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SUBJECT: MORRIS AND LONA COHEN

FILE NUMBER: 100-406659

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FILE DESCRIPTION

SUBJECT MORRIS + LONA COHEN

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SECTION NUMBER 1

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Form No. 1
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 11/12/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/14, 15, 20, 21, 28/53	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE MORRIS COHEN		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER -	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Residence and employment unknown. Informant, of unknown reliability, advised subject and wife have had CP meetings in their home and are very radical Communists. Subject fought with Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Subject expressed his feelings for Communism.

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 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 10-9-56 BY [REDACTED]

AGENCY CLOSURE OFF 4
 REG. REC'D. 10-9-56
 REPT. FORM 10-18-56
 BY [REDACTED] b7c

DETAILS:

This case is predicated on information received on [REDACTED] of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to know the subject, advised that the subject is a very radical Communist and that he has had Communist Party meetings in his home.

BACKGROUND

Residence

[REDACTED] the subject lived around East 71st Street and Second Avenue, New York City, in 1950, but that she did not know his present address. [REDACTED] further advised the subject's parents HARRY and SARAH COHEN resided at 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Evidence of Communist Party Membership

[REDACTED] that the subject and his wife, LONA, have had Communist Party meetings in their home in the past and that both have been very radical Communists since the Informant has known them. b2
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Evidence of Communist Party Sympathy

[REDACTED] also advised that the subject went to Spain and fought with the Communists in the Civil War (Abraham Lincoln Brigade). b2

The Abraham Lincoln Brigade has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Informant stated that the subject worked for the Russians during the New York World's Fair during 1939 and 1940.

[REDACTED] of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to know the subject, advised the subject expressed his feelings for Communism and that he also fought in Spain for the working class against fascism. b2

MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, as checked by SA [REDACTED] on October 14, 1953 failed to indicate any information identifiable with the subject. b7c

[REDACTED], all of known reliability, who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area, advise they do not know the subject. b2

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DESCRIPTION

The following description was received from [REDACTED]

Name	MORRIS COHEN
Age	Approximately 41
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'9"
Weight	155 lbs.
Hair	Brown turning grey
Marital Status	Married
Wife	LORE COHEN
Parents	HARRY COHEN, SARAH COHEN, 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York

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[REDACTED]	Communist Party Activities	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	100-103389-1
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[REDACTED]	Expressed feeling for Communism	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	100-103389-1B1
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[REDACTED]	Negative	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	Instant Report
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[REDACTED]	Negative	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	Instant Report
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[REDACTED]	Negative	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	Instant Report
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[REDACTED]	Negative	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	Instant Report
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At New York, New York

Will through further investigation attempt to determine the subject's present residence, employment and background information.

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[redacted] of unknown reliability, but who has provided reliable information concerning the subject in the past, advised [redacted] that the subject's whereabouts are unknown to the informant at the present time and that to the best of the informant's knowledge the last address at which the subject could be reached was 178 East 71st Street, New York City. b2
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[redacted] of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to provide accurate information concerning the subject's residence and employment, advised on February 11, 1954, that the subject's whereabouts at the present time are unknown to the informant and stated further that to the best of the informant's belief, the subject is presently residing and working somewhere in California, and has been there for approximately the past one and one-half years. b2

[redacted] of known reliability, advised [redacted] that the subject's last known residence was 178 East 71st Street, New York City, and that the subject's whereabouts at the present time are unknown. b2
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[redacted] of known reliability, advised [redacted] that the subject's last known address was 178 East 71st Street, New York City, and that the subject's present whereabouts are not known to the informant. b2
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[REDACTED]	Background b2 b7c b7D	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	Instant Report
Pretext contact with subject's father	Background b2	2/11/54	SA [REDACTED]	Instant Report
[REDACTED] b2 b7D	Background	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	Instant Report
[REDACTED] b2 b7c b7D	Background	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	Instant Report

LEAD

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue efforts to ascertain the current residence and employment of the subject and will upon verification of subject's residence and employment consider the advisability of recommending the subject for interview.

REFERENCE: Report SA [REDACTED] 11/12/53, at New York.

New York letter to Washington Field, 12/15/53. b7c

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (100-103389)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
 SM-C
 (OO: New York)

DATE: 8/4/54

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Re NY letter to Newark, 5/10/54.

The subject's residence and employment are unknown.

As stated in referenced letter, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the subject was believed to be residing at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was re-contacted by SA [REDACTED] but stated he could not, at that time, furnish any further information concerning subject's whereabouts.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] does not know subject's whereabouts, and has no additional information to furnish concerning him beyond that originally furnished [REDACTED]

Newark is requested to expedite coverage of the lead set forth in referenced letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/13/54

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-39327)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN -
SECURITY MATTER - C

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DATE 1/22/85 BY SP-6 [signature]

(Office of Origin - New York)

RE: New York letter to Newark dated 5/10/54
New York letter to Bureau dated 8/4/54

Referenced letters requested Newark determine residence and employment of the subject.

[REDACTED]

A FISUR conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] determined at the residence of [REDACTED] that the name of M. COHEN appeared written in pencil above the name [REDACTED] on the mail box of the residence at [REDACTED]. There were no other COHENS listed at this residence. It is to be noted that this is an apartment house containing three apartments.

A pretext phone call was made [REDACTED] and it was determined [REDACTED]

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Letter to Bureau

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was interviewed at the above address and she advised that MORRIS COHEN and LEONIA COHEN were vaguely known to her. However, they had never resided at this address.

[REDACTED] has not heard from MORRIS COHEN since he resided in California seven or eight years ago.

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[REDACTED] inference to MORRIS is that his family has not heard from him in three or four years.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] if she knew the whereabouts of MORRIS or LEONIA COHEN, and she was contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she would advise them of their whereabouts, but she is sure that she could be of little or no assistance in this matter.

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NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 2/26/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/19; 12/15/53; 1/5, 6, 19; 2/11, 12, 15, 17, 18/54	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE MORRIS COHEN		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	
DECLASSIFIED BY <i>SP6 B. J. [REDACTED]</i> ON <i>1/22/85</i>			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's residence and employment unknown. [REDACTED] of unknown reliability, states subject believed to be presently residing in California.

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DETAILS:

*1 cc to Adm. Tompkins - P -
by ltr. 8-14-57*

BACKGROUND

Birth

SE [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the records of the Veterans Administration, 252 7th Avenue, New York City, and found on file information indicating that the subject was born July 2, 1910, at New York City, the son of HARRY COHEN and SARAH COHEN.

Marital Status

The records of the Veterans Administration further indicate that the subject married one LENA PETKA during July of 1941, at Norwich, Connecticut and further indicate that this marriage was performed on July 13, 1941, and that the subject's wife was born in Adanes, Massachusetts.

Military Record

The records of the Veterans Administration indicate further that the subject served as a Technician/5 under Serial Number [REDACTED] in the United States Army organization Detachment G-36, Company B2, MG Regiment. The subject was inducted into the

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United States Armed Forces on July 8, 1942, and entered the military service on July 22, 1942, at Fort Jay, New York, with a military occupation of cook. These records show further that the subject received an honorable discharge from the Army on November 6, 1945.

Education

SA [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the records of the Board of Education, 110 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York, and found on file information indicating that the subject had attended the following institutions:

James Monroe High School, Bronx, New York,
1925-1928

New York University, 1929-1930

Mississippi State College, Mississippi, 1931-1935

Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City,
1946-1948

The records of the Veterans Administration indicate further that the subject received a portion of his education under Public Law 16 and that he registered at Teachers College, Columbia University on February 4, 1946, under Public Law 346. These records show that the subject, prior to his entrance into Teachers College, had five and one-half years of college education during which time he received a degree of Bachelor of Science in English in 1935 from Mississippi State College, Storkville, Mississippi. These records indicate further that the subject on May 27, 1947, registered in the course of Student Teacher at Columbia University with field work as a student teacher at Benjamin Franklin High School, New York City. The subject received the degree of Master of Arts February 26, 1947, and entered Columbia University on February 2, 1948, to receive his teacher's license.

Employment

The records of the New York City Board of Education indicate further that the subject was licensed in the Day Elementary School on June 9, 1949; the Day High School Social Studies on June 30, 1950, and the Junior High School Social Studies July 10, 1950. These records show that the

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subject was employed at Public School 86, New York City, from September 9, 1949, to September 8, 1950, at which time his service ceased.

The records of the Board of Education show further that the subject was previously employed as follows:

Mississippi State College, Athletic Department,
Athletic Trainer, 1933-1935

"Jackson Daily News", Jackson, Mississippi

"Memphis Press Scimitar", Memphis, Tennessee,
1933-1936

Pioneer News Company, 11th Street and Broadway,
New York City, 1937-1939

"A" Cafeteria, 36th Street and Madison Avenue,
New York City, 1940-1942.

These records show in addition that the subject sent a letter dated August 29, 1950, to [REDACTED] in which he expressed his regret for being unable to continue his position as instructor because of the fact that he had obtained a "very desirable writing job." b7c

Residence

The records of the Board of Education, as cited above, indicate in addition that the subject resided at 2042 Grant Avenue, Bronx, New York, 1942; 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York, 1947 and 178 East 71st Street, New York City, during 1948.

[REDACTED] the subject and his wife resided at that latter address up to approximately 1952 at which time both the subject and his wife were supposed to have moved to California. [REDACTED] unable to furnish any additional information concerning the present whereabouts of the subject. b7c
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Employment

The subject's current employment is unknown.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

The following investigation has been conducted in an attempt to ascertain subject's current whereabouts.

[redacted] advised on Mar 6, 1954 that the subject might be residing at [redacted] inasmuch as correspondence bearing such a return address was recently delivered to the subject's parents, HARRY and SARAH COHEN, at 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York. b2
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[redacted] advised when re-contacted on July 22, 1954 and August 18, 1954, that he had received no further information as to the subject's possible whereabouts. b2

Observation of the premises at [redacted] by SA [redacted] during October, 1954, disclosed that the name "COHEN" appeared written in pencil above the name [redacted] on the mail box of the residence at said address. b7c

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[redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] MORRIS COHEN and his wife, LEONIA COHEN, were only vaguely known to her, and had never resided at this address. She stated that she has not heard from MORRIS COHEN since he resided in California 7 or 8 years ago.

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[redacted] only reference to MORRIS is that his family has not heard from him in 3 or 4 years.

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[redacted] of unknown reliability, but who is personally acquainted with the subject, and has furnished information concerning him in the past, [redacted]

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[redacted] does not know the subject's whereabouts and has had no contact with any of the COHEN family in about 4 or 5 years. She stated the last she heard of the subject was when he suddenly packed up a few years ago and left New York City. She recalled that this was probably in about 1950, and that from what she had heard the subject and his wife, "LONAN" COHEN, moved to California.

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ADAMS, MASS.

[redacted] reiterated the information previously furnished by her [redacted] to the effect that the subject's wife "LONAN", was a Connecticut girl, whose family lived on a farm somewhere in Connecticut. [redacted] further advised that prior to the time they departed so suddenly from New York City, the subject and his wife made a practice of visiting frequently in Connecticut, possibly for the purpose of attending some sort of Communist Party gatherings there.

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MISCELLANEOUS (cont'd)

In conclusion, [redacted] suggested that information as to the subject's current whereabouts might possibly be obtained through [redacted]

[redacted] advised on December 13, 1954 that HARRY and SARAH COHEN reside alone at Apartment 6G, 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York. He stated that SARAH COHEN is not in very good health as she is reported to have had a heart attack some time ago.

[redacted] further advised that he has not observed the subject around 2020 Walton Avenue, but believes that some sort of United States Government checks have, on occasion, been delivered to 2020 Walton Avenue, which checks [redacted] believed were addressed to MORRIS COHEN at 2020 Walton Avenue.

[redacted] of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish information concerning the subject's whereabouts, advised on December 13, 1954 that she did not know the subject's current whereabouts. [redacted] indicated that the subject's wife, "LONA" COHEN, and his mother, SARAH COHEN, have not been on friendly terms with each other, and for that reason the subject and his wife have not maintained any regular contact with the subject's parents, HARRY and SARAH COHEN.

In conclusion [redacted] pointed out that the subject's wife is a farm girl from the State of Connecticut, and suggested that in her opinion, the subject and his wife may be living somewhere in Connecticut, possibly with the family of the subject's wife. [redacted] stated she had no idea what part of Connecticut the subject's wife came from.

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MISCELLANEOUS (cont'd)

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[REDACTED] Division of Teachers Records
Board of Education, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on August 11, 1954, that subject's file disclosed no
information as to his whereabouts or employment subsequent to his
resignation in September, 1950.

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The subject's file did reflect, however, that he had
Veterans Administration [REDACTED] and that he had been receiving
disability compensation.

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A review of the records of the Registrar's Office,
Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, as well as

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MISCELLANEOUS (cont'd)

the school of alumni records, by SA [redacted] on October 7, 1954, failed to disclose any information as to subject's current whereabouts. b7c

[redacted] that the subject's last known residence was 178 East 71 Street, New York City, as previously reported, and that no subsequent information has been received concerning his whereabouts. b2 b7D

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] that the subject is unknown to him. b7D b7c

[redacted] both of whom are acquainted with some of the individuals who fought with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain, advised in October, 1954, that the subject is unknown to them. b7c

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450. b2

The following confidential informants, all of whom are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area, [redacted] that the subject is unknown to them. b7D

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The following confidential informants, all of whom are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the San Diego, California area, [redacted] that the subject is unknown to them. b7D

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MISCELLANEOUS (cont'd)

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Relatives

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III. DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from [REDACTED] and from records of the Veterans Administration and the Passport Office, United States Department of State.

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Name	MORRIS COHEN
Race	White
Birth	July 2, 1910, at New York, New York
Height	5'9"
Weight	155 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown, turning gray
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Teacher
Marital Status	Married
Military Service	United States Army, 1942 to 1945
Last Known Residence	178 East 71st Street, New York City, 1950
Last Known Employment	New York City Board of Education, 1949 to 1950
Social Security #	[REDACTED]
Veterans Administration #	[REDACTED]
Relatives	Father, HARRY COHEN, 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York

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Relatives (cont'd)

Mother, SARAH COHEN, 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York

Wife, LEONTINA "LONA" COHEN, nee Petka, address unknown

Father-in-law, LADISLAUS PETKA, address unknown

Mother-in-law, MARY PETKA, address unknown *b7c*

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ENCLOSURES (2) TO NEW HAVEN

Two copies of a photo of subject and his wife, LEONTINA PETKA COHEN.

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[REDACTED] pretext phone call to [REDACTED] b2 b7c b7D	Background	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	Instant Report
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[REDACTED] US Post Office, 2024 Jerome, Ave., Bronx, NY.	Background	12/13/54	SA [REDACTED]	Instant Report
[REDACTED] pretext interview with subject's mother, Mrs. SARAH COHEN, 2020 Walton Ave., Bronx, NY.	Background	12/13/54	SA [REDACTED]	Instant Report
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[REDACTED] b2 b7D	Negative	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	Instant Report
[REDACTED] (S) b2 b1	"	[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED] (C) b2 b1	"	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	"
[REDACTED] b2 b7D	"	[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED] (S) b2 b1	"	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	"
[REDACTED] b2 b7D	"	[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED] (C) b2 b1	"	[REDACTED]	San Diego Office	100-103389-17
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[REDACTED] (C) <i>bv bl</i>	"	"	"	"
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[REDACTED] <i>bv b7D</i>	"	"	"	"
[REDACTED] (C) <i>bv bl</i>	"	"	"	"
[REDACTED] <i>bv b7D</i>	"	"	"	"
[REDACTED] (C) <i>bv bl</i>	Used for documentation of an individual.			

LEADS

NEW HAVEN

At Hartford, Connecticut

Will, at the Connecticut Motor Vehicle Bureau, check to determine if there may be a record of an operators license or motor vehicle registration, for either subject or his wife LEONTINA PETKA COHEN.

Will, in the event there is no such record for subject or his wife, check for any such record for the subject's father-in-law or mother-in-law, LADISLAUS PETKA and MARY CZUPRYNA PETKA, who reportedly reside on a farm somewhere in Connecticut.

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NEW HAVEN (cont'd)

At Norwich, Connecticut

Will verify subject's marriage to LEONTINA PETKA at Norwich, Connecticut, on July 13, 1941, and through information obtained from marriage records and other logical public records and sources, set out appropriate leads to ascertain the present whereabouts of subject's parents-in-law, LADISLAUS PETKA and MARY CZUPRYNA PETKA.

At New Haven, Connecticut

Will, in the event the present address of subject's parents-in-law can be established, conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain if subject and his wife may be residing at that same address or in the neighborhood.

Will, in the event the residence of the PETKA family is determined, but no information is developed concerning subject and his wife, [REDACTED] residence of LADISLAUS and MARY PETKA for the purpose of developing information as to subject's possible whereabouts. b7c

Will check indices on the subject, his wife, and his wife's parents.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will check at the New York State Bureau of Motor Vehicles for any information available concerning subject.

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LEADS (cont'd)

Will re-check subject's Veterans Administration file at the Veterans Administration, 252 7th Avenue, to ascertain if subject is currently receiving disability compensation checks.

Will maintain contact with [redacted] and [redacted] for information concerning mail received by subject's parents at 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York. *b2*

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] February 26, 1954, at New York. *b7c*

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Transmit the following teletype message to: BUREAU

MORRIS COHEN; SM - C. REPORT BEING ASSEMBLED AND WILL BE
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/7/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/27, 31; 2/3, 4/55	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE MORRIS COHEN		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER	
DECLASSIFIED BY <i>SP6 Bja/...</i> ON <u>1/22/85</u>			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Norwich, Conn., Town Clerk's records reflect subject married LORNA TERESE PETKA of Lisbon, Conn., at Norwich, Conn., 7/13/41. Subject has not been seen in Norwich, Conn., area for past SEVEN YEARS according to information furnished by [REDACTED]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>AGENCY (OSI) DIST OFF REG. REC'D. 10-9-56 REPT. FORM [REDACTED]</p>			
DETAILS: <p>The records of the Town Clerk's Office, Norwich, Connecticut, reflect that MORRIS COHEN was born in New York, New York; residence, New York, New York, no date or place indicated. His occupation was listed as a steward, and he was married to LORNA TERESE PETKA of Lisbon, Connecticut, on July 13, 1941. This record reflects that LORNA PETKA's employment was as a governess, place not indicated. She was born at Adams, Massachusetts, daughter of WALTER and MARY PETKA. The subject's father was listed as HARRY COHEN, and his mother as SARA COHEN, nee Petlowsky.</p> <p>Confidential Informant [REDACTED] a representative of another Government agency, advised that the subject and his wife are unknown to him. He viewed a photograph of the subject and stated that he has never seen the subject or his wife.</p>			
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[REDACTED] has not seen the subject or his wife for the past seven years. He stated they have not corresponded with members of the family of the subject's wife during that time. [REDACTED] the following are members of the family of the subject's wife:

Father: DR. LADISLAUS PETKA, deceased
Mother: MARY PETKA, R. I., D. I., Baltic, Conn.

[REDACTED]

the subject about seven years ago was teaching in a grade school in New York City, but he later heard he went to California, city not known. [REDACTED] could not recall the source of this information.

AT HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Connecticut State Motor Vehicle Department, advised his records reflect no motor vehicle registered in the Willimantic and Norwich Section of the State of Connecticut for either the subject or the subject's wife. [REDACTED] further stated his records reflect no operator's license having been issued in the State of Connecticut for either the subject or the subject's wife.

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<i>by me</i> [Redacted]	Negative info	3/21/55	[Redacted]		

Postmaster,
Versailles, Conn.

Attention of the New York Office is called to New York file [Redacted] entitled [Redacted], "M - C", who is

The indices of the New Haven Office contain no information identifiable with the subject, his wife, or other members of the PETKA family.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [Redacted] dated December 28, 1954, at New York

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TITLE MORRIS COHEN		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject's residence and employment still unknown. Subject reportedly married in Norwich, Conn., on 7/13/41. Informant, of unknown reliability, advised that family of subject's wife lived on a farm in Conn., and that subject and wife formerly visited frequently in Conn. Another informant, of unknown reliability, advised subject's wife a farm girl from Conn., and also that subject and wife possibly now residing in Conn.

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DETAILS: All of the informants mentioned in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

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BY **[REDACTED]**

Birth

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., as reviewed by SE **[REDACTED]** on March 4, 1954, reflected that the subject was born on July 2, 1910, at New York, New York. His parents were listed as HARRY COHEN, born at Tarascha, Russia, about 1886, and SARAH MATLOWSKI COHEN, born at Vilna, Poland, about 1888.

Education

[REDACTED] Registrar's Office, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, made records available to SA **[REDACTED]**

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Education (cont'd)

on October 7, 1954, reflecting that ^{MRS} MORRIS COHEN, 178 East 71st Street, New York City, attended the above school from February, 1946 to June, 1948. He was granted a Master of Arts Degree on February 26, 1947.

Marital Status

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., referred to above, reflected that the subject was married on July 13, 1941, to LEONTINA COHEN, nee Petka, who was born on January 11, 1913, at Adams, Massachusetts. Her parents were listed as LADISLAUS PETKA and MARK CZUPRYNA PETKA, both born in Austria. *1941 cont'd*

Previous investigation at the Veterans Administration, New York City, reflected that the subject was married on July 13, 1941, at Norwich, Connecticut.

Identification Division Record

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Identification Division, Washington, D.C., reflect that MORRIS COHEN is the subject of a non-criminal identification record, bearing FBI # [REDACTED] *bu*

Residences

The subject's current residence is unknown.

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, referred to above, reflect that the subject resided at 1244 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, as of February, 1937.

These files further reflected that he resided with his wife, LEONTINA COHEN, at 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York, as of May, 1947.

The records of Columbia University, referred to above, and previous investigation at the New York City Board of Education, disclosed that the subject resided at 178 East 71 Street, New York City, during 1948.

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STATUS OF HEALTH

The subject's Veterans Administration file referred to above, as reviewed on February 8, 1955, indicated that the subject has, since February 25, 1948, been receiving ten percent disability compensation because of [REDACTED]

MISCELLANEOUS

The following investigation has been conducted in an attempt to ascertain subject's current whereabouts.

The files of the New York State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, New York City, as reviewed by SE [REDACTED] on December 29, 1954, failed to disclose any current record for the subject.

[REDACTED] of known reliability, advised, on December 31, 1954, that a United States Government check, made out to MORRIS COHEN, 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York, had been delivered that date to said address. The check bore the number [REDACTED] and the sender was indicated to be the United States Treasury Department, Disbursement Division, 90 Church Street, New York City.

[REDACTED] again advised, on January 31, 1955, that another United States Government check, identical to the one mentioned above, was delivered, on that date, to 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York.

[REDACTED] further advised that a letter postmarked, January 27, 1955, at Trenton, New Jersey, and addressed to Mr. and Mrs. HARRY COHEN, 2020 Walton Avenue, Apartment 6 G, Bronx, New York, had recently been delivered to said address. Said letter bore the following return address: M. COHEN, 43 Rutledge Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

[REDACTED] mentioned above, advised, on February 10, 1955, that the records of the Veterans Administration Office, at 252 7th Avenue, New York City, reflect that MORRIS COHEN, Veterans Administration claim number [REDACTED] is currently receiving monthly ten percent disability compensation checks. These checks are being addressed to the subject at 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York, which is the subject's last known mailing address, according to the records of the Veterans Administration.

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TITLE MORRIS COHEN		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's residence and employment still unknown. Informant of known reliability advised that U.S. government checks were delivered in December 1954 and January 1955 to 2020 Walton Ave., Bronx, NY, addressed to subject at said address. Records of Veterans Administration, NYC, reflect subject currently being paid monthly disability checks, addressed to subject at 2020 Walton Ave., Bronx, NY.

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BY [REDACTED] *b7c*

DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

RESIDENCES

The subject's current residence is unknown.

On February 8, 1955, [REDACTED], Legal Division, Veterans Administration District Office, 252 7th Avenue, New York City, made available to subject's Veterans Administration file number, [REDACTED] which reflected the following former addresses for the subject:

- 2042 Grand Avenue, Bronx, New York (1942)
- 2020 Walton Avenue, Apartment 6 G, Bronx, New York (1946)
- 178 East 71st Street, New York City (1948-1949)

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[redacted] explained that the procedure by which the monthly payments are made to the subject is as follows: b7c

The Veterans Administration prepares and submits a monthly payroll list to the United States Treasury Department, which Department then prepares and issues the checks to the respective payees. Upon being cashed by the payee, the cancelled checks clear through the Federal Reserve Bank, after which they are returned to the United States General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C.

[redacted] suggested that an examination of the cancelled checks recently sent to the subject should give some indication as to where he is cashing them, since it is assumed he has been receiving the checks in some way, even though he may not actually be residing at 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York, which is the address to which the checks have been mailed. b7c

[redacted] advised that, according to the Veterans Administration records, the following checks have been sent to the subject on the dates and in the amounts indicated: b7c

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DATE OF CHECK</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
MORRIS COHEN [redacted] 2020 Walton Avenue Bronx, New York b7c b6	January 1954	78489639	\$15.75
	February 1954	80053067	15.75
	March 1954	81670476	15.75
	April 1954	83276721	15.75
	May 1954	84888803	15.75
	June 1954	86504003	15.75
	July 1954	88047291	15.75
	August 1954	89830770	15.75
	September 1954	91400019	15.75
	October 1954	93211827	17.00
	November 1954	94954327	17.00
	December 1954	96695789	17.00
	January 1955	98466347	17.00

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INFORMANT

Identity of Source

[REDACTED] *b2 b7c*

United States Post Office
2024 Jerome Avenue,
Bronx, New York

Date of Activity And/or Description of Information

Background

Date Received
12/31/54
1/31/55

Agent to whom Furnished

[REDACTED] *(orally)*

File Number where Located

Instant report

LEADS

NEWARK

At Trenton, New Jersey *b7c*

Will conduct appropriate investigation at [REDACTED] in an attempt to ascertain if the M. COHEN believed to be residing at that address may be identical with subject.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

1. Will conduct appropriate investigation at the General Accounting Office for the purpose of examining the cancelled checks listed in Details of instant report.

2. Will, from a review of said checks, ascertain the identity of the endorsers, the identity and location of the bank, or banks through which the checks were cashed and cleared, and any other pertinent data which might indicate the whereabouts of the subject.

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LEADS (CONT'D)

NEW YORK

At Bronx, New York

Will maintain contact with [REDACTED] for any further information concerning mail received by subject's parents at 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York. b2

REFERENCE Report of SA [REDACTED] 12/28/54, New York.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)
FROM : SAC, WFO (100-28397)
SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
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DATE: 3/24/55

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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 2/10/55 at New York requesting WFO to check records of the General Accounting Office and review Government checks which have been paid to the subject by the Veterans Administration in an effort to locate the subject.

[redacted] Records Information Unit of the GAO, advised SE [redacted] on 3/18/55 that all checks listed in rerep are outstanding and have not cleared through the GAO. RUC *b7c*

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TO : Director, FBI (100-406659)

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-103389)

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SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
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(OO: NY)

ReNYlet to Los Angeles, with copies to San Francisco, 4/30/54.

Investigation to date has failed to develop information as to subject's current whereabouts. His whereabouts has been unknown since he quit his job as teacher with the NYC Board of Education at P.S. 86 in September, 1950, left his last known residence at 178 East 71st Street, NYC, and allegedly moved to California in about 1950 or 1951.

Investigation has disclosed that the subject is the recipient of disability compensation from the Veterans Administration, and that the monthly checks have been addressed to the subject at 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, NY, which is the address of subject's father, HARRY COHEN. Investigation further disclosed that all of the VA checks directed to subject during 1954 are still outstanding and have not yet cleared through the General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C.

[redacted] US Post Office, 2024 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY, advised SA [redacted] on 2/28/55 that US Government checks addressed to subject are still being delivered each month to 2020 Walton Avenue.

[redacted] advised on 4/22/55 that he had been told by the letter carrier serving 2020 Walton Avenue that the subject's mother had recently died. He had no information concerning the subject's whereabouts.

[redacted] 2020 Walton Avenue [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 4/22/55 that he does not know subject and could not recognize him from his photo. He stated that subject's mother, SARAH COHEN, died suddenly in about March, 1955, and that the subject's father, HARRY COHEN, has resided alone in Apartment 6G at 2020 Walton Avenue since that time.

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Mr. HARRY COHEN, the subject's father, Apartment 60, 2020 Walton Avenue, advised SA [redacted] on 5/4/55 that he has no information as to the whereabouts of the subject. He stated that the subject and his wife, "LONA", left NY and went to California about five years ago. He stated that he and his wife, SARAH, recently deceased, had received a few letters from their son during the first few weeks after his move to California but that since that time, they have received no word of any sort from the subject. b7c

Mr. COHEN also stated that to the best of his recollection, the subject had indicated in his letters that he was living in a small town in the Los Angeles, California area. The subject had also advised that he and his wife had worked on a small farm for a short time, and the last information received from subject was that he was doing some sort of private teaching.

Mr. COHEN advised that VA compensation checks continue to come addressed to the subject at 2020 Walton Avenue, and that he has been holding said checks until such time as he is able to learn the subject's whereabouts and turn said checks over to the subject.

In conclusion, Mr. COHEN stated that his son's long unexplained absence had been the cause of considerable concern and sorrow to his late wife and himself and that it was also likely a contributing factor to his late wife's death and his own broken health. He stated that the subject had always been a fine son and a good boy, and that under the circumstances he was at a loss to explain the subject's long absence. He stated that inasmuch as he and the subject had always been on friendly terms, he felt sure that he would be the logical one to know the subject's whereabouts if anyone would.

Los Angeles is requested to contact logical informants and exhibit a photo of subject and his wife, and also to conduct any other appropriate investigation in an attempt to develop information concerning subject's whereabouts. It is to be noted that a photo of subject and his wife was sent to Los Angeles as an enclosure to relet.

San Francisco is requested to review records of the California Motor Vehicle Bureau for any information which may be available concerning subject.

Letter to Director
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The subject's description is as follows:

Name	MORRIS COHEN
Race	White
Birth	7/2/10, at New York, NY
Height	5' 9"
Weight	155 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown, turning gray
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Teacher
Marital Status	Married
Last known residence	178 East 71st St., NYC (1950)
Last known employment	NYC Board of Education (1949-50)
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Relatives	Father, HARRY COHEN, 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, NY Mother, SARAH COHEN, deceased [REDACTED] Wife, LEONTINA "LONAI" COHEN, nee: Petka, address unknown

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MRS. DORIS COHEN

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TO : Director, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: June 28, 1955

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-40759)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
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OO:NY

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Relet from New York to the Bureau May 12, 1955.

On June 8, 1955, [redacted] California State Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, advised that there is no record of subject under description furnished in files of Division of Motor Vehicles and she was unable to effect a possible identification from among licensees by the same or similar name in the State of California.

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On June 16, 1955, [redacted] California State Department of Education, Sacramento, advised that there is no record in the files of that department indicating that subject has secured a credential to teach in the State of California;

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(OO:NY)

Re NYlet to Bureau, 5/12/55.

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The following investigation has been conducted in an attempt to locate subject, whose current residence and employment are still unknown,

[REDACTED]

The records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, as checked in June, 1955, failed to reflect any registration identifiable with COHEN.

Mr. HARRY COHEN, 2020 Walton Ave., Bronx, NY, the subject's father, was re-contacted by SA [REDACTED] on 7/12/55. He advised that he has received no word from or concerning the subject, and still has no idea as to subject's current whereabouts. He again indicated that his son's long unexplained absence has been the cause of considerable concern to him. He stated he enjoys a good reputation and has always tried to be a good and loyal citizen, and, therefore, desires to cooperate with the government.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: 9/8/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-103380)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
SM-C
OO: NY

Re NY letter to Bureau, 7/15/55.

Investigation is continuing in an attempt to locate captioned subject, whose whereabouts remain unknown.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] of the New Haven Office that he has received no information regarding the whereabouts of subject, and that relatives of subject's wife, residing in the Norwich, Connecticut area, also have no knowledge regarding subject's whereabouts.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that subject's father, HARRY COHEN, continues to reside at that address, but that he has not observed the subject around the neighborhood and has received no word concerning him. He stated he would notify the NYO in the event he sees or hears of the subject.

Baltimore is requested to recontact [redacted]

The NYO will continue its efforts to ascertain subject's current whereabouts.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: October 31, 1955

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-17666)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
SM-C

OO: New York

Re New York letter to Director dated September 8, 1955.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: 11/18/55

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)

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SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
SM-C
(OO-New York)

ReNYlet to Bureau, 9/8/55.

The following investigation has been conducted in an attempt to locate subject.

Mrs. Morris Cohen

[REDACTED] has had no idea as to their whereabouts in a long time. She stated it had been her understanding that the COHENS had gone to California, possibly Fresno, but that she has no further information concerning them, and knows of no one who would have knowledge of their whereabouts.

The following confidential informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, and who are familiar with some phases of CP activity in the NYC area, advised that they could furnish no information concerning subject

[REDACTED]

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The NYC will continue its efforts to locate subject.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)
SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
SM-C

DATE: 1/19/56

A review of the NY file in this case fails to reflect an informant check having been made in the San Francisco area. San Francisco is requested to make such check with the aid of photo previously furnished.

[redacted] advised it had been her understanding that the COHENS had gone to California, possibly Fresno. Los Angeles is requested to contact informants in the Fresno area and make credit and criminal checks.

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- 2- Los Angeles (100-52289) (RM)
- 2- San Francisco (100-40759) (RM)
- 1- NY 100-103389

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)
SUBJECT : MORRIS COHEN
SM-C
(OO: New York)

3/22/56

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[REDACTED]
(protect identity by request), advised SA [REDACTED] that the subject and his wife, IONA, had had Communist Party meetings in their home in the past, and that both had been very radical Communists. [REDACTED] the subject went to Spain and fought with the Communists in the Civil War (Ibrahim Lincoln Brigade).

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The following offices are requested to contact the designated informants, display photo of subject enclosed herewith, obtain complete sub-
versive and background information, determine if names MORRIS COHEN or [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] have any significance in relation to subject, and submit results
to NY along with characterization of informants:

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- 2 - Bureau (100-406659) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Cleveland (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Detroit (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Newark (100-39327) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Pittsburgh (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Seattle (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-103389)

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Letter to DIRECTOR, FBI
NY 100-103389

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It should be noted, that the subject has been missing for five years and all efforts to locate him have met with negative results. In contacting informants, attention should be given to the fact that they may possibly have knowledge of the subject's present whereabouts.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: April 16, 1956

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-32027)

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SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
SECURITY MATTER-C
O.O. New York

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On April 4, 1956, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] that he could furnish no information concerning the subject. *b7c*

The indices of the Chicago Office failed to reflect any information identifiable with the subject.

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- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - New York (100-403389) (RM)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: 4/26/56

W.S.
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (100-23496)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
SM - C
(OO - NY)

Re New York letter 3/22/56.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the subject was unknown to him by the name [redacted] or photograph. *b7c*

It will be noted that [redacted] *b7c*

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- 2 - Director
- 2 - New York (100-103389)
- 1 - [redacted] *b7c*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: 4/27/56

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-39327)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
SM - C
OO: New York

RE: New York letter to Bureau, dated 3/22/56

Referenced letter requested Newark to contact the designated Informants, display the enclosed photograph of the subject, obtain complete subversive and background information, determine if the names MOLISH COHEN or [redacted] have any significance in relation to the subject, and furnish results to the New York Office along with the characterization of these designated Informants. At Newark, the Informants were: [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] that he does not know [redacted] and could not identify his photograph.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] that he does not know the subject and that he could not identify the subject's photograph. RUC.

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- 1 - Newark (100-39327)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: May 3, 1956

SAC, Pittsburgh (100-13113)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
SECURITY MATTER - C
(New York - Origin)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 1/23/85 BY SP6 BJA/MLK

Re New York letter to Bureau 3/22/56.

[redacted] a Pittsburgh Source of Information whose identity should be protected, advised SA [redacted] that during the time he was a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain during the late 1930's, he was not acquainted with anyone in the Brigade whose name was MORRIS COHEN. He stated that he did not know COHEN by reputation or otherwise and that he had no information regarding COHEN's background or activities. b7c
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[redacted] the names MOISH COHEN and [redacted] were of no significance to him. He added, however, that during the time he [redacted] was a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain, he was assigned a mailing address which he utilized for the receipt of mail from the United States. He said that such address corresponded to the AFO number utilized by American servicemen stationed in foreign countries; that to the best of his recollection his mailing address in Spain included "Plaza Del Altozona"; but that due to the lapse of time he could not recall what this exact address had been. [redacted] was of the opinion that the name and address of [redacted] Plaza Del Altozona, Socorro Rojo Internacional #274, Alcala, Espague, Spain, was quite likely a mailing address assigned to COHEN for use during his affiliation with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. b7c
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[redacted] a Pittsburgh Source of Information whose identity should be protected and who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted], that during the course of his affiliation with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain he was not acquainted with any individual named MORRIS COHEN. [redacted] could furnish no information relating to subject's background or activities. [redacted] stated that the names of MOISH COHEN and [redacted] were not familiar to him. b7c
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- ② - Bureau (100-406659)(RM)
- 1 - New York (100-103389)(RM)
- 2 - Pittsburgh (100-13113)(100-274)

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SUBV. DIV.

TO: Director, FBI
RE: MORRIS COHEN
SM-C

May 3, 1956

As of May 1, 1956, the Pittsburgh Office had received no information which could be identified with subject.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

DATE:

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)

MORRIS COHEN

SM - C
(OO: NY)

[REDACTED] (100-406659, identity by request) advised SA [REDACTED] that the subject and his wife, LORA, had had CP meetings in their home in the past, and that both had been very radical Communists.

[REDACTED] the subject went to Spain and fought with the Communists in the Civil War (Abraham Lincoln Brigade).

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Philadelphia is requested to contact informants within its division who are acquainted with the activities of the ALB, display photograph of subject enclosed herewith, and provide complete surveillance and background information on certain names MORRIS COHEN or [REDACTED] have any significance in relation to the subject, and submit reports to NY, along with characterization of informants.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: 7/19/56

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-42276)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
SECURITY MATTER - C
(OO: New York)

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DATE 1/23/85 BY SP6 Bja/evk

Re New York letter to Bureau dated 5/31/56.

[redacted] SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is familiar with many members of the International Brigade who fought for the Republic of Spain during the Spanish Civil War. A photograph of the subject was exhibited to [redacted] but he was unable to identify the subject and advised that he had no knowledge of him. b7c
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[redacted] advised that the address, "Plaza Del Altozona, Socorre Rojo Internacional #274, Albacole, Espague, Spain," was the address to which mail was directed to members of the International Brigade in Spain. He stated that this address was similar to the APO to which mail is directed to American soldiers. b7c
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A check of the indices in the Philadelphia Office failed to reflect any references identical with the subject. RUC.

- 2 - Bureau (100-406659) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 - New York (100-103389) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - Philadelphia (100-42276)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)
 SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
 SM-C
 (OO-NEW YORK)

DATE: 7/23/56

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Remylets, 5/31/56, 3/22/56 and 1/19/56.

The following investigation has been conducted in an attempt to locate subject:

You are advised that SE [redacted] on February 7, 1956, caused [redacted]

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On February 7, 1956, SE [redacted] caused a search to be made [redacted]

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- 1- New York (100-103389)

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Letter to Director

Re: MORRIS COHEN
SM-C
(OO-NEW YORK)

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7/23/56

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Confidential informants in the San Francisco area have failed to report any information concerning a MORRIS COHEN and if and when such information is reported or information is received on unidentified individuals having recently come to the San Francisco area appropriate investigation will be made to determine the identity of such individuals and if it appears that the individual may be the subject of your investigation your office will be promptly notified.

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[REDACTED] advised the subject and [REDACTED] were unknown to him.

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[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that he does not recall anyone by the name of MORRIS COHEN or [REDACTED]. He did not recognize the photograph of the subject.

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Letter to Director

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7/23/56

Re: MORRIS COHEN
SM-C
(OO-NEW YORK)

[REDACTED] International Ladies Garment Workers Union, San Juan, Puerto Rico, was interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was exhibited a photograph of the subject and stated he did not recognize this individual. [REDACTED] pointed out that the name MORRIS COHEN is a rather common name. He also stated that he was unable to recognize the name [REDACTED]

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Investigation to locate subject is continuing in the NYO. ~~SMC~~

NY 100-103389

Results of Interview of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 7/23/57, at which time the following transpired:

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[REDACTED] identified individuals in a photograph shown to him as being MORRIS COHEN and LONA COHEN who resided at 178 East 71st Street, NYC, from approximately 1943 to 1953.

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[REDACTED] said he could furnish very little information concerning the COHENS except that he pointed out LONA COHEN frequently dressed in mannish attire, usually slacks, and rather regularly wore a beret. He described her as being blond and somewhat attractive. He noted that her husband, MORRIS, was a school teacher and he furnished physical descriptions of each which coincided with information previously available to interviewing agents. He noted that the COHENS had departed for California, exact year unrecalled but approximately 1953 according to his best recollection and that the circumstances concerning their departure were unusual. He stated the COHENS simply disappeared and left all their furniture in the apartment. Subsequent to their departure relatives of MORRIS COHEN cleaned out the MORRIS COHEN apartment.

[REDACTED] advised interviewing agents that the person who would be most likely to know anything about LONA COHEN and her husband would be [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: September 28, 1956

FROM : SAC NEW YORK (100-103389)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
SM-C
OO- NEW YORK

Remylet 7/23/56 and NHlet 8/17/55.

Mr. HARRY COHEN, subject's father, 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. was recontacted on 9/25/56 by SA [redacted] COHEN advised he has received no further word from or of his son since last contacted by the FBI. COHEN advised that in the event he received any information regarding the subject's present location, he would immediately contact this office. b7c

[redacted] New Haven is requested to recontact [redacted] to determine if any further information has come to his attention regarding the possible location of the subject. In the event he has no further information to offer at this time, he should be requested to contact the FBI in the event he receives any information at a later date regarding the subject's location. b7c
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If the above New Haven lead is negative, the NYO is contemplating closing this case pending the receipt of further information regarding the subject's present location.

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- 2 - New Haven (100-15936) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-103389)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: 10/19/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
SM-C
(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYlet 9/28/56, and NH let 10/15/56.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he [redacted] has no information regarding the subject's whereabouts. He stated he will immediately notify the FBI in the event he receives any information regarding the subject's location.

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Extensive investigation has been conducted in this case since 1951, in an attempt to determine subject's past and present residence and activities. During this time, the only information that has been determined is the fact that (1) the subject was a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; (2) [redacted] made a statement that the subject had had CP meetings in his home and that he was a very radical Communist prior to 1951, and (3) the subject's residence, employment and activities have been unknown since 1950.

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It is felt, in view of the above, that no further investigation in this case is warranted at this time. The NYO is, therefore, considering this case closed, subject to being reopened upon the receipt of further information regarding subject's present residence or further information which would place the subject within the SI criteria.

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- 2 - Bureau (100-406659) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-103389)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]
SUBJECT: [redacted]
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DATE 1/25/92 BY 9806 BJA/ark

Reairtel 7/8/57, and Reairtel 7/17/57, captioned
ESP-2.

File review in the WFO of NY file 100-103309,
Bufile 100-406659, reflects a photograph of subject MORRIS
COHEN and wife LEONTINA COHEN, nee FATKA, subject of
NY file 100-71301.

This photograph is identical with photograph
found among the possessions of EMIL R. GOLDFUS when he
was arrested on 7/21/57, at the Latham Hotel, NYC.
This photograph contained the signatures of SHIRLEY N.
MORRIS. The NYO opened an investigation under the captions
of Unsub, nee, MORRIS, and Unsub nee SHIRLEY.

[redacted] viewed the photographs of Unsub MORRIS
and Unsub SHIRLEY and positively identified them as [redacted]

Upon the basis of this positive identification,
the NYO consolidated the Unsub files into the [redacted]

- ⑥ - Bureau [redacted] (RM)
- 1 - [redacted] (Info) (RM)
- 1 - San Antonio [redacted] (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New York (65-72001)
- 1 - New York [redacted]
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[REDACTED]
Surveillances of [REDACTED] indicated that he might not be identical with Unsub. MORRIS. [REDACTED] was absent from her home and surveillances agents, were therefore unable to view her to effect positive identification.

[REDACTED] continues to maintain that Unsub SMURLEY is identical with [REDACTED]

NYO continuing surveillances in effort to view [REDACTED] in view of the fact that she has now returned home.

NYO will also submit photographs to [REDACTED] to ascertain if photograph of IRISUBA COHEN is identical with LONA COHEN [REDACTED] referred to in referenced NY airtel 7/3/51.

San Antonio should take no action re this information pending results of NY investigation.

Bureau will be immediately advised of the results of above investigation by the NYO.

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FBI

Date: 7/23/57

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Belmont	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK [REDACTED]

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ReNYairtel, 7/22/57, in captioned matter.

[REDACTED] was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at which time a photograph of a male and female was exhibited to [REDACTED]. Said [REDACTED] photograph was shown subsequent to showing [REDACTED] approximately six other photographs. *b7c b7D*

[REDACTED] identified the female in noted photograph as being LONA COHEN, but stated the male in the photograph with LONA COHEN was unknown to her. *b7c b7D*

[REDACTED] was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED] with regard to the previously noted photograph.

[REDACTED] immediately identified the photograph of the male and female as being MORRIS COHEN and his wife, LONA COHEN. [REDACTED] them as "Communists" and pointed out that they had departed for California under highly unusual circumstances in approximately 1953. [REDACTED] these individuals had backgrounds, in her opinion, which had caused *b7c b7D*

- 3 - Bureau [REDACTED] (RM) *b7c*
- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York [REDACTED]

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FBI - NEW YORK

Approved: _____

[Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Transmit the following in _____
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NY [redacted] b7c

her to reflect many times about the desirability of making these facts known to the proper authorities. She stated that she had always feared to do so, but was very much relieved when interviewing agents questioned her about LONA COHEN.

[redacted] will be reinterviewed at length [redacted] at which time the Bureau will be advised of further pertinent developments and at which time NYO recommendations will be made. NYO is closing the cases previously opened by this office on [redacted]

and [redacted] Com-unications previously submitted with regard to these two individuals, will be immediately incorporated into the NYfile of MORRIS COHEN (Bufile 100-406659) and LEONA COHEN, nee PETKA, NYfile 100-71301, no Bufile shown. b7c

In addition, communications submitted in the UNSUB, wa: "Morris" (LNU) and UNSUB, wa: "Shirley" (LNU) will be incorporated in the files of MORRIS COHEN and LONA COHEN. //

The NYO wishes to point out the possibility, all though not definite at this point, that MORRIS could conceivably be UNSUB, wa: Mar, a previous subject of the FINCASE. Bureau's attention is directed to the sound of the first portion of the name MORRIS and the fact that the COHENS at this point would definitely appear to know [redacted]

Above for information. b7c

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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DATE 4/23/85 BY SP-10 [redacted]

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Reurairtel 7-22-57 which reports the positive identification made by [redacted] Bronx, New York, of photograph found in "Mark's" possession as being identical with [redacted]

Your airtel 7-23-57 reports that [redacted] identified the female in this photograph as Lona Cohen [redacted] identified the persons in this photograph as Morris and Lona Cohen. [redacted] described the Cohens as "communists" who left New York City for California under highly unusual circumstances in 1953. Your airtel 7-23-57 states you are closing the cases opened on [redacted] and incorporating communications in those files into the files on Morris and Lona Cohen.

Inasmuch as conflicting identifications have been made of the persons in this photograph, you should take immediate steps to resolve this conflict before closing the cases on [redacted]

A review of the file captioned [redacted] "SM-C" reflects [redacted]

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- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
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- Holloman _____
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Airtel to New York

Re: [REDACTED] b7c

You may show him the photograph and ask him if it is a photograph of him and his wife. In the event this is a photograph of him and his wife, he should be questioned concerning his knowledge of "Mark" and his activities.

If it is determined that [REDACTED] is not identical with the man in this photograph, you should then reinterview [REDACTED] to obtain as much information as possible concerning her knowledge of Lona Cohen and Cohen's present whereabouts. It is noted from a review of the file on the Cohens that they have not been located for the past several years. b7c

This should be handled promptly.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK [REDACTED] *b7c*

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] *b7c*
ESP - R

Re Bureau airtel, 7/26/57, captioned as above which requested that the subject be interviewed.

The subject was interviewed [REDACTED] by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and he displayed a cooperative attitude during the entire interview. He was shown a photograph of [REDACTED] and LEONA COHEN. He stated he had never seen the persons in the photograph before and is certain it was not a photograph of him and his wife. *b7c*

To test the sincerity of his cooperative attitude, the interviewing agents asked him if the name [REDACTED] meant anything to him. He readily stated that [REDACTED] *b7D b7c*

[REDACTED] He furnished substantially the same information regarding [REDACTED] as was furnished by [REDACTED]

It may be noted that surveillance agents observed [REDACTED] enter the above address on 7/12/57. *b7c*

He was also asked if the name [REDACTED] meant anything to him. He stated he met [REDACTED] at Columbus Circle, New York City, on 7/17/57 while he was on his way home. He went on to say that he used to work for [REDACTED] *b7D b7c*

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- 2 - Washington Field (RM) *b7c*
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[REDACTED]
It may be noted that [REDACTED] *b7c*

Surveilling agents of the New York Office observed [REDACTED] on 7/17/57 at Columbus Circle, New York City. *b7c*

In view of the above, the New York Office has concluded that [REDACTED] are not identical with UNSUB, wa: [REDACTED] and UNSUB, wa: "Shirley," *b7c* who have been identified as [REDACTED] and LEONA COHEN, by [REDACTED] *b7D*

The results of a reinterview of [REDACTED] were submitted by the New York Office by airtel on 7/25/57. This airtel included all information she has concerning the COHENS. *b7c*
b7D

New York Office is herewith closing its files on [REDACTED] and consolidating pertinent information from the FINCASE into the files on [REDACTED] and LEONA COHEN. *b7c*

New York Office requests that WFO discontinue investigation requested in airtel dated 7/19/57, captioned as above.

Investigation continuing to locate *MORRIS* and LEONA COHEN. *b7c*

KELLY

cc - Belmont
D. E. Moore

August 14, 1957

Assistant Attorney General
William M. Tompkins

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with aliases

"Mark"
Emil R. Goldfus
Martin Collins
MURDER; EDUOVICH ABEL
"Mitt"

ESPIONAGE - R

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP (S) OF
DATE 8/30/78 *declass*

Reference is made to telephone conversation between Departmental Attorney Kevin Maroney and Inspector D. E. Moore of this Bureau on August 13, 1957. Mr. Maroney advised that the arraigning judge has indicated that if Abel has not secured an attorney by August 16, the court will appoint an attorney. Mr. Maroney also advised that the judge has inquired of the office of the United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York, as to whether the Government will place any claim against the money taken from Abel. Approximately \$6,000 was found in the possession of the subject when he was arrested June 21, 1957, and \$15,000 was found in the safe-deposit box rented

Mr. Maroney advised the Department plans on advising the judge the Government does not intend to place any hold on the approximately \$6,000 in the subject's possession when arrested but has not made any decision with regard to the \$15,000. Mr. Maroney stated he wanted to withhold any decision with regard to the \$15,000 to determine if the Treasury Department may possibly be able to make some claim with regard to this money.

Your attention is directed to the fact that \$4,000 of the money in subject's possession at the time of his arrest was in a separate package and under the flap of the paper in which this money was wrapped were found two photographs. These photographs were of a man and a woman. Written on the back of the woman's photograph was: "How are Joann's murders?" and signed "Shirley." On the back of the man's photograph was: "Have you taken a trip to Frisco since we last saw you?" and signed "Morris." On interview "Mark" claimed these were

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- Tolson _____
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- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Nease _____
- Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

65-64538

cc - 100-406659 (Morris Cohen; Lona Cohen, was.)

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

photographs of a married couple he had met in a park in New York City in 1949. He claimed to know them only as Shirley and Morris and did not know their last names. He claimed to have associated with them for about four months.

At the time of his arrest "Mark" had in his possession two keys for a safe-deposit box in the Manufacturers Trust Company, 1151 Third Avenue, New York City.

A search warrant was obtained and the safe-deposit box was opened and located in it was \$15,000 wrapped in four bundles similar to the one located in "Mark's" hotel room. During an interview of

During a later interview, the photographs of Shirley and Morris were displayed to [redacted] and she identified Shirley as Lona Cohen [redacted] and she claimed she did not know the identity of the man.

A review of our files reflects that Morris Cohen is the subject of a Security Matter - C investigation which originated in 1953 upon receipt of information that he was a radical communist and had held Communist Party meetings in his home. Investigation has reflected that Morris Cohen, the subject of this investigation, is the husband of Lona Cohen and is identical with the male whose picture was located in the package of money. Investigation has also developed that Morris and Lona Cohen left

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New York City suddenly sometime in 1950, allegedly to travel to California. No trace of either of these persons has been developed since that time. Inquiry made of both the families of Morris and Lona Cohen has been negative. Vigorous investigation is being conducted to locate these persons.

The including of two photographs in a package of \$4,000 might indicate this money was earmarked for these two individuals and the writing on the backs of the photographs could possibly be a parole for a meeting with them by "Mark" or one of his agents. You will recall that during an interview of "Mark" by Agents of this Bureau on July 1, 1957, he was asked concerning the material that was located in his hotel room at the time of his arrest. Our Agents asked "Mark" why he had opened the door to the room when he had so much money in the room. Concerning the money, "Mark" stated he had for years carried fairly large sums of money and no one had ever tried to harm him in any way. As to the other material, "Mark" said that had the FBI called at any other time it would not have found the material in his room. "Mark" said he had brought the material into his room to work on it the night before. He said he would not have had the material in his room two hours later as he would have by then sent it out. Thus, the possibility exists this money had been prepared by "Mark" for delivery to the Cohens or to one of his agents. In view of the above, you may wish to consider the \$4,000 of evidentiary value in this case.

On August 12, 1957, Agents of our New York Office attempted to reinterview _____ and he advised the Agents he would definitely not talk to them without his attorney's being present. You may wish to consider issuing a subpoena to bring _____ before a Federal Grand Jury and have him questioned concerning his associations and relations with the subject of this case and with Morris and Lona Cohen. b7c

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[REDACTED] b1c
has admitted an association with the subject but has become uncooperative in recent attempts to interview her. You may also wish to consider issuing a subpoena to bring her before a Federal Grand Jury for questioning about her association with the subject.

For your information, there is enclosed one copy each of six reports prepared in the case captioned "Morris Cohen, Security Matter - C."

The above information is furnished to you for your information.

Enclosures (6)

NOTE: This is classified Secret as it pertains to a current Soviet espionage operation and to afford maximum protection to this info.

The reports furnished to AAG Tompkins above are as follows:

Report of SA [REDACTED] b1c
dated 11/12/53 at New York.

Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated 2/26/54 at New York.

Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated 12/28/54 at New York.

Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated 2/7/55 at New Haven, Conn.

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NOTE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] b7c
dated 2/16/55 at New York.

Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated 4/15/55 at Newark, N.J.

All above reports captioned "Morris Cohen, SM - C."
Cover memo [REDACTED] to Belmont re UNSUB, wa. "Mark", b7c
Espionage - R, prepared by [REDACTED] 8/14/57 in connection
with this outgoing letter.

A. H. Belmont

8/14/57

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "Mark"
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On 8/13/57 Departmental Attorney Kevin Maroney advised Inspector D. E. Moore that the arraigning judge had inquired of the U.S. Attorney's office, Eastern District of NY, if the Government will place any claim against the money taken from the subject. Maroney advised the Department plans on advising the judge the Government does not intend to place any hold on the approximately \$6,000 found in the subject's possession when arrested but has not made any decision about the \$15,000 in the safe-deposit box and he wants to withhold judgment on the \$15,000 to determine if the Treasury Department may possibly be able to make some claim against this money.

When arrested on 6/21/57 by INS, "Mark" had a package containing \$4,000 in his room and under flap of package were photos of man and woman. On back of woman's photo was: "How are Jessn's murders?" and signed "Shirley." On back of man's photo was: "Have you taken a trip to Frisco since we last saw you?" signed "Morris." "Mark" claimed these were photos of a married couple known to him only as Shirley and Morris. He said he met them in a NY park in 1949 and associated with them for four months.

"Mark" also had two keys for safe-deposit box at Manufacturers Trust Company, 1151 3rd Avenue, NYC [REDACTED] Box opened pursuant to search warrant and contained four bundles of money, totaling \$15,000.

[REDACTED] on interview identified the photo of Shirley as Lona Cohen

Lona Cohen is married to one Morris Cohen, who is subject of SM - C case in NYO opened in 1953 as result of statements [REDACTED] that he was a radical communist and had CP meetings in his home. Cohen has been identified as the man in the photo contained in the package. Investigation showed the Cohens disappeared in 1950, allegedly to move to California; however, they have not been located to date.

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cc - 100-406659 (Morris Cohen; Lona Cohen, was.)

cc - Belmont
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Memorandum for A. H. Belmont
Re: Unknown Subject, wa. "Mark"
Bufile: 65-64538

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] when first interviewed, she furnished above information, but on later interviews, has been uncooperative. b7c b7D

By airtel 8/12/57 captioned [REDACTED] b7c
Espionage - R," NY recommends that the Bureau recommend to the Department that [REDACTED] be subpoenaed to appear before a Federal Grand Jury.

ACTION:

1. There is attached for your approval a letter to AAG Tompkins, pointing out that the \$4,000 found in a package in subject's hotel room at the time of his arrest may have been earmarked for delivery to one of his agents by "Mark" and that he may wish to consider the \$4,000 of evidentiary value in this case.

2. The attached letter also sets forth the facts concerning the relationship existing among Morris Cohen, Lona Cohen, [REDACTED] and the subject and suggests the Department may wish to consider issuing a subpoena to bring [REDACTED] before a Federal Grand Jury for questioning. b7c

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: 8/1/57

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
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Re NY airtel 7/25/57, in captioned matter.

The following additional information concerning MORRIS COHEN and LONA COHEN is being set forth primarily for background information, which may prove of assistance to the LA Office in attempting to locate the present whereabouts of the COHENS. Certain of the information subsequently set out was furnished in referenced NY airtel but NYO has attempted to set forth complete information furnished by those individuals subsequently named in this communication concerning MORRIS and LONA COHEN:

Results of Interview With

[REDACTED]

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The following interview was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at which time the following transpired:

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[REDACTED] LONA COHEN was an atheist who claimed she had been raised as a Catholic.

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[REDACTED]

When MORRIS COHEN first came out of the Army, he was not feeling well and lost a good bit of weight.

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- 1 - Los Angeles (100-52289) (Info)
- 1 - San Antonio (Info)
- 1 - San Francisco (Info)
- 1 - Washington Field (100-28897)
- 1 - New York (65-17341)
- 1 - New York (100-71301)
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He studied in NY under the GI Bill of Rights and ultimately became a teacher in the NYC school system.

[REDACTED] LONA COHEN was probably in her early 40's at the present time. She described MORRIS COHEN as getting gray hair fast and noted that LONA COHEN's hair was a sort of dirty blond. [REDACTED] that LONA COHEN possibly dyed her hair to make it appear lighter. [REDACTED] that LONA COHEN had had dental work done on her front top teeth and that the job had not been a good one. She described LONA COHEN as the type of individual who wore sun glasses and manish attire. Occasionally, LONA COHEN wore frameless eyeglasses. The most significant fact concerning LONA COHEN [REDACTED] (and to others subsequently mentioned) was the fact that LONA COHEN regularly wore slacks the year round. b7c b7D

LONA COHEN [REDACTED] spent time in Connecticut on her mother's farm and paid off the bills on the farm. b7c

With regard to LONA COHEN's employment, [REDACTED] LONA had received a head injury working in a defense plant during WW II and rather than settle the claim, kept the case open to collect compensation for her injury. [REDACTED] b7c b7D

[REDACTED] LONA COHEN came from a large Connecticut family who resided possibly in the vicinity of Bridgeport. [REDACTED] MORRIS COHEN seemed to like outdoor life quite a bit and went to parks in the NYC area to hear concerts. b7c b7D

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[REDACTED]

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Results of Interview With

[REDACTED]

b7c

The following interview was conducted by
SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at which time
the following transpired:

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LONA COHEN [REDACTED] had left
her family at the age of 12 or 13, at which time she
came to NYC "on her own." She held different jobs,
[REDACTED] and at one time worked for a
wealthy family on Park Avenue or Fifth Avenue, in
NYC.

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MORRIS COHEN claimed some sort of disability
because of Army life and [REDACTED] impression
that he collected compensation for either frozen feet
or snow blindness.

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With regard to LONA COHEN and her residence
at 178 E. 71st St., NYC, [REDACTED]
understanding that LONA COHEN had been "put out" of
her previous apartment prior to moving to 71st St.
address. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LONA COHEN definitely believed in free love and had very loose morals.)

[REDACTED] that MORRIS COHEN served in the United States Army in Alaska in the medical corps. She knows that he was not in combat, as he had a "soft job."

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Concerning LONA and MORRIS' way of life, [REDACTED] they spent very little money and ate in a very light manner. However, when LONA did have company for dinner (which was not often) [REDACTED] the impression that these dinners were sort of a "must," as if LONA were obligated to someone to put on these dinners. Regarding physical characteristics, [REDACTED] described LONA COHEN as dressing in a very plain manner, and as being the type of person who never wore a marriage ring. She noted that LONA COHEN had a fast walk.

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Results of Interview With [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Results of Interview With

[REDACTED]

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SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was interviewed by [REDACTED] at which time the following transpired:

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[redacted] was now positive in her own mind that the COHENS had left the 178 E. 71st St. address as of mid-1950. (It will be noted in previous interviews [redacted] and [redacted] that it was felt that COHENS departed NYC in approximately 1953.)

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[redacted] felt certain that the departure date was 1950, inasmuch as she had refreshed her memory by talking with [redacted]

[redacted] also knew COHEN and that she felt he would possibly be able to furnish information concerning COHEN to interviewing agents (results of interview with [redacted] subsequently set forth).

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[redacted] now felt LONA COHEN merely "lived with" MORRIS COHEN and that they were not married. She noted that LONA had lived with MORRIS for 11 years. [redacted] commented that LONA COHEN may not even be with MORRIS COHEN at this time, as she had been in love with so many men. [redacted] noted, as she has done previously, that LONA believed in free love and did not believe in marriage.

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[redacted]

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Results of Interview With [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED] at which time the following transpired: b7c b7D

[REDACTED] recalled LONA COHEN and identified a photograph of LONA COHEN and MORRIS COHEN, after having viewed approximately 8 to 10 other photographs having no connection with the COHENS. [REDACTED] that LONA COHEN worked in a defense plant somewhere in NYC but never mentioned the name of the plant. He recalled that LONA COHEN and her husband had lived at 178 E. 71st St., and that approximately one year [REDACTED] the COHENS had left NYC. (It is noted this would place the COHENS' departure in 1950.) [REDACTED] b7c b7D

[REDACTED] that MORRIS COHEN was a school teacher and he noted that LONA COHEN had parents in Connecticut. He described LONA COHEN as a "free thinker," who had funny ideas and who was a pretty heavy drinker. b7c b7D

[REDACTED] had never received any mail from the COHENS once they left NYC and they had not indicated to him that they were considering leaving the city in 1950. He said he had no idea where they might have gone. b7c b7D

[REDACTED] LONA COHEN ran away from her home at approximately 12 years of age, at which time she took an apartment in Greenwich Village, NYC. [REDACTED] LONA had a "hell of a good time there" and he presumes she met COHEN in this neighborhood, b7c b7D