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in NYC. [REDACTED] understanding LONA and MORRIS did not want to get married, as they were happy with their relationship under the circumstances. (It is noted previous investigation in this matter showed that MORRIS COHEN and LONA COHEN were married on July 13, 1941, at Norwich, Conn. Said information reflected on page 8 of referenced NY airtel, 7/25/57.)

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] he described MORRIS COHEN as a quiet individual who treated LONA well and it was [REDACTED] opinion that LONA was "the boss." He further recalled that LONA COHEN had hurt herself at work in a defense plant during WW II and it was his impression that her hair had been caught in a machine. [REDACTED] to the best of his recollection, LONA COHEN had not traveled to Europe while she had resided at the East 71st St. address. He was asked during the interview if he were certain of his identification of the photograph of MORRIS and LONA COHEN and he advised interviewing agents that he was positive of his identification of the individuals as being MORRIS and LONA COHEN.

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The most significant thing [REDACTED] recalled about LONA COHEN's appearance was that she wore slacks continuously. (It will be noted each person spoken to in connection with LONA COHEN has pointed out this fact and it would appear that LONA COHEN incessantly dressed in mannish attire.)

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[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] told interviewing agents that if he b7c
heard anything further concerning the COHENS or b7D
if he were able to locate any further information,
he would advise the NYO of the FBI. He stated he
understood the confidential nature of this investigation.

Results of Interview With [REDACTED] b7c

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

[REDACTED] as shown certain photographs
having nothing to do with MORRIS and LONA COHEN, and
was then shown a photograph of MORRIS and LONA COHEN;
she readily identified the photograph of MORRIS and
LONA COHEN, after having stated the other individuals
depicted in the other photographs were unfamiliar to
her. She stated one of the main reasons she recalled
this couple was that LONA COHEN was a resident in the
neighborhood, who continually wore slacks. She commented
to interviewing agents that LONA was a person who
had a good figure, and that people in the neighborhood com-
mented about her wearing slacks. She described LONA's
husband as "Jewish."

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] said she knew very little about b7D
the COHENS and recalled them primarily because of
LONA's appearance in the neighborhood in slacks. She
stated she had never had anything to do with them
and was unable to furnish anything other than the
foregoing information concerning MORRIS and LONA COHEN.

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[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] She was also shown
a photograph of [REDACTED]
and asked if she knew this young man. She stated she
did not. (It will be noted [REDACTED] claims, according
to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Information re [REDACTED] b7c

For the benefit of the Los Angeles Office,
the NYO sets forth the following information concerning
the location of legal papers having to do with [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED]

NYO will maintain contact with [REDACTED]
to ascertain whether she is able to furnish any additional
information concerning the present whereabouts of LONA
COHEN and MORRIS COHEN. It is the opinion of SAS [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED] that she has furnished everything concerning the
COHENS which she can recall at this time. For the information
of the Bureau, [REDACTED] is leaving on Friday, 8/2/57,
for a two weeks vacation in upper NY State. Her location
while on vacation is known to interviewing agents, in the
event further contact with her is needed. For info. b7c

cc - [REDACTED] b7c
E.E. Moore

SAC, New York (100-103389)

August 15, 1957

Director, FBI (100-208659) - 19

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MORRIS COHEN;
LONA COHEN, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

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DATE 11/23/85 BY SP10 B

Reurlet 8-1-57 captioned, "Morris Cohen, SM - C." In the future, investigation in this case should be captioned as above. It is noted replet states that Lona Cohen had received a head injury working in a defense plant during World War II and rather than settle the claim, she kept the case open to collect compensation for her injury.

You are requested to check the records of the New York State Workmen's Compensation Bureau in New York City in an effort to locate compensation file on this matter. If located, it should be thoroughly reviewed for possible leads. Possibility exists that information furnished by "Mark" to [REDACTED] concerning one of his agents whose wife had a head injury may relate to Morris and Lona Cohen. b7c

[REDACTED] b7D
Your attention is called to the fact that David Greenglass was initially interrogated in the Rosenberg case on 6-13-50 and was placed under arrest on 6-16-50.

[REDACTED] may be coincidental but in view of their sudden disappearance, this may indicate they have been involved in the Rosenberg network. This case should continue to receive special attention and all leads handled on a 5-day deadline basis. Of course, any important developments should be immediately called to the attention of the Bureau.

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

When EMIL R. GOLDFUS, principal of the FINCASE, was arrested on 6/21/57, at the Latham Hotel, NYC, a package containing \$4,000 was found among his possessions. This money was wrapped in brown wrapping paper. Under one flap of the package was found a photo of an unknown man and woman. The back of the man's photo contained the name "MORRIS" and the back of the woman's photo contained the name "SHIRLEY." These photos were subsequently identified as MORRIS COHEN and LEONA COHEN, nee PETKA.

A review of the NYO files on MORRIS and LEONA COHEN reflects that they both disappeared from their residence, 178 East 71st Street, NYC, on 9/30/50. The possibility exists that MORRIS and LEONA COHEN entered the CP underground at that time and that they have been involved as espionage agents for Russia since that time.

MORRIS COHEN was employed as a teacher at PS #86, NYC, from 9/9/49 to 9/8/50 under Social Security Number [REDACTED]. He was born on 7/2/10 at NYC.

- 3 - Bureau (100-406659)(RM)
- 2 - Baltimore (RM)
- 3 - New Haven (Encs. 3)(RM)
- 2 - Washington Field (RM)
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NYO requests that Baltimore review records of
[REDACTED]b2
b7cNYO requests that WFO review passport records
for any current request for passport or issuance of
passport.b6
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ANOTHER
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AGENCYNYO file review reflects that LEONA COHEN (wife
of MORRIS COHEN) has the following relatives residing in
Connecticut:

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It may be noted that New Haven contacted [REDACTED]
for information re subject and his wife with negative
results.b7c
b7DNYO requests that New Haven conduct intensive
investigation to ascertain the present whereabouts of the
subject and his wife through these relatives. Photographs
are attached herewith.

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Investigation NYO disclosed listing in new
1958 telephone directory for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] b7D

It may be noted that this case has emanated
from the FINCASE and is to be handled as a special. Leads
are to be handled in a most discreet and expeditious manner.

No information in this case is to be disseminated
outside the Bureau without prior Bureau authority.

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August 7, 1957

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Director, FBI (100-406659)

MORRIS COHEN;
LONA COHEN, was.
Leona Cohen
Leontina Cohen
ESPIONAGE - R

Mrs. Morris Cohen

Re New York airtel 8-2-57.

It is noted that subject and his wife reportedly disappeared from their residence in New York 9-30-50. This date may be significant in that their disappearance took place shortly after the Julius Rosenberg case broke. In view thereof, the possibility that subject and his wife may have had some connection with the Julius Rosenberg espionage network should be kept in mind during this investigation. As noted in the above caption, subject's wife has been added to the title of this case.

The Bureau suggests that photographs of subject and his wife be exhibited to David and Ruth Greenglass, Harry Gold, [redacted] and any other logical sources in the Rosenberg case. New York should continue to give this investigation preferred attention.

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cc - 1 - New Haven
cc - 1 - Cleveland
cc - 1 - Philadelphia

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
ESP-RALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 10/3/85 BY 40 B. J. [redacted]

When EMIL R. GOLDFUS, principal of the Fincase, was arrested on 6/21/57, at the Latham Hotel, NYC, a package containing \$4,000 was found among his possessions. This money was wrapped in brown wrapping paper. Under one flap of the package was found a photo of an unknown man and woman. The back of the man's photo contained the name "MORRIS" and the back of the woman's photo contained the name "SHIRLEY". These photos were subsequently identified as MORRIS COHEN and LEONA COHEN.

A review of the NYO files on MORRIS and LEONA COHEN reflects that they both disappeared from their residence 178 East 71st St., NYC in approximately 1950.

[redacted] that MORRIS and SHIRLEY COHEN departed from their apartment one night and left all their possessions. Mr. HARRY COHEN, the father of MORRIS subsequently came and took the furniture and personal possessions.

The NYO has been unsuccessful in locating the COHENS since their departure.

- ③ - Bureau (100-406659) (RM)
- 2 - Newark (100-39327) (RM)
- 2 - Washington Field (100-28897) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-71301)
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 cc - [redacted]
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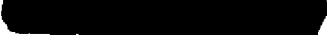
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 Finance Office, VA, 252 7th Avenue, NYC, advised on 7/25/57, that MORRIS COHEN has been receiving a ten per cent disability check from the VA since 1947 but has not been called in for a physical recheck since 1947. He stated these checks have been sent to 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, NY. He gave the following check numbers which have been sent to subject at that address.

January 1955 - 98466347
 February 1955 - 50232978
 March 1955 - 51991825
 April 1955 - 53856688
 May 1955 - 55735337
 June 1955 - 57664437
 July 1955 - 59589159
 August 1955 - 61504983
 September 1955 - 63394912

April 1956 - 926504
 May 1956 - 1089622
 June 1956 - 1268158
 July 1956 - 1430652
 August 1956 - 1575366

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HARRY COHEN died

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[REDACTED]

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NYO requests that WFO check the above checks numbers with GAO records to ascertain if the checks were cashed, where they were cashed, and obtain Photostats of endorsement.

NYO requests that Newark locate [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], surveillances, and all other appropriate investigation to locate MORRIS COHEN through [REDACTED] (Photos for Newark)

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This investigation emanated from the Pincase and must be handled in a most discreet and expeditious manner.

It may be noted that the possibility exists that MORRIS and LEONA COHEN entered the CP underground

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in 1950 and have been involved as espionage agents since that time. //

Bureau will be promptly advised of progress and investigation continuing.

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[Signature]
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August 9, 1957

cc - D. E. Moore
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SAC, New York (100-103389)

MORRIS COHEN;
LONA COHEN, with aliases Leona Cohen,
Leontina Cohen
ESPIONAGE - R

ReBuairtel 7-26-57, Bulet 8-2-57 and
New York airtels 7-26, 8-2 and 8-5-57.

All leads in this case must be handled
on an expedite basis. All leads must be covered
within 5 days of the receipt in your office of
communications setting forth such leads. All
important developments must be called to the
attention of the Bureau and the New York Office
by the most expedite means deemed advisable.

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cc - 1 - Philadelphia
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NOTE: Subject and his wife reportedly disappeared from their
residence in New York in September, 1950. Pictures of the
subject and his wife were found on the inside flap
of a package containing \$4,000 in the hotel room of "Mark"
on the date of his arrest 6-21-57.

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Mr. H. Homan	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-71301)

SUBJECT: LEONA COHEN, nee PETKA, was:
Lona Cohen, Mrs. Morris Cohen,
Leonita Cohen, Lona Petka
ESPIONAGE - R

RECEIVED 1-11-13 AT NEW YORK
MORRIS COHEN

[REDACTED] advised that subject worked in a defense plant in the vicinity of New York during World War II.

Records of the Board of Elections, NYC, reflect that LONA COHEN voted in 1942 and gave her employment as Publics Metal, 100 6th Ave., NYC. These records also reflect that she voted in 1943 and listed her employment as Aircraft Screw Products, Long Island City, New York.

It may be noted that both these companies are now defunct. Investigation continuing to locate their records.

NYO requests that Albany review subject's N.Y. State Income Tax Returns during period of 1940 - 1950 to ascertain all background information, including Social Security Number and additional employments.

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- ③ - Bureau (RM)
 - 2 - Albany (RM)
 - 1 - Newark (Info.) (RM)
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Subject was born on 1/11/13 at Adams, Mass.
to LADISLAUS PETKA and MARY CZUPRYNA PETKA.

This investigation emanated from the FINCASE
and is to be handled as a special. All leads are to be
handled in a most discreet and expeditious manner.

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Date: 7/25/57

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re New York airtel, 7/23/57, entitled, "ESPIONAGE-R", Bufile _____

Referenced communication had to do with the following matter which in the main is synopsis:

- 3 - Bureau (100-406659) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (100-52289) (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (Enc. 1) (RM)
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[REDACTED] was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at which time a photograph of a male and female was exhibited to [REDACTED]. Said 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] and [REDACTED] with regard to the previously noted photograph. Further details concerning this interview will be subsequently set forth in this communication. [REDACTED] immediately identified the previously described photograph of the male and female as being MORRIS COHEN and his wife, LONA COHEN. [REDACTED] described them as "Communists" who had departed for California under highly unusual circumstances in approximately 1953. [REDACTED] had always feared to come forward with this information (for reasons subsequently set forth) but was very much relieved when interviewing agents questioned her about LONA COHEN. b7c b7D

NYO indicated [REDACTED] would be reinterviewed at length [REDACTED] at which time the Bureau would be advised of further developments and at which time the NYO recommendations would be made. The NYO is closing the cases previously opened by this office on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. b7c b7D

Communications previously submitted by the NYO with regard to these two individuals will be immediately incorporated into the New York case files of MORRIS COHEN, Bufile 100-406659, and LEONA COHEN, nee Petka (NY file 100-71301, no Bureau file shown).

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In addition, communications previously submitted by the NYO in the cases entitled UNSUB, wa: "Morris" (LNU) and UNSUB, wa: "Shirley" (LNU) will be incorporated in the files of MORRIS COHEN and LONA COHEN in view of [REDACTED] identification of MORRIS COHEN and LONA COHEN [REDACTED] b7c b7D

For info the NYO wishes to point out the possibility, although not definite at this point, that MORRIS could conceivably be UNSUB, wa: Mar (Bufile 65-64531), a 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] b7c

Foregoing was set forth primarily to indicate identification of a photograph of MORRIS COHEN and LONA COHEN by [REDACTED] previously described in this communication. The following information set forth under captions represents complete results of interviews of noted individuals: b7c b7D

Results of Interview With [REDACTED] b7c b7D

[REDACTED] was interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was shown approximately six photographs of females having no connection with MORRIS COHEN or LONA COHEN and she was unable to identify any of the persons in the photographs. At this point a photograph of a male and female was exhibited to [REDACTED] and she identified the female as being LONA COHEN [REDACTED] b7c b7D

[REDACTED] commented that she could not positively identify the male in the photo as being MORRIS COHEN.

NY 100-103339

Results of Interviews With [REDACTED] b7c b7D

For purposes of clarity, interviews with [REDACTED] are being consolidated under one caption. b7c

[REDACTED] was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at which time she identified two individuals in a photograph as being LONA COHEN and MORRIS COHEN. [REDACTED] described them as "Communists" and pointed out that they had departed for California under highly unusual circumstances in approximately 1953. b7c b7D

[REDACTED] advised that MORRIS COHEN was a school teacher in NYC [REDACTED] b7c b7D

[REDACTED] was again interviewed at which time she furnished the following information not necessarily in the order stated. b7c b7D

LONA COHEN had worked in a defense plant in the vicinity of New York during World War II and MORRIS COHEN was a teacher in NYC schools. [REDACTED] LONA COHEN had once been involved in an industrial accident in which her hair had been caught in a machine and that this accident enabled LONA COHEN to receive compensation. b7c b7D

[REDACTED] COHEN as a Connecticut girl of Polish extraction whose maiden name was Petka. She noted that LONA COHEN was already at the 71st Street address [REDACTED] b7c b7D
[REDACTED] COHENS lived in apartment 3B and indicated that MORRIS COHEN had been a United States serviceman who saw duty in World War II in Alaska.

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[REDACTED] b7c b7D
[REDACTED] understanding that LONA COHEN
had been a governess in a Park Avenue family [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identified
the photograph of LONA COHEN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LONA COHEN in her conversation
was always partial to the Russians and indicated that
she was favorably inclined toward Communism. [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED] the family of LONA COHEN as
being from Connecticut, and indicated that there
were several girls and at least one brother. [REDACTED] b7c b7D

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b7D

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] met COHEN in
either 1944 or 1945, at which time LONA COHEN
said her name was PETKA [REDACTED] did not know
LONA was married at this time. About a year
after (subsequent to 1944 or 1945) LONA PETKA
referred to "her husband". (Actually MORRIS
COHEN and LONA COHEN were married on July 13,
1941, at Norwich, Conn.)

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: Morris Cohen
100-406659

OBSERVATIONS:

It would appear the association between "Mark" and [REDACTED] is more than the casual relationship both individuals have claimed. [REDACTED]

The fact that "Mark" had 2 photographs in the \$4,000 package in his hotel room would indicate a connection between these individuals and the money. It is possible this money was to be turned over to them through a cutout and the writing on the back of each was part of a parole to be used for identification purposes. The disappearance of the Cohens in 1952 or 1953 might indicate they became a part of "Mark's" network at that time and left New York City to take up residence in another part of the state or the country to further the business of the network. [REDACTED] b7c

ACTION:

There is attached for your approval a letter to the Field instructing that the instant case be given prompt and expeditious attention. [REDACTED] b7c

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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Via **AIRTEL****REGISTERED MAIL**

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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

ReBulet to NY dated 8/7/57 which instructed NY to display photographs of the subject to sources in the ROSENBERG case.

For the information of Cleveland and Philadelphia, MORRIS COHEN and his wife, LORNA COHEN, was, are subjects in the FINCASE. All leads emanating from the FINCASE are to be handled as a special and are to be handled in a most discreet and expeditious manner.

NYO requests that Cleveland display photographs of MORRIS and LORNA COHEN to _____ to ascertain if they have any knowledge re the subject.

- ③ - Bureau (100-406659) (RM) (ENC 5)
- 2 - Cleveland (Enc.1) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-52289) (Info.) (RM)
- 2 - Newark (100-39327) (RM)
- 1 - New Haven (Info.) (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (Enc.1) (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco (Enc.1) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-71301)
- 1 - New York (100-103389)

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Mr. Belmont

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Approved: JJK

Special Agent in Charge

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APPROVED: [Signature]
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NYO requests that Philadelphia display photographs of MORRIS and LORNA COHEN to HARRY GOLD and DAVID GREENGLASS to ascertain if they have any knowledge re the subjects.

MORRIS COHEN is 47 years old, 5'9" tall, 155 pounds, teacher by occupation, last known residence 178 East 71st Street, NYC.

LORNA COHEN is 44 years old, 5'5" tall, 130 pounds, governess by occupation, last known address 178 East 71st Street, NYC. She was involved in an industrial accident which pulled the hair out behind her right ear. Her front teeth are spread from poor dental work.

MORRIS and LORNA COHEN disappeared from their residence sometime between July 5, 1950, and September 30, 1950, and have not been seen since. The possibility exists that they entered the CP underground at that time and have been involved in Russian espionage.

For the information of the Bureau, [REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED] has gone on a vacation and is not presently available. NYO will display photos of subjects to her as soon as she returns.

On his application for employment with the NYC Board of Education in 1947, he listed [REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED] Investigation by NYO indicates [REDACTED]

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TO : A. H. Belmont

cc - Belmont

DATE: August 1, 1957

FROM : [REDACTED]

b7c Moore

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
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At the arrest of "Mark" by INS on 6-21-57 he had a package wrapped in brown paper containing \$4,000. In the flap of this package were 2 photographs, one of a man and one of a woman bearing names Morris and Shirley, respectively. Written on the back of the woman's photo was: "How are Joann's murders?" Signed "Shirley" On the back of the man's photo was: "Have you taken a trip to Frisco since we last saw you?" Signed "Morris" On interview, "Mark" claimed these were a married couple he met in a park in New York in 1949 and he claimed he knew them only as Shirley and Morris and did not know their last names. He said he associated with them for about 4 months. New York Office at first identified this couple as [REDACTED] however, later investigation reflected this was an incorrect identification.

At the time of his arrest, "Mark" had in his possession 2 safe-deposit keys for a box in the Manufacturers Trust Company, 1151 Third Avenue, New York City.

A search warrant was obtained and the safe-deposit box opened and located in it was \$15,000 wrapped in 4 bundles similar to the one located in "Mark's" hotel room.

the photographs of Shirley and Morris were shown to [REDACTED] and she identified Shirley as Lona Cohen and claimed she did not know the identity of the male.

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Bundles reflect Morris Cohen is subject of SK-C case opened in 1953 on a statement [REDACTED] that he was a radical communist and had CP meetings in his home. Investigation reflects Morris and Lona Cohen allegedly moved to California in about 1952 or 1953. All efforts to locate the Cohens from 1953 until the case was closed in 1956 were negative.

Enclosure 8-2-57
100-406659

(5) b7c

NY 100-103389

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c
b7D

LEADS

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Will contact [REDACTED] in order to locate [REDACTED] current address in the Los Angeles, Calif., area. Upon contacting [REDACTED] Los Angeles will exhibit photographs of MORRIS COHEN and LONA COHEN to [REDACTED] and will thoroughly interview [REDACTED] for all information he has concerning the COHENs. It will be noted [REDACTED] b7c


[REDACTED] and it will be borne in mind by the Los Angeles Office that the whereabouts of MORRIS COHEN and LONA COHEN have not been known for a period of several years.

2. Will contact [REDACTED] at Long Beach, Calif. in the event [REDACTED] could not be located by contacting [REDACTED] b7c

Discreet expeditious handling of the foregoing matters, in view of the nature of this case, is requested of Los Angeles.

NY 100-103389

Los Angeles should bear in mind this matter has to do with the possible location of the COHENS who would appear to be likely suspects as agents of "MARK" in the Fincase. As has been shown previously in this communication, LONA COHEN definitely knows



b7c

SAN ANTONIO (INFO)

One copy of the photograph of MORRIS COHEN and LONA COHEN is being furnished to the San Antonio Office for info in view of the fact that this photo is a composite of the two photographs found in "MARK's" possession in NYC on 6/21/57, when arrested by INS authorities on an alien warrant.

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Letter to New York
Re: Morris Cohen
100-406659

called in for a physical examination since that time. These checks have been sent to his parents' address. b7c

[REDACTED] WFO has been requested to obtain a record of these checks including Photostats of the endorsements. New York should attempt to obtain known handwriting specimens of Cohen in order that a comparison may be made with any endorsements on the Government checks to determine if Cohen is actually cashing these checks.

Both WFO and New York should make inquiry of the Veterans Administration concerning when Cohen is due to have a physical examination to determine whether or not his disability payments should be continued.

[REDACTED] WFO should check the records of the Passport Division, Department of State, and obtain all background information concerning these passports and any other passport Cohen may have obtained. Photographs of Cohen and his wife as well as handwriting samples should be obtained.

Newark should determine [REDACTED] b7c b7D

One copy of this letter is being furnished to the Los Angeles Office in view of the investigation requested of that office by New York airtel on 7-25-57. This investigation must be given prompt and vigorous attention and all possible leads should be covered in order to locate Cohen.

at
D.E. Moore
b7c

SAC, New York (100-103389)

August 2, 1957

Director, FBI (100-406659)

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MORRIS COHEN
ESPIONAGE - R

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Reurairtel 7-26-57.

A review of the investigation conducted to date reflects that Morris and Lona Cohen could possibly be important persons in the espionage operation of "Mark." The fact that the pictures were included in a package of money found in "Mark's" possession at the time of his arrest would tend to indicate a connection between these persons and that money. The possibility must be considered that this money was to be delivered to the Cohens through a cutout who was being furnished with their photographs and the writing on the backs of these photographs could possibly be a parole for the identification of the cutout.

"Mark" has stated he knew the Cohens in 1949 but denied that he saw them since that time. It would appear more than a coincidence that "Mark" became friendly with [REDACTED] b7c

It is noted Morris Cohen has been receiving a monthly disability check from the Veterans Administration since 1947 although he has not been

cc - 2 - Newark (100-39327)
cc - 2 - Washington Field (100-28897)
cc - 1 - Los Angeles (100-52269)

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(12) b7c
NOTE: Cover memo, same caption, from [REDACTED] to Belmont was prepared by [REDACTED] 8-1-57 in connection this outgoing mail.

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Date: 8/8/57

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
ESP - R

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When EMIL R. GOLDFUS, Principal of the Fincase, was arrested on 6/21/57 at the Latham Hotel, NYC, a package containing \$4000 was found among his possessions. This money was wrapped in brown wrapping paper. Under one flap of the package was found a photo of an unknown man and woman. The back of the man's photo contained the name "MORRIS" and the back of the woman's photo contained the name "SHIRLEY". These photos were subsequently identified as MORRIS COHEN and LEONA COHEN, nee PETKA.

A review of the NYO files on MORRIS and LEONA COHEN reflects that they both disappeared from their residence, 178 E. 71st St., NYC, on 9/30/50. The possibility exists that MORRIS and LEONA COHEN entered the CP underground at that time and that they have been involved as espionage agents for Russia since that time.

A review of the records of the NYC Board of Education 110 Livingston St., B'klyn, NY, reveals that he was employed as a teacher in the NYC school system from 1947 - 1950. On his application for employment in 1947, he listed the following references:

- ③ - Bureau (100-406659) (RM)
- 2 - Baltimore (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (INFO) (RM)
- 2 - Miami (RM)
- 1 - New Haven (INFO) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-71301
- 1 - New York (100-103389)

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Mr. Belmont

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: 8/13/57

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-28897)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Bureau letter to New York dated 8/2/57.

Referenced Bureau letter to New York dated 8/2/57 requested that both WFO and New York should make inquiry of the Veterans Administration (VA) concerning when MORRIS COHEN is due to have a physical examination to determine whether or not his disability payments should be continued.

[REDACTED] Contact Office, VA, Washington, D. C., advised on 8/12/57 that an index card bearing the name MORRIS COHEN and VA File [REDACTED] is the only information available in that office. She stated that the complete file of MORRIS COHEN is maintained in the New York City Office of the VA, and information concerning his disability payments and scheduled physical examinations could be obtained from the VA in New York City.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - New York (100-71301) (RM)
- (1 - 100-103389)
- 1 - WFO

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NYO vigorously interviewed [REDACTED]

She appeared to be completely cooperative. [REDACTED] b6

[REDACTED] no one [REDACTED] has heard a single word from the subjects since they departed for Los Angeles in July, 1950. [REDACTED] is most anxious to cooperate with the FBI as they hope the FBI can locate the subjects.

NYO requests that Miami, Baltimore, and New Orleans interview the above listed references in their respective divisions to ascertain all information they have which will aid in the location of the subjects.

This case has emanated from the Fincase and all leads are to be handled as a special. They are to be handled in a most discreet and expeditious manner.

No information in this case is to be disseminated outside the Bureau without prior Bureau authority.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 8/12/57

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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-55567)

RE: MORRIS COHEN
SM - C

Re New York airtel 7/25/57 reporting interview with [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] states only met MORRIS COHEN and wife LEONA COHEN on two or three occasions in New York City. Denies any knowledge of COHEN's presence in Los Angeles area. Report follows. b7c b7D

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1 - New York (100-103389)
1 - Los Angeles

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NY 100-103389

[REDACTED] b1
 [REDACTED] (C)
 [REDACTED] (S) b1
 [REDACTED] b7C b7D

NYO requests that San Francisco interview [REDACTED] to ascertain if she has any info re present whereabouts of MORRIS and LORNA COHEN. Asuitable pretext should be utilized in view of the fact that EMIL R. GOLDFUS, principal of the Fincase, was scheduled to make a meet in Mexico City shortly after he was arrested on 6/21/57, and in view of the fact that the COHENS supposedly departed for Calif. in 1950. The photo of MORRIS and LORNA COHEN was found in a package of money found with GOLDFUS when he was arrested. This must be handled in a most discreet manner as [REDACTED] might possibly be the subject. b7C

[REDACTED] b1
 [REDACTED] (C)

NYO requests that Newark advise of progress on investigation requested by NYO airtel 7/26/57. b7C

For the info of the Bureau, the NYO has noted the similarity between [REDACTED] which includes service in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and their overnight disappearance from their residence in 1951.

The agent to whom the COHEN cases are assigned is reviewing the [REDACTED] cases to ascertain if there is any connection. [REDACTED] has advised that [REDACTED] mentioned [REDACTED] b7C

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NY 100-103389

(c) [REDACTED] b1
The agent to whom this case is assigned
is reviewing the material to ascertain if there is any
connection with the COHENS.

Investigation continuing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

201 East 69th Street

New York, New York

August 9, 1957

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Re: Morris Cohen
Lorna Cohen

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Emil R. Goldfus was arrested on June 21, 1957, at the Latham Hotel, New York City. He has since been indicted as an illegal Soviet intelligence officer.

At the time of his arrest, a bundle of money was found among his possessions which also contained a photograph of Morris and Lorna Cohen. Other items found at the time of his arrest indicate that he was planning a trip to Mexico City.

When Morris Cohen applied for employment with the New York City Board of Education in 1947, he listed

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b1

Morris Cohen is forty-seven years old, 5' 9" tall, 155 pounds, school teacher by profession.

Lorna Cohen is forty-four years old, 5' 5" tall, 130 pounds, governess by occupation. B. REVER 1013 calj

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)
 FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-42276)
 SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN;
 LONA COHEN was. Leona Cohen,
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ReBulet to New York 8/7/57 and Bucirtel to
 New York 8/9/57. 100-406659-32

On 8/13/57, the photograph of MORRIS COHEN and
 LONA COHEN was exhibited by SA [REDACTED] to HARRY
 GOLD, inmate, U. S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., a
 convicted Soviet Espionage Agent. GOLD stated that he
 was not aware of the identity of the subjects and had
 never heard their names mentioned in connection with
 espionage. b7c

On 8/13/57, the photograph was exhibited to
 DAVID GREENGLASS, inmate, U. S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg,
 Pa., a convicted Soviet Espionage Agent. GREENGLASS
 stated that he did not know MORRIS COHEN or LONA COHEN
 and likewise has never heard of the subjects' names being
 mentioned in connection with espionage activities.

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Mr. Belmont

- 3 - Bureau (100-406659) (Registered Mail)
 2 - New York (Registered Mail)
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 (1 - 100-103389)
 1 - Philadelphia (100-42276)

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: 8/20/57

FROM: *llh* SAC, WFO (100-28897)SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
ESPIONAGE-RReNYairtel to Bureau dated 8/2/57, and WFOlet
to New York dated 3/9/54.ReNYairtel requested WFO review passport records
for any current request for passport or issuance of pass-
port for COHEN.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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(2-Bureau
2-New York (100-103389) (RM)
1-WFO
[REDACTED])

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[REDACTED]

ES [REDACTED]

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Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-103389)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
ESP-R

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Enclosed herewith are 2 additional photos of
MORRIS COHEN and his wife, LEONA COHEN, was.

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1 - L.C.
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW HAVEN, CONN.	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 8/20/57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/9, 12, 13, 14/57
TITLE OF CASE MORRIS COHEN		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	
		DECLASSIFIED BY <i>SP6 Bja/ude</i> <i>1/54/85</i>	

SYNOPSIS:

[REDACTED] advised they have not known the whereabouts of the subject and his wife for the past seven years. [REDACTED] have no idea where the subject and his wife reside. [REDACTED] COHEN and his wife have not visited this area for the past seven years, and members of the PETKA family have no knowledge regarding their whereabouts.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED]

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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NH 100-15936

[REDACTED] has not heard from LEONA for the past seven years.

[REDACTED] has not seen the subject since World War II.

[REDACTED] heard members of LEONA's family inquire as to her whereabouts, but no one has any information. b7D

[REDACTED] MORRIS COHEN's father and mother died since 1950, and MORRIS COHEN did not attend either funeral. He advised that he understands that COHEN's father left money to MORRIS, which is unclaimed.

[REDACTED] the COHENS have not visited this area in the past seven years. b7D b7C

[REDACTED] in the event he does receive information as to the whereabouts of the subject and his wife he will immediately notify the FBI.

[REDACTED] LEONA COHEN, who is one of the older members of the [REDACTED] family, has not visited this area in the past seven years. b7C b7D
[REDACTED] related she used to visit here with her husband, MORRIS COHEN, during the summer months, prior to seven years ago.

[REDACTED] have not heard from her in a number of years and they have no information as to what her occupation is or where she lives. He stated both seemed to be very much concerned

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NH 100-15936

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LEONA
disappeared she heard that she was in California, and her husband,
MORRIS, was teaching at a high school out there. She could not
recall who told her. [REDACTED] b7c
She advised that LEONA and her husband have been missing so long
that they assume both are dead. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] has not been heard
from in the past seven years, and no member of the family seems to
know her whereabouts. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] LEONA and her husband, MORRIS COHEN, just
dropped out of sight about seven years ago. [REDACTED] b7c
b7D

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)

DATE: August 20, 1957

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-15936)

SUBJECT: MORRIS COHEN
ESPIONAGE - R
ORIGIN: NEW YORK

Reference report of SA [REDACTED] dated August 20, 1957, at New Haven, Connecticut, which is enclosed.

ADMINISTRATIVE

No information in this case is to be disseminated outside the Bureau without prior Bureau authority.

No leads have been set forth by the New Haven Office to have relatives of LEONA COHEN contacted as to the whereabouts of LEONA and MORRIS COHEN as this is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

REFERENCES: New York airtels to the Bureau dated 8/2/57, and 8/8/57.ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Date: 8-16-57

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-406659)
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (105-2285)
 RE: MORRIS COHEN;
 LONA COHEN, was.
 ESPIONAGE - R

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 _____

ReBulet dated 8-7-57, New York airtels dated 8/9 and 13/57 and Bureau airtel, 8-9-57.

[REDACTED] were contacted at their residence [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]. A photograph of the above captioned subjects was exhibited to the [REDACTED] and they stated that the subjects are unknown to them and they were unable to furnish any information concerning the subjects.

No further investigation is being conducted.

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☒ XX**Radio**☐**Teletype****URGENT****8-21-57**✓ **TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK****FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO 212324**

MORRIS COHEN, ESPIONAGE - R. REBUTEL AUGUST 21, LAST [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] IN INTERVIEW THIS DATE ADVISED SHE COULD NOT RECALL SUBJECT
 BY NAME OR DESCRIPTION, NOR COULD SHE RECOGNIZE A PHOTOGRAPH OF
 THE SUBJECT. REPORT REFLECTING NEGATIVE INTERVIEW FOLLOWS. *bc*

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Mr. Belmont

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Date: August 16, 1957

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 FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-15936)
 RE: MORRIS COHEN
 ESP - R

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 Mr. Mohr _____
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 Miss Gandy _____

Re New York airtels August 2, 1957, and August 8, 1957.

[REDACTED] b7c
 Stated the COHENs have been in touch with no one since 1950.

[REDACTED] Advised
 she will notify FBI if she receives any information
 [REDACTED] b7c

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CASPER

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MORRIS COHEN, ESPIONAGE - R. RESFTEL AUGUST TWENTY, BUREAU

INDICES REFLECT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO DEROGATORY

INFORMATION AVAILABLE RE [REDACTED] BUREAU INDICES HAVE NO

INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN THE ABSENCE OF

INFORMATION DEVELOPED DURING INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

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Teletype to San Francisco and New York

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Photographs of Morris Cohen and wife were found in inside flap of package containing \$4000 in hotel room of Rudolph Ivanovitch Abel, indicted Soviet espionage agent, at time of his arrest by INS, 6/21/57. Investigation discloses the Cohens, reported communists, disappeared from their residence in NYC around time Julius Rosenberg case broke. We are intensifying efforts to locate these individuals. Our investigation discloses that Cohen NYC school teacher listed [REDACTED] In [REDACTED] endeavoring to locate [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Believe interview of [REDACTED] desirable in an effort to determine if she can furnish any information which may lead to present whereabouts of subject and wife.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-71301)

SUBJECT: CHANGED

Lona Cohen, was; Lontina Betka
ESPIONAGE - R

Title changed to add additional alias Lontina Betka.

[REDACTED] that a small shipment of machine tools for the Army Air Corp. was damaged by water which was carelessly thrown on it. He stated that the careless attitude on the part of night employees in the plant may be caused indirectly by LONTINA BETKA, who was a Union shop steward and who is in [REDACTED] opinion, a Communist. He stated she displayed anti-management attitude and followed the Communist line.

Her personnel record contained the following info: Social Security, [REDACTED] height, 5' 3½"; weight, 132; hair, blond; eyes, blue.

This airtel is being furnished to all offices which have leads because of the new name utilized by the subject and the additional descriptive data.

It may be noted that the Bureau has advised that leads in this case are to be covered within five days.

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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Lona Cohen
Morris Cohen

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TITLE OF CASE CHANGED LORNA TERESA COHEN, nee PETKA, was: Mrs. Morris Cohen, Lontina Betka, Leona Cohen, Leontina Cohen, Lona Cohen, Lona Petka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS:

A photograph of an unknown woman was located among the possessions of EMIL R. GOLDFUS when he was arrested on 6/21/57. [REDACTED] identified this photograph as being the subject. [REDACTED]

Present whereabouts unknown. [REDACTED] and criminal negative. Description set forth.

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by letter [REDACTED]
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*acc. Tompkins
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D-TE. FORV. [REDACTED]
NEW YORK [REDACTED]*

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DETAILS: The title of this case has been changed to include the name LEONTINA COHEN, which the subject used in a passport application in 1947, and the name LORNA TERESE PETKA, which appeared on her marriage license at the Town Clerk's Office, Norwich, Connecticut. In addition, the subject was employed under the name LONTINA BETKA in 1942.

This investigation is predicated upon the identification of the subject as the person whose photograph was found among the possessions of EMIL R. GOLDFUS on June 21, 1957.

(C) [REDACTED] known to him only as "MARK."

and [REDACTED] Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), New York City, arrested one MARTIN COLLINS on June 21, 1957, in Room 839 of the Latham Hotel, 4 East 28th Street, New York City, on an alien warrant. Upon interview by the above INS Investigators, after his arrest, COLLINS admitted using the name EMIL R. GOLDFUS.

(C) Photographs of EMIL R. GOLDFUS were shown to [REDACTED] known to him only as "MARK."

During the search incidental to arrest, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] discovered a package containing \$4,000 in \$20 bills in a brown zipper briefcase belonging to GOLDFUS. This money was wrapped in brown wrapping paper and was fastened with scotch tape.

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A photograph of a man and a woman was tucked under one flap of this package so that the corner of the photograph just barely showed. On the back of the woman's photograph was the notation "How are Joann's murders?" and signed "Shirley." On the back of the man's photograph was the notation "Have you taken a trip to Frisco since we last saw you?" and signed "Morris."

It may be noted that GOLDFUS was transported to the INS Detention Facility, Mc Allen, Texas, on June 21, 1957, after his arrest.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Interview Report

GOLDFUS was shown photographs by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on June 26, 1957. These photographs were found by INS investigators at the time of his arrest on June 21, 1957, and were signed "MORRIS" and "SHIRLEY." GOLDFUS stated that SHIRLEY and MORRIS were people he met in Central Park, New York City, about 1949 and with whom he associated for about four months. He said he was in their company about twelve times during that period. He said when the weather was good, they usually met in Central Park, and when bad, they met in one of the museums in New York City. He went on to say that on occasions, he would have lunch or dinner with MORRIS and SHIRLEY in a New York City restaurant which he did not identify. b7c

GOLDFUS advised that MORRIS and SHIRLEY are a married couple whose last name he could not recall and that he believed that they live in Manhattan. He stated that MORRIS was employed as a salesman, but he did not recall the place of employment. He is not sure, but he believed that SHIRLEY was unemployed.

He stated he has not seen them since 1949. He believed they lived in Manhattan, but does not know their address. He stated that their conversations concerned literature and art. He stated that the probable reason he retained the photographs of SHIRLEY and MORRIS was because they were the only photographs given to him by anyone in the United States.

He stated the reference to "Joann's murders" was reference to the fact that he likes to read detective stories, and the reference to a trip to Frisco resulted from his having told them he planned a trip to San Francisco in 1949.

INTERVIEW WITH EMIL R. GOLDFUS FILE # 65-17275
ON 6/26/57 AT INS Detention Facility, Mc Allen, Texas
BY SPECIAL AGENTS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c

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Interview Report

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[REDACTED] GOLDFUS was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on July 6, 1957, regarding MORRIS and STANLEY.

He stated that he does not know if they were born and reared in New York but believes they lived in New York for some time. When asked if he ever used them in his espionage work, he said "No." He also replied "No" when asked, "Not even on a long term basis?"

INTERVIEW WITH EMIL R. GOLDFUS FILE # 65-17275
ON 7/6/57 AT INS Detention Facility, Mc Allen,
Texas BY SPECIAL AGENTS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] immediately identified the previously described photograph of the male and female as being MORRIS COHEN and his wife, LONA COHEN. [REDACTED] the COHENS as "Communists" who had departed for California under highly unusual circumstances in approximately 1950. These photographs were displayed by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. b7c b7D

[REDACTED] identified individuals in the above-mentioned photograph [REDACTED] as being MORRIS COHEN and LONA COHEN, who resided at 178 East 71st Street, New York City, from approximately 1948 to 1950. He was shown the photographs by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. b7c b7D

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BACKGROUND

Birth

Files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., as reviewed on March 4, 1954, by SE [REDACTED] reflect that LEONTINA PETKA was born on January 11, 1913, at Adams, Massachusetts. Her parents were listed as LADISLAUS PETKA and MARY CZYPRYNA PETKA, both born in Austria. b7c

Marital Status

Records of the Town Clerk's Office, Norwich, Connecticut, as reviewed by SA [REDACTED] reflect LORNA TERESE PETKA of Lisbon, Connecticut, married MORRIS COHEN on July 13, 1941. b7c

Employment

[REDACTED] b7c
b7D

Records of the Town Clerk's Office, Norwich, Connecticut, reflect that LORNA TERESE PETKA was employed as a governess as of July 13, 1941.


Records of the Board of Elections, New York City, reflect that LONA COHEN registered to vote in 1942 and gave her employment as Publix Metal, 100 Sixth Avenue. These records also reflect that she registered to vote in 1943 and listed her employment as Aircraft Screw Products, Long Island City, New York. Above records reviewed on July 26, 1957.

[REDACTED] b7c
b7D

LONA COHEN had worked in a defense plant in the vicinity of New York during World War II. She stated that LONA COHEN had once been involved in an industrial accident in which her hair had been caught in a machine and that this accident enabled her to receive compensation.

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New York State Workmens Compensation, 80 Centre Street,
New York City, reviewed his records on August 5, 1957,
and advised that he has no record for the subject
having received any compensation during the period of
1940 to 1950.

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Residence

[REDACTED] Brown - Harris and Stevens, Incorporated, 14 East 47th Street, New York City, advised on July 31, 1957, that LONA PETKA rented Apartment 3B on November 15, 1943, at 178 East 71st Street as a subtenant. He stated his records indicate that she remained as a tenant for an unbroken period until September, 30, 1950. The records contained no information regarding the circumstances of her departure. b7c

[REDACTED] the subject and her husband, MORRIS COHEN, departed from their apartment at 178 East 71st Street, under highly unusual circumstances in 1950. She stated that they departed one night and left all their possessions; they never returned; and after some time HARRY COHEN, the father of the subject's husband, MORRIS COHEN, came and took their possessions away. b7c b7D

It may be noted that HARRY COHEN, 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York, was contacted on February 11, 1954 by SA [REDACTED] in an effort to locate the subject and her husband with negative results. b7c

COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS

[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] (c)
The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. b1

[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] b7c b7D
[REDACTED] the subject and her husband had both been very radical Communists ever since she had known them. She went on to say that they formerly held CP meetings in their home [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
was shown a group of photographs
by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at which time
he selected a photograph of EMIL R. GOLDFUS and
stated he knew that individual as "MILT" [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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b7D

[REDACTED] identified the female
in the above-mentioned photograph as being LONA COHEN,
but she stated the male in the photograph with LONA
COHEN was unknown to her.

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b7D

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has no record
of any storage for the subject or [REDACTED]

b7c

[REDACTED]

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b2

[REDACTED]

b7D

[REDACTED]

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(c) b1
The information furnished by [REDACTED] is not to be made public except upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

On July 2, 1957, a search warrant was issued by United States District Judge SIDNEY SUGARMAN, Southern District of New York, to search safe deposit box number 2508, located at Manufacturers Trust Company, 1511 Third Avenue, New York, New York. [REDACTED] b1 b7c

The previously mentioned search warrant was executed at 10:00 a.m. July 3, 1957, in the presence of [REDACTED] Manufacturers Trust Company, [REDACTED] Manufacturers Trust Company, and Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the New York Office of the FBI. b7c

When the safe deposit box was opened, it contained four brown paper wrapped packages. In the presence of all present, these packages were opened, and it was determined that three of the packages contained \$4,000 each, and the fourth package contained \$3,000, for a total of \$15,000. All packages contained the name "MILTON" thereon.

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INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE THE SUBJECT'S
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS

[REDACTED] identified individuals in the above-mentioned photograph on July 23, 1957, as being MORRIS COHEN and LONA COHEN, who resided at 178 East 71st Street, New York City, from approximately 1948 to 1950. b7c b7D

[REDACTED] pointed out that LONA COHEN frequently dressed in mannish attire, usually slacks, and rather regularly wore a beret. He described her as being blonde and somewhat attractive. He noted that the subject's husband, MORRIS, was a school teacher. [REDACTED] went on to say that the COHENS had departed for California, exact year unrecalled but approximately 1950, according to his best recollection. He stated that the circumstances concerning their departure were quite unusual. He said 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. b7c b7D

[REDACTED] advised that the person who would be most likely to know anything about LONA COHEN and her husband would be [REDACTED] b7c b7D

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[REDACTED] was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at which time she identified the two individuals in a photograph, which was found among EMIL R. GOLDFUS's property, as being LONA COHEN and MORRIS COHEN. [REDACTED] described them as "Communists" and pointed out that they had departed for California under highly unusual circumstances in approximately 1953.

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b7D

LONA COHEN had worked in a defense plant in the vicinity of New York during World War II, and MORRIS COHEN was a teacher in New York City Schools. [REDACTED] LONA COHEN had once been involved in an industrial accident in which her hair had been caught in a machine and this accident enabled LONA COHEN to receive compensation.

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[REDACTED] COHEN as a Connecticut girl of Polish extraction whose maiden name was PETKA. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] She pointed out the COHENS lived in Apartment 3B and indicated that MORRIS COHEN had been a United States serviceman who saw duty in World War II in Alaska.

[REDACTED] LONA COHEN in her conversation was always partial to the Russians and indicated that she was favorably inclined toward Communism. [REDACTED]

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The "Daily Worker" is an east coast daily Communist newspaper. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] first met COHEN in either 1944 or 1945 at which time LONA COHEN said her name was PETKA, [REDACTED] did not know LONA was married at this time. About a year after (subsequent to 1944 or 1945), LONA PETKA referred to "her husband."

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(As mentioned above, it is noted that MORRIS COHEN and LONA COHEN were married on July 13, 1941, at Norwich, Connecticut.)

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Administration, 252 Seventh Avenue, New York City,

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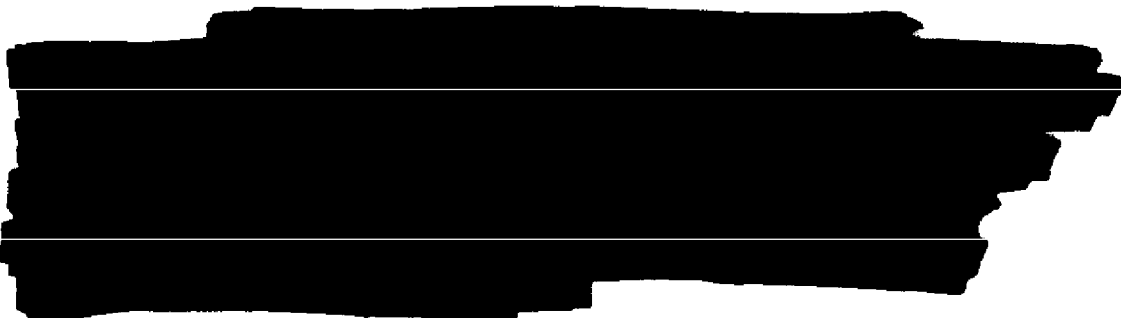
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advised on July 25, 1957, that MORRIS COHEN has been receiving a ten per cent disability check from the Veterans Administration since 1947 but has not been called in for a physical recheck since 1947. He stated these checks have been sent to 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York. He gave the following check numbers which have been sent to COHEN at that address:

January, 1955	98466347
February, 1955	50232978
March, 1955	51991825
April, 1955	53856688
May, 1955	55735337
June, 1955	57664437
July, 1955	59589159
August, 1955	61504983
September, 1955	63394912
April, 1956	926504
May, 1956	1089622
June, 1956	1268153
July, 1956	1430652
August, 1956	1575366

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It may be noted that HARRY COHEN is the father of subject's husband, MORRIS COHEN.

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[REDACTED] Veterans Administration, 252 Seventh Avenue, New York City, advised on July 26, 1957, that a medical examination for the subject's husband had been set for August 1, 1957, at 10:10 a.m. and that he had been so advised by a letter which had been directed to him at 2020 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York. b7c

SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] contacted the Medical Section of the Veterans Administration at 9:30 a.m. on August 1, 1957. b7c

The subject did not appear for his physical examination and [REDACTED] advised that all payments would henceforth be discontinued to MORRIS COHEN and the only way he could regain his disability payments from the Veterans Administration would be to appear for his physical. b7c

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Records of the New York City Board of Elections, as reviewed by SA [REDACTED] on July 25, 1957, reflect that LOMA COHEN registered a preference for the American Labor Party for the years 1942 through 1946.

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[REDACTED] a former movie producer who is familiar with certain phases of Soviet intelligence, examined a photograph of the subject on August 6, 1957, and advised that he has never known her.

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DESCRIPTION

The following description is a composite of information contained in records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., and records of the Town Clerk's Office, Norwich, Connecticut:

Name	LORNA TERESE COHEN, Nee PETKA, with aliases: Mrs. Morris Cohen, Leona Cohen, Lona Cohen, Leontina Cohen, Lona Petka, Lontina Detka
Race	White
Birth	January 11, 1913, at Adams, Massachusetts

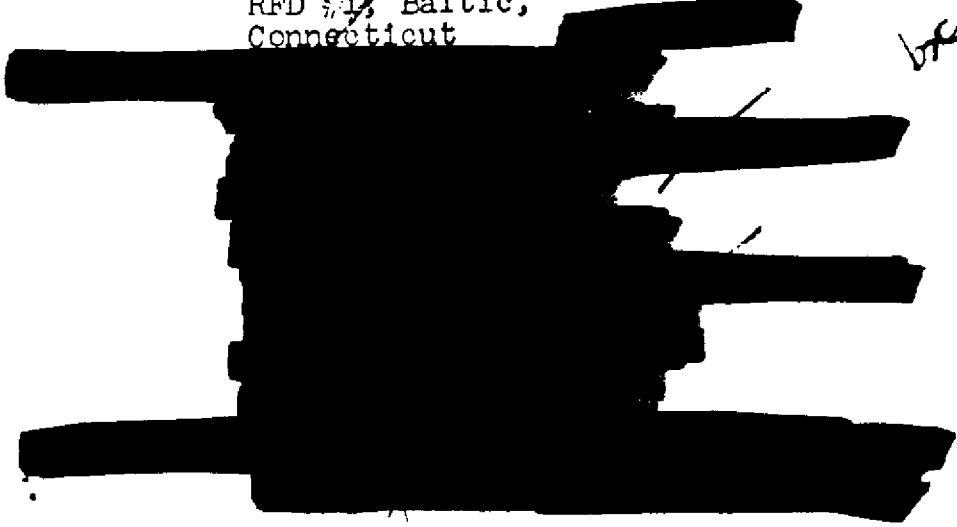
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Height	5'5"
Weight	130 pounds
Hair	Blonde
Occupation	Governess, machine operator
Marital Status	Married to MORRIS COHEN
Last Known Residence	178 East 71st Street New York City (1950)
Relatives	
Father -	LADISLAUS PETKA (deceased)
Mother -	MARY CZUPRYNA PETKA RFD #1, Baltic, Connecticut



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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)
- "2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the * * * American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

On October 7, 1956, Peter Hawley, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-71301)
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ADMINISTRATIVE

IC [REDACTED] reviewed the Board of Election Records, NYC, on 7/26/57.

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES

* At Los Angeles, California

Will locate the subject's present whereabouts through [REDACTED] as previously requested by NYairtel dated 7/25/57. *b7c*

NEW HAVEN

* At Baltic, Connecticut

Will locate the subject's present whereabouts through [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] *b7c*

* At Norwich, Connecticut

Will locate the subject's present whereabouts through [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. *b7c*