. Ladd was informed of my check this morning although he vaguely recalls when I was checking on this a year ago.

Marion Canty, who is Drew Pearson's secretary, left the Bureau in October, 1943. However, she would have no knowledge of this as she had been in the Washington Field Office from 1937 to 1943 when she resigned.

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The photostat of the G-2 file and the blue memorandum dated December 31, 1943, are attached.

Mr. Tracy will be advised along the lines of our discussion this morning. He will also tell Watkins that Anderson's wife works in Ident but does not have access to the main files. I think, as a tactic, Tracy should get across to Watkins and Watkins should carry the point to Anderson that he had checked at the FBI and FBI files do not contain any such information. It is obvious that Anderson probably has learned of the file from G-2 sources and from the rumors which have been circulated in Washington.

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February 2, 1954

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When Mrs. Roosevelt checked out on the morning of March 7, she paid all the bills. *R*

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Return Address:

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington D.C.

Postmark

Washington D.C.
Mar. 15, 1943
1 AM

Sunday Mar. 14th

1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dearest Joe,

Your letter written Thursday came today and I was happy to hear your voice and Trude's last night - She did tell me about Eliot and her talk but I never get any feeling of indecision in her, just regrets that he has to be hurt when he is so weak - Her eyes troubled her too and if you were able to be strong and trusting, I'm sure you gave her all she needed and then she would be able to reassure you. Your lack of trust is understandable after these past years but you must fight the "fever." You see her being trustworthy I feel depends largely upon your trust! Sounds trite but is oftent true! You know nothing is ever finally won, it is always won by daily acts. A real marriage means continuous effort, continuous wooing and loving and understanding and forgiving. I think real friendship is the same - No real human contacts live and grow untended.

Trude made me happy by asking me to go and see the little house with her on Tuesday and she said she was going to talk it over with you as she wanted you so much to see it, and she is planning for your joint lives in it.

I imagine Betty Louise Roosevelt at Hoke Sound is not far from Lewis but I don't think he'd enjoy her or her group! Tell him to go visit her Farm Society Camps in the Everglades back of Palm Beach. He might be interested and in the menagerie he might find some congenial souls.

You are right about Elliott's letter. It was good but deigning to answer Lambertson seems to me a waste of time.

I put in a good evening of work last night and slept longer than usual and I feel like a nicer person than I did when I wrote you yesterday! Walked an hour and a half with

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Exhibit II

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Elinor Margenthau this morning and it was like Spring - At four I must go and speak at the Pan American Union and tonight we have a very distinguished dinner for Anthony Eden - Tomorrow I'll see Trude and I'll feel a little nearer to you because she's seen you. Don't run out of stamps. I like to get your letters quickly.

I love you dear.

ER

Enclosed was clipping of Carl Sandburg's column from the March 11, 1943 issue of a Galesburg, Illinois newspaper.

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SECRET
March 12th

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

My dearest Joe. I think of you and Trude together and hope you are very, very happy. There is no word from New York so I hope the children are getting on well.

I'll send you more cookies and things from Oregon when I know you are moved and settled.

This day has been a busy one - Spanish lesson and then a visit from the vice president. He brought some interesting documents which I will bring when next we meet since I dare not entrust them to the mails.

Newspaper ladies to lunch, a meeting for Mrs. Bettemmes College at which we raised several thousand dollars. I don't think I'll go as well at the Little meeting in N.Y. next Tuesday P.M. - This evening the Nelson Rockefellers to dine - He wanted me to go to S. America. After dinner we had a movie "The Human Comedy" taken from Saroyan's book. Have you seen it? It is deeply moving but I don't stand such things well - I want to rage against the waste and horror of it -

I talked awhile tonight about going to China and Russia and FDR feels I should not go for some time. I think he hopes to meet Stalin and Chiang this spring or summer and wants to wait on that. So I think I'll go West and see all I can of you and hope that you and Trude will use the cottages for a few days alone and then let me come and see you! I must finish this tomorrow as I want to enclose a poem which has to be copied. Goodnight dear boy and bless you - My love to you.

Saturday 6:30 P.M. I just called New York to have news of the children if you and Trude call. It is good even on Peter so you should be carefree. My lunch for the Capitol Page Boys was apparently a great success! Also I've rehearsed with Martha of Norway for Monday night and I think she'll do well!

Confession is good for the soul, so I'll tell you that Dorothy Roosevelt is here. She has a friend and her son staying here and wants me to see innumerable guests. I would not care if she'd have them and I felt no obligations. I want to eat alone tonight and work but I have to have 7 of them for dinner while FDR has Eden, Winant and Harry. I

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Exhibit I (C)

I know I'm selfish but if I don't really like people I hate
doing personal things for them! Now I have blown off and
I'll try to benice.

Bless you and all my love.

ER

Inclosures

1. A poem by Jan Struther - "The American Way of Life."
2. Text of Dr. Alvin Johnson's Editorial for Bulletin No. 11
of March 15th, 1943, bulletin prepared by New School for
Social Research, 66 West 12th St., New York, N.Y.

Postmark:

Washington, D.C.
March 14, 1943
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Chanute Field, Illinois
March 16, 1943
201 - LASH, JOSEPH P.

The letter from Dr. Rugg was a request to Subject in his former role of Executive-Secretary of the I.S.S. for some bulletins, while the Social Service Auxiliary Fund sought a contribution. Mrs. PRATT wrote Subject a short love note from Chicago, following a weekend with him in Urbana, Illinois, and the Chelsea Warehouse sent Subject a bill for \$4.63.

Copies were made of the two letters from E. R. and are attached as Exhibits I and II.

NOTE:

Particular attention is invited to paragraph 3 of Exhibit I.

H. F. Walterhouse
HARRY F. WALTERHOUSE
Major, Air Corps

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Place: Chamute Field, Illinois
Date: March 16, 1943
File: 201 - LASH, JOSEPH P.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Subject: JOSEPH P. LASH
ASN 32326519, Sgt.
2nd Feather Sqdn.
Patterson Field, Ohio
Att: 7th Tech. Schl. Sqdn.
Chamute Field, Illinois
Re: Results of Mail Cover

This officer reviewed results of mail cover on Sgt. JOSEPH P. LASH, ASN 32326519, 2nd Weather Squadron, Patterson Field, Ohio, attached 7th Technical School Squadron, Chamute Field, Illinois, on March 16, 1943, in connection with an investigation of Subject, who is suspected of Communistic affiliations. The review covered the period from March 14, 1943 to March 16, 1943. Subject received the following mail:

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>
3/14/43	Dr. Earl Rugg College Planning Commission Colorado State College Greeley, Colorado
3/14/43	Social Service Auxiliary Fund 416 E. 26th St. New York, N. Y.
3/15/43	E. R. 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D. C.
3/15/43	Trude W. Pratt Chicago, Illinois
3/15/43	Chelsea Fireproof Storage Warehouse 426 - 438 W. 26th St. New York, N. Y.
3/16/43	E. R. 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D. C.

Incl #5

(MEMO " ")

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IRVIN seems worried about the Sovietization of all these border states. But I think that it won't be done as crudely as it was in Germany.

My eyes went bad tonight and I can not see at all. It may be because I tried to follow the Russian text while I played the Russian Red Army songs and got hopelessly mixed up.

SECRET (2)

February 24, 1943

Mrs. Roosevelt told me yesterday that in all probability she will visit the land of her visitor and that the president was quite eager to have her do it. She herself will not go unless she can also go to Russia, as she does not want to create more bad feeling where too much exists already. She would, however, not leave immediately probably not before early summer. Russia still seems to be uncertain. STANDLEY apparently told the president that he would resign if more visiting dignitaries were sent him. That the Willkie visit was quite enough for the duration. It seems amusing that Mrs. R. doubts for even one moment his reaction to her visit. Tommy who is still not well would probably not go along. We were thinking yesterday of a possible substitute. I suggested ANNA but Mrs. R. said she should under no circumstances leave ~~Tommy~~ (?) and the children. That she had made me unavailable, too. Her remark pleased me very much not because I would have dreamt of going but because she would even consider me. She told me stories about Mae. Chiang. I think a close human relationship is developing between them. But Mrs. R. is worried about the delicate health of Mae. Chiang. She says she has to rest a day after every major engagement, needs two trained nurses whom she keeps extremely busy, talks a great deal about her sister, Mrs. Kung, but never mentions Mrs. Sun. I had been wondering whether she mentioned Sun only in public. I was amazed to hear that Mae Chiang had^{not} heard about our TVA.

Mrs. R. did not seem or rather not optimistic about public plans for the Morris committee. Thinks the financing will be almost impossible without financing aid from the unions. She believes that the first year's finances should be secured before one starts, that the money would have to be pumped into the states if one wants to build a real and that the people to do the job would all have to be signed up before hand. Your idea to me was much more plausible than Jim Loeb's. Would you write Mrs. R. if you want to?

I had talked to Irwin yesterday, who is not too well but promises to behave and to really work for the USSA. He is having a tough time with his article on the Exile Government. After having interviewed 25 people, he is completely pessimistic. He really did not find out much that is new, probably not new to you. The Poles, of course are rather anti-Russian, and even the papers report that the situation is delicate. I remember the president's remarks that the Poles want East Prussia. It now seems that the Poles would have to have a big slice of Eastern Germany if the Russians insist on the Western Ukraine and Byelo Russia--as they do. That can only be worked out by shifting millions of people and would be the one beginning of a general carving up of Germany. It may be necessary, but unless it is undertaken with complete ruthlessness, it will fail. I think it would mean bringing Germany under Russian orbit. Not immediately but inevitably. A peace with the status quo over anti-powers would need a strong Germany. So the anti-Russian SIKORSKI is really working against himself.

The Czecks under Benes have decided to work completely with Russia. You probably saw that Russia granted their third(?) Ruthenia. They proposed a federation of nations, also completely under Russian protection to which the Poles and the exiled Yugoslavians are unalterably opposed. HODZA, who came here for his health is arranging the Slovaks against Benes. He is working with the Yugoslavs here who are fighting the Partisans. You saw that Benes is expected here.

Exhibit II

(1)

Thursday P.M.

Joe dearest:

This is just a line to send you by Trude since I have no other tangible gift. I can only lend you the highly intangible one of loving thoughts. I saw Mme. Chiang this A.M. She is fast proving her top best.....hopes to go. The article she professed not to have published so.....She says she has been asked to write about me and can't do it since it would be hard to.....

I will look forward to your call on Saturday between six and 7:30 P.M. our time, if you and Trude care to call and reverse the charges. Trude looks a little better but I still want her to take a checkup and I hope you send her back looking better. I will be looking forward to.....Have you had any more exams and how did you come out? I do hope you move next weekend. I am.....always of having Grand Rapids for future use. Much love to you, dear boy.

ER

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EXHIBIT III

African Student Org.
American Unitarian Youth
Armenian Youth of America
Catholic(?) Youth Org. of Chicago(?)
Chinese Student Christian Assn.
Free World Assn. (American Section) ?
National Fur and Leather Workers Union - Junior Hadassah
National Bus. & Prof. Council YWCA
National.....of Temple Youth
National Industrial Womens Assn. YWCA
National Maritime Union
National Union of Czeck students
Southern Negro Youth Congress
Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokols
United Furniture Workers of America
.....Land Corps

Exhibit II

Chamute Field, Illinois
March 15, 1943

Transcript of conversation between Sgt. Joseph P. Lash and Mrs.
Trude W. Pratt at the Urbana Lincoln Hotel, Urbana, Illinois, 5:00 P.M.
Saturday, March 13, 1943.

He: Can you stay longer?

She: Yes, darling. In two weeks, Mrs. Roosevelt is going to be in Chicago.
Are you going to go up?

He: I can't tell where I am going to be.

She: It is a long trip for you, but try and go.....

He: Take all of these things into consideration. We could be married(?) on the
third.

She:.....next summer.

He: Four or five weeks.

She: I will be sick two weeks from now. I will be sick a week before I come up,
two weeks from now. A week before I come up, I will be sick.

He: Is that the third? (APRIL)

She: Yes. It won't be long until.....

He: You still love the kids, don't you?

She: In order to win, I will have to stay longer. It is not going to be so easy.

He: In that event you would be able to stay longer and make up for it.

She:We could go out?

He: When do I get my picture?

She: Do you think we can get by with it?

He:get by with it.....If you are.....I can get off the field.
You wouldn't want to live in a place like Rantoul.

She: Would you?

He: No.

She: I would do it.

He:.....A long time ago I asked you that question.

She: What did I say?

He:Live in Champaign right here now.

She: Somewhere near the University?

He: Yes.

She: And I could work. I would be local _____.

He: So we could go to Chicago for a weekend. I will get a Burlough.

She: How much?

He: A week.

She: We can go to..... What makes you think I am impractical?

He: Aren't you finding everything you want?

She: With love? I think you will soon get very tired of me. Do you know why? Because you are afraid I am not sure of myself.

.....

He: I certainly have no feelings saving you from moral disintegration. Stand by me. Stand by me.....I lose myfighting for a woman when it is you..... No virtues at all....Nothing to do with any other woman. The matter that Mrs. Roosevelt was talking about. This was just personal.

She: Joe, come here. I want to talk to you.....

He: Our whole politics is one of appeasement and disintegration until one realizes that we are no longer in command(?). While it is probably true we have a majority of the people with us, they are working.....This is a silly idea.

She: I do, darnit. I take you very seriously and I take you most seriously when you think I don't.

He: (Went to telephone and called desk) Can drinks be sent up here?

She:.....and crackers. May I have a cigarette please?....Now I am ready.

He: I haven't been able to talk to you satisfactorily.....Between six and seven thirty P.M. our time.....5:30 and six.

She: No.

He: So shall we call for

She: Do you want to leave a message?

He: No, I won't....First of all the question of presumption of this. Secondly, it may be that we have a majority of people who will support the president. A majority of people will support the president in 1944 which of course I think they should.....if you think of majority in those terms. There is a

difference between that kind of majority and a working political majority which we don't have any longer. Certainly we should take into consideration the element of control of your own....The control of Congress and the control of many of the branches of the Government...in that sense we know what we have. We want to reestablish a political majority because there is the question of proceeding on the presumption that one basic policy can still be established. So therefore we wish that a confusion be..... if the basic rules can be done, but on the other hand if the result is not a real majority. The concern is to establish the policies but also it is the basic policy. What it does is to demoralize and disintegrateTherefore it puts.....of re-establishing..... confusing all the issues and the result of it is they can compete with generations to overcome(?). Therefore it seems to be.....if we have a political majority would mean that it would free us from the policy of appeasement. We could say that the president and the administration remain.....they have gotten into a real battle. They can carry on a fight for the basic policy by that we know no longer would be tied by our opposition, and it will probably be in support of the administration which of course we would if we fight along with them. But if we start.....in a decade from now....we start now fighting in terms of what our real program is and with an outward gird and without regard for opinion ...trying to appease. That will mean that the Democratic party will no longer be the basic problem of the unit(?). The basic thing would be the kind of party so as to make it a political one. The program no longer by the most concerned elements of the party. The program is then not what in terms is necessary for the countries of the world. For example, take how it will work out -- say the youth movement. There was the establishing of the youth movement. Will we be attacked if we cooperate with the Communists, or will we be attacked if we have people like Joe and Molly on the committee.....The important thing is the establishing of the right kind of.....and in a sense, educated with that program.....in terms of immediate situation we are now building for the future so to speak.....that would not be..... of the Communists. Following is the condition by the political liability at the present.

She: Well, they are politically liable at the present, and I think even if you gird for the future they will still not be.....You might cooperate in the future with them but at this moment I do not think you would without.....Would that be the correct thing?

He: That is a separate question. I don't want to argue that question now. I would like to get more examples.....The Youth Movement would have a program, and I think as far as the United Nations' domestic program is concerned they would be the Progressives. A program which perhaps even people like the.....half the people would stand by that program just as you are. Is that correct? Let's leave the Communists out.....Democratic party itself. R

She: How much longer do you think such a.....would have for the Democratic party?

He: Well, I am assuming that within the Democratic party that we would find--I will make the distinction between the Democratic party basically andpart of the Democratic party which is the Progressives(?). The Democratic party is completely dependent on labor and they can not afford to take a position that would be against the labor movement. Therefore it would be the instrument for its varied program insofar as it is not the program that which could be adopted to itself..... The Democratic program or machine.....You have two struggled in the Democratic party. One struggling as the Southern reactionaries which is a problematical circle. If you leave that you still have a struggle to win Democratic party from the political machine.....People who will support the program so long as it keeps that in power.We represent a source of cooperation and.....which will be betrayed. It would

appear that the majority of the politicians coming from the cities feel more or less....not with any personal happiness but because it is their feeling. Unless we do so, we will ~~not~~ not have the support of labor and labor is basic. I think today that the basic weakness is not the one growing out of the machine controlled by the Democratic party, but is the one growing out of the appeasement itself (or out of the South). There is another thing and that is the political education of the country which is now being held ^{back} by the president. The president can not take Wallace's position. The president did not take the correct position for the Democratic stand(?) He wants to maintain effectiveness in Congress. I think probably he has 1944 inspirations.

She: Well, except that he can not now favorably take Wallace's stand because he had to keep some effectiveness with Congress. If he keeps on being defeated by Congress that will certainly not be enough for countries like China and Russia, and therefore as you outlined this morning, the peace.....dictated. The Russians will.....It seems to me that he is endangering the peace because it will thenevery barrier.....the foreign policy behind it.....political question. What is happening now, for instance, everything the president has wanted lately has been defeated except Lend Lease. The U.S. is the highest of any of the world at war. I think that some day the reaction against him will react there. I can't see any other way out. ~~He~~ I think that is true and yet it seems to me at the same time the president doesn't have any alternative.

She: I think Stalin.....

He: The president is taking a more vigorous position. There is this point to argue. He is taking a more progressive position and would be in a better position for 1944 then obviously there would be no argument.

She: But you have to argue it another way. That is by taking the position he may not be in a stronger position in 1944. On the other hand he would now be able to shape the peace. Certainly by going along with the North African policy, the president has lost a good deal. Some people are actually worried. I think it is actually true people are worried and all of the elements with which you could possibly work in Europe are wondering now what is going to happen. If the president goes on with the reaction element which seems to be his course.

He: No, you see I don't get that. That was a mistake in many way. It was not only a mistake, it was an unnecessary policy in terms of domestic politics here. It is a political angle all.....all along the line. My argument is that I am arguing really for a Stalingrad position. I am saying that the President of U.S. (present administration) should represent in a sense that.....circle of Stalingrad. They were saved there. They are going to be licked in the end for by fighting it out they say certain things which there is no point in giving out (up). We should stop now and control the whole Democratic position in this country by trying simply to support the Stalingrad position. We are not going to lose in '44 even though it has been.....From a moral point of view of other offensive.....Stalingrad position. We are not going to win at that particular point in 1944 and what we now have to do is to set up our Eastern line.

She: That makes much more sense to me. Is the president that kind of a person?

No.

He: It is possible in '44 with victory to completely change the situation in Congress....and he gets the kind of peace he wants. All of those of us in our party who are afraid of a compromise basis....and before long the attacking Congress.....the basic policies such as the labor board itself....are protecting those things. I do not think the president will recognize us at all.

She: In that short talk with Mrs. Roosevelt--1944 might be the time for the reactionaries.

He: What is the argument for.....I think the policy can be ironed out.

She: Well, P.M.

He: Well, of course I argued with Jimmie. I think in a sense that so long as the reactionaries can assume.....the president can keep labor under control, the president can keep these boys from rebelling then they have no scruples about going forward with their policies. I believe that if the Republican administration were in power right now that there would be much less attack on labor because they would be afraid.

She: Labor is being attacked. It is fighting back on suggestion of the labor board and that is the president's board.against the president in the end. Now I think.....

He: I don't think there is any possibility of the president supporting anybody else in 1944.....that labor would support anybody else in 1944.

She: Still I think that....election....candidate. There are situations like the African situation.

He: A third candidate would mean victory of the Republican. If you set up a candidate with.....liberal than the president. The Republican candidate will realize that there is enough political understanding in labor and that Willkie will be a part of the Republican machine.

She: In order to prove what you say must be proved,part of the program, one has to let the Republicans win and put up a third candidate and build around him.

He: I think that will only be the case if you have the situation you had in New York, Dewey against.....

She: If there were not a Democratic party candidate like.....(Thurston????)

He: That is it.

She: You said you were going to.....Radical program.....Still.....is not a communist.

He: I think that is because.....of conditions in Europe.....which essentially is not different from our political thinking except that these slogans are very different from ours and that for example you take the position of the Socialist party would not be very different from the position of the Liberal Democratic party in this country.....vocal rationalism is a very different one. Certainly we have political supporters in this country.

She:.....program which is much less strict and rigid than the Socialists. I can see that that would work. The psychology of the revolutionaries might not be hardly.....that is a difference from the one.....He said that a Communist or Marxist society.....and we would forget all the people here except the ones who would fight against it and they would have to go. The capitalists would fight England.....I think I would accept.....they fight against.....I am absolutely.....

He: But not if they cut your income to \$25,000 a year. What we want in the future is not to be bogged down by the president.

SHE PLACED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL TO PHONE NO, NATIONAL 1414, WASH.D.C.

She: Hello. Is that the Whitehouse? May I speak to Mrs. Roosevelt, please? This is Mrs. Elliott Pratt calling. Hello. Oh, wonderful. Yes. Yes. Oh, that is wonderful. Thank you a thousand times. Yes. We are having a wonderful time. We went walking for hours this morning. Yes, it is perfectly wonderful weather. It is warm like spring and there isn't any sign of snow. The good weather seems to be movin with me. Here's Joe.

He: Hello. I am fine. O.K. What's that? No, it is o.k. most of the time. Of course I have only had calisthenics twice in the last week, so my knee is all right. How are you? Good time? Oh, yes, we are. No, I don't. No. Most areon the 15th. They said nothing at all in class about it. Yes. Right here. I will do that. Yes ma'am. I'm doing a very good job. Yes. She does. Well, I've done that. Yes ma'am. Truday says she smells a conspiracy and you know there isn't one. I have one tomorrow so I am going to do some studying. We certainly do March 28th. What did you say. Yes. Right. What? Trude sends her love. Yes ma'am. Where do you go? Oh, yes, I know, to Golden. That will be lovely. Of course we will save them. I think it is wiser not to, too. Yes ma'am. And my love to you. Goodbye.

He: She says she has no scruples about a conspiracy when it comes to your health about the way you look. No conspiracy. So you were wrong. She is not going to call you tomorrow night because she is going to see you Monday at dinner. She said to give you lots of love. She said somethings about the vice-president but did not want to send them through the mail.

She: She called the house today.....temperature was 99 and Mickey's was lower. Very low. I do not need to worry.

She: What time is it?

He: About five-o'clock. Let's make a person to person call.....They need to be affiliated with the American Youth Congress.

She: I still don't understand how this man can.....fight everything.

He: What are you going to do with the \$100 I gave you.

She: Deposit it.....How about setting a date.

He: Three months?

She: Good enough. Dr. Cohn.....It won't be until Tuesday. Is that O.K.?
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He: I got one letter that he sent me from New York. It was very difficult in expression. His next one that came was so clear.

She: He spends 50 minutes. He gets in at quarter of eight. He gets them to go to the country. Last weekend he didn't do that. He stayed in town....Saturday for a quick lunch. Then he went away. I talked with him. I took the train to Washington. Usually when he gets down he spends Saturday morning.....and takes the six or six fifteen train....I was home all by myself. I had just gotten my glasses Saturday....because in the beginning they hurt.

He: Please put dates on your letters. I don't like to get letters without dates.

She: I put the date on the report.

He: Quit putting numbers on your letters. You had No. 9 three times.

She: What else?

He: It is also very bright of you to inclose a letter along with your reports.

She: Do you get a letter every day?

He: Every day you write you take an hour at least to write me a letter. Don't come to me with any stories about.....feel like Benedict Arnold. I have an editorial here about the Q.M.C. is issuing dice to the men. It girds the morale. If they issue the dice, it will be honest dice and not loaded. Apparently they must feel that there are loaded dice being brought in by some of the fellows. ~~Appar~~ This is an editorial on how easy it is to fix up a pair of dice so that they are loaded. Apparently there is a certain kind of varnish which increases the friction of the dice so certain numbers come up more regularly than others if you know how to shake them and control them. You can buy them for \$5.00 in Chicago.

She: Do they play lots of dice?

He: I don't know. I know there has been a game going on in our barracks since payday, but I don't like the game, so I haven't.

She: You are a slowpoke.

He: Are you ready?

She: We have to make plans first.

He: Where do you want to go?

9:30 P.M. Saturday, March 13, 1943

SHE PLACED A PHONE CALL, PERSON TO PERSON, TO MR. GEORGE WENZEL WHO LIVES C/O MRS. WILSON, 105 COLLEGE AVE., FULLMAN, WASH.

Phone rings: She: Hello. A delay? I am afraid that will be too late, so I had better cancel it. I have to get up terribly early tomorrow morning, so I think I had better not wait. Well, that is all right.

Later

He: I should think you would be proud to wear such a badge.

Later.

He:Spanish people.....Spanish War.....Madame DeBarry.

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personal conversation between Mrs. PRATT and Subject in-
volving their physical relationship with each other.

Howard Ark
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1st Lieut., Air Corps

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made an examination of their personal effects, luggage and a zipper notebook which belonged to Mrs. PRATT. A typewritten list of names of organizations was found among Mrs. PRATT's papers, which is included as Exhibit II. There was also a mimeographed document composed of a constitution of the World Youth Council established by the International Youth Conference on November 14, 1942. This document set forth the aims, purposes and policies of the World Youth Council and included plans for its organization. This officer copied a letter on the dresser to Subject from Mrs. ROOSEVELT, Exhibit III. A copy was also made of a letter from Mrs. PRATT to Subject and contained in her notebook (Exhibit IV). This note book contained copies of all the letters which Mrs. PRATT had written to Subject in the past month.

This officer also inspected the pocket of the notebook which contained about a dozen letters from Subject to Mrs. PRATT. These letters discussed Subject's life in the barracks, his school work, and made numerous references to organizations in which he appeared interested. References were also made throughout these letters to Mrs. ROOSEVELT and remarks that she had made concerning progressive movements.

Subject and Mrs. PRATT returned to the room at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, where they remained until 7 o'clock in the evening. During this time they engaged in conversation. At 6:30 Mrs. PRATT placed a long distance telephone call to Mrs. ROOSEVELT at the White House, Washington, D.C.

At 7 o'clock in the evening they left the Urbana Lincoln Hotel and did not return until 9:30. At this time they placed a call to Mr. GEORGE WENZEL, c/o Mrs. WILSON, 105 College Avenue, Pullman, Washington. This call was not completed. Soon after making this call Subject and Mrs. PRATT retired.

Subject and Mrs. PRATT awakened at 6:10 on the morning of March 14, 1943, dressed, and checked out of the Urbana Lincoln Hotel.

Subject and Mrs. PRATT appeared to be greatly endeared to each other and engaged in sexual intercourse a number of times during the course of their stay at the Urbana Lincoln Hotel. A large part of their conversation involved the health of Mrs. PRATT's children, her marital difficulties, and purely

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. LASH
ASN 32326519, Sgt.
2nd Weather Squadron
Patterson Field, Ohio
Att. 7th Tech. Sch. Sqdn.
Chanute Field, Illinois

RE : Surveillance of Subject

This officer placed Subject under surveillance on March 12, 13 and 14, 1943 at the Urbana Lincoln Hotel, Urbana, Illinois.

At 7:30 P.M. March 12, 1943 Subject entered room 206 in the Urbana Lincoln Hotel, Urbana, Illinois where he was met by Mrs. TRUDE W. PRATT who had registered at the hotel about 5:30 P.M. on the same day. A transcript of the conversation between Subject and Mrs. PRATT during the time they spent at the hotel on March 12, 13 and 14, 1943 is included as Exhibit I.

Subject and Mrs. PRATT left the hotel room about 9 o'clock on the evening of March 12, 1943. They proceeded to the telephone booth in the lobby of the Urbana Lincoln Hotel and placed a phone call to an unknown party. This officer was unable to observe whether the call was completed or not. They then had dinner in the Urbana Lincoln Hotel dining room and walked towards the campus of the University of Illinois. They returned to the hotel about 11 o'clock in the evening and retired for the night in room 206. Subject was registered in room 202 but did not occupy that room during his stay at the Urbana Lincoln Hotel except for two brief intervals on the evening of March 12 and March 13, during which he disarranged the bed clothes.

Subject and Mrs. PRATT arose about 9 o'clock on the morning of March 13, 1943, dressed, and proceeded to the Urbana Lincoln Hotel dining room where they had breakfast. They returned to room 206 and engaged in conversation until 10:45 at which time they left the Urbana Lincoln Hotel and walked about the University of Illinois campus.

During this time this officer entered room 206 and

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It was better but not alive enough.

3. We followed your suggestion and debated. Subject: should women be admitted to actual combat service? Boys no, girls yes. Mrs. R. Moderator, I judge.

That was fun, quite similar to Grenicks forum, but as nobody was terribly serious there was a fine air of abandon in it, which struck the radio people enough to make them all awake and ready to debate. We shall now work more on that idea. I was terribly proud that it was your idea. Your memorandum was so clear that Mrs. R. gave it to Lyman Bryson, and we are to meet on thursday to discuss it further.

The Ussa will have a memorial for Alan. On the 27th, at International House, and we are now collecting lists. As they say that I will have to be completely responsible (I have never organized anything like it) I shall have to depend heavily on you. A young person should, I think speak? And some one like Max Lerner, and I should like some music., perhaps Carl Robinsons Lincoln. And we should, I think start a fund for "Alan Gottlieb scholarships" for the United Nations Institute. I'm worried about the lack of active enthusiasm. there is much enthusiasm in the USAA but they do need a great deal of help.

Lat piece of news. I went to see adele Levy this afternoon, who was prettily and expensively sick in bed. She mainly wanted to know about Mme Chiang and the White House and was disappointed that I knw nothing. she also wanted to know how she should behave so that she could get closer to Mrs. R. then she wanted to know how you were and what I thought about you. And it seemed to me that she wanted to explain to me why she thought that SSA is an excellent organization. She really believes in the work they are planning to do, (she never explained beyond the Journal) thinks the members are the leading educators in the country and will get all the money from the Foundations they want. She vaguely said that she could not be of much help as far as work was concerned but gave me to understand that she would help financially. I felt completely unwilling to argue and for a moment the whole ISS air came back and almost choked me. I do not think I will see very much of her in the future though we will always be friendly when we do see each other.

Hagen and Anna came for lunch and want me to join their Committee of "American Friends of German Freedom". I will.

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