

WFO 65-6901

ADMINISTRATIVE

As reflected in WFO letter to INS dated 6-7-55 and to Collector of Customs dated 6-9-55 (copies to New York) lookout notices were placed with INS and the Collector of Customs on a nation-wide basis. New York is requested to notify WFO at such time in the future when the lookout notice with the Collector of Customs is no longer required so that necessary action may be taken to have same cancelled. As previously set forth in relet to INS, New York should withdraw lookout notice directly by letter to INS when no longer desired.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

REFERENCE

New York letter to the Bureau dated 5-27-55.

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SAC, New York (65-16756) (orig and one) July 20, 1955

Director, FBI (65-32911)

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Re NY memo 5-27-55.

Bureau files reflect that as of June, 1950,  born in 1902, was a paid-up member of Los Angeles 141 (California), holding certificate No. 1618. It was indicated that she had joined (entered) in April, 1930. Other than such as has been reported previously in this investigation, Bureau files contain no additional information concerning the  who is of interest in this matter. (61-7341-26-78)

Bureau files contain a number of references to individuals by the name of  or variations thereof, none of which can be identified with the  who is of interest in this matter on the basis of available descriptive data.

Bureau files contain no information identifiable with the  referred to in this matter. According to a report in 1951 from the Office of Naval Intelligence, a  who had a married daughter,

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Chicago, Illinois. The report contained no descriptive information concerning either  who was described as a sales executive for the National Distillers Corporation. (100-411076-1)

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Bureau files reflect that as of June, 1950,  born in 1904, was a member of Los Angeles 141 (California), holding certificate No. 315003. It was indicated that she had joined (entered) in June, 1943. A subsequent record, as of January, 1951, indicated her suspension for delinquency in payment of dues. Other than such as has been reported previously in this investigation, Bureau files contain no additional information concerning the  who is of interest in this matter.

(61-7341-26-78, 146)

Results of review of Bureau files concerning other individuals listed in New York memorandum of reference will be forwarded upon completion.

cc - 1 - Los Angeles (65-6184) (Information)  
cc - 1 - Omaha (65-609) (Information)

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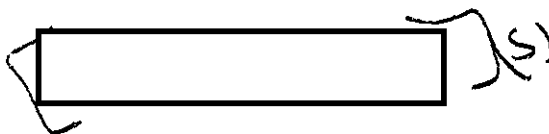
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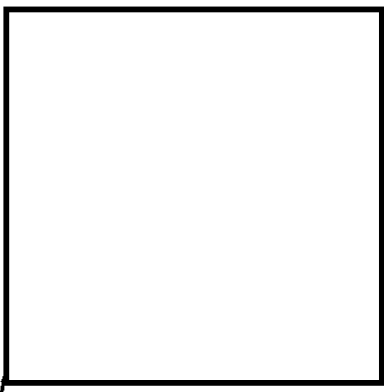
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Date: August 4, 1955 (original & 1)

To:

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CROFT ROYAL  
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SAC, NEWARK [redacted]

August 18, 1955

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POTENTIAL SECURITY INFORMANTS

Re Newark let July 27, 1955.

Bufiles have been checked concerning the captioned individuals and no identifiable information of a subversive type was located re [redacted]

For the information of the Newark and New York Offices, however, the report of Special Agent [redacted] Knoxville, dated July 15, 1955, re "George Koval: Espionage - R," indicates that one [redacted] New York City, was listed as a reference by George Koval in the files in the custody of the Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. No other identifying data concerning this [redacted] appears and it is not known whether this person is identical with the individual in Newark's letter. It is noted, however, that during interview [redacted] stated that he left New York City about 1951 to live permanently in Ringwood, New Jersey, thus indicating that prior to 1951 the subject of Newark's letter resided in New York City.

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For the information of the Newark Office, George Koval is the subject of a current Espionage - R investigation, New York Office of Origin. Koval formerly was employed at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Before the Bureau will approve additional contacts with the above individuals as potential security informants, it is desired that the New York Office attempt to ascertain whether or not the captioned individual is identical with the reference listed by George Koval. One copy of Newark's letter of July 27, 1955, is enclosed for the information of the New York Office in conducting this investigation. Newark should not interview [redacted] concerning the Koval investigation without specific Bureau authority.

2 cc: New York (with enclosure)

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SAC, New York (65-16756) (Orig &amp; 1)

August 1, 1955

Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re NY memo of 5-27-55.

Bureau files reflect that as of June, 1950, Harry Gurshtel, born in 1889, and Goldie Gurshtel, born in 1899, were paid-up members of IWO Lodge 141 (California), holding certificates No. 1802 and 1801, respectively. It was indicated that both had joined (entered) in April, 1930.

(61-7341-26-78)

As set forth in the report of SA [redacted] dated 6-16-33 at St. Paul captioned "Persons Located St. Paul Office District, Gold Hoarding," Harry Gurshtel, 928 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa was interviewed on 6-8-33. Gurshtel admitted withdrawing \$2,000 in gold coin in 1932 but claimed he subsequently converted 14 or 15 hundred dollars of the gold into gold certificates which he surrendered in May of 1933. He claimed that he had exchanged 3 or 4 hundred dollars of the gold to customers and surrendered \$200 worth to the bank on the morning following the day he was interviewed.

(81-21-11 pgs. 28-29)

As set forth in report of SA [redacted] dated 3-13-41 at Des Moines captioned "Communist Activities in Iowa, IS - R," [redacted] Sioux City, Iowa, advised that although he did not know the individual's name he had heard from others that the operator of a clothing and haberdashery store at 928 4th Street, Sioux City, was disseminating communistic literature. According to the city directory the business was operated by Harry Gurshtel who resided at 928 4th Street with his wife, Goldie.

This same report reflected that on 12-16-40 informant [redacted] advised that Harry Gurshtel, proprietor of Harry's Square Deal Clothing Co., Sioux City, Iowa, was a Communist.

cc - 1 - Los Angeles (65-6124) (Info)

cc - 1 - Omaha (65-609) (Info)

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The report also set forth information obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] (Sioux City) who, on 12-7-40, stated that Harry Gurshtel was a Communist and that he had seen Gurshtel at Communist meetings during the time the Communists were holding outdoor meetings in Riverside Park in the Riverside section of Sioux City, Iowa. Among individuals whom the informant stated he had seen attending Communist meetings and had talked to personally was Harry Gurshtel, 928 4th Street, Proprietor of Harry's Square Deal Store, same address.

(61-7137-10 pgs. 21,48)

As set forth in report of SA [redacted] dated 10-17-42 at Des Moines, captioned "Russian Mutual Aid Society, IS - B", [redacted] of the Mayfair Hotel in Sioux City, produced his record book which disclosed that H. Gurshtel, 928 4th Street, Sioux City, had made the arrangements for a meeting held at the hotel on 10-28-41 by the Russian Mutual Aid Society. An article appearing in the Sioux City Journal of 10-29-41 concerned a meeting held at the Mayfair Hotel by the Russian Mutual Aid Society at which General Victor A. Yakhontoff, former general in the Czarist Russian Army and later Secretary of war during the Kerensky regime, had spoken. Harry Gurshtel was reported as having been chairman of the committee in charge of arranging the event.

(61-7175-1X1)

According to a memorandum from the Chicago office dated 5-28-42, Harry Gurshtel, Sioux City, Iowa was named in a supplementary list of Communist suspects furnished by the office of the Ninth Naval District Headquarters, Chicago, Ill., on 4-2-42.

(100-97377-53)

As set forth in Bureau memorandum to Los Angeles dated 5-5-54 captioned "American Peace Crusade, IS - C, Internal Security Act of 1950", the "Current Intelligence Summary" of 12-9-53 contained information to the effect that the American Peace Crusade had launched a nation wide campaign to send Christmas cards to President Eisenhower and Members of Congress containing a "peace" theme, although the cards were not to be identified with the American Peace Crusade. The "Current Intelligence Summary" of 1-6-54 set forth information that the Southern California Peace Crusade, affiliate of the American Peace Crusade, claimed it was responsible for sending approximately 7,000 "peace" messages to the White House during the Christmas season. Among such cards, furnished to the Bureau on 2-26-54 by [redacted] to the President, were cards from Goldie Gurshtel and H. Gurshtel, postmarked at Los Angeles, Calif.

(100-377391-853 pg 11)

Letter to SAC, New York

Other than such as has been reported previously in this matter, Bureau files contain no additional information concerning the Harry Gurshtel and Goldie Keval Gurshtel who are of interest in this investigation.

Results of review of Bureau files concerning other individuals listed in New York memorandum of reference will be forwarded upon completion.

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Subj: Gurshtel, Goldie

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SAC, New York (65-16756) (orig and one)

August 2, 1955

Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re NY memo of 5-27-55.

Other than such as has been reported previously in this matter, Bureau files contain no information concerning [ ] who, according to information set forth in the report of SA [ ] dated 3-23-55 at Omaha, were born about 1932.

According to the report of SA [ ] dated 7-27-53 at Los Angeles captioned [ ] was., SM-C; Petition of Naturalization No. 1599 dated 7-10-24 reflected that [ ] had been issued Certificate of Naturalization No. 2164053 on 3-10-25 but that he was actually sworn in as a citizen on 1-8-25 at the Woodbury County District Court, Sioux City, Iowa. His Declaration of Intention listed himself as a widower with five children, Henry, Abe, Louis, Harold and Paul. In his petition, he requested that his name be changed to [ ] The Paul Silver may or may not be identical with the person by that name who is of interest in this matter.

(100-399829-3)

Uncaptioned Bureau memorandum to Omaha dated 2-20-24 advised that the "Frehsit," Jewish Communist Daily, issue of 1-22-24 indicated that Paul Silver, 1316 Villa, Sioux City, Iowa, was the representative of that organ in that area.

(100-46808-X13)

Investigation at Sioux City, as set forth in report of [ ] dated 3-1-24 at Omaha captioned

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cc - 1 - Omaha (65-609) (for information)

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"Paul Silver, et al, Radical Activities, Communist," disclosed that Paul Silver had come to Sioux City from Laurel, Nebraska, about a year and a half or two years before and lived at 1316 Villa Street. He conducted a grocery store at 11th and Court Streets, Sioux City, and while there was reported to have become intimate with some small girls in the community and was threatened with prosecution. In October, 1923, he bought a fruit stand at 312 4th Street, Sioux City but sold it in December, 1923, stating that he was going into the copyrighting business in Chicago, Illinois, and planned to do some writing on the side. [redacted] and [redacted] from whom Silver rented his place at 312 4th Street, described him as being "dead" both physically and mentally. They stated that although they did not admire him, they considered him honest in business and advised that they had noticed no radical literature among his mail and that his conversation did not tend toward "radicalism." His father and mother were reported to be residing on the west side of Sioux City, his father being very old and inactive. He was also reported to have a brother who conducted a grocery store in South Sioux City, Nebraska, and another brother who conducted a grocery store at Laurel, Nebraska.

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**Paul Silver was described as follows:**

Height: 5'6"  
Weight: 160 pounds. Heavy set.  
Age: Approximately 25 years old (1924)  
Wears heavy rimmed glasses.  
Has appearance of being well educated.

(100-46808-X16)

By report of [redacted] dated 3-8-24 in the same matter, Omaha advised that Paul Silver was then residing at 4845 N. Avers Street, Chicago, Illinois, and working for a company manufacturing punchboards.

(100-46808-X20)

According to the report of hearings before a Special Committee of the House of Representatives to investigate Communist activities in the U.S. (Fish Committee Report, part 4, volume 3) dated 9-29-30,

**Letter to SAC, New York**

among papers filed for the record by [redacted] of the American Farm Bureau, was a report of the American Vigilant Intelligence Federation, Chicago, Illinois, dated 8-28-30 which reflected that according to minutes of the Communist Party, Iowa State nominating convention dated 8-17-30, delegates to the convention included Paul Silver, Sioux City, and George Koval, Young Communist League. Paul Silver was also listed as a member of the Nominating Committee. It would appear quite probable that the George Koval, representative of the Young Communist League, is identical with the subject of this investigation. (62-23170-145 pg 95)

As set forth in report of SA [redacted] dated 10-17-42 at Des Moines captioned "Russian Mutual Aid Society, IS-E," on 1-15-42, [redacted] Street, Sioux City, Iowa, advised that a meeting of the Russian Mutual Aid Society had been held on 10-28-41 at the Mayfair Hotel which, in his opinion, had been arranged by local Communists. [redacted] stated that tickets for this meeting had been sold by [redacted] wife of [redacted] who operated a grocery store at 800 W. 7th Street. [redacted] stated that he was suspicious of the meeting inasmuch as [redacted] was selling these tickets and her husband had been reported to be a Communist.

(61-7175-1X1)

The name of [redacted] Sioux City, Iowa, appeared on a list of Communist suspects furnished by the office of the Ninth Naval District Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois, according to a memorandum from Chicago dated 5-28-42.

(100-97377-53)

Other than as previously reported in this matter, Bureau files contain no additional information which appears to relate to the [redacted] who is of interest in this investigation.

4-22 (6-15-55)  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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NR 97-2912-48 <sup>NR NR</sup> 138 <sup>NR</sup>

31 <sup>(Paul Silver interviewed in 1948 - on 1-4-57) (subj. died in 1944) (brother 2-57)</sup>

NR 105-3037-97 <sup>on 1-10-1945</sup>

NR 40-76194-1 <sup>(on 1-10-1945) (on 1-10-1945)</sup>

NR 43-9337-1 <sup>on 1-10-1945</sup>

NR 100-35793-112-31 <sup>on 1-10-1945</sup>

NR 46-17240-124 <sup>(Interviewed in 1944) (on 1-10-1945)</sup>

105-3097-4-37 <sup>on 1-10-1945</sup>

NR 100-193939-4

NR 100-206313-2

NR 100-239622-9

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 8/1/55

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (65-553)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Bureau error form dated 7/27/55 which advised that the report of SA [redacted] dated 7/15/55 was in error, in that the date 10/6/43 appearing in paragraph 3, page 8, should be 10/6/48.

The information reflecting the erroneous date was taken from referenced report of SA [redacted] dated 6/29/55 at New York City, where the date 10/6/43 appears in paragraph 1, page 15.

It is believed that SA [redacted] should not be charged with an error in this regard.

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GEORGE KOVAL  
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Reurlet 8-1-55.

Correct date set forth on page 12 of report of  
SA  dated 6-29-55 at New York. SA   
should be charged with nonsubstantive error.

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Note: 0-17 indicating nonsubstantive error on page 8 (administrative) of report of SA  dated 7-15-55 at Knoxville forwarded to that office 7-27-55. Error consisted of misstatement of date as 10-6-43 instead of 10-6-48. By memo 8-1-55 Knoxville pointed out error originated on page 15 of report of SA  dated 6-29-55 at New York. Page 15 (administrative) of report of 6-29-55 does contain error although correct date is set forth on page 12. Case supervised at Bureau by SA  0-17 being sent to NY indicating nonsubstantive error on administrative page of report of 6-29-55. Notation placed in error folder of Supervisor

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TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 27, 1955

FROM : W. A. Branigan *WAB*SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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SYNOPSIS:

*4/24/56 SP3 BTJ/sam*

[redacted] self-styled former officer of Soviet Military Intelligence (SMI), has stated that in 1940-41 SMI had an "illegal resident" operating in the New York area under the code name of [redacted]. He advised that [redacted] operated a retail electrical appliance business and that other agents recruited by SMI were sent to him and employed in his business.

[redacted] Company in New York 1941-50, quite accurately fits [redacted] description of [redacted] and is reported by various sources to have been implicated in both Communist and Soviet intelligence activities. He is [redacted] but abruptly left the U.S. in 1950 and is currently believed to be residing in Russia with his wife and son. Incidental to the investigation as to the background and activities of [redacted] it was ascertained that among the various employees of the Raven Electric Company was an individual by the name of George Koval.

George Koval claims to have been born in Sioux City, Iowa, on 12-25-13 (Christmas Day) but public records are inconsistent and the closest birth record is one executed for a Louis Kaval, born at Sioux City, Iowa, on [redacted] to parents having names similar to those claimed by Koval.

The parents of George Koval were both born in Russia, immigrating to the U.S. where the father was subsequently naturalized. Investigation indicates that the father was pro-Soviet and the only relatives of Koval (an uncle and two aunts) known to be currently residing in this country have long been closely associated with Communist and pro-Soviet

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*Memorandum for Mr. Belmont*

activities. As a youth, Koval himself was arrested in Sioux City in 1930 as the leader of an alleged Communist pressure group which marched on the offices of the Overseer of the Poor.

George Koval attended public schools in Sioux City and studied engineering at Iowa University for two years, and appears to have been an excellent student. However, in 1932 the entire Koval family returned to Russia.

In various records Koval has furnished fictitious information concerning his whereabouts and activities during the period 1932-41. He has claimed that his parents were deceased, that he was raised in an unidentified orphan asylum, that he lived with an unnamed aunt, and that he worked on "various farms." His only specific claims, that his parents had died during his early youth and that he had been employed for a period with the Square Deal Clothing Company (owned and operated by his uncle) have definitely been established as fictitious.

There is no accurate record of George Koval's return to the U.S. until January of 1941 when records disclose his employment with Benjamin W. Lassen and the Raven Electric Company. (In this connection, it is significant to note that although required by law to register under the Selective Training and Service Act in October, 1940, Koval did not register until January 2, 1941, although there is no explanation as to his late registration.)

Within a surprisingly brief period after his employment with the Raven Electric Company, Koval became a director and assumed a position of some control. From company records it also appears that in spite of the fact that the business was principally of a local character, he took various business trips outside the New York area.

On 2-4-43 Koval was inducted into the U.S. Army receiving an honorable discharge on 2-12-46. It is significant to note that while in the U.S. Army Koval was assigned for a period in 1944-45 on the Manhattan Engineering Project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Dayton, Ohio, with access to ~~Top~~ (U)  
~~Secret~~ information. Koval had contact and was associated with various AEC employees, certain of whom are still employed with that Agency. As yet the exact period and nature of his employment and the information to which he had access is not known. (U)

*Memorandum for Mr. Belmont*

*Following his discharge, Koval returned to New York City, applied to the Veterans Administration for educational benefits, studying electrical engineering at City College of New York from which he was graduated with honors in February, 1948.*

*On 3-15-48 a U.S. passport was issued to George Koval for travel to France, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, and Poland. Koval was assisted in obtaining this passport by a letter presumably signed by [redacted] of the Atlas Trading Corporation of New York which indicated that Koval was being sent to Europe as their commission representative. However, available records of Atlas Trading Corporation contain no reference to Koval, employees have no knowledge of him whatsoever, and the nature of the company's business was such that the commissioning of a European representative would have been unnecessary. An attempt is being made to interview [redacted]*

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*On October 6, 1948, Koval departed from the U.S. en route to Europe and his present whereabouts is unknown.*

*Investigation in this matter is continuing, copies of Bureau reports being furnished to AEC, G-2, CIA, State Department, and the Records Administration Branch of the Department of Justice.*

*RECOMMENDATION:*

*None. The above is submitted merely for your information.*

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/11/55</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/4, 21, 26; 8/9/55</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div> <b>jmw</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Background information regarding  set forth. Newark files contain no identifiable information regarding WILLIAM A. ROSE.

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## DETAILS:

### At North Plainfield, New Jersey

Records of the North Plainfield Police Department checked on July 4, 1955, reflected that  North Plainfield, had been fined in 1950 because of a traffic violation.

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advised on July 4, 1955, that  moved in 1951 or 1952 to  Bound Brook, New Jersey.

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Records of the Credit Bureau of Central New Jersey checked on July 26, 1955, by SE [redacted] indicated that [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] plus two children, had resided at [redacted] Bound Brook, New Jersey, since 1951.

A credit report dated November 10, 1953, showed that [redacted] was at that time the manager of the General Cable Corporation, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City, and that he had been employed in that capacity since August, 1950.

Files of the Newark Division contain no information identifiable with WILLIAM A. ROSE.

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The files of the N.J. Department of Motor Vehicles contain a record of [redacted] Bound Brook, as the owner of a 1940 Pontiac, tan sedan, N.J. license NL 190; however, background regarding [redacted] as contained on registration and license applications is not presently available as the "C's" are being processed for IBM.

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If background information regarding subject cannot be obtained by the NYO from the personnel record of General Cable Corp., the NYO should set forth a lead to review Motor Vehicle records in N.J. approximately 30 days from the date of this report.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/29/55,  
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TITLE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] attended Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at City College of the City of New York (CCNY) with GEORGE KOVAL 1943 - 1944. Both reportedly left CCNY for Oak Ridge, Tennessee, about August, 1944. [redacted] upon arriving at Oak Ridge was immediately sent to Los Alamos, New Mexico, and has not seen or heard from KOVAL since that time. [redacted] had no reason to question KOVAL's loyalty to the United States.

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DETAILS: AT CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA:

[redacted] who is employed as Design Engineer by the Gilfillan Corporation, 1815 West Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on July 13, 1955, advised SA [redacted] that he had known GEORGE KOVAL while they were both attending the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at City College of the City of New York (CCNY) 1943 - 1944. To the best of his recollection, they both left CCNY in August, 1944, for Oak Ridge, Tennessee. [redacted] stated that upon arrival at Oak Ridge, he was assigned to and left for Los Alamos, New Mexico. He was unable to recall what assignment KOVAL received, but has no recollection of seeing or hearing from KOVAL since that time. [redacted] stated that although he

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attended CCNY with KOVAL, he did not know him well. From his association with KOVAL, he described him as a good student, but that he did not know him well enough to comment regarding his loyalty, associates or reputation. He had no reason, however, to question his loyalty, associates or reputation.

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**Subject: George Abramovich Koval**

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SYNOPSIS

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re-interviewed 11/20/56. Advised he and Subject did different work in health physics at Oak Ridge and did not know what specific information Subject had access to. From general activities of group, person would have known U-235 being used there and being shipped out. Also known in group that plutonium producing reactors located at Hanford, Washington.  was told activity at Oak Ridge connected with atom bomb and presumed Subject given same information. Advised practically all health physics information classified and information regarding aspects of health physics would have been of assistance to Soviets.  advised Subject wrote report No. MDDC - 1503 at Oak Ridge. Records Technical Information Division, UCRL, Berkeley, reflect report dated 6/22/45; classified "~~Secret~~." Declassified 11/17/47.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA**

On November 7, 1955 [ ] Health Physics Group, Livermore Site, University of California Radiation Laboratory (UCRL), advised SA [ ] that he had formerly been a professional associate of the Subject at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

On November 20, 1956 [ ] was re-interviewed by SA [ ]. He advised that he and the Subject were both assigned to the Health Physics Group at Oak Ridge but they had separate duties and were not assigned to the same type of work. [ ] stated that he was assigned to a monitoring group and worked in a chemistry laboratory while the Subject, he believed, worked on instrument research and development. For this reason [ ] said he and Subject were not directly associated professionally and knew each other casually as members of the Health Physics Group which was quite large. [ ] said the Subject was not a member of the group with which he associated socially and he did not believe that they had ever lived in the same barracks.

[ ] said that because of the difference in their duties he had no idea as to what specific information the Subject had access to at Oak Ridge. He said that based on the general activities of the Health Physics Group, a person would have known that uranium 235 was being used or processed at Oak Ridge and that it was being shipped from there, although its destination was unknown. He said that the Subject probably knew that the activity at Oak Ridge was connected with the development of an atom bomb because he and other members of the group were so informed. He did not know that the Subject was also given this information but presumed that he would have received it as a member of the group. [ ] also stated the group was aware that large reactors were located at Hanford, Washington for plutonium production.

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[ ] advised that while he was at Oak Ridge practically all information pertaining to health physics was classified but most of such information has since been declassified. He said that at the time, information concerning monitoring techniques, instrumentation, radiation tolerances and other aspects of health physics would have been of assistance to the Soviets if they were attempting to make an atom bomb. He stated that health physics functions did not directly contribute to the development of the bomb but were highly important in protecting the health of those individuals who had to work with radioactive materials in perfecting the bomb. Because of this the bomb could have been made faster if all the answers of health physics had been known in the beginning. He said if the Soviets obtained information concerning our health physics program, their development of the bomb would have been accelerated.

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[ ] recalled that after he left Oak Ridge and was employed at Brookhaven National Laboratory he had occasion to check library references concerning radiation contamination of the air. Upon doing this he discovered that the Subject, while at Oak Ridge, had written a report entitled "Determination of Particulate Air-Borne Long Lived Activity," which bore the number NDCC - 1503. [ ] said his only record of the report was in his personal card index and he had only seen the report in the Brookhaven Library. He had no recollection of the date of the report or its classification.

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

On November 20, 1956 [ ]  
Technical Information Division, UCRL, advised SA [ ]  
that the above described report authored by the Subject

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(U) was dated June 22, 1945 and was originally classified  
"Secret." The number of the report, when written, was  
M3447. This number was changed to MDDC - 1503 when  
the report was declassified on November 17, 1947.  
[redacted] advised that the Information Division has  
a copy of this report.

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It will be noted that in the Administrative Section of the report of SA [ ] dated 11/18/55 at San Francisco, appears information from [ ] to the effect that Subject was acquainted at Oak Ridge with one [ ] an employee of the Mounds Laboratory, Monsanto Chemical Company, Miamisburg, Ohio.

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In the interview of [ ] on 11/20/56 he advised that [ ] might know the nature and extent of the information to which Subject had access at Oak Ridge.

[ ] further advised on 11/20/56 that it was his recollection that the Subject worked under the supervision of one [ ] at Oak Ridge and he recommended this individual as a person who might know the extent and nature of Subject's access at Oak Ridge. [ ] advised that [ ] was still at Oak Ridge when he left there in 1946.

In the same connection, [ ] also recalled the name of [ ] at Oak Ridge. He said that both [ ] and the Subject worked under [ ] but he could not be positive if they were under his direction at the same time. He said that [ ] went to Hanford, Washington from Oak Ridge and had since left Hanford. He said he did not know his present whereabouts.

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Desirability of interview of [ ] and [ ] is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin inasmuch as San Francisco is not aware of all phases of this investigation.

REFERENCE

New York letter to San Francisco dated 9/28/56.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)(RM)

DATE: 11/28/56

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R

Transmitted herewith are five copies of the report of SA [REDACTED], dated and captioned as above.

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As mentioned in the brief summary of investigation set forth in the administrative section of the attached report, the more recent investigation in this case has been directed at ascertaining whether or not the subject's assignment to the SED, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from the ASTP, CCNY, during 1944 was the result of a preconceived plan or coincidental. In that connection each of the offices to be indicated, with the exception of Chicago, will attempt to locate and interview the designated former US Army officers assigned to the ASTP, CCNY, to develop any information relevant to that question, provided office indices do not disclose information for them which would preclude an interview at this time.

In that regard it is noted that the possibility of a conspiracy between the subject and a member of the USA in some way connected with the ASTP should be considered in attempting to resolve the point in question.

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LETTER TO DIRECTOR

Re: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Concerning the above, Chicago will await advice of Bureau prior to conducting its designated interview.

The Bureau is requested to review Bureau indices concerning [redacted] whose known USA record and background information has been reported on page 4 of attached report. The above review is believed warranted prior to conducting an interview with [redacted] based upon his foreign birth; his apparent acquaintance with the subject; and his known military service with USA.

The Bureau is requested to furnish Chicago the results of the indices review.

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BUFFALO

[redacted] retired. last known on 9/7/55, to be residing: [redacted] Silver Creek, New York.

CHICAGO

[redacted] last known on November 6, 1952, to be residing at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. It is noted that [redacted] was listed by the subject as a personal reference in a questionnaire executed by the subject during 1944 for the MED.

LETTER TO DIRECTOR

Re: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R

[redacted] who based upon USA records was born 12/6/12 in Austria - Hungary, should be interviewed exhaustively re subject in consideration of his apparent acquaintance with the subject.

NEWARK

[redacted] last known (date not available) to be residing at [redacted] Paterson, New Jersey.

[redacted] last known on 2/12/54, to be residing at [redacted] Pennsauken, New Jersey.

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SAN FRANCISCO

[redacted] last known (exact date not available) to be residing at [redacted] Salinas, California. It is noted that [redacted] reportedly was the [redacted] of the ASTP, CCNY, and had direct responsibility for transfers to and assignments from the ASTP. If so he should be questioned regarding origin of ASTP assignment and transfer orders; any recalled explanation as to why subject's class was assigned to Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and whether or not faculty members of CCNY exerted any influence with respect to ASTP assignments.

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SYNOPSIS

Identities of USA officers assigned Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), CCNY, 1943-1944 set forth. [redacted] described subject's name and photograph as totally unfamiliar and stated information pertaining to method of recruitment and assignment into and from ASTP unrecalled. [redacted] was described as [redacted] and as most logical source of information relating to assignment to and from ASTP group. [redacted] stated that his connection with ASTP group, CCNY, was limited; that he was not aware that any of the ASTP classes had been assigned to atomic installations. Results of record checks for subject at International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and American Institute of Electrical Engineering set forth.

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DETAILS:

Regarding United States Army Staff Officers,  
Army Specialized Training Program,  
College of the City of New York,  
1943 - 1944

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The following information concerning United States Army (USA) staff officers assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at the College of the City of New York (CCNY) during the period of 1943 - 1944 was obtained on September 18, 1956 from records of the Adjutant General's Office, Department of the Army, Pentagon Building, by SE

[REDACTED]:  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Examination of Army 201 file showed [REDACTED] assigned to STAR Center Service Unit (SCSU) at CCNY from December 10, 1943, to June 20, 1944. Latest available address, shown as of March 5, 1956, was [REDACTED] Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, [REDACTED] Baldwin, Long Island, New York.

[REDACTED]  
Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned to duty at CCNY from April 25, 1944, to September 1, 1944. Latest available address, shown as of September 1, 1955, was [REDACTED] Infantry, U.S. Army Retired, R.D. [REDACTED] Silver Creek, New York.

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[REDACTED]  
Examination of Army 201 file showed [REDACTED] assigned duty at CCNY from January 4, 1943, to August 31, 1944. As of May 3, 1954, latest address available was [REDACTED] Infantry, Retired, [REDACTED] New York City.



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[redacted]  
Examination of Army 201 file showed [redacted] assigned to SCSU, CCNY, from November 1, 1943, to April 22, 1944; also from August 22, 1944, to September 11, 1944. Latest available address, as of November 18, 1953, was Major [redacted] MPC, U.S. Army Reserve, [redacted] Place, New York City.

[redacted]  
Examination of Army 201 file showed [redacted] assigned to SCSU, CCNY, from November 20, 1943, to February 13, 1944. Latest available address, as of January 28, 1954, was Major [redacted] Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, [redacted] Terrace, Forest Hills, New York.

[redacted]  
Examination of Army 201 file showed [redacted] assigned to SCSU, CCNY, from November 1, 1943, to November 13, 1944. Latest available address shown was [redacted] Infantry, U.S. Army Hon. Reserve, [redacted] Paterson, New Jersey.

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[redacted]  
Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned December 28, 1943, to April 26, 1944, at SCSU, CCNY. Latest available address as of June 28, 1956, was [redacted] Infantry, U.S. Army Reserve, [redacted] Elmhurst, Long Island, New York.

[redacted]  
Examination of Army 201 file showed he was assigned from July 1, 1942, to May 9, 1944, to Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and SCSU at CCNY. The latest available

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address shown was [redacted] Infantry,  
U.S. Army Reserve, [redacted] Salinas, California.

[redacted]  
Examination of Army 201 file showed he was  
assigned from April 26, 1943, to June 22, 1944, to the  
SCSU at CCNY. His latest available address, as of  
February 12, 1954, was [redacted]  
M.P., U.S. Army, Retired, [redacted] Pennsauken,  
New Jersey.

[redacted]  
Examination of Army 201 file disclosed [redacted]  
[redacted] was born December 6, 1912, in Austria-Hungary. *N.Y.*  
During the period March 4, 1943, to June 30, 1944, he  
was assigned to Company A and Company B, 101st Engineering  
Battalion. During the period of July 3, 1944, to December 31,  
1944, he was assigned to the ASF Regional Hospital,  
Fort Jackson, South Carolina. The latest available address,  
as of November 6, 1952, was shown as [redacted]  
C.E. Honorary Reserve, [redacted] Chicago 14,  
Illinois.

The files of the New York Office, Federal  
Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as reviewed on October 3,  
1956, by SA [redacted], for each of the above  
mentioned individuals failed to disclose subversive  
information that could be determined identifiable with  
them on the basis of presently known background information.

Regarding [redacted] it is  
noted that he was listed as a reference by the subject in  
a questionnaire executed by the latter during 1944 for  
the Manhattan Engineering District.

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Interviews with former U.S. Army Staff Officers,  
Army Specialized Training Program,  
College of the City of New York,  
1943-1944

[redacted] (Retired)  
Flushing, Long Island, New York

[redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted]  
[redacted], on October 5, 1956, and advised as follows:

He was assigned to the 1218th STAR Unit, Army  
Specialized Training Unit (SU, ASTU), at CCNY from  
approximately July, 1943, to April, 1945, at which time  
his rank was Lieutenant Colonel. The [redacted]  
of the ASTU at CCNY during the period of his assignment  
thereat was [redacted]

[redacted] and is recalled as  
having had direct responsibility for the discharge of  
assignments and transfers of ASTU trainees.

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It was pointed out that the ASTU was a general  
unit designation which included the ASTP and ROTC training  
groups. The ASTU program consisted of approximately 5,000  
trainees of which approximately 250 were assigned to the  
ASTP. The ASTP training was primarily restricted to  
academic studies in technical subjects, as a result of  
which there was little contact between the trainees and  
the staff officers.

The subject's photograph and name were described  
as "totally unfamiliar."

Information pertaining to the method of  
recruitment and assignment into and from the ASTP was  
unrecalled. [redacted] previously described as  
[redacted] of the ASTU, was suggested as the most  
logical source of information relating to assignments

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and transfers to and from the ASTP group. An officer, whose surname is recalled as [redacted] and who prior to World War II was an attorney in an unrecalled city in northern New Jersey, is recalled to have been the Intelligence Officer at CCNY and might possibly be in a position to recall pertinent information relating to the assignment of the subject's ASTP class to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1944.

The following individuals were also recommended as potential sources of information concerning the ASTP at CCNY, since they were assigned as non-commissioned officers to the Adjutant's Office:

[redacted]  
last known to be residing at:

[redacted]

Bronx, New York

Appropriate current telephone directories were reviewed for the individuals mentioned above on October 6, 1956, by SA [redacted] and disclosed a telephone listing for one [redacted] Bronx, New York.

[redacted] (Retired)  
New York City

[redacted] was interviewed on November 1, 1956, by SA [redacted], and advised the following:

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He was assigned to the Instructional Staff of the ASTU at CCNY from approximately November, 1943, through September, 1944, at which time his rank was [redacted]. His main duty with the ASTU was to drill the ROTC segment of that unit. His recalled connection with the ASTP group was limited inasmuch as their training was primarily academic. The ASTP is recalled as having "ended abruptly" before its scheduled completion and that assignments of the ASTP from CCNY were extremely secretive. He was not aware that any of the ASTP classes had been assigned to an atomic installation, but in retrospect considered such an assignment logical in view of their highly technical training.

The subject's photograph was described as "vaguely familiar," but the subject's name was unrecalled.

The possibility that a member of the ASTP could have had some prior knowledge of his assignment from CCNY was considered "inconceivable." The possibility that an individual's selection into the ASTP was the result of a preconceived plan was described as "impossible unless that individual had some extremely high-level contact in the U.S. Army or U.S. Government."

Several names of former officers of the ASTU at CCNY were submitted, each of whom have been previously mentioned herein. Current addresses for those former officers were unknown.

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[redacted]  
Forest Hills, Long Island, New York

[redacted] 99-21 67th Road,  
Forest Hills, Long Island, New York, advised SA [redacted]  
[redacted], on October 25, 1956, that [redacted]  
rented an apartment at that address during the approximate  
period of 1946 to 1950. [redacted] who could not recall  
[redacted] employment or change of address, suggested  
contact with the apartment management office known as the

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Dwelling Managers, Incorporated, 340 West 58th Street, New York City.

[redacted] Dwelling Managers, Incorporated, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on October 30, 1956, that [redacted] and [redacted] terminated their residence at Apartment 7D, [redacted] Forest Hills, Long Island, New York, on September 29, 1950. [redacted] listed [redacted] Street, Kew Gardens, Long Island, New York, as his new address.

It is to be noted that each of the above officers were identified as having been assigned to the ASTU, CCNY, 1943-1944, on the basis of information obtained from the records maintained at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, on August 29, 1956, by SE [redacted]

Inquiries at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the American Institute of Electrical Engineering.

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[redacted] International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, 130 East 25th Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on October 19, 1956, that GEORGE KOVAL was an active member of that union during the period March 14, 1941, through June 30, 1943, during which time he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York City. Additional background information was not available for KOVAL, inasmuch as he has been inactive in the union since 1943, which necessitated destruction of his union membership file.

[redacted] American Institute of Electrical Engineering, 33 West 39th Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on November 9, 1956, that GEORGE KOVAL, a senior student in the Electrical Engineering Department of CCNY, was a "student member" of

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that institute during the year 1948. Because his membership has been inactive since 1948, additional information concerning his background was not available. [REDACTED] advised that she caused a search of the records of the American Institutes of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, which failed to disclose a record for the surname KOVAL.

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ENCLOSURE: TO BUFFALO:

One (1) photograph of the subject taken during 1948.

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Inquiry was made at [redacted] New York City, on November 4, 1956, in an attempt to interview [redacted] reportedly the [redacted] of the ASTP at CCNY during 1943-1944. It was ascertained that [redacted] could be located at [redacted] Street, New York City.

[redacted] who identified herself as [redacted] daughter, advised on November 5, 1956, that [redacted] was recuperating from a throat operation and would not be in condition to be interviewed until the latter part of November, 1956.

For the benefit of the Buffalo Office, which has not received a prior communication in this matter, the following brief summary of investigation conducted to date is noted:

Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942, he was employed with [redacted]

[redacted] During 1945, he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "Unclassified" to ~~Top Secret.~~ In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC, as a "commissioned representative", he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS AMERICA," destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts was unknown until May, 1956, at which time his aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the subject is presently an instructor at the Mendelaev Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

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Information furnished by the GURSIITELS was based on a letter written by the subject's father, ABRAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932. Other than the above information, the subject's activities during the periods 1948 to present and 1932 through 1941, are unknown.

Most recently, investigation has been directed at determining the nature of the circumstances which led to the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during World War II, with emphasis being given to whether or not that assignment was the result of a preconceived plan of the subject or his Soviet espionage principals in the United States.

Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen, of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at CCNY on 2/1/48.

LEADS

NEW YORK

At Baldwin, New York

Will, in accordance with instructions set forth herein relating to interviews with former officers assigned to the ASTP, CCNY, locate and interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Place, Baldwin, New York.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will attempt to locate and interview the following former US Army officers in an attempt to develop information relating to the circumstances of the subject's assignment from the ASTP at CCNY to the Special Engineering Detachment (SED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee:

a. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] New York City.

b. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Forest Hills, New York.

c. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Elmhurst, Long Island.

d. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bronx, New York.

e. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bronx, New York.

f. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Kew Gardens, Long Island, New York.

2. Will attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], reportedly an associate of the subject during 1946-1948, whose last known address has been reported as [REDACTED] Bronx, New York.

BUFFALO, CHICAGO, NEWARK, SAN FRANCISCO (INFO.)

One copy of this report has been designated for the above offices inasmuch as those offices have been requested to conduct investigation concerning the subject.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED], dated  
9/28/56, at New York.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
American Embassy  
Paris 8, France

Date: December 4, 1956

To: Director, FBI (65-62911)

From: Legal Attache, Paris (65-335)

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Paris let 9/27/56.

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SAC, Chicago

December 14, 1956

Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re Memo to Bureau 11-28-56, which noted that Chicago would await advice from Bureau prior to conducting interview with [REDACTED]

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Bufiles contain no information which would preclude the interview, and the interview should therefore be conducted in the absence of information in your files which would preclude it.

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The Security Branch, Division of Security,  
Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), advised on 12-14-56  
as follows: ~~Q~~ U

"ORO (Oak Ridge) reply to ISB letter of  
November 15, 1956 reflects that two  
individuals not previously mentioned in  
FBI reports were in the Health Physics  
Department work group of subject.

[REDACTED]  
and might be able to furnish information  
concerning him. ~~Q~~ U

"CPI indices reflect both currently hold  
'Q' clearances, as follows: [REDACTED]  
'Q' granted March 17, 1949, terminated with  
Navy June 23, 1950, reaffirmed by Air Force  
September 22, 1950; [REDACTED] 'Q'  
with WA March 8, 1948 active, 'Q' with ID  
June 20, 1950 active. ~~Q~~ U

[REDACTED] PSQ executed June 6, 1950 reflected  
employment with Air Force Cambridge Research  
Laboratory, Cambridge, Massachusetts and  
residence at [REDACTED] Pawtucket,  
Rhode Island. ~~Q~~ U

[REDACTED] is presently employed with the Division  
of Biology and Medicine, Washington Headquarters." U

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 1/7/57

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - RReBulet, 12/19/56; WFOlet, 11/19/56; and  
San Francisco report, 11/23/56, captioned as above.

ReBulet reported information which disclosed that [redacted] were co-workers of the subject during the latter's assignment in 1944 to the Health and Physics Department, Manhattan Engineering District (MED), Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), Oak Ridge, Tennessee. NEC records disclosed that [redacted] was last known during June, 1950 to be employed with Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a resident at [redacted] Pawtucket, Rhode Island. [redacted] was described as presently employed with the "Division of Biology and Medicine, Washington Headquarters."

Rerep reported results of information furnished by [redacted] co-worker of subject at ORNL which identified subject's supervisor at Oak Ridge as [redacted] as a co-worker.

ReWFOlet reported that information pertaining to MED employees at Oak Ridge is maintained in "dead storage" at the ORNL.

LEADSBoston

Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted]  
[redacted] concerning his recollection of subject's

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2 - Knoxville (65-553) (RM)  
2 - Washington Field (65-6901) (RM)  
1 - New York (65-16756)

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activities and duties at ORNL. Particular emphasis should be given to develop information indicating any unusual or significant activity of subject such as travel from base and contact with individuals not employed or otherwise connected with the MED.

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Washington Field

1. Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted] in accordance with instructions set forth for Boston.

2. Will contact C. A. PALAZZOLO, Security Branch, AEC, regarding last known whereabouts of [redacted] reportedly co-workers of subject at MED, Oak Ridge, and set forth necessary leads to have them located and interviewed regarding the subject.

Knoxville

Will, at ORNL, attempt to cause search of MED personnel records in "dead storage" in an attempt to locate any information contained therein regarding the subject. Will review these records for all information relating to subject's duties and activities at Oak Ridge, including leave, travel, and identities of his visitors, if any.



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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 1/10/57

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (65-4178)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

(OO: New York)

Re: Report of SA [redacted] at Newark  
dated 1/10/57Miami is requested to interview [redacted]  
[redacted] Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as  
set forth in referenced report.Enclosed for the Miami Office are a copy of  
New York letter to Bureau dated 11/28/56 and one Photostat  
of the report of SA [redacted] dated 11/28/56  
at New York. RUC.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEWARK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>1/10/57</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/14,17,18/56; 1/3/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>jdm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

*ft* [REDACTED] former Captain, U. S. Army, assigned to ASTP, CCNY, advised on 1/3/57 that he did not know the subject.

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BY *[Signature]*

[REDACTED] Paterson, New Jersey, was interviewed on January 3, 1957, by SA [REDACTED] and advised the following:

Center  
He was assigned to the STAR Service Unit (SCSU) of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at the College of the City of New York (CCNY) from November, 1943, to November, 1944. His rank at that time was Captain and a [REDACTED] His duties were to give instruction in military tactics and regulations to the ASTP trainees. He added that ASTP was primarily concerned with academic training and technical studies. He stated that the Staff

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Officers had little contact with ASTP trainees.

[ ] added that he was not aware of the method used in the assignment of ASTP trainees.

The subject's photograph and name were described by [ ] as being unknown to him.

On December 18, 1956, [ ] of [ ] Pennsauken, New Jersey, advised SA [ ] that she is the daughter-in-law of former Army officer, [ ] who is presently residing at [ ] Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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Enclosure: To Miami

One (1) Photograph of the subject taken during 1948.

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LEAD

MIAMI

At Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Will, in accordance with instructions set forth  
in referenced communications, interview former Army Officer  
[redacted] Fort Lauderdale,  
Fla.

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REFERENCE

New York letter to Director 11/28/56  
New York report of SA [redacted]  
dated 11/28/56.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>1/11/57</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/8,9/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>0</b> <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>ay b7C</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

SYNOPSIS

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on 1/8,9/57 stated he was never Adjutant Officer of ASTP, City College of NY.  exhibited special orders dating from 4/24/42 to 4/26/44 reflecting that  was Adjutant during that period.  has no knowledge regarding origin of ASTP assignments and transfers.

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On January 8, 1957 [redacted] California, advised that he is presently employed as a Supervisor of Recreation at the California State Prison, Soledad, California. [redacted] advised that he had attained the rank of Major in the US Army during WW II and his serial number was [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he was never the Adjutant Officer of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at the City College, New York City. [redacted] stated that it was his recollection that [redacted] was the Adjutant. [redacted] advised that he would review pertinent Army papers in his possession so that he could furnish exact information concerning his assignments while stationed at CCNY with the US Army. He also advised that he might have special orders in his possession issued by [redacted] as Adjutant of the ASTP at CCNY.

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On January 9, 1957 [redacted] stated that a review of his Army papers reflected that he held the following positions while stationed at the City College, New York, New York:

1. Instructor Military Science, Reserve Officers Training Corps, August, 1940 to December, 1942.
2. Executive Officer, 1280th Service Command, Service Unit (SCSU), ROTC, December, 1942 to November 29, 1943.
3. Plans and Training Officer, 3225th SCSU, Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU) and Battalion Commander, Second Battalion, 3225th SCSU, ASTU, from November 29, 1943 to April 26, 1944 at which time he was transferred to Fort Meade, Maryland Army Ground Forces Personnel Replacement Depot #1.

[redacted] exhibited a special order reflecting that the following Army Units were assigned to the City College during the period of [redacted] assignment to the City College. The Units were designated as:

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The Army Service Forces, Second Service Command, Hq 3225th SCSU (ASTP), 3204th SCSC (STARS) and the 1280th SCSU (ROTC), Army Hall - The City College, New York 31, New York.

[ ] exhibited special orders dating from April 24, 1942 to the date of his transfer April 26, 1944 reflecting that [ ] was the Adjutant during this period for the various Units stationed at the City College. NY

[ ] also exhibited a special order dated November 29, 1943 reflecting that [ ] was as of that date designated Assistant Adjutant at the City College.

[ ] advised that the name GEORGE KOVAL is not familiar to him. [ ] also advised that he had no direct responsibility for transfers and assignments to the ASTP Unit at the City College. [ ] also advised that he could not recall any student or class of students having been assigned to Oak Ridge, Tennessee during his assignment to the City College. b7C

[ ] further advised that he could not recall any incident where the Faculty members had exhibited any influence with respect to ASTP assignments. He stated, however, that it was possible that if any such influence had been exerted it would have been necessary for the Faculty Members to exert this influence through the Adjutant. However, [ ] again stated that he had no knowledge that Faculty Members had exerted any such influence.

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THE NEW YORK OFFICE

AT FLUSHING, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

Will reinterview [redacted]  
(Ret.), [redacted] in view of the special  
orders in possession of [redacted] reflecting  
that [redacted] was the Adjutant at the City College. Will  
obtain from [redacted] information concerning his  
responsibility for the discharge of assignments and  
transfers of ASTU Trainees.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted], 11/28/56, NY.  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: January 24, 1957

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (65-4049)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
O.O. NEW YORK

Re report of SA [redacted]  
dated November 28, 1956 at New York; New York  
letter to Director November 28, 1956, and Bureau  
letter to Chicago dated December 14, 1956,  
granting authority to contact Lieutenant Colonel  
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

A review of the files of the Chicago  
Office failed to reflect any information pertaining  
to [redacted]

On December 27, 1956, a check of the  
Chicago Police Department records made by  
Investigative Clerk [redacted] and the  
Chicago Credit Bureau records made by Investigative  
Clerk [redacted] failed to disclose any  
record of [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted  
by SAs [redacted]

It was determined through [redacted]  
[redacted] on January 14, 1957,  
that the [redacted] family no longer reside at [redacted]  
[redacted] however, this family still operates  
a tavern at [redacted] Chicago.

On January 14, 1957, [redacted]  
[redacted] advised her son [redacted]  
presently resides at [redacted]  
Chicago, Illinois.

On January 14, 1957, [redacted]  
residence [redacted] employed as

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Estimator, Neilson Brothers Manufacturing Company, 2220 North Springfield Avenue, Chicago, was interviewed, at which time he furnished the following information:

He was born on [redacted] in Hungary. He served as an officer in the United States Army under Serial Number 01111401 from 1942 to 1946, obtaining the highest rank of captain. He entered the United States Army in June of 1942 at Governor's Island, New York, and was attached to Company A and Company B, 101st Engineer Battalion, 26th Division, United States Army, Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, in 1943. In January and February, 1944, he attended Field Officer's School at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, and the latter part of 1944 he was assigned to the Region Hospital at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, and presently holds the rank of captain in the United States Army Reserve.

Upon observing a photograph of the subject, [redacted] stated subject was unknown to him as was subject's name. A description of subject was furnished to Mr. [redacted] however, he was still unable to recall the subject. [redacted] related that he did not attend the College of the City of New York or was he ever attached to the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). [redacted] added that he had attended New York University from 1939 to 1942; however, did not have any association with CCNY. [redacted] related that [redacted] and the Raven Electric Company were unknown to him.

[redacted] advised that some of the members of the United States Army who had taken ASTP training at CCNY were members of his battalion at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina; however, he could not recall any of these individuals' names. He reiterated that he did not serve as a staff officer in the ASTP nor did he attain the rank of lieutenant colonel in the United States Army. [redacted] said he did not know the procedures or assignments of personnel who trained under the ASTP Program other than these individuals were selected by the Divisional Personnel Section.

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The New York Office will consider the possibility of another individual named [REDACTED] who was listed as reference by the subject for the Manhattan Engineering District in 1944.

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OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
American Embassy  
Paris 8, France

Date: January 24, 1957  
To: Director, FBI (65-62911)  
From: Legat, Paris (65-335)  
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re Paris letter 12/4/56.

No further data has been received from [redacted] (b1)  
concerning this matter. This source is being followed with  
regard to the lead concerning [redacted] and the Bureau  
will be furnished any information received. (S) b7C

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Report of SA [redacted] dated 7/15/55 reflects that [redacted] Laboratory Protection Division, ORNL, advised that he had no information concerning GEORGE KOVAL in his files other than a record of being fingerprinted by ORNL as a mathematician 8/15/44.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

Synopsis:

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[redacted] (retired) unable to recall name or photograph of KOVAL. [redacted] handled administrative work for [redacted] who was in charge of A.S.T.P., C.C.N.Y. and handled all assignments of personnel. [redacted] was [redacted] and handled "Security." Does not recall any man being transferred to S.E.C., or policy concerning assignment.

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DATE FOR: *2-12-57*  
HOW FOR: *R/S*  
BY: *[redacted]*

DETAILS AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

On January 29, 1957, [redacted] (retired), [redacted] advised that he had been assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at the College of the City of New York (CCNY) in either 1943 or 1944, and had been transferred from that assignment to Long Island Medical College. He advised that when he was at CCNY [redacted] was the [redacted] and [redacted] was his Administrative Assistant. He also advised that [redacted]

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whose first name he did not recall, but who was a lawyer from New York City, was the Security Officer. [ ] stated that all assignments from personnel from ASTP were handled by [ ] under the direct supervision of [ ] and he believes that [ ] was consulted concerning assignments due to his position as Judge Advocate in Charge of Security.

[ ] stated that he was the [ ] at ASTP and held an executive position under [ ] but did not have any classes under his direct supervision. He advised that his primary function was the assigning of incoming personnel who were received from Governor's Island, and placing them in the various dormitories and classrooms to which they were assigned. [ ] advised that his position was "that of a glorified Top Sergeant" and that he did not have close contact with any of the personnel after they had received their original assignments in ASTP. He advised that he did not receive any copies of the assignment orders received by the men when they left the College and had no information as to where the men were assigned when they either finished their work or were dropped for various reasons.

[ ] also stated that he had no information as to how the men were selected for assignment at ASTP since all men reporting for specialized training reverted directly to Governor's Island, from which point they were assigned to the various colleges who were part of the ASTP. He advised that the first information they would have concerning a man would be when he arrived at the College with his orders from Governor's Island.

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[ ] examined the photograph of GEORGE KOVAL and advised that it was not familiar to him nor did the name of KOVAL mean anything to him. He stated that this was not unusual since there were approximately 3,300 men at ASTP while he was there and he would meet them on only one or two occasions during the entire time of their stay.

[ ] also advised that during the entire period of his assignment at CCNY, he did not recall of any class actually graduating nor could he recall any personnel being transferred to the Special Engineering Detachment (SED) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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No leads are being set forth to interview Colonel [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
since leads have previously been set forth to interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and report of SA [REDACTED], dated  
November 28, 1956, at New York, set forth an interview with  
[REDACTED] who is probably  
identical with [REDACTED].

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED], 1/10/57, Newark.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: February 14, 1957

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-6901)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re New York letter to the Bureau dated January 9, 1957. Relet, making reference to San Francisco report of November 23, 1956, noted such report set forth information furnished by [redacted] a co-worker of subject in previous employment at ORNL, identifying [redacted] as subject [redacted] at ORNL and [redacted] as another co-worker. Relet in turn requested WFO contact C. A. PALAZZOLO, Security Branch, AEC regarding last known whereabouts of [redacted] and set forth necessary leads to have them located and interviewed regarding the subject.

CLEMENT A. PALAZZOLO, Chief, Internal Security Branch, Division of Security, AEC, contacted February 1 and 11, 1957, re above matter, has advised that AEC Security Records show [redacted] "Q" clearance to have been terminated February 29, 1953, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and his last known forwarding address as [redacted] Houston 25, Texas. PALAZZOLO has advised that records show [redacted] to still have active "Q" clearance under cognizance of the AEC Lockland Area Office, Cincinnati, Ohio, and to be employed as an Engineer with the General Electric Nuclear Development Laboratories, ANP Department, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Accordingly, the Houston and Cincinnati Offices are requested to make efforts to locate and interview [redacted] and surep results.

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It is noted that the administrative section of the report of SA [REDACTED] at New York, September 28, 1956, set forth the following information for the benefit of the New Orleans and Miami Offices in connection with leads for such offices. Such background information is likewise repeated herein for the information and assistance of the Houston and Cincinnati Offices, which offices do not appear to have received previous correspondence in connection with instant matter.

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Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the REC, NYC.

[REDACTED]

During 1945, he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "Unclassified" to "~~Top Secret~~." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS AMERICA," destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts were unknown until May, 1956, at which time his aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the subject is presently an instructor at the Mendelav Institute, in Moscow, Russia. (U)

Information furnished by the GURSHTELS was based on a letter written by the subject's father, ABRAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932. Other than the above information, the subject's activities during the periods 1948 to present and 1932 through 1941, are unknown.

Most recently, investigation has been directed at determining the nature of the circumstances which led to the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during World War II, with emphasis being given to whether or not that assignment was the result of a preconceived plan of the subject or his Soviet espionage principals in the United States.

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Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native-born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at CCNY on February 1, 1948.

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Date: 2/26/57

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

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ReWFOlet, 9/27/56.

[redacted]

Army Specialized Training Unit (ASPU) at College of the City of New York (CCNY), advised on 2/26/57, that an Army officer recalled by him as [redacted] served as his intelligence officer with the ASPU, CCNY, during the approximate period 1943-1944. [redacted] present whereabouts unknown to [redacted] who recalled [redacted] as "former resident of NJ and a lawyer by profession". [redacted] was of the opinion that [redacted] may be able to furnish info of value to instant investigation.

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WFO will review appropriate records of adjutants's general's office, Department of the Army, Pentagon Building, in an attempt to ascertain the last known address for [redacted] to facilitate an interview with him.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE Feb. 26, 1957

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (65-3981)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re New York letter to the Director, dated January 9, 1957.

On February 25, 1957, [redacted] Air Force Cambridge Research Center, 415 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts, was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] West Acton, Massachusetts, by SA [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he was employed as a [redacted] in the Health and Physics Department, Manhattan Engineering District, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee from 1944 to 1946. He recalled that GEORGE KOVAL worked in the same Department and knew him as a fellow worker in the Health and Physics Department. [redacted] stated that he did not know of any unusual or significant activity of the Subject, such as unusual travel from the Base or contacts with individuals not employed or otherwise connected with the Manhattan Engineering District.

[redacted] recalled that he and KOVAL on one occasion visited the home of one [redacted] at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1944 or 1945. He stated that [redacted] parents resided in Louisville and that he and KOVAL and another individual whose name he could not recall visited the [redacted] home in Louisville just to get away from the Oak Ridge Base for a week end. He stated this was the only social contact that he could recall having with KOVAL and his other contacts with KOVAL were strictly of a professional nature when both were members of the U.S. Army assigned to Oak Ridge. [redacted] was unable to furnish the identity of any additional contacts or associates of KOVAL.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)  
 SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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DATE: 3/1/57

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Re Knoxville letter 2/1/57 captioned as above.

Transmitted herewith are 5 copies of the report  
 of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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The most recent investigation in this case has been directed at 2 purposes, namely, to establish whether or not the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Dayton, Ohio, (1944-1945) was the result of a preconceived plan, or coincidence, and to identify individuals who may have been involved with the subject in Soviet Espionage activity. The investigation to date, in substance, has resulted negatively with regard to the above objectives.

In addition to completing investigation presently pending to locate and interview US Army officers, assigned to the ASTP, CCNY, during the period of the subject's assignment to that training unit, the following investigation should be conducted prior to closing this case.

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Knoxville will recontact [ ] regarding the following:

1. Review above mentioned visitor records for the name WILLIAM A. ROSE, former employee of the Raven Electric Company, NYC, and [ ] former employee of the AEC at Oak Ridge, from January, 1945 to January, 1946, both of whom, according to previous investigation, may have possibly contacted the subject at Oak Ridge. [ ] has been described by a former girlfriend of the subject as having stated he was in contact with the subject at Oak Ridge, during the latter part of World War II. [ ] has emphatically denied on two occasions of having known KOVAL.

2. Determine if visitor records are filed in chronological order or by dates, and if so, consider feasibility of reviewing or spot checking records during the period of subject's tour of duty at Oak Ridge, 8/15/44 - 6/25/45.

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The above lead is believed significant in that it affords an opportunity to identify possible contacts of the subject during his assignment at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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Contact security officer, AEC Area Office, Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio, (former site of MED, Dayton Area, Ohio), and attempt to identify visitors subject may have had during his tour of duty with the MED at Dayton, 6/25/45 - January, 1946. Also review visitor records for names of WILLIAM A. ROSE and [ ]

BOSTON

Will verify reported date<sup>of</sup> birth of [ ] at Cambridge, Massachusetts, on 11/19/18.

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Will conduct appropriate agency checks to develop background information regarding [redacted] in an attempt to verify information previously furnished by [redacted] to this Bureau.

WASHINGTON FIELD

1. Will at the Passport Office, Department of State, ascertain status of subject's citizenship in view of his apparent residence in Russia and his absence from the US since 1948. Also ascertain if evidence of subject's residence in Russia would be sufficient to effect his denaturalization.

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2. Will recontact C. A. PALAZZOLO, AEC, regarding the identity of the investigative agency which conducted the "clearance investigation" concerning the subject. It is noted that WFOlet 11/19/56 in this case reported results of initial contact at the AEC which disclosed that the subject's references had been contacted concerning the subject during August, 1944, which was just prior to his assignment with the MED at Oak Ridge. Based upon the subject's known assignments with the MED, it appears that he would have been investigated to a greater extent than the presently known information indicates. Inasmuch as the majority of the background information that the subject listed for the MED was fictitious, it is significant to locate a record of his original clearance investigation, if any.

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Will consider the advisability of conducting the following investigation:

[Redacted Box]

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TITLE OF CASE  GEORGE KOVAL		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY atz
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SYNOPSIS-

[REDACTED] stated he was [REDACTED] Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU), College of City of New York (CCNY), 1942 - August, 1944; described Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), as consisting of 350 - 400 trainees and segment of ASTU; described subject's name and photograph as "unknown". Believed subject's assignment to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from ASTP, CCNY, could have possibly been result of preconceived plan.

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[REDACTED] stated he was officer in US Army from 1942 - 1946; described subject's name and photograph as "unknown".

[REDACTED] former officers, US Army, stated assigned to ASTU, CCNY. Both [REDACTED] had no recollection regarding ASTP Unit of ASTU, CCNY.

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DETAILS:

Interviews with former United States Army Staff Officers, Army Specialized Training Unit, College of <sup>the</sup> City of New York, 1943 - 1944.

[redacted]  
United States Army. Retired,

[redacted]  
New York City, New York

[redacted] was interviewed on December 19, 1956, by SAS [redacted] and recontacted on February 26, 1957, by SA [redacted] and advised as follows:

He was assigned as the [redacted] of the Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU) at the College of <sup>the</sup> City of New York (CCNY), New York City, during the approximate period of 1942 through August, 1944. He retired from military service in August, 1944, because of a throat affliction.

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A photograph of the subject taken during 1948 and the subject's name were described as "unknown". by [redacted]

Regarding subject's assignment from the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), CCNY, to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED), Oak Ridge, National Laboratory (ORNL), [redacted] commented as follows:

The ASTP was a segment of the United States Army training program at CCNY, known as the "ASTU". The ASTP consisted of approximately 350 to 400 trainees who were selected at basic training centers on the basis of aptitude tests and previous education, for advanced technical training. The ASTP training at CCNY was terminated abruptly during August, 1944,

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which happened to be concurrent with the time of [redacted] "medical retirement" from the United States Army. The orders relating to ASTP assignments from CCNY were received at the Second Army Headquarters, 90 Church Street, New York City. Because his retirement from the United States Army occurred at the same time as the termination of the ASTP at CCNY, [redacted] was unable to furnish any information regarding the nature or disposition of ASTP assignments from CCNY.

Regarding subject's assignment to the ORNL, [redacted] stated that the assignment could have possibly been the result of a preconceived plan if the subject had colluded with a faculty member of the CCNY or a "highly placed" member of the Armed Forces. In explanation, [redacted] stated that to his recollection "a goodly number" of the faculty members of CCNY during and prior to 1944 performed some assignment in connection with the MED. He described as conceivable that the subject's acceptance into the ASTP and subsequent assignment from that program to the ORNL could have resulted from the influence of a "well informed member of the faculty at CCNY". [redacted] was unable to recall any CCNY faculty members whose recalled activities at CCNY would suggest the possibility of their involvement with the subject in Soviet Espionage.

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[redacted] suggested contact with the following individuals whom he described as possibly being able to furnish information regarding the ASTP, CCNY:

[redacted] United States Army Reserve, (USAR) Intelligence Officer, ASTP, 1942-1944; former resident of New Jersey and a lawyer by profession.

(FNU) [redacted] CCNY, during the approximate period of 1943-1944; believed to be a current resident of New York City.

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[redacted]  
USAR, [redacted]  
Chicago, Illinois

[redacted] was interviewed on January 14, 1957, by SAS [redacted] and advised as follows:

He was born [redacted] in Hungary. He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946. He entered the United States Army during June, 1942, at Governor's Island, New York, and was attached to Company A and Company B, 101st Engineers Battalion, 26th Division, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he remained until January, 1944. His subsequent service was at the Region Hospital, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He presently has a rank of Captain in the USAR.

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Upon being apprised of the subject's name, and known descriptive data, and upon observing a photograph of the subject taken during 1948, he described GEORGE KOVAL as "unknown" to him. [redacted] stated that he did not attend CCNY and was not assigned to the ASTP or ASTU during his Army service.

[redacted] recalled that some of the members of the United States Army who had taken ASTP training at CCNY, whose names he could not presently recall, had been members of his battalion at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Concerning the above, it is noted that in a questionnaire executed during 1944, for the MED. ORNL, the subject listed [redacted] Engineers APO 26" as a reference.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information on May 8, 1955, which disclosed that the subject was assigned to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for his United States Army basic training during 1943.

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[REDACTED]  
Elmhurst, Long Island, New York

[REDACTED] was interviewed on  
January 10, 1957, by SA [REDACTED] and advised as follows:

He was assigned to the ASTU, CCNY, with the rank of Major for approximately three months during 1944. To the best of his recollection he had no connection with the ASTP Unit of the ASTU and could recall no information concerning that training unit. His duty at CCNY was primarily restricted to drilling and instructing ROTC trainees, which group had no connection with the ASTP.

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The photograph of the subject taken during 1948 and the name GEORGE KOVAL were described as "unknown."

[REDACTED]  
Forest Hills, New York

[REDACTED] was interviewed on February 5, 1957, by SA [REDACTED] and advised as follows:

Hewas assigned to the ASTU, CCNY, with the rank of Captain for approximately a three month period during the early part of 1944. His duty at CCNY was with the "Instructional Staff" of the ASTU and to his recollection he had no contact with the ASTP. The subject's name and photograph were described as "unknown."

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Regarding EPHRAIM MICHOELSON

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Long Island, New York, [REDACTED] USAR, assigned to the ASTP, CCNY, 1943-1944, when interviewed on October 5, 1956, by SA [REDACTED] identified EPHRAIM MICHOELSON, [REDACTED] Bronx, New York, as a former non-commissioned officer who was assigned to the Adjutant's Office at CCNY, during the approximate period of 1943-1945.

[REDACTED]  
Bronx, New York, advised SA [REDACTED] on December 27, 1956, that her husband EPHRAIM has been deceased since February, 1954. She stated her deceased husband served with the United States Army during World War II, and believed he had been stationed at CCNY.

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Regarding [REDACTED] USAR

[REDACTED] of the apartment house at [REDACTED] Kew Gardens, Long Island, New York, advised SA [REDACTED] on January 18, 1957, that [REDACTED] and family resided in apartment A at that address until January 31, 1954. [REDACTED] who was unable to locate a forwarding address for [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] as of 1953, listed his employment as

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[redacted] L. Buchman and Company, Incorporated,  
100 Sutton Street, Brooklyn, New York, since 1947.

Concerning [redacted] the following  
is noted:

Records of the Organizational Rosters of the  
ASTU at CCNY filed at the United States Army Records  
Center at St. Louis, Missouri, and reviewed by SE  
[redacted] on August 29, 1956, disclosed that  
[redacted] a resident of Long Island,  
New York, during 1947, was assigned to the ASTP, CCNY,  
during the period of 1943-1944.

Regarding [redacted]

[redacted] Alumni Association, CCNY, advised  
SA [redacted] on December 18, 1956, that [redacted]  
[redacted] was graduated from CCNY on June 22, 1948, with  
a degree of Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. At the  
time of his graduation, [redacted] listed his residence as  
being at [redacted] Bronx, New York.

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[redacted]  
Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised on January 4, 1957,  
that the tenancy records of that apartment house were  
recently destroyed through the year 1952. It was noted  
that no one by the name of [redacted] is a current resident  
at [redacted] Bronx, New York.

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NEW YORK

At Baldwin, New York

\* Will attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] USAR, last known to be residing at [REDACTED]  
Baldwin, NY. [REDACTED] should be questioned  
regarding subject and his knowledge of the ASTP, CCNY.

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At New York, New York

1. Will attempt to locate and interview the following regarding their knowledge of ASTP, CCNY, and subject's assignment from the ASTP, CCNY, to the MED, Oak Ridge:

[redacted] L. Buchman,  
and Company, 100 Sutton Street, Brooklyn, New York.

[redacted]  
Bronx, New York.

(FNU) [redacted] CCNY,  
1943-1944.

2. Will report results of investigation requested of WFO regarding last known whereabouts of [redacted], former Intelligence Officer, ASTP, CCNY.

3. Will conduct appropriate record checks in an attempt to locate and interview [redacted] former associate of subject.

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4. Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted] a graduate student employed in the Zoology Department at Columbia University, 1948, who was possibly acquainted with the subject during 1948.

5. Will recontact [redacted] Flushing, Long Island, New York, concerning his exact assignment with the ASTP, CCNY. It is noted that several former officers of the ASTP, CCNY, have advised that [redacted] was the Adjutant Officer of the ASTP, to which [redacted] made no reference when he was originally interviewed during October, 1956.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/28/56  
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Regarding George Koval

Investigation concerning George Koval has established that during 1942, he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York City. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During the period August 15, 1944 - January, 1946, while a member of the United States Army, Koval was assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Dayton, Ohio, where he reportedly had access to information that could have varied from "Classified" to "~~Top Secret.~~" (U)

In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "Commissioned Representative," Koval was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. No record of employment with the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, could be located for Koval.

On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America," destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts were unknown until May, 1956, at which time his aunt and uncle, Goldie and Harry Gurshtel, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the subject is presently an instructor at the Mendelaiv Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

Information furnished by the Gurshtels was based on a letter written by the subject's father, Abram, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932. Other than the above information, the subject's activities during the periods 1948 to present and 1932 through 1941, are unknown.

Most recently, investigation has been directed at determining the nature of the circumstances which led to the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during World War II, with emphasis being given to whether or not that assignment was the result of a preconceived plan of the subject or his Soviet espionage principals in the United States.

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Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa reflects that Koval is a native born United States citizen, of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at College of the City of New York (CCNY) on February 1, 1948.

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[REDACTED] should include display of subject's photograph and his appraisal of subject's known description which is as follows:

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Name	George Koval
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa
Height	6 feet
Weight	170-175 pounds
Hair	Black - dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium - dark
Occupation	Electrical Engineer
Distinguishing Features	Wears glasses; acne condition on face.

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For the information of the New York Office,  
the memorandum concerning Koval has been classified  
"Confidential" at the Bureau and any copies in the  
New York Office should also be so classified.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 3/27/57

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-6901)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(OO:NY)

Re New York airtel to Bureau dated 2/26/57.

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Referenced airtel set forth recollections of [redacted] Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU), at College of the City of New York (CCNY), to the effect that one [redacted] had served as an Intelligence Officer with ASTU during the approximate period of 1943-1944 and that [redacted] was of the opinion [redacted] might be able to furnish information of value to instant investigation. It was stated that [redacted] present whereabouts is unknown to [redacted] and WFO was accordingly requested to make efforts to ascertain the last known address of [redacted] through records of the Adjutant General's Office (AGO), Department of the Army. Referenced airtel added information that [redacted] recalled [redacted] merely as a former resident of New Jersey and a lawyer by profession.

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[redacted] Office of Locator Files, AGO, on 3/22/57, advised that he has been unable to identify the above [redacted] among AGO Locator records and that in the absence of further personal data he does not feel such person can be identified with the limited information reflected on Locator Cards. [redacted] suggested that ASTU Organizational Records would seem to afford the most likely source for the desired information.

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In above regard it is noted St. Louis letter to Bureau, dated 9/6/56, reflects previous attention to the Organizational Rosters for the 7225th ASTU, CCNY, and includes a listing of officers shown to have been attached to such organization in 1943-44, as well as officers listed to the 1218th ASTU, including the above-mentioned

[redacted] It is noted that the name of [redacted] was not previously shown to have been affiliated with either of the above organizations.

In view of negative results in efforts to identify a [redacted] through Locator Files, AGO, and in view of the above advice, it is requested St. Louis cause a recheck to be made of pertinent ASTU Organizational Files, at the Miscellaneous Record Section, DOD-PRC, in further attention to the interest of identifying and arranging for interview of the above [redacted]

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GEORGE KOVAL  
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Enclosed is photograph of subject.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
American Embassy  
Paris <sup>9</sup>, France

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Date: March 28, 1957

To: Director, FBI (65-62911)

From: Legal Attache, Paris (65-335)

Subject: GEORGE KOWAL  
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Re Paris let 1/24/57.

(S) [ ] To date, no information has been received from  
the [ ] in this matter. Every effort is being made to  
obtain action in this matter. (S)

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REPORTING OFFICE HOUSTON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE APR 1 - 1957	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/19/57
TITLE OF CASE  GEORGE KOVAL		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY md b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  ESPIONAGE - R	

## SYNOPSIS

[REDACTED], Houston, Texas, served as Subject's supervisor at Oak Ridge Laboratories for two or three years during period 1945 - 1949, exact dates not recalled. States Subject one of group of United States Army enlisted men assigned to work at Oak Ridge, and resided in barracks with other enlisted personnel.

[REDACTED] states Subject's selection for this work by United States Army apparently based on educational background and not on recommendations of individuals. Subject's duties required general and specific knowledge of classified work being done at Oak Ridge. [REDACTED] not acquainted with Subject's relatives or civilian employment record. States [REDACTED] reported having seen Subject in Eastern United States in approximately 1951 or 1952, although [REDACTED] not sure of dates. [REDACTED] had no reason to question Subject's loyalty.

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DETAILS: AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

[redacted] employed by Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company, 1628 Old Spanish Trail, was interviewed on March 19, 1957. [redacted] advised he served as GEORGE KOVAL's supervisor and worked closely with KOVAL for approximately two or three years during the period 1945 to 1949, although he cannot recall the exact dates of his acquaintance with Subject. KOVAL was an enlisted man in the United States Army during the period of his employment at Oak Ridge and [redacted] does not believe Subject came back to Oak Ridge as a civilian employee, as did numerous other former Army personnel. KOVAL had some background in electrical engineering, although, [redacted] does not believe he had a degree. It is his recollection that Subject planned to return to college after his release from the Army.

[redacted] stated that Subject was one of a group of approximately 100 enlisted personnel who were assigned to the Oak Ridge Laboratories during that period. He believes that KOVAL continued to draw his normal Army pay and became a Sergeant before he left Oak Ridge. [redacted] stated Subject held the title of "Health Physics Surveyor", described as a safety man who checked on health hazards created by radioactivity. It is [redacted] belief that Subject and other members of his group were selected for and assigned to the Oak Ridge Laboratories on the basis of their educational background, as reflected in their Army records. He recalls that Subject was apparently not acquainted with other employees at Oak Ridge prior to his arrival there and Subject was not employed on the basis of recommendations made by anyone known to [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that Subject would necessarily have had a general knowledge of the type of work being done in various areas at Oak Ridge, including knowledge of specific operations of a classified nature. Subject was described as a conscientious worker who seemed to be discreet and nothing came to [redacted] attention which would indicate that Subject ever compromised any restricted data.

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[ ] does not recall anything concerning Subject's background except that he came from Iowa, and had previously attended either the University of Iowa or Iowa State University. He believes that Subject once remarked that his father was a carpenter. [ ] never met any of Subject's relatives. Subject was not married during his service at Oak Ridge and resided in a barracks building along with other unmarried enlisted men. Subject visited [ ] residence on two or three occasions which was the extent of their social acquaintance.

[ ] remembers that Subject made reference to New York City on several occasions but cannot recall whether Subject stated he lived there or visited there while on furlough. He has no recollections of Subject having stated he worked in New York City and Subject never mentioned having previously worked in a radio parts house or an electrical supply house. [ ] pointed out he had no reason to probe into Subject's background, training, or security, inasmuch as those matters were the responsibility of the United States Army which had complete control of the Oak Ridge operation at that time. He can recall no instances in which Subject exhibited any unusual curiosity concerning work not specifically related to his own duties.

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Subject made no remarks to [ ] indicating that he or any of his relatives had traveled or resided in any foreign country.

[ ] recalls that Subject had one friend at Oak Ridge who was working in an area which was closed shortly after the end of World War II. He believes this individual's last name to be [ ] or [ ] and his first name was possibly [ ] or [ ]. Subject recommended [ ] to [ ] and [ ] was employed by [ ] after his previous assignment was terminated. [ ] recalls [ ] who previously worked with Subject, but indicated [ ] or [ ] was a separate individual.

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According to [ ] who was [ ] of the Health Physics Department at Oak Ridge,

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when he and Subject were there still holds that position and should have records of other enlisted men who resided in the barracks with Subject and probably knew Subject better than [redacted]. It is [redacted] belief of the 100 enlisted men in Subject's group, 10 or 15 probably are still employed at Oak Ridge.

[redacted] further stated that [redacted] (or [redacted] was also assigned to the Health Physics Department at Oak Ridge during the above period. Subject at one time worked under the supervision of [redacted]. In approximately 1951 or 1952, [redacted] made a business trip through the Eastern United States and later reported to [redacted] that he had seen Subject in an eastern city, the name of which [redacted] cannot now recall. [redacted] stated that Subject was then completing his college work. [redacted], according to [redacted], asked KOVAL if he would be interested in coming back to Oak Ridge when he graduated. Subject reportedly replied that he was not interested in returning, inasmuch as he was interested in "big power." [redacted] explained that this expression relates to public utility type of electric work. [redacted] best recollection at this time is that [redacted] reported seeing Subject in either 1951 or 1952, although [redacted] added that due to the lapse of time he cannot be sure of the exact time. [redacted] believes that [redacted] is presently on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh teaching health physics.

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It is noted that [redacted] supplied the name of [redacted] the Health Physics Department, Oak Ridge, as a person who could identify other former associates of Subject. Inasmuch as this office is not aware of the scope of investigation previously conducted by Knoxville, the desirability of additional leads based on the above information is being left for decision by New York as Office of Origin.

For the information of Pittsburgh, which office may not have received past information in this case, the following background information taken from Washington Field Office letter dated February 14, 1957, is being set forth:

Investigation concerning the Subject has established that during 1942, he was employed with the REC, New York City, [redacted]

[redacted] During 1945, he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "Unclassified" to ~~"Top Secret."~~ In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS AMERICA," destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts were unknown until May, 1956, at which time his aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the Subject is presently an instructor at the Mendelaiv Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

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Information furnished by the GURSHTELs was based on a letter written by the Subject's father, ABRAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932. Other than the above information, the Subject's activities during the periods 1948 to present and 1932 through 1941, are unknown.

Most recently, investigation has been directed at determining the nature of the circumstances which led

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to the Subject's assignment to the Manhattan Project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during World War II, with emphasis being given to whether or not that assignment was the result of a preconceived plan of the Subject or his Soviet espionage principals in the United States.

Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native-born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at CCNY on February 1, 1948.

LEADS

PITTSBURGH

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Will locate and interview [redacted] or [redacted] reportedly on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh. Will obtain all information in [redacted] possession concerning the background, associates and civilian employment of Subject, with particular emphasis on securing the exact date and place where [redacted] last saw the Subject.

KNOXVILLE: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being designated for Knoxville inasmuch as that office may be required to conduct investigation based on information contained herein.

REFERENCE

Washington Field Office letter to Bureau, dated 2/14/57

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>4/17/57</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/26; 3/17, 22, 26; 4/1, 4/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	Typed By: <b>MRS b7C</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

Synopsis:

[redacted] AEC Headquarters, recalls KOVAL as Engineer's Aide in military status, assigned to Instrument Unit of Health, Physics Department, Clinton Engineering Works, (MED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee, when [redacted] became employed in same department in 8/44. [redacted] had only limited contact with KOVAL and unable to furnish any personal data. Believes KOVAL transferred to another MED project at Dayton, Ohio, 5-6 months after [redacted] came to Oak Ridge. [redacted] volunteered information of a later chance meeting with KOVAL in about 8/47, at a public gathering held at a private estate near Westbury, Long Island, N.Y., attended by HENRY A. WALLACE. [redacted] states he and a married couple, [redacted] and wife, all then residing in guest house at AEC, Brookhaven National Laboratory, had gone to Westbury merely out of curiosity to see the estate; having been reminded of the estate in hearing that some nature of public rally was to be held there. States they remained only a short while after seeing WALLACE and concluded the affair was strictly political in nature. [redacted] said, while there, he saw KOVAL standing alone in the crowd, conversed with him very briefly and recalls only

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a statement by KOVAL to the affect he was then continuing engineering studies in NYC. Recheck of Passport file and MED file pertaining to KOVAL noted no additional pertinent information not previously reported.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

[redacted] Division of Biology and Medicine, Atomic Energy Commission, (AEC) Headquarters, contacted on March 22, 1957, advised that he first came to know of KOVAL's identity in about August, 1944, shortly after [redacted] became employed as a Junior Physicist, assigned to the Health, Physics Department of the Clinton Engineering Works, a part of the Manhattan Engineering District (MED), project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. According to [redacted] KOVAL, an Engineer's Aide in military status, was attached to the same department, assigned to the Instruments Unit of the Development Group. [redacted] added that he himself was specifically assigned to the Health,-Physics Group of the same Department.

[redacted] said that while he had no regular occasion for other than limited contact with the subject, he did come to have a speaking acquaintance with KOVAL through very general contact in their working areas, but had no further extent of contact with subject and consequently learned little or nothing concerning him personally and, is therefore, unable to furnish any data in this regard concerning KOVAL.

He noted that KOVAL, while at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was quartered with other military personnel while he, [redacted] lodged in civilian quarters. [redacted] stated he recalled that KOVAL was transferred to another MED project near Dayton (Miamisburg), Ohio, about five or six months after [redacted] came to Oak Ridge. It was [redacted] further recollection that KOVAL had been dispatched to the Dayton area as one of a special radiation group, including a [redacted] whom [redacted] believes is still in the Dayton area as an AEC employee. [redacted] said that in view of his limited contact and knowledge of KOVAL, he is unable to suggest any persons known by him to be close associates of the subject or persons who might have more direct or personal knowledge concerning KOVAL, other than members of KOVAL's immediate working group.

[redacted] volunteered information that he later, in about August, 1947, had another contact with subject by chance, at a gathering believed to be a political rally in support of HENRY A. WALLACE, which gathering was at an estate home near Westbury, Long Island, New York, which estate [redacted] believes was then the home of [redacted] [redacted] associated with "New Republic" magazine. [redacted] in this regard, offered the explanation that he was assigned to the AEC, Brookhaven National Laboratory, at the time, where he had quarters in a facility guest house, "Lindonmere." [redacted] said that a young married couple, also then residing at "Lindonmere," had accompanied him to Westbury and that they had made the trip merely out of curiosity and in the interest of seeing the estate, which they had previously heard was quite fabulous.

He stated that sometime just previous to their trip to Westbury, they had been reminded of the estate and prompted to go see it on hearing that some nature of public gathering was to be held there. [redacted] on occasion of first contact, stated that he was then unable to recall the names of the married couple who had accompanied him.

*id. & 10/11/57* [redacted] subsequently on April 4, 1957, was recontacted, at which time he stated that having further prompted his memory, he now recalls the name of the couple as [redacted] He added that [redacted] at that time, was a Chemist also employed at Brookhaven. [redacted] stated that he may also possibly have had a girlfriend along, but he is unable to recall specifically whether he had or had not. He added, however, that none of the party had had any advance knowledge of the nature of the gathering and likewise no other promptings in visiting the estate other than stated above.

[redacted] in further attention to the above gathering, stated recollection that upon arrival at the rally, he and his friends were most surprised to learn that HENRY A. WALLACE was present and thus they concluded that the gathering was strictly political in nature; consequently, they remained only a short while. [redacted] said that, however, during this period, he recognized KOVAL standing alone in the crowd and sought KOVAL out merely to say "Hello" to him.

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According to [ ] they conversed very briefly and along only general lines. [ ] stated that his only present recollection of any statements by KOVAL was something to the effect that he, KOVAL, was then continuing engineering studies in New York City. [ ] stated that he and his friends left shortly thereafter and that he did not notice any other persons there whom he recognized nor any persons who appeared to be in company or contact with KOVAL. [ ] added that KOVAL was not known to [ ] friends and that he did not introduce them to KOVAL.

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[ ] in conclusion, furnished assurance that he has not since seen nor heard from KOVAL.

A recheck of subject's Passport file at the Passport Office, Department of State, April 1, 1957, noted no additional information not previously reported.

A recheck of the MED security records pertaining to KOVAL, made available by CLEMENT A. PALAZZOLO, Chief, Internal Security Branch, Division of Security, AEC, on March 26, 1957, likewise noted no additional pertinent information not previously reported.

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It will be noted that instant report sets out results of interview with [ ] currently employed as a Physicist, Division of Biology and Medicine, AEC Headquarters, wherein [ ] stated recollections of KOVAL as a person he had known only through work at Oak Ridge, Tennessee in 1944. It is noted [ ] also stated recollection that KOVAL was transferred to another MED project from five to six months later with a special group including a [ ] whom [ ] believed to still be employed in the Dayton area by AEC.

In reference to the above [ ] it is noted that security file pertaining to KOVAL maintained by the Division of Security, AEC, contains a copy of report of SA [ ] dated 4/30/56 at Cincinnati, in instant matter, reflecting an interview with [ ] of the AEC installation at Dayton. In this regard, CLEMENT A. PALAZZOLO, Chief, Internal Security Branch, AEC, has furnished comments to the effect that [ ] name, along with names of all other known members of MED groups to which KOVAL was assigned during 1943, - 1945, have been previously furnished the Bureau in this matter.

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Records of WFO reflect an AEA-E investigation was conducted pertaining to [ ] in 1947, (Bufile 116-11225; WFO 116-112861). A check of WFO records as well as a check of the AEC Headquarters file pertaining to [ ] noted no derogatory information.

Records of WFO and Division of Security, AEC, likewise disclose no derogatory information identifiable with [ ] or his wife [ ] who, according to [ ] accompanied him to a public gathering at Westbury, Long Island, in about August, 1947, at which gathering HENRY A. WALLACE was present.

Records of the Security Division, AEC, show [ ] to have been granted a "Q" AEC clearance 10/27/47 at Brookhaven and that such clearance was terminated 12/31/49, at which time his forwarding address was listed as [ ] Pasadena, California.

REFERENCE: New York letters to Bureau 1/9/57 & 3/11/57.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 4/17/57

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-6901)

SUBJECT : GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re New York letter to Bureau 3/11/57.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York are copies of report of SA [redacted] which report reflects results of rechecks of the Passport and MED security files pertaining to KOVAL, to the effect that such rechecks noted no further pertinent information not previously reported.

In connection with attention to such records and in compliance with the request to WFO as set forth in re New York letter, subject's citizenship status was discussed informally on 4/1/57 with [redacted] WFO established contact and Assistant Director of the Passport Office, Department of State.

During this discussion, [redacted] volunteered an opinion that in the absence of a formal proof of some open expatriative acts by the subject, such as a disavowal of allegiance to the United States or formal declaration of allegiance to another country, it did not appear to him that the Government is in possession of sufficient evidence to bring about expatriation of a native born citizen residing abroad, as is the subject.

In regard to subject's present citizenship status, [redacted] commented that while the subject may be considered a dual-national by the Russians, on the basis of the Russian birth of his parents, he nevertheless has natural United States citizenship by virtue of his American birth and, under the laws of the United States, remains an American citizen so long as he commits no expatriative acts.

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In line with the above advise, it is noted that a formal renunciation before a diplomatic or consular officer of the United States in a foreign state, would appear to provide a basis for expatriation of a United States citizen residing abroad. On the basis of information now known, it also appears that KOVAL has elected to remain in Russia as a permanent resident and has evidenced no intention of ever returning to the United States. It occurs to WFO that if an interview with subject could be effected by State Department officials in Russia, such interview might bring about a formal renunciation of United States citizenship by the subject as well as possibly providing some further background information of interest and value to instant investigation.

Such possibility is, therefore, being called to the attention of the Bureau for any further consideration which the Bureau may feel warranted.

Questions raised in referenced New York letter concerned with subject's MED clearance were discussed with CLEMENT A. PALAZZOLO, Chief, Internal Security Branch, Division of Security, AEC, 3/26/57. PALAZZOLO, during such discussion, reiterated that previous attention to all logical AEC sources had failed to identify any further information, relating to such clearance, in addition to materials previously retained at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and later transferred to PALAZZOLO's office. PALAZZOLO, in turn, made such materials available, a recheck of which noted no additional personal information or investigative data not previously reported in instant matter.

In attention to authority for subject's MED clearance, it was noted that the above MED file contains a memorandum dated 9/20/44 under the letterhead of "Army Service Forces, U.S. Army Engineers Office, Manhattan District, Oak Ridge, Tennessee," directed to [redacted] from [redacted] DIO," stating, "Subject (KOVAL) has been granted appropriate clearance by this office."

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In the above connection, it was further noted that the signature of Colonel PARSONS as "C.E. DIO," was indicated on all other letters directed to references and former employers of the subject, by MED, as previously identified in instant matter.

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PARSON's signature is likewise indicated on a "Loyalty Check Sheet," dated 8/1/44, contained in above file. Such Sheet, directed to [redacted] Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C., specifies a request that KOVAL's name be given file checks indicated therein, "MID - ONI - FBI." It was noted that the following comments appeared on such Sheet. "He will have access to ~~secret~~ or ~~confidential~~ material."

A return copy of the above "Loyalty Check Sheet," stamped September 13, 1944, showing notation of [redacted] room 2D, 623 Pentagon, as sender, listed the following results: "MID - NR.; ONI - NI; FBI - NI."

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Above MED file was also noted to contain a termination statement dated 6/23/45 under KOVAL's signature, showing [redacted] "Captain C E" as witnessing officer.

Mr. PALAZZOLO furnished a further opinion that in light of the above details, it appears that the entire processing of KOVAL for MED clearance was initiated and administered directly through the office of Colonel W. B. PARSONS, CE, DIO, at Oak Ridge, and that such office had, in turn, directly authorized KOVAL's clearance. PALAZZOLO noted that KOVAL's MED clearance did, therefore, appear to have evolved through regular Army channels for the MED interest of the Corps of Engineers, maintained at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. PALAZZOLO also volunteered the comment that while KOVAL's MED investigation was quite limited in scope, it is PALAZZOLO's feeling, based on attention to similar MED cases, that such extent of investigation was more or less standard in cases concerning military personnel, wherein other agency checks developed no derogatory information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)  
 SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 4/29/57

[redacted] College of the City of New York (CCNY), advised SA [redacted] on 4/18/57, that [redacted] CCNY, resides at [redacted] Westport, Connecticut. [redacted] who is a current member of the CCNY Faculty, has been "very ill" for the past two months and inquiry concerning his health status should be made of his wife prior to conducting an interview with him.

New Haven will locate and, if deemed advisable, interview [redacted] concerning his knowledge of the administrative functions of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at CCNY during the period 1943-1944.

[redacted] has been identified by [redacted] (US Army retired) former [redacted] of ASTP at CCNY as the [redacted] at CCNY, who assisted the US Army Administrative Staff in coordinating the training program of the ASTP at CCNY.

[redacted] after being apprised of pertinent background information concerning the subject, should be questioned specifically as follows:

1. Regarding the identities of US Army officers or faculty members at CCNY, who selected the various ASTP trainees for their field assignments.
2. Regarding specific knowledge of a class of ASTP trainees having been assigned to the Atomic Installation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee during 1944.
3. Whether or not subject's assignment to the Atomic Installation at Oak Ridge from the ASTP training at CCNY could have resulted from a pre-conceived plan, and if so, in what manner would the plan most likely have been executed.

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4. Regarding the identities of either military personnel or faculty members of CCNY, who might possibly be sources of information concerning the ASTP.

The following brief summary of previous investigation concerning the subject is being set forth for the assistance of the New Haven Office:

Investigation concerning GEORGE KOVAL has established that during 1942, he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, NYC. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During the period August 15, 1944 - January, 1946, while a member of the US Army, KOVAL was assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Dayton, Ohio, where he reportedly had access to information that could have varied from "Classified" to "~~Top Secret~~". The subject was assigned to the MED at Oak Ridge, during August, 1944, after completing specialized training at CCNY known as the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). Recent investigation at CCNY has disclosed that the subject's ASTP class consisting of 17 students was the only class of trainees which was finally assigned to the MED.

In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC, as a "Commissioned Representative," KOVAL was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. No record of employment with the Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC, could be located for KOVAL.

On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America", destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts were unknown until May, 1956, at which time his aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the subject is presently an instructor at the Mendeliev Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

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Information furnished by the GURSHTELS was based on a letter written by the subject's father, ABRAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932. Other than the above information, the subject's activities during the periods 1948 to present and 1932 through 1941, are unknown.

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Most recently, investigation has been directed at determining the nature of the circumstances which led to the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during World War II, with emphasis being given to whether or not that assignment was the result of a preconceived plan of the subject or his Soviet espionage principals in the United States.

Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen, of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at College of the City of New York (CCNY) on February 1, 1949.

The subject's known description is as follows:

Name	GEORGE KOVAL
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa
Height	6 feet
Weight	170-175 pounds
Hair	Black - dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium - Dark
Occupation	Electrical Engineer
Distinguishing Features	Wears glasses; acne condition on face.

One photograph of the subject taken during 1948 is being enclosed for the New Haven Office.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE  
 SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 4/30/57

Re New York letter dated 3/11/57.

On 4/2/57, [redacted] Retired Records Section, US AEC, made a search of the alphabetical files of the visitors' passes to the Oak Ridge Area searching for the names WILLIAM A. ROSE and [redacted]. He advised that passes were found for WILLIAM ROSE and Mrs. WILLIAM ROSE dated March 31, 1945 for a visit to [redacted] this card being issued March 31, 1945 and to expire April 8, 1945. He advised that he found a card under the name of [redacted] issued 5/29/45 expiring 5/30/45 for a visit to [redacted] Carbide & Carbon Chemical Co., purpose of visit - employment. He stated that he found another card in the name of [redacted] issued June 5, 1945 to expire June 6, 1945 for a visit to [redacted] Carbide & Carbon Chemical Co., purpose of visit being employment.

[redacted] advised that these cards contained no identifying data to connect them with the names WILLIAM A. ROSE and [redacted]

[redacted] advised that his alphabetical records searched above are the records of visitors from March 1945 through June 1945 which have been alphabetized. He advised that the above records contain approximately 125,000 passes. He pointed out that for the same period there are passes in a numerical sequence which contain approximately 250,000 cards. A sample of approximately 1,000 passes were checked at random for the name of subject GEORGE KOVAL, WILLIAM A. ROSE and [redacted] with negative results. [redacted] estimated that a complete search of these records would require the full time of one person for approximately 8 months.

In view of the above circumstances, no further examination of these records will be made UACB.

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Reference is made to report of SA [redacted]  
dated 4/1/57 at Houston.

On 4/9/57, [redacted] Security Files Section,  
US AEC, advised that she was unable to locate any record of a  
file under the name of [redacted]  
or [redacted]

On 4/10/57, [redacted]  
Laboratory Protection Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory,  
advised that he was unable to locate any record of [redacted]  
in his files of former employees of the ORNL.

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*ji*  advised 3/18/57 that he was never acquainted with nor did he know GEORGE KOVAL. A determination is being made at Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, as to whether visitor records available.

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DETAILS: AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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Street, Wyoming, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised SA  on March 18, 1957, that he was employed at the ORNL in the Health and Physics Department. He related he left ORNL in July, 1944, and was never acquainted with nor did he know GEORGE KOVAL. He was shown KOVAL's photograph and related he never saw nor did he ever hear of the subject.

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On April 24, 1957, [redacted]  
Officer. AEC Area Office. Mound Laboratory. Miamisburg, Ohio,  
and [redacted] Monsanto  
Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, advised SA [redacted]  
that they know of no visitor records still maintained for the  
period 1945 and 1946, which period of time was prior to the  
establishment of AEC Area Office.

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he would make  
a determination of what old records are still maintained and will  
advise the results of his search.

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At Miamisburg, Ohio

Will contact [REDACTED]  
Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, and ascertain the  
results of his search relative to visitor records.

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REFERENCES:

Washington Field letter to Bureau dated 2/14/57.

New York letter to Bureau dated 3/11/57.

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## SYNOPSIS

[redacted] stated assigned to 3225th Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU) at College of the City of New York (CCNY) as Operations Officer from approximately September, 1943, to May, 1944; recalled that assignments into and from Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) were made at CCNY based upon orders received from 2nd Service Command, Governors Island, NY; selection to full assignments orders made by classification unit, ASTU, CCNY, under the command of Major (FNU) [redacted] stated Adjutant Officer, ASTP, CCNY, during 1944; suggested possible records of orders issued by ASTP, CCNY, might presently be on file at Governors Island, NY.

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DETAILS:

Interview with [redacted]

[redacted] Baldwin,  
New York, was interviewed by SA [redacted] on  
April 11, 1957, and stated as follows:

He served as [redacted]  
of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at the  
College of the City of New York (CCNY) with the rank of  
Captain from approximately December, 1943, until June,  
1944. His duties were primarily confined to teaching  
a course in military science to the ASTP trainees at  
CCNY. The subject's name and photograph were not familiar  
to [redacted] who stated he could not recall having taught  
or having met the subject at CCNY. [redacted] stated he  
had no connection with the administrative functions of  
the ASTP, CCNY, and was unable to furnish information  
relating to assignments and transfers of ASTP personnel.

Interview with [redacted]

[redacted] L. Buchman and  
Company, 100 Sutton Street, Brooklyn, New York, was  
interviewed on April 18, 1957, by SA [redacted]  
and stated as follows:

He was assigned to the 3225th Army Specialized  
Training Unit (ASTU) at CCNY as [redacted] with  
the rank of Major during the approximate period of  
September, 1943, through May, 1944.

He described the subject's photograph as  
vaguely familiar but could not clearly identify the  
subject, by name or photograph, as a member of the ASTU  
at CCNY known to him.

[redacted] recalled that as [redacted] his  
primary duty was to coordinate military and academic  
training of the ASTU trainees who numbered approximately

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2500 to 3000 men during the 1943-1944 period. The ASTP, which was a segment of the ASTU, consisted of several hundred technicians who were being trained under an accelerated training schedule for highly technical assignments. To his recollection assignments both into and from the ASTP were made at CCNY based upon orders received from the 2nd Service Command, Governors Island, New York. Selection for fulfillment of assignment orders was made by the Classification Unit of the ASTU known as the "3204 STAR Unit," under the command of [redacted]

[redacted] In explanation [redacted] stated the ASTP Unit at CCNY issued its own orders for assignments based upon requests made by the 2nd Service Command.

[redacted] had no knowledge of an ASTP class or individual trainee having been assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. When apprised that the subject was assigned from the ASTP to the MED at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during August, 1944, [redacted] stated that he could not furnish specific information concerning that assignment inasmuch as he was transferred from the ASTP during May, 1944. [redacted] remarked that an assignment of a group of trainees to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1944 would have been ~~top secret~~ in nature and would in all probability have resulted from specific orders emanating from Army Headquarters at Washington, D.C. [redacted] described as "very unlikely" the possibility that the subject's assignment to the MED at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, resulted from a preconceived plan by the subject. (U)

The files of the New York Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, as reviewed by SA [redacted] on April 18, 1957, failed to disclose information that could be determined identifiable with [redacted]

Interview with [redacted]

[redacted] when originally interviewed by SA [redacted] on October 5, 1956, advised that he was assigned to the ASTP, CCNY, from approximately July, 1943

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to April, 1945, with the rank of [redacted]  
[redacted] identified [redacted]  
Officer of the ASTP, CCNY, during 1943 - 1944.

When interviewed by SA [redacted] at  
Salinas, California, on January 8, 1957, [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that he was assigned to the ASTP, CCNY,  
with the rank of Captain from August, 1943, until  
April 26, 1944, during which time he served as  
[redacted]  
Officer. [redacted] denied having served as [redacted]  
Officer with the ASTP and identified [redacted]  
as the [redacted] of the ASTP during the  
approximate period of 1944.

[redacted] was reinterviewed by  
SA [redacted] on April 22, 1957, and stated as follows:

Upon being apprised of the statements made  
by [redacted] whereby the latter identified  
him as Adjutant Officer of the ASTP, CCNY, 1944,  
[redacted] stated that his original statements regarding  
his assignment with the ASTP were in error and that  
he did serve as [redacted] under [redacted]  
[redacted] sometime during the year 1944. [redacted] explained  
that the administrative organization of the ASTP was  
such that several of the staff officers had various  
assignments and held several administrative titles. To  
the best of his recollection he was the [redacted]  
of the ASTP for a "brief period" during 1944. [redacted]  
stated that part of his duties as [redacted]  
involved signing orders issued by the ASTU. He stated  
he could not recall assignment or transfer orders from  
the ASTP to the MED, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Upon being  
questioned concerning the duties and full identity of  
[redacted] commented as follows:

[redacted] was in charge of the Classification  
Unit of the ASTU, and would in all probability be in a  
position to furnish specific information concerning transfers  
and assignments. [redacted] suggested the possibility that  
records of the orders that were issued by the ASTP might

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presently be on file at Governors Island, New York. [redacted] emphatically denied having had any direct connection with assignments and transfers to and from the ASTP with the exception of having signed some of those orders.

Interview with [redacted]

[redacted] Bronx, New York, was interviewed on April 1, 1957, by SA [redacted] and stated as follows:

He was assigned to Headquarters Office, 3225th ASTU, CCNY, with the rating of Technical Sergeant, during the approximate period of early 1943 - Summer of 1944. He recalled the ASTP [redacted] consisting of about 200 technical trainees who were classified and selected for their specific type of ASTP training at the "3204 STAR Classification Unit," CCNY, under the command of Major [redacted]. The exact administrative procedure relating to assignments of ASTU and ASTP trainees from CCNY was unrecalled, although he vaguely recalled that the ASTU did issue its own orders. Contact with [redacted] was suggested to fully develop information relating to the classification unit of the ASTU and the identities of the officers assigned to that unit.

[redacted] was unable to identify the subject's name and photograph as being an individual known to him.

Regarding [redacted]

When interviewed by SA [redacted] at La Verne, California, on October 16, 1956, [redacted] self-described as the subject's [redacted] stated that the name [redacted] described to her as the name of a graduate student in the Zoology Department of Columbia University, New York City, during 1948, may be identical with a former associate of the subject known as [redacted]

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[redacted]  
Columbia University, New York City, advised SA [redacted]  
[redacted] on April 10, 1957, that [redacted] an  
[redacted] in the Zoology Department of that  
university, resides at [redacted] New York  
City.

Regarding [redacted]

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater New York,  
advised SE [redacted] on April 24, 1957, that the  
records of that credit agency failed to disclose an  
identifiable record for [redacted] reportedly a  
former resident at [redacted]  
Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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[redacted] a former acquaintance of the  
subject during the period 1946-1948, when interviewed by  
SA [redacted] at Culver City, California, on June 8, 1956,  
identified [redacted] as a former student at CCNY  
with whom the subject "associated freely" prior to 1948.

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LEADS

ST. LOUIS

At St. Louis, Missouri

1. Will at the Miscellaneous Records Center, Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, conduct the following investigation.

A. Attempt to ascertain the last-known address of [redacted] reportedly assigned to the 3204 STAR Unit, ASTU, CCNY, 1943-1944.

B. Attempt to locate all available records of the 3204 STAR Unit, ASTU, CCNY, which might provide information relating to the administrative procedures of that unit, particularly with regard to assignment and transfer orders.

2. Will identify and ascertain last known addresses for U. S. Army personnel assigned to the 3204th STAR Unit, ASTU.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will, at Governors Island, NY, attempt to locate all available records for 3225th ASTU, CCNY, and 3204 STAR Unit, ASTU, with emphasis to the location of the records of assignment orders issued by the 3204th STAR Unit during August, 1944.

2. Will reinterview [redacted] New York City, regarding his specific knowledge concerning Major (FNU) [redacted] and the latter's connection with assignment orders of the ASTP at CCNY during 1943-1944.

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LEADS (cont'd)

NEW YORK

3. Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted]  
[redacted] NYC, regarding his  
knowledge of the subject's background and activities.

4. Will contact [redacted]  
Avenue, Bronx, NY, telephone number TYrone 2-0751, re-  
garding his knowledge of the whereabouts of [redacted]  
[redacted]

5. Will report the results of investigation  
pending at New Haven regarding [redacted]  
[redacted] CCNY, and at St. Louis.  
regarding [redacted]  
ASTP, CCNY.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] March 11, 1957,  
New York.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
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American Embassy  
Paris 8, France

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Date: May 15, 1957

To: Director, FBI (65-62911)

From: Legal Attache, Paris (65-335)

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 5/21/57

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (65-1657)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
OO: NEW YORK

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] Houston, 4/1/57.

[REDACTED]

Room 102 Cathedral of Learning Building, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., an established source, advised SA [REDACTED] on 5/7/57, that there was no one on the pay roll of the University of Pittsburgh at the present time by the name of [REDACTED]. She further advised, after checking her inactive records of former employees, that there was a [REDACTED] who was employed by the University as a Research Associate in the School of Public Health, Occupational Health Department, from 3/1/50, to 7/19/52, when he resigned; that his Pittsburgh address was [REDACTED] that he was born in 1916 and that he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of Iowa in 1938.

[REDACTED] also advised, after making a pretext telephone call to an unknown individual in the School of Public Health, that [REDACTED] current address is: General Atomics, which may possibly be a division or subsidiary of General Dynamics Corporation, P.O. Box 608, San Diego 12, California.

There is attached a copy of rerep for the information and assistance of the San Diego Office in connection with this matter.

It is requested that the San Diego Office interview [REDACTED] in compliance with the lead set forth for the Pittsburgh Division in rerep. RUC

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>5/28/57</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/17/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100px;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>JAM</b> b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

## SYNOPSIS

No visitor records for 1945 located Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio. Names of persons sharing assignments with subject set out.

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## DETAILS:

On May 17, 1957,  Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio, advised that he had a search made of stored records, but found no visitor records for the year 1945.

advised that he had located records showing work assignments for the subject. The assignment of the subject was that of group leader for a survey group in section 3. The following names appear as working with the subject at different times during the period of his employment at the Laboratory:

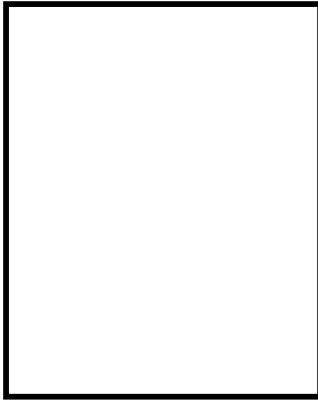
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The first three names on the list were most frequently assigned with the subject. [redacted] advised that it may be possible to fully identify the persons whose names are set out above from a review of personnel files.

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Efforts to fully identify persons working with the subject from a review of personnel files at the Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio, was not undertaken. It is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin to set out this lead.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 4/30/57,  
at Cincinnati, Ohio.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

REGISTERED AIR MAIL

Date: June 14, 1957  
To: Director, FBI (65-62911)  
From: Legat, Ottawa (65-375)  
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL  
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ReBulet 3-25-57, forwarding a memorandum  
dated 3-11-57, requesting an interview of [redacted] (S)

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New York  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE May 28, 1957

FROM : *[Signature]*SAC, ST. LOUIS (65-1914) ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

SUBJECT

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
OO: New York

Rereport of SA [redacted] dated 5-9-57 at New York. )

Rereport requests St. Louis to: Attempt to ascertain the last-known address of [redacted] reportedly assigned to the 3204th STAR Unit, ASTU, CCNY, 1943-44; attempt to locate all available records of the 3204th STAR Unit, ASTU, CCNY, which might provide information relating to the administrative procedures of that unit, particularly with regard to assignment and transfer orders; and to identify and ascertain last known addresses for U. S. Army personnel assigned to the 3204th STAR Unit, ASTU.

On May 16, 1957, personnel of the Miscellaneous Records Section, Department of Defense Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, advised SE [redacted] that the monthly payroll rosters of the 3204th STAR Unit, City College of New York, for the period of August, 1943 to June, 1944, reflects that a [redacted] was assigned as Classification

On the same date personnel of the Military Service Record Section advised that the service record for [redacted] was transferred to the Personnel Records Branch, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C. on December 22, 1949.

On May 16, 1957, [redacted] Reference Service Unit, Miscellaneous Records Section, advised that there are no records on file at this Records Center which would reflect information relating to the administrative procedures of the 3204th STAR Unit, ASTU, CCNY (such as assignment and transfer orders) but that such records might be on file at the Kansas City Records Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

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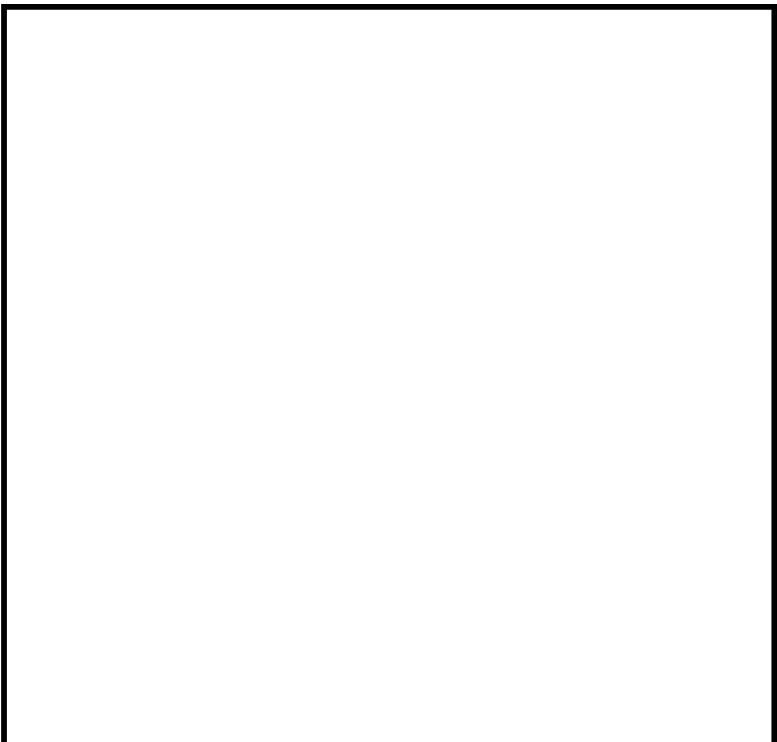
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On May 16, 1957, personnel of the Miscellaneous Records Section, made available the Personnel and Payroll Rosters of the 3204th STAR Unit, for the period of August, 1943 to June, 1944 (the Unit was inactivated in June, 1944).

A review of these rosters reflected the following Officer personnel assigned during the above period:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
	

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The U. S. Army service records for the below-listed Officers were located at the Department of Defense Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri. A review of the service records disclosed their last known addresses as set forth:


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The Identification Division is requested to attempt to locate the service records of the above-listed Officers, at the Pentagon, and to furnish the New York Division with their current addresses.

A review of the rosters of the 3204th STAR Unit for the period of August, 1943 to June, 1944, reflected the names of some 4,000 Enlisted Personnel assigned. In view of the volume of work involved in determining the current addresses of these personnel, the New York Division is requested to reconsider this portion of their lead set forth in referenced report. If it is determined that the current addresses of any portion of these personnel should be ascertained, a new lead should be set forth to this office.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

FROM : *JK*  
*asb* SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL;  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(OO: NY)

DATE: 6/27/57

Rereport of SA [REDACTED] 5/9/57, at New York.

[REDACTED] Deputy G-2, First Army, New York, advised SA [REDACTED] on 6/3/57 that records of the 3024th STAR Unit, Army Specialist Training Unit, City College of New York, were not located at Governors Island, NY, and were most probably located at either the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, or the Kansas City Record Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

By letter dated 5/28/57, St. Louis advised that [REDACTED] Reference Service Unit, Miscellaneous Records Section, advised that there are no records on file at this Record Center which would contain information relating to administrative procedures of the 3024th STAR Unit, ASTU, CCNY, but that such records might be on file at the Kansas City Records Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

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For the information of Kansas City, reference is made to the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/25/56, in captioned matter, a communication previously furnished to that office in this matter.

For the additional information of Kansas City, the subject was possibly engaged in Soviet espionage during 1941-48, and was a former member of the United States Army Specialized Training Program at CCNY during 1943 and 1944. From this organization, he was assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District during August, 1944, at the Atomic Installation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

It is felt that a knowledge of the administrative procedures of the 3024th STAR Unit, particularly with regard

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to assignment and transfer orders, would be useful in determining who was responsible for KOVAL'S transfer to Oak Ridge.

KOVAL is described as follows:

Name	GEORGE KOVAL
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	December 25, 1913
Place of Birth	Sioux City, Iowa
Height	6'
Weight	170 - 175 lbs.
Hair	Black or dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium, Dark
Occupation	Electrical Engineer
Distinguishing Features	Wears glasses; acne condition on face
Army Serial Number	32790994

Kansas City

Will attempt to locate all available records of the 3024th STAR Unit, ASTU, CCNY, at the Kansas City Record Center, which might provide information relating to the administrative procedures of that Unit, particularly with regard to assignment and transfer orders.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 7/15/57

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (65-1499)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

Origin - New York

Re New York letter to Bureau 6/27/57.

On 7/8/57 [redacted] Kansas City Records Center, the Adjutant General's Office, 6th and Hardesty, Kansas City, Mo., advised SA [redacted] that he was unable to locate any information concerning the administrative procedures of the 325 Star Unit ASTU CCNY at the Kansas City Records Center.

He stated he had located two special orders pertaining to the subject which were as follows:

Paragraph 6, Special Order No. 29, Army Service Forces, Second Service Command, Hq 3225 SCSU (ASTP), 3204 SCSU (STARS) & 1280 SCSU (ROTC), Army Hall, The City College, 1560 Amsterdam Ave., New York 31, N. Y., dated 2/5/44 which reflects that Cpl. GEORGE KOVAL 32790994, Co. A, was transferred to attached unassigned Co. F, 2nd Bn., ASTU 3225th SCSU to pursue course of instruction in electrical engineering 1 Term 6. This order was issued by the order of [redacted] signed by [redacted] Major, AGD, Adjutant."

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Paragraph 3, Special Order No. 157, Army Service Forces, Second Service Command, Hq. 3225 SCSU (ASTP), 1280 SCSU (ROTC), Army Hall, The City College, 1560 Amsterdam Ave., New York 31, N.Y., dated 8/7/44 reflected that Cpl. GEORGE KOVAL, 32790994 SSN (371), was attached unassigned

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ASTU 3225 SCSU CCNY, New York, N. Y., was transferred to 1st Provisional SED Unit, Oak Ridge, Tenn., and was to depart 8/9/44 to Co. Commander upon arrival, by order of [ ] signed by [ ] Major, AGD, Adjutant.

It is to be noted referenced communication set forth subject's STAR Unit as 3024; however, [ ] advised this was actually 3225.

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[ ] made available to the writer one copy each of the two above mentioned orders which contained names of other enlisted men who were transferred with the subject. He stated he was of the opinion that the administrative procedure of this STAR Unit in regard to assignment and transfer orders could be obtained from the Department Record Branch, Washington 25, D. C. He stated if inquiry was made at that location that the Authority Number would be helpful in locating these records. He stated the Authority Number is as follows: "TWX TAG 13354 SPXOC-T 29 July 44."

No lead is being set forth for the Washington Field Office to conduct any investigation in this case in view of the fact it is unknown what investigation has previously been requested by New York who is the office of origin in this case.

For the assistance of the New York Office the copies of the two above-mentioned orders pertaining to the subject are enclosed.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>7/22/57</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/21-24; 6/3-6, 20, 25-28; 7/8-10/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>atz</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>	

**SYNOPSIS**

Identities of officer personnel assigned 3204th STAR Unit, ASTU, CCNY, set forth. [redacted] CCNY, was unable to identify subject through name or description. [redacted] stated faculty, CCNY, did not participate in selection of ASTP trainees for field assignments. Comments of [redacted] regarding the possibility subject's assignment to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1944 result of preconceived plan set forth. No record of birth for [redacted] reportedly born 11/19/18. Cambridge, Massachusetts. [redacted] reportedly assigned to ASTU, CCNY, as [redacted] 1943-1944, resides [redacted] Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

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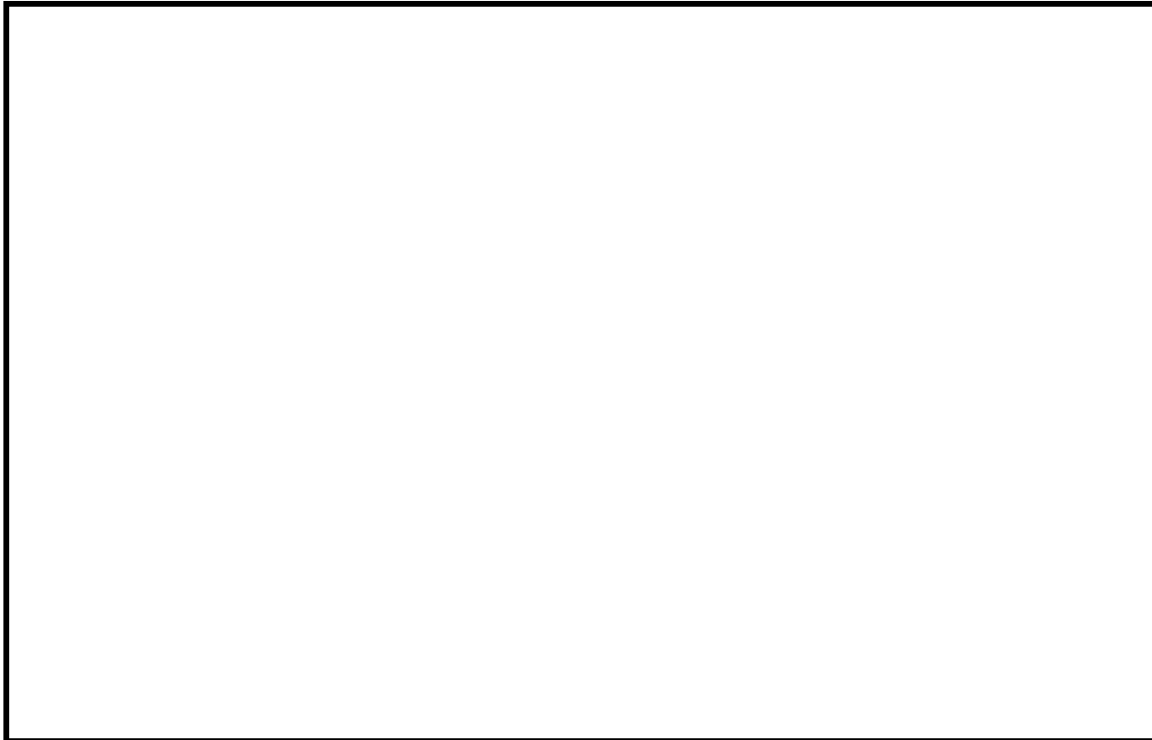
Identities of Officer Personnel Assigned 3204th STAR Unit, Army Specialized Training Unit, College of the City of New York

On May 16, 1957, personnel of the Miscellaneous Records Section, Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, made available to SE [REDACTED] the personnel and payroll rosters of the 3204th STAR Unit, Army Specialized Training Unit, (ASTU), College of the City of New York, (CCNY), for the period of August, 1943, to June, 1944, (the unit was inactivated in June, 1944).

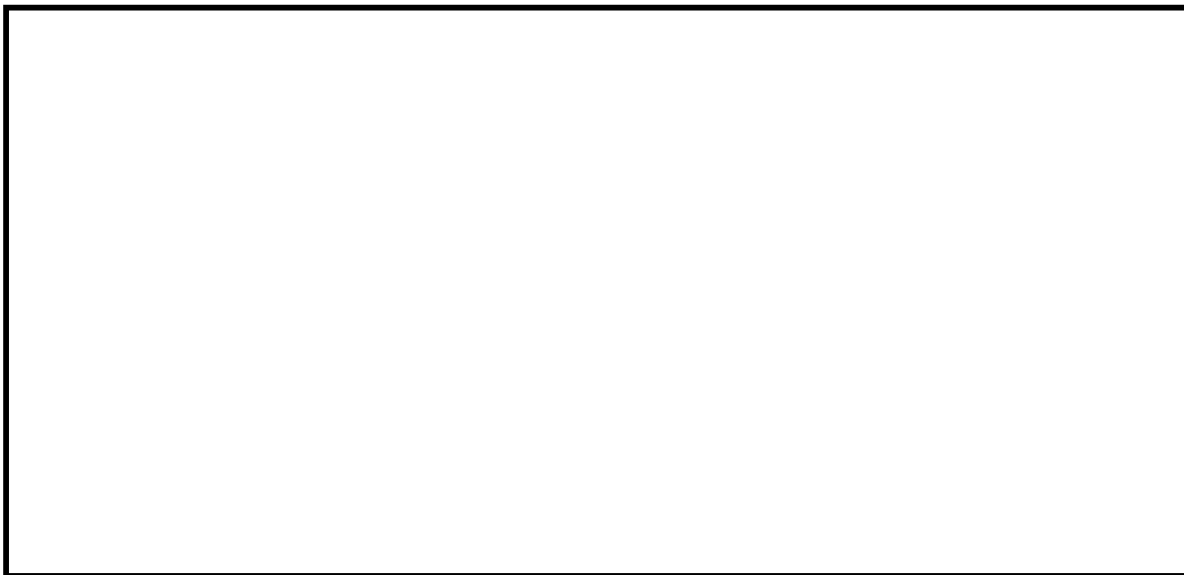
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A review of the rosters and pertinent service records identified officer personnel and their last known addresses as follows:

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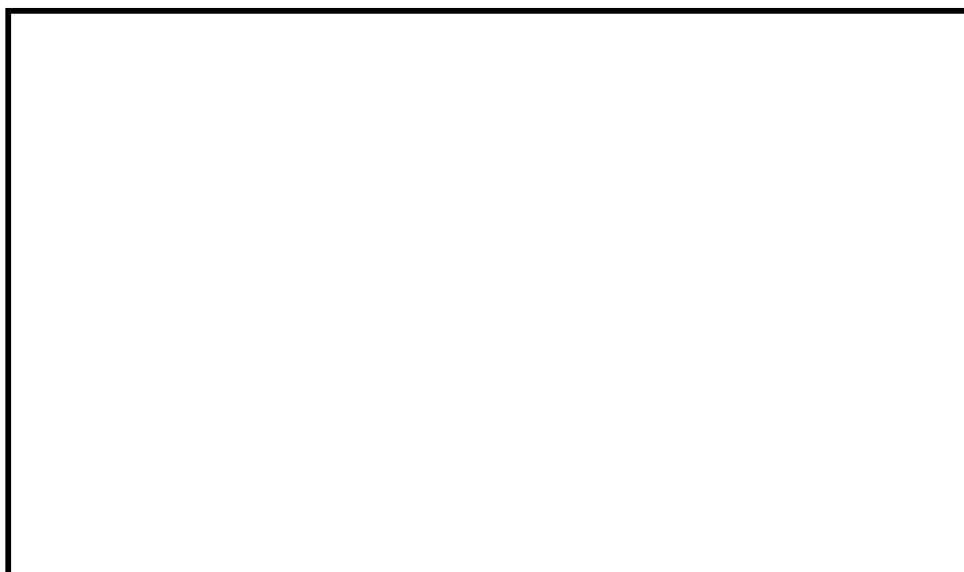


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The files of the Department of Army, Pentagon, Washington, D. C., as reviewed during June, 1957, disclosed duty assignments or last known home addresses to be indicated for the following officer personnel also assigned to the 3204th STAR Unit, ASTU:

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Interview With [redacted] Westport, Connecticut

[redacted] of CCNY, was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] Westport, Connecticut, on June 12, 1957, by SA [redacted] and stated as follows:

[redacted] advised that the Army Specialized Training Program, (ASTP) functioned at CCNY from May, 1943, to May or June, 1944. Under this program, the Army, through the Second Service Command, Governors Island, New York, brought to CCNY a large number of personnel from all over the United States to be tested and classified as to their abilities along given lines. All military personnel who took classification tests at CCNY had their examinations scored by an IBM punch card machine operation. Once the machine scoring of the classification test had been completed and an individual's ability along specialized lines determined, subsequent examinations were conducted to determine an individual's knowledge in his specialized field.

Results of the examinations conducted were forwarded to the Second Service Command at Governors Island, New York, and the military, through the Second Service Command at Governors Island, determined an individual's specific assignment to a teaching unit.

Determination of who took a classification examination, and where an individual was assigned for instruction subsequent to classification, was entirely within the province of the Second Service Command, Governors Island, New York.

If the military assigned an individual for instruction at CCNY, this individual received his instructions from faculty members of CCNY rather than from military instructors.

Actual supervision of instruction of military personnel at CCNY was handled by [redacted] who is now a [redacted] in the Evening Session at CCNY. Neither [redacted] nor any other

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civilian personnel at CCNY had any responsibility as to whether military personnel showed up in class, or for the actions of military personnel while outside of class.

At the end of each marking period, [redacted] consulted the heads of all departments working under him and obtained the accomplishments of the military personnel attending CCNY. Borderline cases were evaluated at a faculty conference, and a determination was made as to whether these individuals had successfully completed the courses they had pursued. Final grades were turned over to the Army Second Service Command at Governors Island, New York, and assignments were made by the military at Governors Island.

The faculty of CCNY did not in any way participate or recommend any individual for a particular assignment. In fact, the faculty of CCNY had no information relative to the assignment of a particular individual subsequent to his completion of courses.

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A photograph of GEORGE KOVAL was displayed to [redacted] advised that KOVAL was unknown to him. He was also unable to identify GEORGE KOVAL through name or description.

[redacted] was questioned regarding his information concerning the possibility that the subject's assignment to the Atomic Installation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from the ASTP at CCNY, could have resulted from a preconceived plan and commented as follows:

[redacted] advised that he has no concrete information as to whether or not the subject's assignment to the Atomic Installation at Oak Ridge from CCNY could have resulted from a preconceived plan. If a preconceived plan did exist, this plan could not be executed by faculty members at CCNY, inasmuch as faculty members at CCNY had no knowledge of the Oak Ridge installation. In addition, no faculty member at CCNY had anything

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of personnel  
to do with the selection/who were classified or were  
assigned to the courses at CCNY.

[redacted] advised that if the  
subject's assignment to the atomic installation at  
Oak Ridge from the ASTP at CCNY resulted from a  
preconceived plan, it might have been accomplished  
in the following manner:

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The subject's identity must be known to  
some military personnel connected with the ASTP in  
the Army Second Service Command at Governors Island,  
New York. The subject then would be picked by the Army  
to go through the classification center at CCNY with  
prior knowledge that the subject possessed the  
qualifications to rate highly on the machine scored  
classification test. Once the subject's rating was  
determined and this information passed to the Army  
at Governors Island, the subject then, on the basis  
of the classification test, could be assigned  
by the Army to CCNY for specific courses, and to the  
class of ASTP trainees which would be assigned to the  
atomic installation at Oak Ridge. The subject, who  
undoubtedly had an excellent educational background,  
would successfully complete his courses at CCNY, and  
then having been placed in a strategic class, would be  
assigned to the atomic installation at Oak Ridge.

Once the subject was placed in the class  
which would be assigned to Oak Ridge, and his  
educational ability was known, it would be unnecessary  
for his sponsor to assist in having him assigned to  
Oak Ridge, inasmuch as this assignment was made on a  
class basis rather than on an individual basis.

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[redacted] advised that he wanted to make it clear that this was his theory of how the subject could be assigned to the atomic installation at Oak Ridge, if a preconceived plan existed. [redacted] said that he desired to make it clear that he did not know if, in fact, any such plan did exist.

[redacted] was questioned regarding the identities of either military personnel or faculty members of CCNY who might possibly be sources of information concerning the ASTP and commented as follows:

[redacted]  
[redacted] Evening Session, CCNY, [redacted] according to [redacted] was in charge of the study program of the ASTP. According to [redacted] is a responsible individual and can be interviewed.

[redacted] rank not known, believed by [redacted] to be currently in charge of the Maryland National Guard. [redacted] was responsible for the entire operation of the ASTP in the Army Second Service Command.

[redacted]  
[redacted] of the ASTP at CCNY, who was in charge of all military personnel at CCNY.

[redacted] now at CCNY;

[redacted] now at CCNY.

[redacted] formerly assigned to the ASTP Classification Unit, present whereabouts not known.

[redacted] former instructor in economics, CCNY, present whereabouts not known. [redacted] according to [redacted] was instrumental in getting the ASTP program in at CCNY through the influence of a senator, name unknown to [redacted]

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[redacted] during the period 1946 - 1948, identified a photograph of [redacted] as an individual she met at a 1950 New Years party in Los Angeles, California. [redacted] recalled [redacted] as having stated, at the party, that he had known the subject at Oak Ridge, Tennessee during the latter part of World War II, and knew a woman who had told him she had seen KOVAL in Europe.

[redacted] was reinterviewed on October 29, 1956, at his place of business, Signet Laboratories, Los Angeles, California, and reiterated previous denials of having met [redacted] and knowing or having contact with the subject at any time.

[redacted]

The files of the Department of the Army, Pentagon, Washington, D. C., as reviewed during April, 1957, disclosed a service record for Major [redacted] a current resident at 52

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[redacted] Glen Ridge, New Jersey [redacted]

It is noted that when interviewed by SA [redacted] on February 26, 1957, Colonel [redacted] ASTP, CCNY, identified [redacted] last known to be residing in New Jersey, as the [redacted] ASTP, CCNY, 1943-1944.

[redacted]

The records of the New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles, caused to be searched by SA [redacted] on June 25, 1957, disclosed the following background information for [redacted] a resident of 16 [redacted] Bronx, New York:

Age 36, born. [redacted] business address, 15 Park Row, New York City.

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The files of the New York Office of the FBI as reviewed on July 8, 1957, by SA [redacted] JR., disclosed the following information identifiable with [redacted] mentioned above:

[redacted] made available material on July 19, 1956, which had formerly been maintained in the apartment of [redacted] Bronx, New York. A review of that material disclosed that [redacted] Bronx, New York, telephone number TA 2-2906, is listed as the treasurer of the Parkchester Club of the American Labor Party, (ALP).

[redacted] advised on July 14, 1954, that [redacted] at the time a Communist Party member, was elected [redacted] of the Bronx ALP a few years ago in place of BILL TAYLOR who was too well known as a Communist to hold that position.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Concerning [redacted] it is noted that [redacted] a former acquaintance of the subject during the period 1946-1948, advised SA [redacted] on June 8, 1956, that one [redacted] a former student at CCNY, "associated freely" with the subject prior to 1948.

It is not known whether or not [redacted] a resident at [redacted] Bronx, New York, is identical with the [redacted] described above as a former associate of the subject.

#### Miscellaneous

[redacted] Deputy G-2, First Army, Governors Island, New York, advised SA [redacted] on June 3, 1957, that the records of the First Army failed to disclose a record for World War II ASTU or STAR units. [redacted] suggested that the above records might possibly be located at the United States Army, Kansas City Records Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

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One (1) photograph of subject taken during 1948.

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APPENDIX PAGE

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, reflects the following citation 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 • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 7/22/57

FROM SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT GEORGE KOVAL  
IS-R

Re WFO letter 4/17/57 to Bureau.

Transmitted herewith are 5 copies of the report of  
SA [REDACTED], dated and captioned as above.

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Referenced letter reported results of informal discussion with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that assuming the subject's reported residence and employment in Moscow, Russia, are factual, denaturalization proceedings could not be taken against subject, who is a native born US citizen, until formal proof of an expatriative act by him is obtained. In that regard, WFO suggested consideration be given to effecting an interview with subject at Moscow, Russia through utilization of appropriate State Department channels, which might possibly result in formal renunciation by subject of US citizenship.

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The NYO has considered above recommendation and is of the opinion that the suggested action should be deferred pending completion of outstanding investigation in this case.

At present, the NYO is conducting a thorough file review to outline investigation remaining prior to bringing this case to a logical conclusion. The Bureau and interested offices will be advised upon the completion of the above mentioned review.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

INFORMANTS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California,  
furnished to SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
(by request) furnished to  
SAS [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED]  
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Information reported in the report transmitted herewith reflecting agency record checks at Boston, Massachusetts, was furnished to IC [REDACTED]

For the information of the Buffalo Office, which office has not received prior communications in this matter, the following summary of investigation conducted to date is set forth:

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Investigation concerning GEORGE KOVAL has established that during 1942, he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York City, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During the period August 15, 1944, - January, 1946, while a member of the United States Army, KOVAL was assigned to



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the Manhattan Engineering District, (MED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Dayton, Ohio, where he reportedly had access to information that could have varied from "Classified" to ~~"Top Secret"~~.

In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "Commissioned Representative," KOVAL was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. No record of employment with the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, could be located for KOVAL.

On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America", destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts were unknown until May, 1956, at which time his aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the subject is presently an instructor at the Mendelaiv Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

Information furnished by the GURSHTELS was based on a letter written by the subject's father, ABRAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932. Other than the above information, the subject's activities during the periods 1948 to present and 1932 through 1941, are unknown.

Most recently, investigation has been directed at determining the nature of the circumstances which led to the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during World War II, with emphasis being given to whether or not that assignment was the result of a preconceived plan of the subject or his Soviet espionage principals in the United States.

Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen, of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers.

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He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at CCNY on February 1, 1948.

LEADS

BUFFALO

At Rochester, New York

Will at [redacted] attempt to locate and interview Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] who has been described as formerly in charge of the Classification Unit, ASTU, CCNY, should be specifically questioned regarding his knowledge of assignment of ASTP trainees to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1944. [redacted] comments regarding the possibility that the subject's assignment to Oak Ridge was the result of a preconceived plan should be obtained.

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California

Will recontact [redacted] Signet Laboratories, Los Angeles, California, regarding his correct date and place of birth.

NEWARK

At Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted] to develop all information recalled by him regarding the ASTP. CCNY, to which he was reportedly assigned as [redacted] officer during the period 1943-1944. [redacted] should be

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NEWARK LEADS (Cont'd)

questioned in accordance with instructions noted herein for the Buffalo Office regarding the interview with [REDACTED]

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

\*1. Will attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED] NYC, regarding his knowledge of the subject's background and activities.

2. Will attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED] Bronx, NY, regarding his knowledge of the subject's background and activities.

3. Will interview [REDACTED] Evening Session, CCNY, regarding pertinent information concerning ASTP, CCNY.

4. Will at CCNY attempt to ascertain the whereabouts of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] CCNY, who reportedly was instrumental in establishing ASTP at CCNY.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED]  
dated 4/9/57 at NY.

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**United States Department of Justice**  
**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

New York, New York  
July 22, 1957

Re: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Report of SA [redacted]  
July 22, 1957, at New York.

The reliability of informants mentioned in above report is as follows:

[redacted] are informants who have furnished reliable information in the past.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 7/31/57

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (65-1970)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL;  
ESPIONAGE - R;  
OO: NYRerep SA [redacted] Houston, 4/1/57;  
Pittsburgh letter to Director, 5/21/57.

[redacted] presently employed by General Atomics, a Division of General Dynamics. San Diego, as a Health Physicist, advised SA [redacted] on 7/22/57 he knew subject in 1945 and probably in 1946 at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. KOVAL was employed at this facility until he was transferred to Dayton, Ohio, where he was employed on the Manhattan Project by Monsanto Chemical Company. This facility is presently known as the "Mound Laboratory".

[redacted] who was employed in the capacity of [redacted] said he tried to interest subject in accepting a position as a Health Physicist without success. He said that on one occasion when he, [redacted] was in New York, he tried again, via telephone, to interest KOVAL in this field, but was again unsuccessful. He believes KOVAL'S main interest was in Electrical Engineering.

[redacted] recalled that during KOVAL'S employment he worked under [redacted] who is presently employed at the Sinai Hospital in New York City as a Radiologist.

[redacted] said the last date he had visual contact with KOVAL was either 1946 or 1947. However, he was inclined to believe it might have been 1946, and in any event was prior to 1950. He was positive he has not seen KOVAL since he was released from the Army. He said, however, he was able to recognize KOVAL'S voice over the telephone in New York. He believes this was in 1947, 1948 or 1949, exact date not recalled. KOVAL was a civilian at this time, had completed his education and received a degree. He said that [redacted] who is in charge of the New York Office of the AEC, as well as one [redacted] (PH) may recall KOVAL.

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[ ] said, concerning the background of KOVAL, it is his recollection KOVAL grew up in New York. He was unable to offer further information. He said that since KOVAL was in the Army he is of the opinion the Oak Ridge files on employees of this project would be of little value.

With reference to associates of KOVAL, [ ] said he believes these were restricted to Army personnel. He was unable to recall the names of these associates, except that of [ ] who was in the Army with subject. [ ] is still employed with the Mound Project. [ ] was transferred with KOVAL, as well as possibly another member of the armed forces whose name he was unable to recall, from Oak Ridge to Dayton. He said that Dayton was in need of Health Physicists, and this was the reason for the transfer. KOVAL and [ ] were picked because of their excellent work records and their transfers occurred at about the time of the atom bombing of Japan. He said also that [ ] who is now employed by the AEC, in one of the Radiation Laboratories of the University of California as a Health Physicist might recall KOVAL.

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[ ] said the extent of his association with KOVAL was in the capacity of his work, and he did not associate with KOVAL socially.

[ ] said it was his recollection that KOVAL wrote a paper on measuring Radiological Activity. He said this paper was nothing out of the ordinary, but he felt KOVAL did good work by taking the trouble to compile the information set forth. He characterized KOVAL as a solid, dependable sort of person "all the way through". In addition, he said he felt KOVAL was a loyal employee.

No leads are being set out for interview with the persons mentioned in this communication as it is not known whether they have already been contacted.

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Reporting Office <b>BUFFALO, NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>9/5/57</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/26,27/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 150px;"></div>	Typed By <b>jod</b> b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>	

Synopsis:

Rochester, N.Y.,  3204th Star Unit, ASTU, CCNY, approximately April, 1943-May, 1944, unable to identify subject through photograph, name or description.  stated his classification section only made general recommendations regarding assignment ASTP personnel; that actual assignments handled by Second Service Command Headquarters, U.S. Army, Governors Island, N.Y.  comments regarding possibility that subject's assignment to Oak Ridge, Tennessee during 1944, result of preconceived plan set forth.  not aware that any preconceived plan actually did exist.

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DETAILS: On August 26, 1957,  Sibley Tower Building, Room 738, 25 North Street, Rochester, New York, advised that from approximately April, 1943 to May, 1944, he was the  for

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the 3204th Star Unit, Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU), stationed at the College of the City of New York (CCNY), New York City. [ ] stated that as such he was in charge of the [ ] section of the above unit and had a staff working under him. He advised that the 3204th Star Unit was responsible to the Second Service Command, U.S. Army, located at Governors Island, New York.

[ ] also stated that the Army's Specialized Training Program (ASTP) functioned at CCNY from approximately May, 1943 to May or June, 1944.

A photograph of the subject was displayed to Mr. [ ]. He stated that the subject was unknown to him. He also was unable to identify the subject through name or description.

[ ] stated that candidates for the ASTP Program from the Greater New York area were processed by the 3204th Star Unit, ASTU. [ ] said that the candidates were tested by this unit after which a Board met to determine where the various candidates should be placed as to medical, scientific, mathematical etc. abilities. [ ] advised that he was a member of this Board and that it is his recollection that the Board only made general recommendations regarding assignment of ASTP personnel. He said that to further clarify this, he might note that an individual who possessed good potential as a future medical student, would probably be recommended by the Board for further training and education along the medical line. He said that on the other hand if an individual proved to be good in Mathematics, he probably would be recommended for further training and education in the field of Science. Continuing, [ ] advised that these recommendations by the Board were then forwarded to the Second Service Command at Governors Island, where the actual assignments to the various colleges and strategic areas were made.

[ ] stated that he has no information or knowledge regarding specific assignments of ASTP trainees to Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He reiterated that that type of an

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assignment would have come directly from Second Service Command Headquarters at Governors Island.

[ ] advised that if the subject's assignment to Oak Ridge, Tennessee was the result of a preconceived plan, it might have been accomplished in the following manner:

Someone in the Second Service Command Headquarters at Governors Island, would have to be aware of the subject's identity. The subject would then be picked by the Army to go through the classification center located at CCNY with prior knowledge on the part of the Army that the subject possessed the necessary qualifications to score well on the classification test. After the subject's rating was determined and the Army at Governors Island made aware of this, the subject then on the basis of the classification test, could be assigned by the Army to in this instance CCNY for specific courses. The subject then subsequently, would be assigned to the class of ASTP trainees who were scheduled for assignment at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Once the subject became a member of the Oak Ridge destined class, he no doubt would have no further problem in eventually getting to Oak Ridge and carrying out the end of the preconceived plan.

[ ] stated that during the spring of 1944, the Army was finding it extremely difficult to locate qualified persons to fill the ranks of the ASTP. [ ] surmised that if an individual came along who had excellent qualifications in the scientific field, he would no doubt be assigned to a unit destined for a strategic area. [ ] said that in such a case it would be quite probable that the individual would have been assigned to some area like Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

[ ] cautioned however, that he is not actually aware that any preconceived plan was in existence and that the above represented only his theory of how such a plan could have been worked, if such did exist.

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Reporting Office <b>BUFFALO, NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>9/5/57</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/26,27/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>	Typed By: <b>jod</b> b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>	

**Synopsis:**

[redacted] Rochester, N.Y., classification officer 3204th Star Unit, ASTU, CCNY, approximately April, 1943-May, 1944, unable to identify subject through photograph, name or description. [redacted] stated his classification section only made general recommendations regarding assignment ASTP personnel; that actual assignments handled by Second Service Command Headquarters, U.S. Army, Governors Island, N.Y. [redacted] comments regarding possibility that subject's assignment to Oak Ridge, Tennessee during 1944, result of preconceived plan set forth. [redacted] not aware that any preconceived plan actually did exist.

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**DETAILS:**

On August 26, 1957, [redacted] Sibley Tower Building, Room 738, 25 North Street, Rochester, New York, advised that from approximately April, 1943 to May, 1944, he was the [redacted] for

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 9/5/57

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (65-2278)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
IS-R

Attached herewith is the report of SA [REDACTED] JR., dated 9/5/57 at Buffalo.

For the information of the New York Office, [REDACTED] advised when interviewed August 26, 1957, that one (FNU) [REDACTED] who held the rank of Corporal, was assigned to the 3204th Star Unit during the approximate period April, 1943 - May, 1944. According to [REDACTED] this person was in charge of the mechanical testing group and was in rather close contact with ASTP trainees. [REDACTED] said that this person was quite intelligent and personable and might possibly have been in a position to recall the subject.

[REDACTED] said that he wished to emphasize the fact that he had no knowledge that this person was an acquaintance of the subject or actually knew him but was only making the suggestion that he be contacted because of his close contact with the various ASTP trainees. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was from the New York City area and that his present whereabouts are unknown.

New York should give consideration to checking appropriate records in an effort to locate the above mentioned person if pertinent.

The report has been classified ~~confidential~~ inasmuch as it contains information possibly affecting the security of the United States.

REFERENCE

New York letter to the Director, dated 7/22/57.

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Reporting Office <b>NEWARK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>9/13/57</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/23,27;9/5,6/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	Typed By: <b>bek</b> b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>	

Synopsis:

former United States Army major, assigned to ASTP, CCNY in 1943 and 1944, advised that subject unknown to him.  believes that a committee of professors selected trainees for classified project in about 1944.

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DETAILS:

[ ] former major, United States Army, assigned to Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), College of the City of New York (CCNY), during 1943 and 1944, was interviewed on August 27, 1957, by SAS [ ] and [ ] is a counsellor at law at 14 Washington Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

[ ] advised that he was assigned as the [ ] at CCNY, ASTP. A photograph of GEORGE KOVAL was displayed to [ ]. He said that KOVAL was unknown to him. He also stated that he was unable to identify GEORGE KOVAL through name or description.

[ ] advised that the Star Center Service Unit at CCNY was a classified unit of the ASTP. He said that trainees were usually screened by this unit and assigned various courses of study under the program.

[ ] stated that he has no knowledge concerning the selection of assignment of the ASTP trips to the Oak Ridge Project in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1944. [ ] advised that he does not believe it was possible for a trainee to have himself assigned for a specific project unless the trainee was part of a well thought of plan. [ ] explained that there were many unpredictable events which would take place during the selection of trainees for study and projects, thus making it almost impossible for a trainee to be assigned only one specific project.

[ ] further advised that he does recall that in approximately 1944 a professor or dean from an unrecalled New England college, possibly Harvard, had visited CCNY. The purpose of the visit was to select trainees for a classified Government project, the name of which he did not know. [ ] said that at a later date he heard from unrecalled sources that a group of trainees at the ASTP in CCNY were selected for the atomic project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. [ ] added that he did not know whether the group of trainees who were selected for a classified Government project were assigned to Oak Ridge.

[ ] advised that this professor or dean visited CCNY unexpectedly in about 1944. He explained that the school authorities were not previously made aware of his visit. [ ] said that this professor asked for the cooperation of the school authorities in selecting and screening trainees for a secret

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project. This professor did not reveal the nature of this project. According to [ ] the trainees believed that the project concerned itself with some of the latest aircraft developments.

[ ] stated that this unrecalled professor headed a committee of three or four CCNY professors to screen the trainees for the project. [ ] said that he did not recall the name of the CCNY professors. However, he believed that one [ ] of the ASTP, and [ ] at CCNY, was a member of the selecting committee. [ ] said that he believed that [ ] who headed the Classified Unit of the ASTP at CCNY in about 1944 may possibly be able to supply more detailed information regarding this project. [ ] said that [ ] may also be able to identify some of the professors who were on the selecting committee referred to above.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 9/13/57

FROM SAC, NEWARK (65-4778)

SUBJECT GEORGE KOVAL  
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(OO: NEW YORK)

Enclosed herewith are five copies of report of  
SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

Copies of this report are also being made available  
to New York.

This report is being classified ~~confidential~~  
inasmuch as it contains information that is of such a nature  
that its disclosure would be prejudicial to the defense interests  
of the United States.

[redacted] during the interview conducted  
with him on 8/27/57, advised that he could not recall the names  
of CCNY professors who had taught there during the period of  
1943-1944.

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Newark did not set forth a lead to interview  
[redacted] inasmuch as this lead  
was set forth in referenced communication. It is to be noted  
that [redacted] knew [redacted] as a major in the United  
States Army in about 1944.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] dated 7/22/57  
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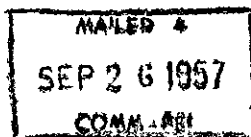
GEORGE KOVAL  
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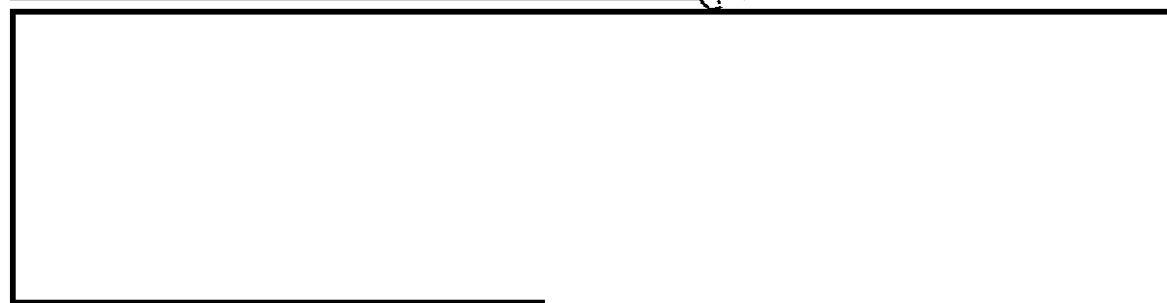
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It is recalled that previous investigation has disclosed that the subject was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on 12/15/13. He resided in that city until 1932, following his completion of 2 years study in electrical engineering at the University of Iowa. During May, 1932, subject's father, ABRAM, was issued a passport permitting travel to England, Poland or Russia. It is believed that the KOVAL family departed the US for Russia around May or June, 1932.

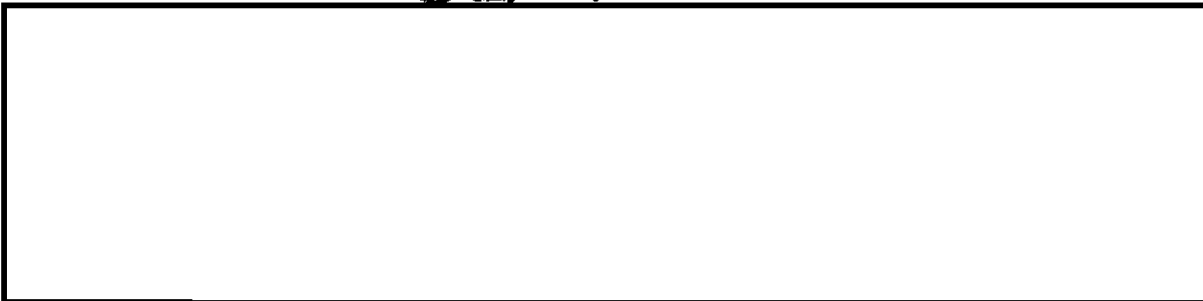
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 5 copies of a blind memorandum summarizing the information that has been developed concerning the subject.

Passport photographs of the subject taken during 1932 and 1948 are also enclosed to the Bureau.

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Re: ~~SECRET~~ George Koval

Investigation concerning George Koval has established that during 1942, he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York City. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During the period August 15, 1944, - January, 1946, while a member of the United States Army, Koval was assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District, (MED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Dayton, Ohio, where he reportedly had access to information that could have varied from "Classified" to ~~"Top Secret"~~.

In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "Commissioned Representative," Koval was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. No record of employment with the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, could be located for Koval.

On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America", destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts were unknown until May, 1956, at which time his aunt and uncle, Goldie and Harry Gurshtel, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the subject is presently an instructor at the Mendeliev Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

Information furnished by the Gurshtels was based on a letter written by the subject's father, ABRAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932. Other than the above information, the subject's activities during the periods 1948 to present and 1932 through 1941, are unknown.

Available background data developed in Sioux City Iowa, reflects that Koval is a native born United

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States citizen, of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia or outside the United States from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at City College of New York on February 1, 1948. The subject is described as follows:

Name	George Koval	Photograph
Sex	Male	
Race	White	
Born	December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa	
Height	6' 1"	
Weight	170-175	
Hair	Black-dark brown	
Eyes	Brown	
Occupation	Electrical Engineer	
Marital Status	Single	
Peculiarities	Wore glasses; acne condition on face.	

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One photograph of subject taken  
about 1932

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TITLE OF CASE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>per</b> b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

**SYNOPSIS:**

[REDACTED] CCNY, stated he had no affiliation with engineering units of ASTP, CCNY and could not recall information regarding military assignments from ASTP. [REDACTED] stated he knew the subject in 1945 at Oak Ridge, Tennessee; recalled KOVAL had worked under [REDACTED] employed Mount Sinai Hospital, NYC; described [REDACTED] NY Operations Office, AEC, as possible source of information regarding subject. No record of tenancy for [REDACTED] Street, NYC. [REDACTED] Bronx, New York, stated that name GEORGE KOVAL is unfamiliar and was unable to identify photograph of the subject. [REDACTED] stated he was born [REDACTED] Cambridge, Massachusetts. Records relating to administrative procedure 3225 Star Unit, ASTU believed to be filed at Department Record Branch, Washington, D.C.

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APPROVED <b>EJP/bsr</b>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <b>[REDACTED]</b>	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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DETAILS:

Interview of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] College of the City of New York (CCNY) was interviewed by SA [REDACTED], on October 28, 1957, and stated as follows:

During the period 1943-1944, he was in charge of the Foreign Language Section of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at CCNY. In addition to teaching, his duties included the following:

Supervisor of foreign information training of ASTP personnel.

Consultation with CCNY faculty and ASTP officers regarding the progress of trainees including making recommendations regarding those trainees who failed to maintain the required academic standards.

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[REDACTED] stated he had no affiliation with the various engineering units of ASTP and could not furnish information concerning those branches. He could not recall any specific information regarding military assignments from the ASTP but believed that assignments were made exclusively by the Army and were in no way influenced by the CCNY faculty. [REDACTED] stated that the name GEORGE KOVAL was unknown to him and was unable to identify a photograph of the subject as being of an individual whom he had known or met.

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Concerning the above, when interviewed by SA [redacted] on June 12, 1957, [redacted] CCNY, suggested [redacted] as a possible source of information concerning the ASTP, CCNY and military assignments therefrom.

Interview with [redacted]

[redacted] employed as a [redacted] General Atomics, a division of General Dynamics, San Diego, California, advised SA [redacted] of the following on July 22, 1957:

He knew the subject during 1945 at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. KOVAL was employed at that facility until he was transferred to Dayton, Ohio, where he was employed with the Manhattan Project at the Monsanto Chemical Company.

[redacted] stated that his last visual contact with KOVAL was during 1946 or 1947. He recalled that he telephonically contacted the subject at New York sometime during the period 1947-1949 in an attempt to interest the subject in a position opportunity as a health physicist. He recalled that KOVAL was not interested in the position and that his main interest was in electrical engineering. At the time of his telephonic contact with KOVAL, the latter was a civilian and had recently acquired a degree in electrical engineering.

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Regarding KOVAL's employment with the Manhattan Project, [redacted] stated KOVAL worked under [redacted] who is presently employed as a radiologist at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

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[redacted] identified as presently in charge of the New York Operations Office of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) was described as a possible source of information concerning the subject.

[redacted] described the extent of his association with KOVAL as having been restricted to their mutual employment with <sup>the</sup> Manhattan Project during World War II and stated he did not associate with KOVAL socially. He characterized KOVAL as a solid, dependable sort of person "all the way through" and considered him a loyal employee.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Board of Trustees, Mount Sinai Hospital, 11 East 100th Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] during June 1954, that [redacted] is employed as a radiologist at that hospital. His residence address was listed as [redacted] New York City. *NIE*

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[redacted] Personnel Division, AEC, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City. made available during June 1954, to SA [redacted] [redacted] employment records which disclosed that [redacted] served in the United States Army from March 25, 1944, to March 23, 1947. On May 23, 1947, [redacted] received a temporary appointment from the AEC as [redacted] P-8, which was designated as a regular appointment on January 9, 1949. [redacted] was employed continuously until October 3, 1949, at which time he voluntarily resigned his position.

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On July 30, 1956, an undated and unsigned typewritten letter was received at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The envelope containing the letter was postmarked July 28, 1956, at Brooklyn 2, New York. Contents of the letter are as follows:

[redacted]  
Street, New York, NY, about 45, 5-5, 180 lbs. Said to be an important communist.

"He was [redacted] Medical Division at the Atomic Energy Commission, N.Y. Office until about 5 years ago. He resigned and accepted a position with the Mt. Sinai Hospital, N.Y.C.

"He was an army captain. Was with the Agency when it was called the Manhattan Project. Was among the early committees that went to Japan to study the effects of the atom bomb. As a doctor, he is said to try, when possible, bad practice on anti-communists,"

On August 7, 1956, [redacted] Personnel Clearance Branch, Security Division, AEC, New York City, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] [redacted] was employed as [redacted] of the New York Operations Office, AEC, from May 23, 1947, to October 3, 1949, when he voluntarily resigned. Further, that [redacted] holds a current Q clearance, reinstated October 18, 1949, as a consultant to the New York Operations Office, AEC.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Personnel Division,  
AEC, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, advised SA [redacted]  
during June, 1954, that [redacted] has been  
continuously employed as a physicist with that agency at  
70 Columbus Avenue since October 27, 1947.

[redacted]  
When interviewed by SA [redacted] at  
LaVerne, California, on October 16, 1956, [redacted]  
[redacted] during the period  
1946-1948, stated that the subject was acquainted with  
a zoology professor at Columbia University (CU), New  
York City during the period 1947-1948.

Upon being informed by SA [redacted] of the  
identities of faculty members of the Zoology Department,  
CU, 1947-1948, [redacted] commented as follows:

She vaguely recalled the first name of  
the zoology professor as [redacted] and therefore suggested  
the possibility that [redacted] described to her  
as a graduate student employed in the Zoology Department,  
CU, may be identical with subject's former acquaintance.  
[redacted] emphatically stated that the surname  
[redacted] is totally unfamiliar to her.

[redacted]  
CU, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on  
September 30, 1957, that the alumni and faculty records  
of that university failed to disclose a current address for  
[redacted] and that his last known address was at [redacted]  
[redacted] New York City during 1950.

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[redacted] 213 East 89th Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on October 2, 1957, that the tenancy records of that apartment house for the period January, 1950 to the present failed to disclose a record for [redacted] or the surname of [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on October 14, 1957, that inquiry of CU faculty members disclosed that [redacted] reportedly had moved to the State of Virginia during 1950, exact address and place of employment unknown.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Bronx, New York, advised SA [redacted] of the following on September 19, 1957:

He attended CCNY from June, 1946 until his graduation during June, 1949. He majored in Business Administration and attended classes at the business school annex of CCNY at 23rd Street, New York City. He described the name GEORGE KOVAL as unfamiliar and was unable to identify a photograph of the subject as being of an individual he had known or met. He also denied having met or known an individual named [redacted]  
[redacted]

He denied any connection with the ASTP, CCNY during World War II, although he was aware of the program and knew several individuals who had been members of the program. He stated that he vaguely recalled a student of engineering at CCNY during the approximate period 1946-1948 who also was named [redacted]

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but was not related to him.

Concerning [redacted] it is noted that [redacted] a former acquaintance of the subject during period 1946-1948, advised SA [redacted] on June 8, 1956, that one [redacted] a former student at CCNY "associated freely" with the subject prior to 1948.

[redacted] Alumni Association, CCNY, advised SA [redacted] on December 18, 1956, that [redacted] was graduated from CCNY on June 22, 1948, with a degree of Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. At the time of his graduation, [redacted] listed his residence as being at [redacted] Bronx, New York.

[redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised SA [redacted] on January 4, 1957, that the tenancy records of that apartment house were recently destroyed through the year 1952. It was noted that no one by the name of [redacted] is a current resident at [redacted] Bronx, New York.

[redacted]  
[redacted] was recontacted at his place of employment, Signet Laboratories, 614 North LaPeer Drive, Los Angeles, California, on August 2, 1957, by SA [redacted]. He stated he was born on November [redacted] at Cambridge, Massachusetts. He said that his father's name was [redacted] and that his mother's name was [redacted].

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Concerning the above, it is noted that records of the Division of Vital Statistics, Boston, Massachusetts, as reviewed on March 15, 1957, for the birth date [redacted] disclosed no record for the name [redacted]

During<sup>an</sup> interview with [redacted] at LaVerne, California, by SA [redacted] on October 16, 1956, [redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted] as an individual she had met at a 1950 New Year's Eve Party in Los Angeles, California.

[redacted] recalled [redacted] as having stated, at the party, that he had known the subject at Oak Ridge, Tennessee during<sup>the</sup> latter part of World War II.

When interviewed by SA [redacted] at Los Angeles, California, on October 29, 1956, [redacted] reiterated previous denials of having met [redacted] and knowing or having had contact with the subject at any time.

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#### Miscellaneous

[redacted] Kansas City Records Center, Adjutant General's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, advised SA [redacted] on July 8, 1957, that he was unable to locate any information concerning the administrative procedures of the 3225 STAR Unit, Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU), CCNY.

[redacted] made available to SA [redacted] two special orders pertaining to the subject which are as follows:

Paragraph 6, Special Order No. 29, Army Service Forces, Second Service Command,



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Hq 3225 SCSU (ASTP), 3204 SCSU (STARS) & 1280 SCSU (ROTC), Army Hall, The City College, 1560 Amsterdam Avenue., New York 31, N.Y., dated 2/5/44 which reflects that Cpl. GEORGE KOVAL 32790994, Co. A, was transferred to attached unassigned Co. F, 2nd Bn., ASTU 3225th SCSU to pursue course of instruction in electrical engineering 1 Term 6. This order was issued by the order of [redacted] signed by [redacted] AGD, Adjutant."

Paragraph 3, Special Order No. 157, Army Service Forces, Second Service Command, Hdq. 3225 SCSU (ASTP), 1280 SCSU (ROTC), Army Hall, The City College, 1560 Amsterdam Ave., New York 31, N.Y., dated 8/7/44 reflected that Cpl. GEORGE KOVAL, 32790994 SSN (371), was attached unassigned ASTU 3225 SCSU CCNY, New York, N.Y., was transferred to 1st Provisional SED Unit, Oak Ridge, Tenn., and was to depart 8/9/44 to Co. Commander upon arrival, by order of [redacted] signed by [redacted] AGD, Adjutant."

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[redacted] stated that he believed records relating to administrative procedure of the 3225 STAR Unit, which might include information regarding assignments and transfer orders could be located at the Department of Record Branch, Washington 25, D.C., under authority # "TWX TAG 13354 SPXOC-T29, July, 1944".

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 11/29/57

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

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SUBJECT:

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above, five copies of which are enclosed, and NY letter to Bureau, 9/24/57.

Request of Bureau

Relet requested the Bureau to consider the advisability of directing its liaison representative at London, England, to have [redacted] interviewed regarding the subject to determine if the latter is identical with an unknown Soviet agent who has been

[redacted]

Inasmuch as the NYO is in process of reviewing the file in this case to determine logical investigation necessary prior to closing the investigation, the Bureau is requested to advise this office of its decision with regard to the suggested lead at London, England.

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At Boston, Massachusetts

Will, at the State House, check records of Division of Vital Statistics, to locate a record of birth for [redacted], reportedly born to [redacted] at Cambridge, Massachusetts, on 11/19/18.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will, at the Department Record Branch, attempt to locate records relating to administrative procedure of the 3225 STAR Unit reportedly on file under authority # "TWX TAG 13354 SPXOC-T29, July, 1944"; will report all pertinent information concerning transfer and assignment procedure of that unit including names of military and civilian personnel, who made assignments and authorized orders.

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At New York, New York

1. Will interview the following concerning their knowledge of the subject:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

New York Operations Office  
AEC  
70 Columbus Avenue  
NYC

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2. Will recontact [REDACTED] (retired), [REDACTED] regarding his knowledge of a professor or dean from a New England college who reportedly selected trainees from ASTP, CCNY, for a classified project.

3. Will complete file review directed at bringing this case to a logical conclusion and set out necessary leads.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED], 7/22/57, New York.

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One copy each of your letter of 9/24/57, the blind memo forwarded therewith, and the two photographs, have been sent to the Legat, London, for appropriate action. You will be advised upon receipt of information from Legat, London.

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**Subject: George Abramovich Koval**

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TO : Director, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: December 19, 1957

FROM : Legal Attache, London (65-952)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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Relet SAC New York Office dated 9/24/57.

(S) [ ] have been asked to get the Dutch authorities to show the photographs of subject KOVAL to [ ] but to date [ ] has not had any reply from the Dutch authorities.

This matter is being followed and the Bureau will be immediately informed when results are at hand.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 1/16/58

FROM SAC, WFO (65-6901)

SUBJECT GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(OO: NY)

ReNYlet dated 11/29/57, requesting WFO to contact Department Record Branch in an attempt to locate records relating to administrative procedure of the 3225 STAR Unit reportedly on file under authority number "TWX TAG 13354 SPXOC-T29, July, 1944."

On 1/14/58, [redacted] Departmental Records Branch, TAGO, Department of the Army, Federal Records Center, Alexandria, Va., advised SA [redacted] that after a thorough review of records in his custody, he was unable to locate a record under the above authority number or under 3225 STAR Unit. RUC.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE January 29, 1958

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (65-3981)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - RRerep of SA [REDACTED], dated 11/29/57,  
at New York.

SA [REDACTED] on 1/20/58, at the Division of Vital Statistics, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, checked the indices of births in Massachusetts for the years 1916 through 1920 and it was noted that there was no one by the name of [REDACTED] mentioned as having been born in Massachusetts during this period. A check of the births listed in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the date [REDACTED] reflected in Volume 20, Page 240, a canvass return of a birth in the City of Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, as a result of a canvass made in January, 1919.

This return was filed on 2/21/19. The return indicated that a male by the name of [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The father's name was given as [REDACTED] 24 Inman Street, Cambridge, race, white, born in Leominster, Massachusetts, and occupation, railroad trainman. The mother's name was given as [REDACTED] She was born in Cambridge and resided at 24 Inman Street, Cambridge. No further information was listed in the records.

The above-mentioned birth is being furnished to the Office of Origin for whatever action they may deem advisable inasmuch as Boston cannot, with the information available, determine whether [REDACTED] is identical with the [REDACTED] who was born on [REDACTED] in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and whose mother's name is listed as [REDACTED]

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- 2 - New York (65-16756) (RM)
- 1 - Boston

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>1/31/58</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/12,16,27/57;1/6-9,16,20,21/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		REPORT MADE BY  <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY  <b>cxh</b>
		CHARACTER  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	<b>b7C</b>

## SYNOPSIS.

[REDACTED] recalled subject as assigned to MED, Monsanto Chemical Co., Dayton, Ohio, 1945-46; described subject's assignments with MED as sensitive and affording him access to ~~secret~~ information. Could recall nothing concerning subject's activities at MED, Dayton, Ohio, which suggests latter was engaged in espionage or other subversive activity. (U)

[REDACTED] New York Operations Office, AEC, stated he has never met GEORGE KOVAL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] unable to furnish information re professor or dean from New England college who reportedly selected ASTP trainees at CCNY for classified government project during 1944.

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DETAILS:

[redacted]  
[redacted] Mt. Sinai  
Hospital, 11 East 100th Street, New York City, was  
interviewed by SA [redacted] on January  
16, 1958, and stated as follows:

He identified a passport photograph of the  
subject taken during 1948 as a photograph of GEORGE  
KOVAL who he recalled as having been assigned to the  
Manhattan Engineering District (MED), Monsanto  
Chemical Company, Dayton, Ohio, during the period  
1945-46. He recalled that KOVAL worked in the Health-  
Physics Division of the MED and was a member of the  
United States Army.

[redacted] who described his personal capacity  
with the MED, Dayton, Ohio, during 1944-46 as  
[redacted] responsible for the health  
of MED employees, could not recall the specific  
nature of the subject's work with the MED, but  
believed it generally involved research and prepara-  
tion of reports concerning human reactions to nuclear  
exposure. In connection with the above assignment,  
the subject would have had access to ~~secret~~ informa-  
tion and his position was sensitive. [redacted] stated he  
could recall nothing concerning the subject's activities  
at the Dayton area office which in retrospect suggests  
that the latter was engaged in espionage or other  
subversive activity. [redacted] noted his dealings with the  
subject were restricted to their mutual assignments  
with the MED, and that he knew nothing concerning  
KOVAL's social activities or acquaintances. [redacted]  
emphatically stated that he has not been in contact  
with the subject since 1946

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[redacted]  
[redacted] New York

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Operations Office, Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, was contacted by SAS [redacted] on January 20, 1958, and stated as follows:

He has never met GEORGE KOVAL, but knew of the latter as a result of having attended a Health-Physics Forum sponsored by the AEC at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during the Fall of 1947. Included in the instructional text was a thesis written by GEORGE KOVAL titled "Determination of Particulate Air-Borne Long Lived Activity." Upon referring to his notes, [redacted] stated that KOVAL wrote the above thesis during the period of his military assignment with the Manhattan project during World War II at which time he was assigned to the Health-Physics Department.

[redacted] stated that other than the above, he could furnish no information concerning GEORGE KOVAL.

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[redacted]  
[redacted], United States Army (retired), [redacted] New York City, was recontacted by SA [redacted] on January 21, 1958. [redacted] was questioned regarding the identity of a professor or dean from a New England college who reportedly during 1944 was commissioned by the United States Government to select trainees from the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), College of the City of New York (CCNY), for a secret project.

[redacted] stated that he has no recollection of the above incident, but noted that he was transferred from his assignment as [redacted] ASTP, CCNY, during 1944 and suggested that the above incident regarding selection of ASTP trainees may have occurred subsequent to his command.

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Concerning the above, it is noted that [redacted]  
[redacted] Former Major, United States Army, assigned  
as [redacted] to the ASTP, CCNY, during 1943-  
1944, advised SAS [redacted]  
[redacted] on August 27, 1957, that a professor or dean from a  
New England college, possibly Harvard, had visited CCNY  
unexpectedly during 1944 for the purpose of selecting  
ASTP trainees for a classified government project.

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[redacted] suggested that [redacted]  
who headed the Classification Unit of the ASTP at CCNY  
during 1944, may possibly be able to supply more detailed  
information regarding the above classified project.

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TO . DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 1/31/58

FROM . SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP. - R

Transmitted herewith are five copies of the report of SA [REDACTED], dated and captioned as above.

LEADSBUFFALOAt Rochester, New York

Will recontact [REDACTED]  
US Army, Room 738, Sibley Tower Building, 25 North St.,  
concerning the identity of a professor or dean from a New  
England college, possibly Harvard, who reportedly selected  
ASTP trainees at CCNY during 1944 for a classified  
government project.

NEW YORKAt New York, New York

1. Will recontact appropriate members of CCNY  
faculty to develop information concerning their recollection  
of the incident wherein a professor or dean from New England  
college reportedly selected ASTP trainees at CCNY during 1944  
for a classified government project.

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- 2 - Buffalo (65-2278) (Encl. 2) (RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (65-6901) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 3 - New York (65-16756)

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2. Will await results of investigation pending at London, England, WFO and Buffalo prior to making recommendation to close this case.

WASHINGTON FIELD (INFO)

One copy of the enclosed report has been designated for the WFO inasmuch as that office is presently conducting investigation in this case.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED], 11/29/57,  
at New York.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 3/12/58

FROM

SAC, BUFFALO (65-2278)

SUBJECT:

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
OO: New York City

Rerep SA [redacted], dated 1/31/58,  
at New York City.

On 3/7/58, [redacted]  
of Building, Sibley Tower Building, Room 738, 25 North St.,  
Rochester, N.Y., furnished the following information:

The only faculty member at CCNY (4/43 to 5/44)  
active in the selection program for the ASTP at CCNY,  
who, to his knowledge, came from a New England College,  
was (FNU) [redacted]. According to [redacted]  
as he recalls, was from either Harvard or Yale.

[redacted] worked directly under [redacted]  
[redacted] and was paid by the U.S. Government for services  
rendered to the ASTP. [redacted] could not recall the exact  
type of service rendered by [redacted] or that  
[redacted] was "commissioned by the government." [redacted]  
said he had no further pertinent information regarding  
this matter.

(FNU) [redacted] is probably identical with  
[redacted] mentioned on page 8 of the  
report of SA [redacted], 7/22/57, at New York  
City.

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In view of above, no report being submitted by  
Buffalo. . . RUC.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>3/27/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/5,12,21;3/3,7,17,21/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By <b>ajc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b> <b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE</b>	

Synopsis:

Faculty members, CCNY, unable to furnish pertinent information regarding selection of ASTP trainees for classified project during 1944. Records Division of Vital Statistics, Boston, Massachusetts, reflected that birth record canvass, Cambridge, Massachusetts, during January, 1919, disclosed [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] United States Army, assigned as [REDACTED] to the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), College of the City of New York (CCNY), during 1943-1944, advised SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on August 27, 1957, that a professor or dean from a New England college, possibly Harvard, had visited CCNY

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unexpectedly during 1944 for the purpose of selecting ASTP trainees for a classified government project.

Faculty members of CCNY, to be identified herewith, were contacted by SA [redacted] on March 3 and 7, 1958, concerning the above mentioned classified project, and were unable to furnish pertinent information. It is noted that each of the faculty members had been previously contacted by SA [redacted] concerning the subject and indicated familiarity with the ASTP, CCNY, 1943 through 1945.

[redacted]

[redacted]

On August 2, 1957, [redacted] was recontacted by SA [redacted] at Signet Laboratories, 614 North LaPeer Drive, Los Angeles, California. [redacted] advised he was born [redacted] at Cambridge, Massachusetts. He said his father's name was [redacted] and his mother's name was [redacted]. [redacted] advised specifically that he was not born in the State of Michigan and in fact had never resided in the State of Michigan.

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SA [redacted] on January 20, 1958, at the Division of Vital Statistics, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, checked the indices of births in Massachusetts for the years 1916 through 1920, and it was noted that there was no one by the name of [redacted] mentioned as having been born in Massachusetts during this period. A check of the births listed in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the date November 19, 1918, reflected in Volume 20, Page 240, a canvass return of a birth in the City of Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, as a result of a canvass made in January, 1919.

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This return was filed on February 21, 1919. The return indicated that a male by the name of [redacted] was born [redacted] in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The father's name was given as [redacted] 24 Inman Street, Cambridge; race, white, born in Leominster, Massachusetts, and occupation, railroad trainman. The mother's name was given as [redacted] She was born in Cambridge and resided at 24 Inman Street, Cambridge. No further information was listed in the records.

When interviewed, by SA [redacted] at her residence in La Verne, California, on October 16, 1956, [redacted] self-described as subject's [redacted] during the period 1946 through 1948, identified a photograph of [redacted] as an individual she met at a 1950 New Years party in Los Angeles, California. [redacted] recalled [redacted] as having stated, at the party, that he had known the subject at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during the latter part of World War II, and knew a woman who had told him she had seen KOVAL in Europe.

[redacted] was reinterviewed on October 29, 1956, at his place of business, Signet Laboratories, Los Angeles, California, and reiterated previous denials of having met [redacted] and knowing or having contact with the subject at any time.

The files of the New York Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), as reviewed on March 17, 1958, by SA [redacted] failed to disclose information which could be determined identifiable with [redacted] mentioned above.

#### Miscellaneous

[redacted] Kansas City Records Center, Adjutant General's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, advised SA [redacted] on July 8, 1957, that he was unable to locate any information concerning the administrative procedures of the 3225 STAR Unit, Army Specialized Training Unit (ASTU), CCNY.

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[redacted] stated that he believed records relating to administrative procedure of the 3225 STAR Unit, which might include information regarding assignments and transfer orders could be located at the Department Record Branch, Washington 25, D.C., under authority number "TWX TAG 13354 SPXOC-T29, July, 1944."

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On January 14, 1958, [redacted] Departmental Records Branch, TAGO, Department of the Army, Federal Records Center, Alexandria, Virginia, advised SA [redacted] that after a thorough review of records in his custody, he was unable to locate a record under the above authority number or under 3225 STAR Unit.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 3/27/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

Transmitted herewith are five copies of the report of SA [REDACTED], dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED], 1/31/58, at NY.

LEADSLOS ANGELESAt Los Angeles, California

1. Will review office indices and conduct appropriate agency checks regarding [REDACTED] to determine whether [REDACTED] has used that identity in the past.

2. Will recontact [REDACTED] concerning whether or not he has used the surname [REDACTED] if he denies use of name other than [REDACTED] question him concerning the record of birth of [REDACTED] born to [REDACTED] at Cambridge, Massachusetts, on [REDACTED]

NEW YORKAt New York, New York

1. Will await results of investigation pending at London, England, and Los Angeles, California.

2. Will continue file review in this case directed at bringing this investigation to a conclusion upon completion of outstanding investigation.

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3 - New York (65-16756)

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>5/19/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>4/8, 10, 16, 23, 25; 5/1, 2/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100px;"></div>	Typed By: <b>lkr</b> b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

Synopsis:

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[redacted] reinterviewed 5/1/58. He stated he has never used surname of [redacted]. He admits he was born out of wedlock and had heard his true father's name was [redacted]. He states that his mother married [redacted] in 1920 and they moved to California when he was about two years old. His mother, [redacted] does not know he has knowledge of above facts. [redacted] again denied any knowledge of KOVAL and offered to give signed statement of this denial. Indices of Los Angeles Office and agency checks at Los Angeles fail to reflect that [redacted] has used name [redacted].

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[redacted] Signet Laboratories,  
614 North La Peer Avenue, Los Angeles, California was  
reinterviewed on May 1, 1958 by SA's [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] stated that since he was last interviewed regarding KOVAL, he has given this matter much thought. Regarding the allegation that he had known KOVAL or knew a woman that knew KOVAL, he stated that his best efforts to recall such an acquaintance has failed. He stated that he looks upon this entire matter as very embarrassing and that it has caused him much concern. He stated that he believes that the person making the allegation concerning him is confused regarding his identity, however, he does not deny that he attended the open house party or that he possibly met [redacted] at this party. He offered to appear at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI and give a signed statement denying this allegation if such would assist in convincing the FBI that he is sincere in his denials of knowledge concerning GEORGE KOVAL.

[redacted] said he had never used any other surname other than [redacted]. He repeated that he was born [redacted] at Cambridge, Massachusetts and gave his father's name as [redacted] and his mother's name as [redacted]. [redacted] was asked whether he had ever used the name [redacted] or whether his mother was previously married to a man named [redacted] then stated that he was embarrassed to admit that he was born out of wedlock. He said that he had learned of this information accidentally and not even his own mother was aware that he knew this fact. He stated that his father was known as [redacted] or possibly [redacted]. He said that he knows very little information about his true father, except that he was reported to have been a sergeant in the Army during World War I. He said he had never seen his father and doesn't know whether he is living or not. He said that in 1920 when he was about two years old his mother married [redacted] and they moved to California. He said that [redacted] is the only father he had ever known.

[redacted] stated that he knew of this information when first interviewed concerning KOVAL, however, because of his denials of acquaintance or knowledge of KOVAL, he felt it was not necessary to furnish detailed information regarding his own background.



LA 65-6124

Indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as of May 2, 1958 contained no information identifiable with [REDACTED] or reflecting that [REDACTED] has used this name in the past.

Records of the Los Angeles Police Department were caused to be searched on April 25, 1958 by SE [REDACTED]. These records reflect one [REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department No. 110944: FBI No. [REDACTED] has an extensive arrest record. This [REDACTED] is described as male, white, age 37 in 1947; hair, black; eyes, brown; height, 5'9½"; weight, 145 pounds; born in North Carolina; occupation, carpenter. In view of the variance between the physical description of [REDACTED] and the above person, it appears that they are not identical.

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Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association of Los Angeles were caused to be searched on April 25, 1958 by SE [REDACTED] but reflected no record for a [REDACTED]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 5/15/58

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

SUBJECT GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
OO: New York

Transmitted herewith are five (5) copies of the  
report of SA [REDACTED] dated and captioned as  
above.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated  
March 25, 1958 at New York.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911) DATE 5/26/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT

GEORGE ROYAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York report SA [redacted] 3/27/58.

A review of captioned file at the NYC has been conducted and the following additional investigation is suggested:

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[redacted] (S)

(2) The NYC by letter dated 9/21/57 requested an interview of [redacted] which the Bureau by letter dated 12/11/57 indicated has been forwarded to the Legat London for appropriate action.

The Bureau is requested to determine whether this interview has been conducted and the results thereof.

(3) The Legat, Ottawa by letter 6/14/57 advised that while [redacted] advised he had no knowledge or info regarding subject, [redacted]

[redacted] (S)

[redacted]

(1) On receipt of results of the reinterview of [redacted] by the LA office, NY will consider the desirability of having passport records checked at the Dept. of State under the name of [redacted] for any pertinent info.

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Legal Attache, London (65-952)

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Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reurlet December 19, 1957, which advised that [redacted] had requested Dutch authorities to show the photographs of subject Koval to [redacted]. Reference is also made to your advice on 2-14-58 that [redacted] had at that time not yet received information from the Dutch authorities. *du*

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(S) [redacted] You should contact [redacted] in an effort to expedite this matter and to insure that [redacted] is actively attempting to have this contact made. *du*

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NOTE: [redacted] admitted membership in Dutch Communist Party during 1920s and recruitment by RIS in 1932. [redacted] has described an individual in espionage for Russians who may be identical with subject who is suspected of espionage activities in the U.S. in early 1940s. *du* 65-62911 190-

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FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT:

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
OO: NEW YORK

Rerept of SA [redacted] 5/15/58, Los Angeles  
and New York letter to Bureau, 5/26/58.

For the info of WFO, [redacted] was reinterviewed  
on 5/1/58, and he advised that he was born out of wedlock  
on 11/19/18. at Cambridge, Mass. He said that his true father  
was [redacted] He denied ever having  
used the surname of [redacted] and offered as signed statement  
denying any knowledge of subject.

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Accordingly WFO is requested to contact the Passport  
Office of the United States Department of State to determine  
whether they have any record of a passport issued to [redacted]  
[redacted] Cambridge, Mass. A canvass  
return of this birth listed his parents as [redacted]  
and [redacted] P [redacted]

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1- New York (65-16756)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 7/17/58

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-6901)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R  
(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYlet dated 6/26/58 requesting check of passport records under name, [REDACTED]

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On 7/14/58, SE [REDACTED] was advised that there is no identifiable record at the Passport Office under the above name. RUC.

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TO .Mr. S. B. Donahoe *JS*

DATE July 14, 1958

FROM Mr. E. *JS* SandersSUBJECT GEORGE KOVAL  
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Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York City [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During the period 1944-1946, while a member of the U. S. Army, subject was assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District where he reportedly had access to information that could have varied from Classified to ~~Top Secret~~. (U)

Subject was issued a passport in 1948 while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation of New York City as a "Commission Representative" and travel to various European countries, including Poland, was indicated. Investigation failed to reveal employment with Atlas Trading Corporation.

He departed the U. S. in 1948 and his whereabouts was unknown until 1956, at which time he was reportedly in Moscow as an instructor at the Mendeliv Institute.

Recent investigation has been directed at the subject's assignment to the Manhattan Project during World War II with emphasis being given as to whether that assignment was the result of a preconceived plan of the subject's or his Soviet-espionage principals in the U. S.

ACTION:

In view of the fact that this investigation is based upon the probable espionage activities of the subject for the Soviets, it is suggested that the supervision of this case be transferred to the Espionage Section.

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Date: 7/24/58

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)  
 SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
 ESP. - R  
 O.O. NEW YORK

Re New Orleans airtel to NY 7/21/58.

Re airtel reported that [redacted] INS, New Orleans, advised New Orleans on 7/18/58 that one [redacted] is a crew member of the "SS JANET QUINN," which arrived Port of New Orleans 7/18/58. [redacted] described [redacted] from observation as about 41 years of age, 5'8" and as having a slight build. He stated [redacted] had Z No. [redacted] and listed his next of kin as [redacted]

Check at U. S. Coast Guard, NY, on 7/24/58 disclosed file for [redacted] under Z [redacted] This file marked "duplicate," reflected only his date of birth as [redacted]

Based upon description and background presently known re [redacted] he does not appear to be identical with subject.

WFO requested to check records U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C., under Z [redacted] and report all pertinent descriptive and background information for [redacted]

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Approved: *Fasb*

Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

8/6/58

FROM: SAC, WFO (65-6901)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP. - R  
(OO:NY)

ReNYairtel dated 7/24/58.

Enclosed herewith for New York are 3 copies of a photograph of [REDACTED].

On 8/5/58, SE [REDACTED] reviewed the U.S. Merchant Marine file of [REDACTED] which showed his birth as [REDACTED] at Berwick, Pennsylvania, and indicated his Certificate of Identification Number as [REDACTED]. The above file reveals that [REDACTED] was an assistant cook and had sailed on the ships "Pioneer Wave", the "SS Flying Foam" and the "SS Gulf Banker." The following descriptive and background data was noted in the above file as of 6/18/47:

Name:	[REDACTED]
Color:	White
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	140 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Home Address:	[REDACTED]
Next of Kin:	[REDACTED]
Baptized:	St. Mary's Church, Berwick, Pennsylvania.

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On 8/5/58 SA [redacted] was advised that there was no record of [redacted] in the files of the Maritime Service or the Coast Guard Intelligence Division, Washington, D. C.

Based on the above information and a comparison of a photograph of the subject with [redacted] and in view of the fact that the birth date of the subject is 12/25/13, at Sioux City, Iowa, and the birth date of [redacted] [redacted] at Berwick, Pennsylvania, it does not appear that [redacted] is identical with the subject. RUC.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 8/7/58

FROM : *J/BS* SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)SUBJECT GEORGE KOVAL  
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Re NY Airtel, 7/24/58, to Bureau.

WFO requested to expedite coverage of lead re  
[redacted] and report results by airtel.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>9/3/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/15, 18, 22, 24; 8/7, 15, 22, 27/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>GEORGE KOVAL</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100px;"></div>	Typed By <b>mtt</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>	

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Synopsis:

Records, Passport Division, Dept. of State, failed to disclose an identifiable record for  or  at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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DETAILS:

Signet Laboratories, 614 North La Peer Avenue, Los Angeles, California, when reinterviewed on May 1, 1958, by SAS  identified his father as

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Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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[ ] explained that he was born out of wedlock on [ ] at Cambridge, Massachusetts, and that his mother married [ ] during 1921. [ ] denied using the surname of [ ] at any time, and stated that his legal surname is [ ]

Records of the Passport Division, Department of State, caused to be searched by SE [ ] on July 14, 1958, failed to disclose an identifiable record for [ ] born [ ] at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Concerning the above, it is noted that when interviewed by SA [ ] at La Verne, California, on October 16, 1956, [ ] self described as subject's [ ] during the period 1946 through 1948, identified a passport photograph of [ ] as an individual she met at a 1950 New Year's Eve party held in Los Angeles, California.

[ ] recalled [ ] as having stated that he had known the subject at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during the latter part of World War II, and that he knew a woman who had told him she had seen KOVAL in Europe. [ ] also recalled that [ ] had stated that he met KOVAL in Paris, France, during a trip to Europe.

On the occasion of his interview by SA [ ] at Los Angeles, California, on October 29, 1956, [ ] reiterated previous denials of having met [ ] and knowing or having had contact with the subject at any time, in the United States or abroad.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 9/3/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report  
of SA [redacted], dated and captioned as above,  
at New York.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 3/27/58, at NY.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Bureau's attention is directed to NY airtel, 7/24/58, and WFO airtel, 8/6/58, captioned as above, which reflects information concerning [redacted] a merchant seaman, who entered the Port of New Orleans on 7/18/58. Background information and photograph of [redacted] as obtained by WFO at the US Coast Guard, Washington, D.C., disclosed that he is not identical with the subject.

The above information was not reported in the enclosed report because of its negative nature.

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Upon completion of investigation outstanding abroad and Identification Record checked at the Bureau concerning [redacted] the NYO contemplates no additional investigation concerning the subject, and will place this case in a closed status.

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At New York, New York

Will submit FD 9 to Identification Division regarding [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 10/28/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE-R

ReBulet dated 6/18/58, to CIA captioned as above.

Records of Identification Division. FBI revealed an Identification Record for [redacted] under FBI number [redacted]. The record disclosed that [redacted] was finger-printed on 8/4/41, by the US Army and on 1/13/45, by the "US Engineers, Knoxville, Tennessee." Identification Division Records disclosed no record for the name [redacted]

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Inasmuch as investigation requested of [redacted] by reBulet is the only investigation pending at this time, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status. P\*.

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Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

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*new* *no* You should thoroughly review the instant file and furnish the Bureau with your recommendations for future investigation in instant case.

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NOTE: Investigation concerning the subject shows that during 1942 he was employed by Raven Electric Co., NYC

While in the U.S. Army between 8/44 and 1/46 Koval was assigned to MED, Oakridge, Tenn., where he had access to info up to ~~Top Secret~~. Koval is presently residing in Russia.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 1/2/59

FROM : *Lark* SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756) ~~SECRET~~SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - RRe NY letter to Bureau, 10/28/58, captioned  
as above.Referenced NY letter advised that the only  
investigation pending in this case [redacted]b1  
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By letter dated [redacted]

A review of the file in this case disclosed  
one matter warranting further consideration prior to  
closing this case.Investigation concerning the subject has  
established that during 1942, he was employed with the  
Raven Electric Company, New York City. [redacted]

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[redacted] During the period  
August 15, 1944, - January, 1946, while a member of the  
United States Army, KOVAL was assigned to the Manhattan  
Engineering District, (MED), Oak Ridge, Tennessee and  
Dayton, Ohio, where he reportedly had access to  
information that could have varied from "Classified" to  
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In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "Commissioned Representative," KOVAL was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. No record of employment with the Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC, could be located for KOVAL.

On October 6, 1948, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America", destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts were unknown until May, 1956, at which time his aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, residents of Sherman Oaks, California, advised that the subject is presently an instructor at the Mendelav Institute, in Moscow, Russia.

Information furnished by the GURSHTELS was based on a letter written by the subject's father, ABRAM, who has been residing in Russia since around 1932.

Although extensive investigation concerning the subject has failed to establish any specific involvement by him in Soviet espionage, sufficient information has been developed concerning his background and activities in the United States which strongly suggests that he was dispatched by the Soviets to this country for the purpose of espionage. Of particular significance in that regard is his reported departure from the United States to the USSR during 1932 with his family; his known employment during 1942 with the Raven Electric Company, NYC, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN; his known sudden departure from the United States to Europe during 1948, and his reported residence and employment in the USSR from 1948 to 1956.

Following developments of information indicating residence and employment by the subject in

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Moscow, USSR, during 1956, the NYO requested the Washington Field Office to make inquiry at the Passport Office, Department of State, to determine if evidence of subject's residence in the USSR would be sufficient to effect his denaturalization despite his native born American citizenship status.

Washington Field letter, 4/17/57, to Bureau, in this case, reported the results of an informal discussion on 4/1/57, with [redacted] es-  
[redacted] established Washington Field Office contact. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that assuming the subject's reported residence and employment in Moscow, USSR, are factual, denaturalization proceedings could not be taken against the subject, who is a native born US citizen, until formal proof of an expatriative act by him has obtained. Washington Field suggested that consideration be given to effecting an interview with the subject at Moscow, USSR, through utilization of appropriate State Department channels which might possibly result in a formal renunciation by the subject of his US citizenship.

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Washington Field is requested to recontact [redacted] at the Passport Office, Department of State, to determine whether or not practical arrangements could be made through State Department channels to effect an interview with the subject in Moscow, USSR.

If the above inquiry indicates contact with the subject in the USSR is feasible, the NYO, UACB, will direct the Los Angeles Office to recontact the subject's aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTL, concerning any additional information they might have regarding the subject's residence in the USSR.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI. (65-62911)

DATE 2/12/59

FROM SAC, WFO (65-6901)

SUBJECT GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP. - R  
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 1/7/59, cc WFO.

[redacted] member of the Board in Review, Passport Office, Department of State, advised SA [redacted] on 1/14/59, that he did not believe any practical arrangements could be made within the Passport Office to effect an interview with KOVAL in Moscow. [redacted] stated that he believed such a proposal was very delicate and that the State Department would be reluctant to attempt such a contact in the Soviet Union. The basic reasons as to why [redacted] is of this opinion are set forth in WFOlet to the Bureau dated 4/17/57, captioned as above, cc to the New York Division.

[redacted] advised that should the Bureau desire to pursue this matter further, it would have to be handled on a liaison basis from the Bureau with the Office of Eastern European Affairs, Department of State.

Attached for the information of the New York Office is a copy of Title III, Chapter 3 -- Loss of Nationality, Immigration and Nationality Act, dated 6/27/52.

On 2/4/59, [redacted] Legal Section, Passport Office, Department of State, made available to SA [redacted] the passport file of GEORGE KOVAL. A review of this file disclosed no information other than is set out in the reports of SA [redacted] dated 6/15/55, and 7/20/55, at Washington, D. C., in captioned case. RUC.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 2/24/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R  
(OO:NY)

Re NY letter to Bureau, dated 1/7/59; WFO letter to Bureau, dated 2/12/59, captioned as above.

Re WFO letter reported that [redacted] member of the Board in Review, Passport Office, Department of State, advised that he did not believe any practical arrangements could be made within the Passport Office to effect an interview with the subject in Moscow, USSR. [redacted] stated that should the Bureau desire to pursue the matter further it would have to be conducted on a liaison basis from the Bureau with the Office of Eastern European Affairs, Department of State.

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The NYO recommends that the Bureau consider the advisability of instituting liaison at the Office of Eastern European Affairs, State Department, to effect an interview with the subject at the US Embassy, Moscow, to obtain his formal denunciation of US citizenship.

As the Bureau has been advised, formal denunciation by the subject of his native-born US citizenship is the only condition under which denaturalization proceedings can be taken against him under existing nationality laws.

The above recommended action is believed warranted in consideration of subject's known activities in the US, 1940-1948, which strongly suggests the possibility of his involvement

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in Soviet espionage during that period, and his apparent continuous residence in Moscow, USSR, since 1948. It is believed that any practical approach that could possibly effect subject's denaturalization should be fully exploited prior to closing this investigation. This would appear particularly desirable if necessary liaison poses situation of "maximum to be gained as opposed to nothing to be lost."

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*le* Los Angeles is requested to re-contact GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, subject's aunt and uncle, at Sherman Oaks, California, regarding their current knowledge of subject's residence and employment in Moscow, USSR.

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Director, FBI (65-62911)-210

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R*Sub*

Reurlet 2-24-59.

Prior to making any contact with the Office of Eastern European Affairs, Department of State, regarding an interview of the subject in Moscow, the Bureau will await the results of the reinterview of the subject's aunt and uncle by the Los Angeles Office. Los Angeles <sup>could</sup> should attempt to obtain full information pertaining to the subject's address, both residence and employment, in order to facilitate his interview by the Department of State.

2 - Los Angeles (65-6124)

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NOTE: Investigation re subj ~~was~~ shows during 1942 he was employed by Raven Electric Co., NYC. ~~was~~ owned by Benjamin Lassen,

Koval while in the U.S. Army between 8/44 and 1/46 was assigned to MED, Oak Ridge, Tenn. According to his aunt and uncle he is presently residing in Russia. NYO suggested the Bureau and the Department of State interview Koval in Moscow in order to determine if he revoked his American citizenship.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

FROM : *AKB*  
*omr* SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP-R  
OO: NEW YORK

DATE. 3/19/59

Re New York letter to Director, 2/24/59 and Bulet  
to New York, dated 3/9/59. *2107*

On 3/13/59 HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, were interviewed at their residence, 15302 Hartsook Street, Sherman Oaks, California. They advised that they last received correspondence from ABRAHAM KOVAL, subject's father, in 1956. They stated that this was the letter previously furnished to the FBI which reflected that GEORGE KOVAL was then residing in Moscow and worked for the Mendeleev Chemical Institute. His wife was identified in the letter as LYUDMILA.

GOLDIE GURSHTEL stated she had written at least one letter each year since 1956 to her brother, ABRAHAM I. KOVAL, addressing the letters to: 2nd Volchaevska Station, Khabarovsk Territory, "18th Party Congress" Collective Farm. *Russia.*

Mrs. GURSHTEL stated she had received no replies from the letters written by her. She said that she knows of no other relatives who have heard from or received correspondence from the KOVAL family in Russia. She stated that she does not know the residence address of GEORGE KOVAL in Moscow but that he could probably be reached through the Mendeleev Chemical Institute.

Both, HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, stated that in 1936 when they visited the KOVALS on a collective farm in Birobidjan, ABRAHAM and his wife, ETHEL KOVAL gave no

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indication of desiring to return to the United States and apparently considered themselves as citizens of the Soviet Union. Mrs. GURSHTEL recalls that she heard that if a foreigner remains in the U.S.S.R. for two years he must either declare his intention to become a Soviet citizen or return to his homeland. She, therefore, assumes that ABRAHAM KOVAL and his family have chosen Soviet citizenship.

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Date: April 2, 1959  
To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

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ON 4-3-02

Reference is made to our letter to  
[redacted] of your office dated June 14, 1956.

Information has been developed that Koval in 1948 was allegedly employed by Atlas Trading Corporation at which time he obtained a passport. He departed from the United States in 1948 and his whereabouts was unknown until 1956 when it was learned from his aunt and uncle that he was in Moscow. On March 13, 1959, this aunt and uncle advised they had received information from the subject's father who is also in Russia that the subject lived in Moscow and worked for the Mendeleeu Chemical Institute. They also learned that he is married and his wife's name is Lyudmila.

It is requested that, if possible, you arrange to have the subject interviewed in Moscow in order to determine his present citizenship status and to determine whether he plans to remain in Moscow or whether he plans on returning to the United States. This Bureau would be interested in determining whether Koval has committed an act which would expatriate him.

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Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey

NOTE:

Investigation of the subject showed that in 1942 he was employed by Raven Electric Company, New York,

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1930's and early 1940's. Jassen operated this company from 1940 to 1950 at which time he left the United States. Koval is a native-born American who served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946 at which time he was assigned to Manhattan Engineer District where he had access to info which could have varied from ~~Confidential~~ to ~~Top Secret~~. [REDACTED] Passport Office, has stated denaturalization proceedings could not be initiated unless the subject had committed an expatriative act. Believed desirable to determine through interview whether subject has committed such an act. Classified ~~Confidential~~ since Koval possibly was engaged in an espionage operation while in the U.S.

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Date 3/26/59

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

RE: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R

OO: NEW YORK

Re New York letter to Director 2/24/59; Bureau letter to New York 3/9/59; Los Angeles letter to Director, 3/19/59 and New York airtel to Director, 2/13/59, captioned Jewish Music Alliance, IS-C, Bureau file 100-341896.

Referenced airtel, dated 2/13/59 reflects that H. GURSHTEL and wife, 15302 Hartsook Street, Sherman Oaks, California, were planning to join a tour to Europe, leaving the United States on 4/8/59, sponsored by the Jewish Music Alliance.

On 3/13/59 GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL were interviewed regarding their current knowledge of her nephew, GEORGE KOVAL. They had no current information regarding him. Neither of the GURSHTELS mentioned plans to travel to Europe and Russia.

On 3/24/59 GOLDIE GURSHTEL was recontacted and advised that she and her husband planned a trip to Europe in late 1958, and obtained passports in Los Angeles in 1/59. They are to leave for Europe on 4/8/59 on the SS Queen Mary from New York City and intend to travel in Israel and Italy and possibly in Russia. She

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Special Agent in Charge

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stated they are going with a "group", but could not recall the name of the group. She said that arrangements for this trip had been made through Trans Continental Tours of New York City and she expects to be in Europe for about two months.

In view of the Bureau's interest in the current residence and employment of GEORGE KOVAL in Russia, the above information is being set forth.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 4/27/59

FROM *F/ges* SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)SUBJECT  
GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(OO:NEW YORK)*210*  
Re Bulet, 3/9/59, to NY, and LA airtel, 3/26/59, to Bureau, captioned as above.*212*  
Referenced Bulet advised that prior to making any contact with the Office of Eastern European Affairs, Department of State, regarding an interview of the subject in Moscow, the Bureau would await results of reinterview with subject's aunt and uncle, GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, at LA.*1.1*  
Re LA airtel reported results of interview with subjects aunt and uncle at LA on 3/13/59, which failed to develop current information concerning subject's residence in Moscow, U.S.S.R. LA further determined through reinterview with the GURSHTELS on 3/24/59, that they would depart the U.S. at NYC on 4/8/59, for travel to Israel, Italy, and possibly to the U.S.S.R.*31*  
Inasmuch as the inquiry by Bureau at Office of Eastern European Affairs, Department of State, concerning feasibility of interview of subject at Moscow is only investigation pending at this time, the NYO will place this case in a pending inactive status to await the advice of the Bureau concerning any further action to be taken. -P\*-  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE 3/27/59

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES

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*H* SUBJECT HARRY GURSHTEL, aka.  
Gerchin Gurshtel  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(OO: Los Angeles) (100-38357)

GOLDIE GURSHTEL, nee  
Goldie Koval, aka.  
Mrs. Harry Gurshtel  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(OO: Los Angeles) (100-38768)

Re New York airtels to Bureau dated 2/13/59, 2/24/59,  
and 3/10/59, and Bulet to New York dated 2/26/59, all captioned  
JEWISH MUSIC ALLIANCE, IS - C (Bufile 100-341896).

In accordance with instructions in reBulet, enclosed  
herewith are 16 copies of letterhead memorandum containing pertinent  
information concerning HARRY GURSHTEL and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, who are  
two of the individuals listed to make the Jewish Music Alliance  
group tour of Europe from 4/8/59 to 5/26/59.

Subjects are not maintained in the Security Index at  
Los Angeles. Available information concerning them does not  
warrant considering them for the Security Index at this time.

Residence and employment of the subjects were verified  
during interview of the subjects by SA's [redacted] and  
[redacted] on 3/13/59 in connection with case captioned  
GEORGE KOVAL, ESPIONAGE - R (Bufile 65-62911).

GOLDIE GURSHTEL on 3/24/59 furnished information to  
SA [redacted] regarding the GURSHTELS' planned trip to  
Europe.

[redacted] Passport Division, U.S. State Department,  
Los Angeles, California, advised SA [redacted] on  
3/24/59 that a record search covering the past six months  
failed to reveal any record of the GURSHTELS having applied  
for a passport at Los Angeles. She advised that it is  
possible that they could have applied and that the records  
were sent to Washington.

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The following is being furnished for the Bureau's information, inasmuch as the planned travel to Europe by HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL may possibly have some bearing in connection with investigation in case captioned GEORGE KOVAL, ESPIONAGE - R (Bufile 65-62911; LA file 65-6124), in which case New York is office of origin (New York file 65-16756). GEORGE KOVAL is the nephew of GOLDIE GURSHTEL.

A review of the Los Angeles file concerning GEORGE KOVAL reflects that GOLDIE GURSHTEL's brother, ABRAM KOVAL, and his family, including his son, GEORGE KOVAL, departed from the United States in 1932. They returned to the USSR, where it is quite possible that GEORGE KOVAL was recruited into the Soviet intelligence service and trained and dispatched to the United States in the latter part of 1940 or early 1941. In 1942 GEORGE KOVAL was employed for the Raven Electrical Company, New York, New York, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GEORGE KOVAL was inducted into the U.S. Army, assigned to special training at New York City College, and in 1945 was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to classified matters. In 1948, after discharge from the U.S. Army, he applied for and was issued a passport for travel to Europe, and on 10/6/48 he departed the United States destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts from that period until 1956 was unknown. In the spring of 1956 it was established that GEORGE KOVAL was employed by the Mendeleev Chemical Institute in Moscow, USSR.

Inasmuch as the Los Angeles file regarding GEORGE KOVAL contains no information from a specific source that GEORGE KOVAL was an espionage agent, no information concerning him is being included in the letterhead memorandum.

Information from the following sources was utilized in the letterhead memorandum:

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Source

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Location

JMA tour  
(New York Office)

IWO transfer  
100-38357-2;  
100-38768-1

IWO membership  
100-1784-1B87, p.31

DW subscription  
100-38357-1

Jewish Information Service  
100-49599-1B1, p.32

Recording Sec'y, ELJWC;  
Vice Pres., ELJWC  
100-45377-1B7, p.102, 103

Other ELJWC information

[redacted]

"Morning Freiheit" celebration

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Fairfax Jewish Kinder Shules  
100-393A-203

[USSR Info. Bulletin] 44  
100-29964-1B1(2), p.70

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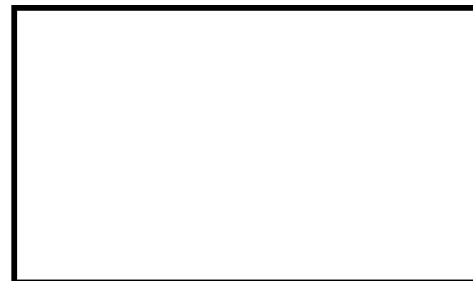
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DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS:

JEWISH INFORMATION SERVICE  
(LOS ANGELES JEWISH CULTURAL  
AND FRATERNAL CLUBS; FRATERNAL  
MEDICAL PLAN OF THE CALIFORNIA  
FRATERNAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION)

[redacted] to  
SA [redacted]

EMMA LAZARUS JEWISH WOMEN'S  
CLUBS, aka Emma Lazarus  
Council of Jewish Women



"MORNING FREIHEIT"

SERVICE BUREAU OF JEWISH  
EDUCATION, aka.

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The letterhead memorandum is classified "~~Confidential~~," since data reported from [redacted] could reasonably result in his identification and compromise his dealings with representatives of the Soviet Government and satellite countries in the travel field; and also to protect the identities of confidential informants, sources, and investigative techniques. In this regard, certain information has been paraphrased to further conceal the source.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D.C.:

Washington Field is requested to check files of the Passport Division, U.S. State Department, for all information set forth by HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTel on their passport applications and submit results in form suitable for dissemination.

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APPENDIX

JEWISH INFORMATION SERVICE (LOS ANGELES JEWISH CULTURAL AND  
FRATERNAL CLUBS; FRATERNAL MEDICAL PLAN OF THE CALIFORNIA  
FRATERNAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION)

An informant advised on June 13, 1958, that the Jewish Information Service was formed about January, 1954, in Los Angeles for the purpose of continuing "cultural" activity of the International Workers Order. Prior to March 4, 1956, the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural and Fraternal Clubs were identified as the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural Clubs, this group being formerly known as lodges of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order. The Jewish Information Service and the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural and Fraternal Clubs are currently active in the Los Angeles area.

The Fraternal Medical Plan of the California Fraternal Service Association was formed about January, 1954, for the purpose of continuing the activity of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order Medical Plan. Since that date the functioning of the Fraternal Medical Plan of the California Fraternal Service Association has been integrated into the operation of the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural and Fraternal Clubs, inasmuch as the service provided by the Fraternal Medical Plan of the California Fraternal Service Association is made available almost exclusively to members of the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural and Fraternal Clubs; further, effort is made to have members of the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural and Fraternal Clubs also become members of the Fraternal Medical Plan of the California Fraternal Service Association.

The Fraternal Medical Plan of the California Fraternal Service Association is currently active in the Los Angeles area.

The International Workers Order and the Jewish People's Fraternal Order have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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EMMA LAZARUS JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS, aka Emma Lazarus Council  
of Jewish Women (ELJWC)

An informant advised on June 13, 1958, that the Emma Lazarus Jewish Women's Clubs of Los Angeles are affiliated with the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Club, having national headquarters in New York, New York, which, until the early part of 1951, were known as the Emma Lazarus Division, Jewish People's Fraternal Order. According to the informant, the Emma Lazarus Jewish Women's Clubs, Los Angeles, in about 1952 and early 1953 were also known as the Emma Lazarus Council of Jewish Women.

The Jewish People's Fraternal Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

An informant advised on March 11, 1958, that the aims and objectives of the Emma Lazarus Jewish Women's Clubs of Los Angeles are directed mainly towards raising funds for the publications, "People's World" and "Morning Freiheit," and for the organization, Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. Financial support for these is solicited at the majority of functions of the Emma Lazarus Jewish Women's Clubs of Los Angeles.

According to the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1955, page 388, Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born "is well known as a Communist front."

The "People's World" is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

The "Daily Worker," which was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958, in its issue of December 9, 1946, page seven, column one, in an editorial referred to the "Morning Freiheit" as a Jewish-language Communist paper.

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"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason," August 25, 1956, page 93, describes the "Morning Freiheit" as a "Yiddish Communist Daily" newspaper.

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SERVICE BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION (SBJE), aka Service Bureau for Jewish Education, Jewish Educational Service, Committee for Progressive Jewish Education (CPJE)

On March 12, 1953, an informant made available a pamphlet captioned "Questions and Answers About the Progressive Jewish Children's Schools," which states that for more than twenty years the children's schools of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) constituted the progressive wing of secular Jewish education.

On March 17, 1951, another informant reported that as of January 17, 1951, the school system of the JPFO was then known as CPJE, the former name being the National School and Cultural Commission of the JPFO.

On September 14, 1955, this informant advised that on the afternoon of September 13, 1955, the CPJE acceded to the demands of the New York State Department of Insurance, as liquidator of the International Workers Order (IWO), that the CPJE surrender itself to the state as an asset of the IWO. The state on that date took control and closed the office of CPJE located in Room 903, 160 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

On January 23, 1956, another informant made available a letter of SBJE, Room 1005, 1123 Broadway, New York City, dated January 19, 1956, which reflected that, although "to a certain extent the attacks on our schools paralyzed our normal contact with you," the SBJE established its own office, opened, and is serving all progressive Jewish children's schools.

The JPFO, the Jewish nationality section of the IWO, and the IWO have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The SBJE continues to be located in Room 1005, 1123 Broadway, New York City.

Another informant advised that the Progressive Jewish Children's Schools of Los Angeles were formerly identified as the Jewish People's Fraternal Order Children's Schools and are also known as the Jewish Kinder Shules of Los Angeles which are affiliated with the Service Bureau of Jewish Education and are currently active in the Los Angeles area.

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Re: HARRY GURSHTEL, aka. Gerchin Gurshtel;  
GOLDIE GURSHTEL, nee Goldie Koval, aka.  
Mrs. Harry Gurshtel

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911) DATE June 30, 1959

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

SUBJECT : GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
OO: New York.

In connection with an investigation regarding HARRY GURSHTEL (LA 100-38357) and GOLDIE GURSHTEL (LA 100-38768), a pretext interview was conducted with GOLDIE GURSHTEL on 6/16/59, by SA [REDACTED] Pretext utilized was inquiring newspaper reporter interested in their trip to Europe. b7C

GOLDIE GURSHTEL advised that she and her husband returned from their European tour about ten days ago. They visited England, France, Austria, Israel, Poland, and the Ukraine, USSR. She stated they did not visit Moscow or Leningrad as previously planned because of her husband becoming ill with pneumonia.

It has been previously established through interview of the GURSHTELS that they are the aunt and uncle of GEORGE KOVAL.

The Bureau has previously requested interviews of the GURSHTELS to determine their knowledge of subject's current address and employment in Moscow. The GURSHTELS, prior to their recent trip to Europe, have admitted no knowledge of KOVAL's address. During a previous trip to Russia in 1936, they visited the KOVAL family. In 1956, they received correspondence from ABRAHAM KOVAL, subject's father, reflecting that KOVAL was then at the Mendeleev Institute in Moscow.

It is reasonable to assume that if the GURSHTELS reached the USSR during their recent European tour that they may have made an attempt or actually visited with KOVAL or some member of his family.

New York is requested to advise whether a re-interview of HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL is desired at this time and specifically whether current information regarding GEORGE KOVAL's residence and employment would be of any value to this investigation.

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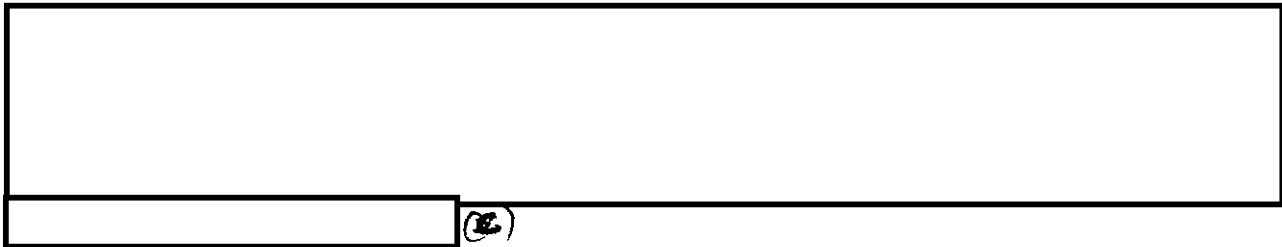
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FROM *[Signature]*, NEW YORK (65-16756)SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
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ReLAlet, 6/30/59, to Bureau captioned as above.

Relet reported results of pretext interview with GOLDIE GURSHTEL, subject's aunt, at Los Angeles on 6/16/59. The pretext interview disclosed that GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL had returned to Los Angeles from a European vacation which included travel to the USSR.

*6/18/59* UACB Los Angeles is requested to re-interview HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL concerning their knowledge of the subject's present or last known whereabouts in USSR; also attempt to develop information concerning contact they may have had with subject or his relatives in the USSR.



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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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New York letter to the Bureau, dated  
7/20/59, captioned as above.

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In considering results of investigation conducted by the State Department, the New York Office has afforded consideration to the possibility that GEORGE KOVAL, who departed Sioux City, Iowa, during 1932 or 1933, with his father, ABRAM, is, in fact, identical with the GEORGE KOVAL who departed the United States during October, 1948, and whose background during the period 1941-1948 is generally known to this Bureau as a result of investigation conducted in this case. ~~SECRET~~ U

While it is impossible to render a conclusive opinion, it would appear that the subject in this investigation is identical with the GEORGE KOVAL, born in Sioux City, Iowa, on 12/25/13. The foregoing is based upon the favorable comparison of passport photographs of the subject, taken during 1948, with photographs of GEORGE KOVAL, taken in Sioux City, Iowa, during 1929, prior to the reported departure of the KOVAL family from that city during 1932 or 1933.

This report has been classified "~~Confidential~~" since it contains information furnished by Department of State which was so classified. ~~SECRET~~ U

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LOS ANGELES (Info)

At Los Angeles, California.

One copy of this report is being designated for the information of Los Angeles, which office is presently conducting investigation regarding subject.

WASHINGTON FIELD

*cc per 20-221*  
At Washington, D.C.

1. Will recontact [redacted] Passport Office, Department of State, and apprise him of results of investigation conducted by the Office of Security, Department of State, at Moscow, USSR. (S)u

2. Will request [redacted] to render an opinion, if written statement submitted by "G. Koval", in which he claims Soviet citizenship since 1932, has any bearing upon subject's citizenship status or suggests possibility of any further action to effect his denaturalization.

NEW YORK

*cc 20-221*  
At New York, New York.

Will await results of investigation being conducted by Washington Field and Los Angeles prior to considering advisability of closing this case.

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The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, as reviewed during April, 1955, contain no information relating to the return to the United States of the subject or any of the members of his immediate family. ~~C~~ U

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 9/29/59

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R  
OO: New York

Re Los Angeles letter to New York dated 6/30/59  
and New York letter to Bureau dated 7/20/59. 217

On 9/28/59 HARRY GURSHTEL was interviewed by  
SA's [redacted] at his  
residence, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, Calif.

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GURSHTEL advised that he and his wife GOLDIE  
GURSHTEL travelled to Europe and the USSR during May and  
early June, 1959. They took this tour with a group of  
tourists from the Los Angeles area. GURSHTEL advised that  
in late May, 1959 he and his wife reached Kiev, USSR where  
he became sick. His wife, GOLDIE, continued on without him  
to Moscow with other members of the tour group. He followed  
in two days and rejoined the group in Moscow.

He said that prior to departing the United States  
he and his wife had written ABRAHAM KOVAL, GEORGE's father,  
and requested him to meet the GURSHTELS in Moscow. He said  
they received a letter from him reflecting that because of  
his advanced age and difficulty of travel, he would not be  
able to come to Moscow to see them.

He said that they learned after arriving in Moscow  
that travel for them to Ambijan was not possible, therefore,  
they did not see ABRAHAM KOVAL during their stay in Europe.  
GURSHTEL advised that both he and his wife attempted to  
contact GEORGE KOVAL by telephone calls to the Mendeleev  
Institute in Moscow, however, they were advised that he was  
not there and no information could be obtained as to his  
residence address. GURSHTEL stated that neither he nor  
his wife saw or were in contact with GEORGE KOVAL or any  
other member of the KOVAL family during their trip to the  
USSR.

- ② - Bureau  
2 - New York (65-16756)  
3 - Los Angeles (1 - 100-38357) (H. GURSHTEL)  
(1 - 100-38768) (G. GURSHTEL)

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GURSHTEL advised that his wife GOLDIE is very ill and said she could add nothing to what he had already stated. GURSHTEL stated that he caught pneumonia in the USSR and cut short his planned tour to return to the United States.

GURSHTEL advised that he had no additional information to offer regarding the KOVAL family that had not been previously covered in former interviews by the FBI. He said that his last information regarding KOVAL was that he is connected with the Mendeleev Institute and resides somewhere in Moscow. He stated he does not know GEORGE KOVAL's residence address.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 11/4/59

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-6901)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(OO: NY)

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Rerep SA [redacted] dated 9-23-59, at NY, NY, cc to WFO, which requested the WFO to ascertain from the Passport Office, State Department, if the results of investigation conducted by State at Moscow, USSR, has any bearing on subject's citizenship status or suggests possibility of any further action to effect his denaturalization.

Until 11-2-59, the Passport Office, State, was unable to locate in its files the results of the investigation conducted by State at Moscow. This information was found by State in the files of State Security.

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A review of subject's file at the Passport Office, State, on 11-2-59, by SA [redacted] revealed that [redacted] Passport Legal Division, had requested the Chief of Foreign Adjudication, Passport Office, to render an official opinion as to KOVAL's citizenship status and possible expatriation.

For information, should the Passport Office decide there is sufficient evidence to bring about the expatriation of a native born citizen residing abroad it will request the U. S. Embassy, Moscow, to submit a Certificate of Loss of Nationality. When this certificate is submitted to the State Department it will be approved and returned to the Embassy in Moscow to be forwarded to the subject, and a copy will be furnished to the I&NS.

WFO will follow this matter with the Passport Office and will report the ruling of that office when available. P.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 11/17/59

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-6901)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(OO: NY)

ReWFOlet dated 11-4-59, which set forth that the Passport Office, State Department, had requested an official opinion from the Foreign Adjudications Division as to subject's citizenship status.

On 11-10-59, SA [redacted] reviewed a memorandum dated 11-6-59, prepared by the Chief of the Foreign Adjudications Division, State, entitled "GEORGE KOVAL". It was noted that in addition to subject's passport file, his file at State Security also was reviewed and this file contained all the information that had been furnished State by the Bureau.

The memorandum dated 11-6-59, set forth that there is no information of record on which the State Department could make a finding that KOVAL lost citizenship of the United States under any of the sub-sections of Section 349(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, or under any of the sub-sections of Section 401 of the Nationality Act of 1940, the predecessor law. As KOVAL is reported to have informed the Embassy at Moscow that, "I have been a citizen of the USSR since 1932", it is necessary to consider his status in the light of the first paragraph of Section 2 of the Act of March 2, 1907, which was in effect in 1932.

This memorandum noted that the file regarding ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, father of the subject, was reviewed and it was found that the application upon which a passport was issued to him on 5-14-32, included the other members of his family, including GEORGE KOVAL. From the statements contained on the application, and other background information, it was believed that the elder KOVAL was one of those many individuals living in the United States who was induced and solicited by the Amtorg Trading Corporation to go to the Soviet Union to assist that country in its development programs. A large number of these persons immediately took appropriate steps to be recognized as Soviet nationals not only for themselves but for members of their families.

It was pointed out that the Soviet law in force at the time the KOVALS went to the Soviet Union provided that if both parents became citizens of the Soviet Union their children also acquired Soviet citizenship if they had not reached fourteen years of age. For children from the ages of fourteen to majority to acquire Soviet citizenship through their parents, the consent of such children was required.

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This memorandum continued that since GEORGE KOVAL was over fourteen years of age when he went to the USSR with his parents, and since it is now reported that he has been a citizen of the USSR since 1932, it would appear that his acquisition of Soviet citizenship took place through his parents with his consent, although this could never be confirmed-even if we desired to do so.

The information available in the case of GEORGE KOVAL as it now stands is insufficient to enable us to request the Embassy at Moscow to prepare a formal certificate of expatriation pursuant to the first paragraph of Section 2 of the Act of March 2, 1907. On the other hand, KOVAL is reported to have made an admission against interest which would appear to be sufficient to deny him recognition as a citizen of the United States until such time as he may present himself at the Embassy at Moscow and submit to appropriate interrogation.

Legal Division; Passport Office, advised that a special memorandum was being placed in subject's file to the effect that should any additional information come to the attention of the State Department it should be referred to the Legal Division.

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In view of the above, no further logical investigation at State suggests itself re this matter. The Legal Division has taken special action to see that any additional information is brought to its attention; therefore, WFO does not believe it necessary to place a stop with the Passport Office. RUC.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 11/24/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT : GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP-R

Re NY letter to Bureau, 11/7/59; WFO letter to Bureau received at NY, 11/18/59.

Re WFO letter reported results of a memorandum issued by the Chief of the Foreign Adjudications Division, Department of State concerning subject's U.S. citizenship status which disclosed the following:

Information developed to date is insufficient to attempt to expatriate subject as a U.S. citizen. It was noted that a letter, purportedly written by subject, and received at American Embassy, Moscow, USSR, during July, 1959, represented an "admission against interest" by the subject which was described as apparently sufficient to deny him recognition as a citizen of the U.S. It was also noted that the latter condition would require the subject to appear before State Department authorities for interrogation in the event he returns to the U.S.

Inasmuch as all logical action has been taken to effect subject's expatriation and since as outlined in re NY letter all other investigation has been completed, this case is being placed in a closed status. A lookout notice placed with INS on 10/27/57, concerning subject's return to the U.S. will be maintained at this time. C

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MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 12/20/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R

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Captioned cases have been reopened for review in the light of experience gained concerning illegal Soviet agent operations in the pending [redacted] ESP-R" investigations.

Assuming that both GEORGE KOVAL and [redacted] operated as illegal Soviet agents in the US during the early 1940's, it is conceivable that certain of their successful techniques of establishing cover would be utilized by Soviet illegals currently operating in this country. It is possible that a thorough review of the known activities of both KOVAL and [redacted] will suggest certain methods of logical approaches to the problem of detection of Soviet illegals in the US.

Of significance with regard to the above, it has been determined that both the [redacted] subjects have in their possession a Selective Service registration card reflecting registration with LB 126, Bronx, NY, the same LB at which GEORGE KOVAL registered in 1942 and subsequently was processed for entry into the US Army. This clearly indicates that the Soviets have utilized that phase of KOVAL's experience to assist [redacted] subjects to establish cover in this country. It is recalled that GEORGE KOVAL returned to the USSR in 1948 and was last known to be employed at the Mendeleev Institute, Moscow, as an instructor in 1959. [redacted] whereabouts have been unknown since 1943, when he was last known to be employed and residing in NYC.

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- 4 - Bureau (65-62911) (RM)
- (2 - 65-64320) [redacted]
- 4 - Baltimore (65-2384) (RM) EX-108
- (2 - 65-2595) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (65-17161) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (65-17812) (METHODS OF DETECTING SOVIET ILLEGAL AGENTS)
- 1 - New York (65-16756)

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# Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE. 2/27/62

FROM SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R

[REDACTED]  
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Re NY letter to the Bureau, dated 12/20/61,  
captioned as above.

A review of captioned cases has disclosed one  
major similarity in backgrounds of GEORGE KOVAL and  
[REDACTED] believed to have operated as Soviet  
illegal espionage agents in the US during the early 1940's.  
Both subjects, upon arriving in NYC, were initially  
employed with the Raven Electric Co., operated by  
BENJAMIN W. LASSEN [REDACTED]

This conclusion is supported by records of [REDACTED]  
which reflect initial employment for KOVAL and [REDACTED]  
at age 29, with the Raven Electric Co., in 1942 and  
1943 respectively.

In view of LASSEN's apparent status of opera-  
ting a cover company for incoming illegal Soviet agents  
in the US, it is believed that the employment history  
of each known former employee of the Raven Electric  
Co., which conducted business from 1940 to 1950 should  
be determined through [REDACTED]

- 4 - Bureau (65-62911)
  - (2 - 65-64320) [REDACTED]
- 3 - Baltimore (65-2384)
  - (1 - 65-2595) (INFO) [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (65-17160) [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (65-17812) (METHODS OF DETECTING SOVIET  
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- 1 - New York (65-16756)

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Previous investigation in the "FARADAY" case, has utilized [ ] to develop employment history of several employees of the Raven Electric Co., for whom additional checks will not be requested at this time.

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UACB, Baltimore is requested to review records of [ ] for the following individuals who were employed with the Raven Electric Co., during the indicated period. Normally required background of either Social Security Number or date of birth is not available for [ ] of the employees employed during the 1942-1946 period. If Baltimore is unable to conduct record check by name and former employer only, the NYO will undertake individual background checks, where appropriate, to establish date of birth and/or Social Security Number. The requested review is directed at uncovering other Soviet agents who may have been employed with the Raven Electric Co., through a check of employment history and age at which employee applied for Social Security.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Social Security #</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
✓ [ ]	Feb. 1942 - April 1942	[ ]	
✓ [ ]	Feb. 1942 - June 1942		
✓ [ ]	Mar. 1943 - Mar. 1944		
✓ [ ]	Sept. 1943 - December 1943		
✓ [ ]	Jan. 1944 - Feb. 1945.		

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 4/12/62

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (65-2384)

SUBJECT : GEORGE KOVAL  
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[REDACTED]  
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Re New York letter to Director, dated February 27, 1962.

[REDACTED] furnished on April 6, 1962, the complete employment records for the following individuals and their account numbers, which are being furnished to the New York Office:



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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 4/30/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT : GEORGE KOVAL  
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ReNYlet to Bureau, 12/20/61. *ser 223*

*mg* As noted in relet, both GEORGE KOVAL and [REDACTED] are assumed to have operated as Soviet illegal GRU agents while in the U.S. during the respective periods of 1940-1948 and 1942-1943. In addition, BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, who employed both KOVAL and [REDACTED] at his electrical firm in New York City known as the Raven Electric Company. [REDACTED]

In an attempt to verify the assumptions with regard to KOVAL, [REDACTED] and to determine the nature of their espionage activities in the U.S., Bureau authority is requested to brief [REDACTED] concerning their respective backgrounds. In view of informant's knowledge of GRU operations in the U.S., both legal and illegal, dating back to the late 1930's, it appears likely that he would be knowledgeable concerning them.

In addition to discussing backgrounds of KOVAL, [REDACTED] it is anticipated that photographs of these subjects will be displayed to him.

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(1 - 65-57859)

1 - New York (65-17161)

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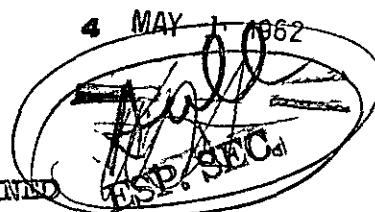
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To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI

GEORGE KOVAL

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Bureau File: 65-64320

New York File: 65-17161

ReNYlet 4/30/62 captioned as above.

Bureau authority is granted to use information such as the name, place of employment and similar background data developed through investigation in questioning the informant concerning Koval,  for the purpose of developing further information concerning the espionage operations of these individuals.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-67321)

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-21756) (c)

UNSUB; Aka (FNU) [redacted] (phonetic)  
(True Name), GRU Illegal Agent in  
US From About 1938 Until About 1952 -  
Now Employed at GRU Centre in Moscow  
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Re memos of SA [redacted] at NY dated 5/18/62  
and 5/28/62.

The Bureau has been previously advised by the above  
memos that the subject of this case is identical to GEORGE  
KOVAL, Bufile 65-62911; NY 65-16756.

Captioned case is being closed at NY. Any further  
investigation in this matter will be conducted from the KOVAL  
case file.

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1 - New York (65-16756)  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (65-21756)

DATE: 5/18/62

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka (FNU) [REDACTED] (ph),  
(True Name), GRU Illegal Soviet  
Agent in United States From  
About 1938 Until About 1952,  
Now Employed at GRU Centre in  
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Source [REDACTED]

Date of Contact

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SA [REDACTED]

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Bureau authority is not necessary prior to  
incorporating information furnished by [REDACTED] into  
communications suitable for dissemination outside the Bureau  
when such information is suitably paraphrased in such a  
manner that the identity of the source is not jeopardized.  
In the event that certain specific information is of such a  
nature that it should not be disseminated, the decision not  
to disseminate the information should be called to the attention  
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A classification of ~~Confidential~~ will be adequate for  
material furnished by [REDACTED] particularly when the information  
relates to Soviet nationals and it can be paraphrased. Some  
information furnished by this source, due to its very nature, would  
necessitate a higher classification inasmuch as the disclosure  
of such information to any unauthorized persons could have a  
serious effect upon international relations and on the national  
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It is suggested that information set forth in communications suitable for dissemination be set forth in a manner similar to or as follows:

"T symbol in early 1962 advised that" followed by a succinct statement reflecting what informant furnished about a given individual.

This should not include too much detail which might tend to disclose informant as our source.

If information furnished by informant contained in this memorandum is included in communications suitable for dissemination, it should be classified ~~"Secret"~~ NYO recommends against dissemination of this information.

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GRU Illegal Agent [redacted]

[redacted] Informant was shown a photograph of [redacted]  
and was given the following background information of [redacted]

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Informant advised that [redacted] had been the "boss" of GRU illegal agent [redacted] and had been instrumental in providing him with documentation when [redacted] entered the United States. Third Party

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Informant was given the name of GEORGE KOVAL and advised that KOVAL, born in the United States in 1914, had returned to the Soviet Union in the mid 1930's.

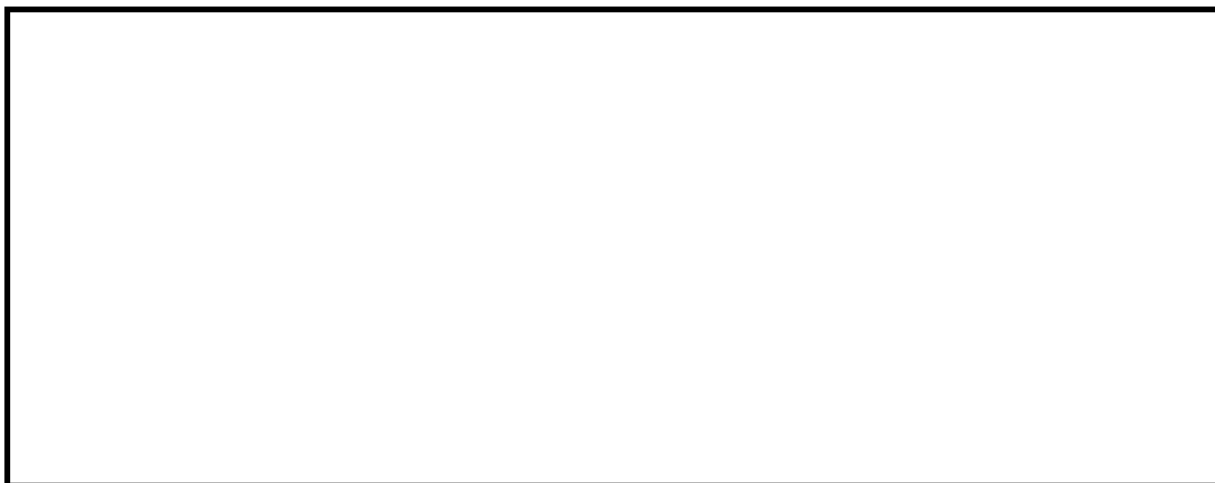


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KOVAL or someone representing him had been illegally sent back to the US and had been employed by the Raven Electric Company in NYC. KOVAL acted as an illegal GRU agent from 1940-1948. Informant was further told that KOVAL in the mid 1940's had served in the US Army at various locations including Oak Ridge and had also been a student at CCNY following his discharge from the Army. The code name of [REDACTED] was given to the informant.

Informant advised that he vaguely recalled the name GEORGE KOVAL, however, he did not remember the code name [REDACTED]. He associated the name of KOVAL with the aforementioned background information, most specifically due to the fact that KOVAL was in the Army, had been assigned to Oak Ridge, and had subsequently been a student at what the informant believed to be NYU rather than CCNY. Informant, in fact, was under the belief that CCNY was NYU. He further stated that this person not only attended CCNY as a student, but most probably taught there following his graduation. Informant advised that undoubtedly KOVAL is identical with [REDACTED] based on his recollection and knowledge of the above facts.

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(R) 65-58267

BY LIAISON

Date: July 30, 1962

To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Subject: [ ]  
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Reference is made to your letter [ ]

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In the event information comes to our attention

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1 - 65-62911 (George Koval)

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Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

NOTE TO SAC, NEW YORK:

Reference is made to your file 65-14890 concerning  
[redacted] Reference is also made to your file 65-4743 on  
Unsub; [redacted] and your file 65-16756 on  
George Koval. Attached for your information is a copy [redacted]

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This communication is classified "~~Secret~~" inasmuch

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE 11/5/62

FROM *M* SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

SUBJECT GEORGE KOVAL  
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[REDACTED]  
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ReNYlet to the Bureau, 5/18/62, captioned  
"UNSUB; aka (FNU) [REDACTED] (Ph) (true name), GRU Illegal  
Soviet Agent in US From About 1938 Until About 1952,  
Now Employed at GRU Centre In Moscow;" NYlet to the  
Bureau, 2/27/62, captioned as above.

Referenced letter reported results of con-  
tact with [REDACTED] on 5/10/62, which reliably iden-  
tified GEORGE KOVAL and [REDACTED] as illegal  
GRU Agents in the US during the approximate respective  
periods of 1942-48 and 1941-43.

On 9/24/62, [REDACTED] identified GEORGE  
KOVAL as an illegal GRU Agent. The informant attributed  
the following information concerning KOVAL to one  
[REDACTED]

GEORGE KOVAL was born in the US and returned  
to the USSR with his father during the 1930's. KOVAL  
graduated from the Mendelaev Institute of Technology,  
Moscow, around 1937, following which he was offered a

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(METHODS OF DETECTING  
SOVIET ILLEGAL AGENTS)

1-New York (65-16756)

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position by the GRU to work for that organization in the US as an illegal agent. KOVAL accepted the assignment and returned to the US before the outbreak of World War II. KOVAL served in the US Army during World War II. He was described as a tall individual with black hair who wore glasses and who was of Jewish nationality.

KOVAL remained in the US until 1948 or 1949, when he returned to the Soviet Union. According to [redacted] KOVAL was afraid to work as an illegal agent while in the US and "did nothing" during his period of assignment. The GRU invested a considerable amount of money to establish KOVAL in the US and received nothing from him in return.

Upon returning to the Soviet Union, KOVAL made application to join the faculty of the Mendelaev Institute of Technology in Moscow. His application was initially declined, but he was subsequently granted a position following a phone call to the Institute by a member of the Central Committee of the CP, who directed that KOVAL be placed on the faculty staff. KOVAL is presently a doctor of science at the Mendelaev Institute of Technology and teaches in the Department of General Chemical Technology.

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Information furnished by source concerning background of KOVAL generally agrees with information developed during course of investigation concerning him. Information reflecting KOVAL was inoperative during his assignment in the US is of significance since it had been assumed that his espionage activities were, in all probability, related to his tour of duty with the US Army at the Atomic Installation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 1944-45.

The cases concerning KOVAL and [redacted] were reopened pending a survey of their known activities in

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an attempt to devise logically approaches to the problem of detection of Soviet illegals in the US.

A thorough review of the KOVAL case, which included a careful review of employment records of all known employees of the Raven Electric Company furnished by [redacted] (see referenced NYlet, 2/27/62) has failed to suggest an illegal agent detection program that could be applied at this time.

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In view of the above, it is possible that the Soviets made use of identities of other Canadians, particularly those of Slavic background, who fought with the Spanish Loyalists in the Spanish Civil War for the purpose of providing a cover for illegal agents in the US. This office has reviewed its files in the investigation entitled "VETERANS OF THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE; IS - C," NY file 100-2545, Bufile 100-7060 in an attempt to identify all listed members of the Mc Kenzie - Papineau Brigade with negative results.



Additional investigation concerning this matter will be conducted in the case concerning [redacted] and no further action will be taken concerning [redacted] GEORGE KOVAL, which case is being returned to a closed status at NY.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-64300)

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-17167)

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Re: FOIA to Bureau, 10/22/63; Bureau 0-7  
to New York, 11/13/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 7 copies of a  
LHM reflecting pertinent information developed in the  
investigation. GEORGE KOVAL, Ex-r. Also enclosed  
are 2 passport photographs of GEORGE KOVAL taken during  
1945 and being submitted for possible referral to  
[REDACTED]

If the Bureau authorizes an interview with  
[REDACTED] concerning captioned subject,  
this office agrees with recommendations made by the  
WFO with regard to discussion of the KOVAL case with  
[REDACTED] at the same time.

In that regard, the LHM sets forth several  
pertinent questions this office believes should be asked  
of [REDACTED] regarding KOVAL.

As noted in WFO letter, KOVAL was described by  
[REDACTED] during May 1962 as being identical with the  
illegal GRU agent originally described by the informant  
as (FNU) [REDACTED] a GRU illegal agent in the US from  
about 1938-1952. A review of the information furnished  
by [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED] prior to his identification  
as GEORGE KOVAL reflects several pertinent discrepancies  
in background of [REDACTED] as compared with known information  
concerning KOVAL. The primary discrepancies noted are:

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1. The surname [ ] was the illegal agent's true name. This is contradictory to established fact that the identity of GEORGE KOVAL was that illegal agent's true identity.

2. [ ] did not serve in the US Armed Forces during WW II. This is contradictory to GEORGE KOVAL's known military service with the US Army from 1944-1946.

3. [ ] was last known in 1962 to be employed by the GRU at the Centre in Moscow, USSR. This is contradictory to KOVAL's known employment as recent as 1959 as a professor at the Mendelaev Institute of Technology in Moscow, USSR. In that connection, Bureau's attention is directed to New York letter to Bureau, 11/5/62, in the KOVAL case which reported information furnished by [ ] during 9/62 concerning KOVAL, which information the informant attributed to one [ ]

[ ] This information described KOVAL as a failure in his illegal agent activities in the US. It is noted that KOVAL obtained employment as a professor at the Mendelaev Institute of Technology in Moscow, USSR upon his return to the Soviet Union only as the result of assistance rendered by a member of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party. If the information furnished by the informant is correct, it can be assumed that KOVAL returned to the Soviet Union in disgrace and therefore it is highly improbable he would have been employed as a GRU official at the Centre in Moscow, the position which according to [ ] [ ] was last known to hold.

The above information is noted merely to bring attention to the possible mis-identification of GEORGE KOVAL as [ ] This possible mis-identification is conceivable in consideration of conditions under which contact with [ ] was maintained. The Bureau

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is well aware of the voluminous information presented to that informant during a comparative brief period for identification and the possibility does exist that the identity in question may have been confused by the informant.

This office does not contemplate re-opening the [ ] case unless so advised by the Bureau after the Bureau considers the above noted observations and results of the proposed re-interview with [ ]

To summarize, the NYO believes an interview with [ ] concerning [ ] and KOVAL and [ ] could possibly be productive in clarifying the identities of the known illegal agents connected with [ ]

[ ] It is not believed that referral of information furnished by [ ] concerning [ ] KOVAL or [ ] properly concealed, to [ ] would jeopardize that highly confidential source.

The confidential source mentioned in the LHM is [ ] The LHM is classified "Confidential" to protect the highly confidential source [ ]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
January 2, 1964

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

George Koval  
Espionage - R

Extensive investigation has developed the following pertinent information concerning George Koval who has been identified by a confidential source as a Soviet GRU (Intelligence Service of the Red Army) illegal agent who operated in the United States from approximately 1938-1948. ~~Koval~~

*AKA: NK* George Koval was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on December 25, 1914. His father and mother, Ethel and Abram ~~Koval~~, both natives of Pinsk, Russia, immigrated to the United States during 1910. In addition to George Koval, the Kovals had two other sons, Isaiah and Gabriel, ~~Koval~~ both born in Sioux City, Iowa, on [redacted] and [redacted] respectively. ~~Koval~~

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Records of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflect that Abram Koval, who had been naturalized as a United States citizen on September 8, 1919, was issued a passport on May 14, 1932, for travel with his family to England, Poland or Russia. Investigation in Sioux City, Iowa, established the approximate date of the departure of the Koval family from the United States as during May, 1932. The reason for the departure was reported as Abram Koval's desire to return to the Biro-Bidjan Region in Russia to participate in a Russian program of Jewish resettlement in that area. The exact date of George Koval's return to the United States is not known. The first verified record of his presence in the United States was the payroll records

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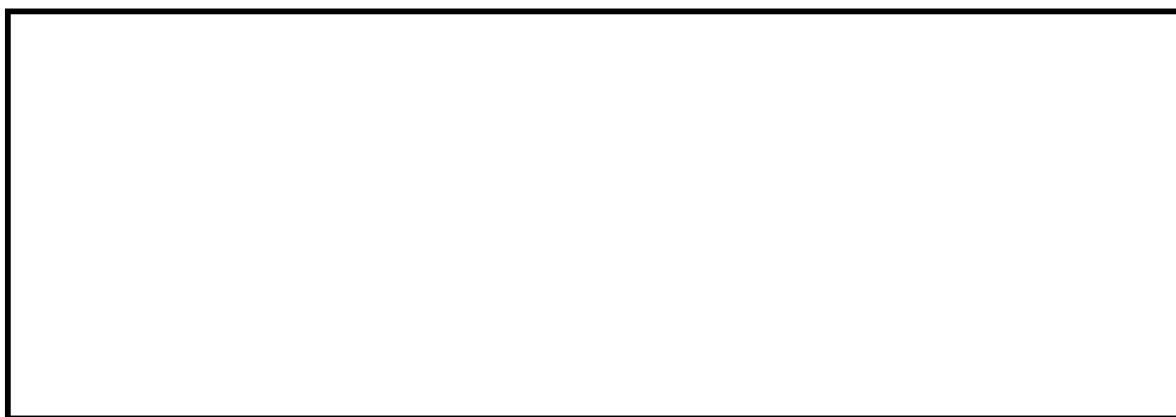
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of the Raven Electric Company, a New York City electrical firm owned and operated by Benjamin W. Lassen. The payroll records on file at Albany, New York, reflected George Koval was employed as a counterman with the Raven Electric Company, from January 1942 until his induction into the United States Army in February, 1943. The Raven Electric Company was owned and operated by Benjamin W. Lassen in New York City from 1940 until Lassen's sudden departure from the United States to Poland in 1950.



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Following Koval's induction into the United States Army, he qualified for specialized training at the College of the City of New York (CCNY) which resulted in his assignment during 1944 to the Manhattan Engineering Project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. His military service consisted of tours at the atomic installations at Oak Ridge and Dayton, Ohio, where he reportedly had access to "~~top secret~~" information concerning the development of the atomic bomb.

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Following his honorable discharge from the United States Army in 1946, Koval enrolled at CCNY where he was awarded a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree in 1948.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflect that Koval was issued a passport on March 15, 1948 for proposed travel to France, Belgium, Switzerland, and Poland as a representative of the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City.

Departure Manifest records of the "SS America" reflected that Koval departed the United States at New York City on October 6, 1948 destined for Le Havre, France.

*Neo mas*  
Information furnished during 1956 by *Gurshtel* Harry and Goldie Gurshtel, uncle and aunt of George Koval, disclosed that George Koval was in the Soviet Union at the U.S.P. time of a visit by the Gurshtels to that country in 1936. A letter received by the Gurshtels from Koval's father, Abram Koval, during 1956 disclosed that George Koval was at that time employed as a professor at the Mendelaev Institute of Technology in Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). This employment was subsequently verified by the United States Embassy in Moscow, USSR.

In connection with proposed interview of [ ] it is requested that a photograph of George Koval be displayed to [ ] to determine if Koval is one of the illegal GRU agents reported by [ ] in 1942 to be dispatched to the United States. It is noted that a photograph of Koval was previously shown to [ ] in 1954. At that time, however, background information concerning Koval had not been developed and the possibility exists that the photograph of Koval will be more meaningful to [ ] when displayed in connection with discussion of Koval's case history reported herein.

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In addition, the general possibility that George Koval was a replacement for the illegal agent [redacted] should be discussed with [redacted]. It is recalled that [redacted] was described by [redacted] as the true name for a Soviet GRU agent recruited in 1940 for subsequent dispatch to the United States where he would report to [redacted] for documentation. [redacted] was described as being a graduate electrical engineer and as being instrumental in recruiting the illegal agent known by the code name [redacted]. The only known comparison between information developed concerning George Koval with [redacted] is their mutual background as graduate electrical engineers. The possibility seems to exist that since [redacted] defected in [redacted] shortly after the planned operation of [redacted], the Soviets may have replaced [redacted] with another individual in consideration of [redacted] familiarity with that intelligence mission. This discussion could possibly shed some light on the numerous unknown subject cases reported by [redacted] extensive investigation in most of which failed to resolve [redacted] information.

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George Koval is described as follows:

Name	George Koval
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	December 25, 1914, Sioux City, Iowa
Height	5' 11 1/2"
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Medium
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Medium-dark
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Electrical engineer
United States Army Serial Number	32790994
Social Security Number	052-18-0975
Last Known Residence	2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York (1948)
Distinguishing characteristics	Pock-marked face as a result of an acne con- dition, wears glasses

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GEORGE KOVAL

Re NY letter and LHM to Bureau and WFO dated 1/2/64,  
Bulet to NY dated 1/22/64.

ReBulet instructed NY to delete information con-  
cerning the name [REDACTED] in referenced NY LHM.

Enclosed for the Bureau and WFO are eight copies  
and one copy, respectively, of amended pages two and four  
replacing pages two, four and five of NY LHM.

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Re WFO letter and letterhead memorandum (LHM) to  
Bureau, 10/22/63 and [REDACTED] letter to Bureau, [REDACTED]

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(5) *per OGA 6-20-01 Para 24 E-3 classified*  
(5) Since the only investigation pending in this  
matter [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] this case is being returned to a closed  
status at New York. Any information developed concerning  
GEORGE KOVAL will be handled in the KOVAL investigation.

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TO Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *AM* DATE 5/6/64

FROM S. J. Papich *P*

SUBJECT GEORGE KOVAL  
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*Branigan*  
[redacted] furnished the following to the Liaison Agent on 5/5/64:

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The above information is being directed to the attention of the Soviet Section.

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- 1 - Mr. Branigan
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- 1 - Mr. Papich

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To: ADIC, New York (65-16756)  
SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI (65-62911)

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Enclosed for Albany and New York is one copy each of  
a CIA memorandum.

[redacted] would be willing to discuss the incident with an  
FBI representative. (S) per OGP 6-20-01/SP3BTJ classified

[redacted] indicates it is  
[redacted] is identical with subject. For information  
of Albany, subject is believed to have been a Soviet GRU illegal  
who operated in the U. S. from approximately 1938 to 1948.  
Initially, Koval was employed by the Roven Electric Company, a  
New York City electrical firm, [redacted]

In 1943, he was inducted into the  
U. S. Army. After specialized training, he was assigned to the  
Manhattan Engineering Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. There he  
reportedly had access to "Top Secret" information concerning  
the development of the atomic bomb. Following his discharge,  
Koval obtained a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering  
at the City College of New York. He departed the U. S. in 1948  
for Europe. In 1959, he was employed at the Mendeleev Institute  
of Technology in Moscow, USSR. (S)

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Airtel to SAC, Albany and ADIC, New York

Re: George Koval

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FBIHQ believes further interview of [redacted] would be advantageous both for historical and operational reasons. New York, since it was the office of origin in captioned matter, should therefore select its most knowledgeable and experienced Special Agent (SA) in FCI matters to conduct the interview. The interviewing SA should not only be intimately familiar with captioned matter but with illegal matters generally. In addition, he should be conversant with regard to [redacted]

[redacted] may have difficulty with English or desire not to be interviewed in the English language, New York should also designate a mature, experienced Russian translator to assist with the interview. (S)

New York is reminded that our leads to Koval stemmed from a sensitive source who should not be alluded to during the course of the interview. (S)

Albany should arrange with [redacted] an agreeable date for interview and should then so advise New York. The New York SAs are authorized to travel for the interview and additional authorization is not required. (S) b1 b3

Albany and New York note [redacted] (S) (S)

NOTE:

Subject, according to our [redacted] source, was a GRU illegal who operated in the U. S. between 1938-1948. While in the U. S. Army in World War II, Koval was employed by the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he reportedly had access to atomic bomb information. [redacted] b2

[redacted] matter by the Bureau. Above authorizes New York, which was office of origin, to have two experienced and knowledgeable Agents (one a Russian translator) travel to [redacted] for interview. Due to our minimum knowledge of illegal activities, it is felt the interview is justified for historical and operational reasons. (S) - 2 - brackets classified per OGA 6/24/01

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)  
 FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (65-16756)  
 SUBJEC: GEORGE KOVAL  
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[redacted] and trans-  
 lator [redacted] will arrive at the Resident Agency, Rutland,  
 Vermont, at 9:00 a.m., 4/19/78, for conference and consultation  
 prior to proceeding to schedule interview of [redacted]  
 at 1:30 p.m. *Q*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)  
 FROM: SAC, ALBANY (65-3021) (P)  
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Re Bureau airtel to New York dated 3/2/78.

On 3/23/78, contact was established with

[redacted] On 3/24/78,  
 [redacted] suggested an appointment with him at his  
 residence for purpose of interview on April 19, 1978,  
 at 1:30 P.M. This appointment is firm barring unforeseen  
 circumstances by [redacted] understands  
 that the interview will be conducted by an FBI interpreter  
 and two Special Agents. [redacted] did not indicate  
 whether his interpreter would be present or not; however,  
 she is away and her return to Vermont is not expected until  
 late March or early April 1978.

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TO DIRECTOR (65-62911) (IMMEDIATE)

NEW YORK (65-16756) (IMMEDIATE)

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GEORGE KOVAL; ESP-R.

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RE ALBANY AIRTEL TO BUREAU, MARCH 29, 1978 AND TELCALLS  
TO NEW YORK SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] APRIL 10 AND 11, 1978.

ON APRIL 10, 1978, [REDACTED] (S) PERSONAL SECRETARY  
AND TRANSLATOR FOR [REDACTED] (S) CONTACTED ALBANY  
FBI RE DETAILS OF PROPOSED INTERVIEW ON APRIL 19, 1978. SHE  
WAS UNAVAILABLE WHEN INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE AND DESIRED  
TO KNOW WHETHER FBI TRANSLATOR WAS NECESSARY AND HOW MANY  
PERSONS INVOLVED. SHE WAS ADVISED THREE FBI EMPLOYEES,  
INCLUDING ONE TRANSLATOR, WERE INVOLVED IN THE INTERVIEW.

NECESSITY OF SITUATION EXPLAINED TO HER, I.E. THOROUGH  
BACKGROUND, PRECONSIDERATION OF PHRASING OF QUESTIONS IN  
RUSSIAN LANGUAGE, ETC. SHE ADVISED [REDACTED] (S) DID NOT  
WANT MANY PEOPLE BUT WOULD EXPLAIN SITUATION TO HIM

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ON APRIL 11, 1978, SHE RECONTACTED ALBANY OFFICE AND ADVISED (S) [REDACTED] ONLY WANTED ONE PERSON TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW AND THAT HE WAS ADAMANT IN THAT POSITION. SHE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS PLACED THE BUREAU IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION AND ATTRIBUTED HIS VIEW TO HIS NOT THOROUGHLY UNDERSTANDING INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS BECAUSE OF LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY. SUBSTANTIAL CONVERSATION OCCURRED WITH (S) [REDACTED] CONCERNING THE DIFFICULTY THIS IMPOSED UPON BUREAU IN CONDUCTING A MEANINGFUL INTERVIEW AND SHE SAID SHE WOULD BRING THIS TO HIS ATTENTION.

CONTINUED NEGOTIATION OF THIS MATTER THROUGH [REDACTED] (S) BY THE ALBANY OFFICE APPEARS TO BE FRUITLESS IN THAT SHE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A SYMPATHETIC ADVOCATE.

NEW YORK KNOWS BEST THE COMPLEXITY OF THE TOPIC AND THE NECESSITY FOR TWO SPECIAL AGENTS AND IT APPEARS WITHOUT QUESTION THAT THE PRESENCE OF A BUREAU TRANSLATOR IS ESSENTIAL.

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FM DIRECTOR (65-62911)  
TO NEW YORK (65-16756) IMMEDIATE  
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REALTEL APRIL 12, 1978, COPY TO NEW YORK.

IN VIEW OF [redacted] ADAMANT REFUSAL TO BE

INTERVIEWED BY TWO SPECIAL AGENTS AND AN INTERPRETER, FBIHQ  
FEELS THAT POSITION SHOULD NOT BE PUSHED FURTHER. THIS OPINION  
IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE FBI HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY HAD ACCESS  
[redacted] AND OUR INITIAL INTERVIEW MAY DETERMINE THE  
COURSE OF FURTHER CONTACTS WITH HIM. FURTHER, SINCE THIS MATTER  
IS PRIMARILY OF HISTORICAL INTEREST, IT IS NOT FELT IT SHOULD  
BECOME A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE.

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SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE IS  
THEREFORE DIRECTED TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEW. HE SHOULD FAMILIAR-  
IZE HIMSELF WITH CAPTIONED MATTER PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO

THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN BUREAU AIRTEL OF MARCH 2, 1978.

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NEW YORK SHOULD CONTINUE TO COORDINATE THIS MATTER WITH ALBANY

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NOTE:

Subject, according to our [ ] source, was a GRU illegal who operated in the U. S. between 1938-1948. While in the U. S. Army in World War II, Koval was employed by the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he reportedly had access to information relative to the atomic bomb.

[ ]

[ ] would be amenable to an interview on this matter by the Bureau. Originally, two Agents and an interpreter were scheduled. However, [ ] has indicated he will only be interviewed by one Agent. Above authorizes a New York Agent fluent in Russian to interview [ ] (S) since this matter does not necessarily warrant two Agents and because this is our initial interview with him. (S) Classified by 7006, XGDS 2 and 3, Indefinite.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# memorandum

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5/4/78

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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

ADIC, NEW YORK (65-16756) (P)

SUBJECT:

GEORGE KOVAL  
ESP - R

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

ReBuairtel to NY, 3/2/78; ALairtel to Bureau,  
3/29/78; NYairtel to Bureau, 4/5/78; ALteletype to Bureau,  
4/12/78; Bureau teletype to NY, 4/13/78. (U)

Enclosed herewith is an original and five copies  
of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. (U)

One copy of this communication is being sent to  
Albany for information so they may have a record of the  
contacts with [redacted] for future  
references. (S)

Referenced Bureau airtel enclosed a memo from  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] He [redacted]  
[redacted] would be  
willing to discuss the incident with an FBI representative  
if this would be of any assistance". (S)

After an appointment had been made to interview  
[redacted]  
[redacted] translator advised he changed his mind and would permit  
only one person to conduct the interview. (S)

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1-Albany (65-3021) (Encl. 1) (INFO) (RM)  
1-New York

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[REDACTED]

Upon entering the compound, [REDACTED] greeted the interviewing agent and escorted him to the chalet/study where she made appropriate introductions. The interview was conducted entirely in the Russian language and in the presence of [REDACTED] (U)

After the preliminary introductions, [REDACTED] inquired as to the purpose of this interview. He was advised it concerned the telephone conversation mentioned [REDACTED] purportedly between [REDACTED] which occurred in December, 1949, but, in fact, involved an unknown individual who called the American Embassy in Moscow and mentioned a (FNU) KOVAL and atomic information. (S)

[REDACTED] inquired rather surprisedly as to how the interviewing agent knew about this matter. It was explained that the interviewing agent was instructed by his superiors to ascertain the complete facts regarding this matter. [REDACTED] appeared very reluctant to converse on this topic and inquired why should he explain these details in April, 1978, when [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and contain this information. (S)

It should be noted that later in the interview, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

cast doubt on the veracity of this previous statement. (S)

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to the voice identification incident. Throughout the interview, [ ] acted as if the Bureau was trying

[ ]  
secrecy. Although strict confidentiality was explained to him, he advised he preferred this interview not to be made a matter of record because the Senate Select Committee could easily obtain this information and he did not want to be associated in any way with the FBI. When asked if he had ever been interviewed by American Intelligence before, he replied he never had and this was the first interview by a representative of American Intelligence. He also requested that no notes be taken during the interview. (S)

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Since [ ] kept referring to the fact that all the details pertaining to the KOVAL identification will [ ] it was inquired whether an interview could be arranged at some future date after [ ]. He advised it would not be necessary since all the facts will be in this version. (S)

Although the interview lasted one hour and [ ] did answer certain questions, it was felt that he would have been more talkative and agreeable if the topic was other than one which [ ] to the world. When asked if he has personal fear of retaliation by the KGB [ ] [ ] advised he will accept that responsibility as a [ ] (S)

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[ ] appears to be an eccentric, very intelligent individual with a tremendous ego. During an interview, it is difficult to draw information from him since he seems to prefer listening to answering questions. When he replies, it is not direct but as if speaking from a lectern. (S)

It is noted that [ ] approximately 60 years old, was quite friendly and helpful. She was present during the interview but did not participate since it was conducted entirely in the Russian language. She later apologized for [ ] lack of cooperation and advised the interviewing agent that he should contact her in the future if she could be of assistance. She furnished her telephone number: [ ] (S)

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The interviewing agent was SA [redacted] (U)

It should be noted that while [redacted] was not sure of the exact time of the call, the approximate time reference would seem to be correct. It will be recalled that GEORGE KOVAL departed the US on 10/6/48, and his departure at this time did not seem to be based on any obvious reason or occurrence. The operation of running the [redacted] was continued on by [redacted] until he left the US on 12/16/50, and, in fact, his wife conducted the phasing out of the operation and she did not leave until March of 1951. (S)

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It could, therefore, be logically deduced at this time that if, in fact, such a call were made the Soviets might have used the information in the telephone call to warn GEORGE KOVAL thereby precipitating his flight. According to the best of [redacted] recollection, there does not seem to have been any details concerning [redacted] in the telephone call and thus there would have been no necessity for him to abort his role in the operation at this time. (S)

It is felt that if, in fact, such a call were received at the American Embassy in Moscow if the call were not recorded the information contained in it should have at least been made a matter of record. (S)

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York

May 4, 1978

George Koval

On April 19, 1978, [redacted]  
was interviewed in the Russian language by a Special  
Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI),  
in the presence of [redacted]

[redacted] (S)  
[redacted]  
individuals. To the best of his recollection, he  
ascertained this information about 1949-1950. (S)

The contents of the telephone call were several  
sentences in the Russian language warning the Embassy  
that Georgi (George) Koval, a Soviet Agent or a ~~Secret~~  
Agent (could not recall which term used), will receive  
~~secret~~ material on the atom bomb in a radio store. He  
could not recall any other details regarding the contents  
of this telephone call. (S) (U)

[redacted] advised that the person receiving  
this call at the American Embassy apparently did not  
adequately understand the Russian language and, in fact,  
instructed the caller to repeat this information to the  
Canadian Embassy. (S)

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5/16/78

To: ADIC, New York (65-16756)

From: Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL  
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Reurlet dated 5/4/78.

FBIHQ recognizes the problems encountered by New York  
in its recent interview [redacted]

(S) [redacted] and appreciates the detailed background infor-  
mation which you provided in referenced letter. In regard to

(S) [redacted] the American Embassy, Moscow, USSR, [redacted] (S)

[redacted] you requested FBIHQ [redacted]

[redacted] (S) At this time, FBIHQ  
is not attempting to fulfill that lead due to the lapse of time

(S) [redacted]

[redacted] (S) [redacted] per OGA 6/20/01

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NOTE:

Subject, according to our [redacted] source, was a GRU  
illegal who operated in the U. S. between 1938-1948. While in  
the U. S. Army in World War II, Koval was employed by the  
Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he reportedly  
had access to atomic bomb information (S) [redacted]

[redacted]

(S) [redacted] New York attempted to interview  
[redacted] on this topic [redacted]

[redacted] (S) [redacted] per OGA 6-20-01

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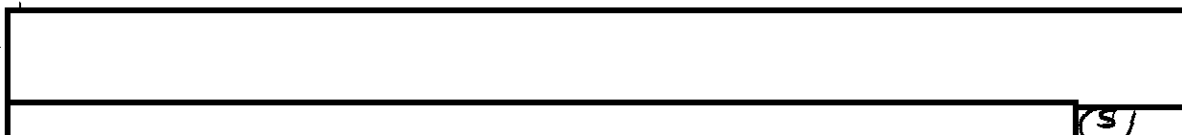
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If information from [redacted] is furnished to the field, the above cautions must be set forth and a copy of your outgoing communication should be designated for Bureau file 105-18153.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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1 - 65-67371 (Unsub. GRU illegal)

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# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC (65-21273)  
FROM: SA [REDACTED] (#33)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
ESP - R

DATE: [REDACTED]

NY 5-10-66

Reference:

NY airtel captioned [REDACTED]  
dated [REDACTED]

Source:

[REDACTED]

Date of Contact.

[REDACTED]

Contacted By:

SA [REDACTED]

Characterization:

A confidential informant  
who has furnished reliable  
information in the past

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1-NY (105-7159)	1-Bu (105-25436)	[REDACTED]
1-NY (65-15896)	1-Bu (65-60531)	[REDACTED]
1-NY (65-14635-A2)	1-Bu (65-56847)	(SIS-GRU)
1-NY (65-16756)	①-Bu (65-62911)	(GEORGE KOVAL)
1-NY (65-21847)	1-Bu (65-67426)	(UNSUB; Soviet Agent, an American Friend of [REDACTED])

[REDACTED]

1-NY (105-32597)	1-Bu (105-73453)	[REDACTED]
1-NY (65-21168)	1-Bu (65-67298)	[REDACTED]
1-NY (65-21273)	1-Bu (105-18153)	[REDACTED]

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When incorporating information furnished by [redacted] into communications suitable for dissemination outside the Bureau, Bureau authority is not necessary when the information can be paraphrased so that the identity of the informant is not jeopardized. When certain specific information is of such a nature as to prohibit dissemination, the Bureau should be advised of the basis for non-dissemination.

Certain information furnished by [redacted] will be of such a nature as to necessitate a classification above "Confidential", since the disclosure of this information to unauthorized persons could have a detrimental effect upon international relations and the national defense. In all other instances, a classification of "Confidential" will be adequate if the information relates to Soviet nationals and can be adequately paraphrased.

When disseminating information received from [redacted], no reference should be made to the time (date, month or year) the information was received. This should be set forth administratively.

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Suitable paraphrasing of the information to be disseminated, plus concealment of the time of its receipt, will materially assist in concealing the identity of the source.

If the attached memorandum sets forth a Soviet's GRU code name, no further dissemination of that code name should be made. Such information is of no investigative value and its indiscriminate and unwarranted misuse could endanger the informant's sensitive position.

IN VIEW OF THE HIGHLY SENSITIVE POSITION OF [redacted] EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED IN HANDLING ANY INFORMATION ATTRIBUTED TO THIS SOURCE, AND NO ACTION TAKEN WHICH COULD CONCEIVALLY JEOPARDIZE THE SECURITY OF THE INFORMANT OR REVEAL HIS IDENTITY.

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I then asked the subject if he recalls [redacted] the Agent whom he had told us about who operated several Agents in the US Department of State, including one who is allegedly an [redacted] I asked the subject if any additional attempts had been made to reactivate [redacted] The subject said no, not during his stay in the New York "Direction".

I asked the subject if the GRU have any plans to review files of old Agents in order to determine whether or not they should be reactivated.

The subject said that there is a new theory in the GRU that it is useless to reactivate old Agents. He said that they came to this conclusion because most of the old Agents now are either too old, under some kind of suspicion for something or other, or most of them have lost their possibilities. He said in about 1956, the GRU had made "big moves" to reactivate a lot of old Agents and that this program was probably in effect until 1961. He said, however, in both New York and Washington, D.C., that all of these attempts turned out to be failures. He said that this led to the conclusion that this was a useless situation.

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The subject then said, however, that he does recall one old Agent whom they did reactivate and that is the "man who is a [redacted] He said that [redacted] had been recontacted in the United States and subsequently reactivated. Subject then stated that [redacted] years ago, had been in contact with [redacted] who is now working in Moscow at the Academy of Sciences. He said that [redacted] has written several books and has had recent contact with Americans who come to Moscow who are interested in the Academy of Sciences.

I asked the subject if he had any current information in regard to the "UNSUB; Soviet Agent, an American Friend of [redacted] who furnished information to [redacted] on chemical formulas pertaining to poisonous gases.

The subject said that he had never heard the name of this person. He said he did hear that the formulas that were sent to [redacted] by this person were subsequently sent to Moscow

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and special studies were conducted with them. He said he heard that these analyses indicated that these formulas were not important. He said that he knows that this man was never developed by the GRU and probably his contacts with [redacted] were "his first and last meeting with the Soviets". The subject said that probably after the [redacted] operation, the Soviets "quit on this man".

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 12/11/64

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [65-60531] (U)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK [65-15896] (U) (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka  
ESP-R  
(GRU)  
(OO: New York)

Re NY letter 11/3/64, and Bulet 11/23/64 (U)

- ⑦ Bureau (RM)  
(1-65-62911) (GEORGE KOVAL)  
(1-65-64201) (UNSUB: aka [redacted])  
(1-65-64189) [redacted] (U)  
(1-65-68530) [redacted]  
(1-65-67371) (UNSUB: aka (FNU) [redacted])  
3 - Los Angeles (65-5401) (RM) [redacted] (U)  
(1-65-6380) (UNSUB: aka [redacted])  
(1-65-6390) (UNSUB: aka [redacted])  
1 - Phoenix (65-840) (UNSUB: aka [redacted]) (RM)  
2 - San Francisco (65-4558) (RM) [redacted] (U)  
(1-65-5175) [redacted]  
6 - New York  
(1-65-16756) (GEORGE KOVAL)  
(1-65-17170) (UNSUB: aka [redacted]) (U)  
(1-65-17150) [redacted]  
(1-105-65721) [redacted]  
(1-65-21756) (UNSUB: aka (FNU) [redacted])  
(1-65-15896) [redacted] (U)

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C. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]

In August, 1963, [REDACTED] advised that a [REDACTED] is a GRU agent. This professor had visited Bulgaria in August of 1962, and knows [REDACTED] U

As previously noted, [REDACTED] departed the US on 5/25/62, en route to Europe. He returned to NYC in either September or October, 1962. Also, as previously noted, [REDACTED] advised that during [REDACTED] 1961 trip to Europe, [REDACTED] visited various government offices in Bulgaria. U

(FNU) [REDACTED] S.

In March, 1962, [REDACTED] advised that a Soviet, whose true name was [REDACTED] had operated as an illegal agent (GRU) in the US from about 1933, until about 1952. According to the informant, [REDACTED] was then (1962) employed in the GRU Center in Moscow, where he was considered to be an expert on illegal agent activities. The informant did not know of [REDACTED] utilized while serving in the US [REDACTED] U

Also in 1962, the informant advised that another GRU illegal with the code name of [REDACTED] had been "the boss" of [REDACTED] and had been instrumental in providing [REDACTED] with documentation when [REDACTED] first entered the US. (U)

[REDACTED]  
between 1940 and 1950, at which time he left the US. (U)

In May, 1962, [REDACTED] without hesitation a photo of GEORGE KOVAL [REDACTED] (U)

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GEORGE KOVAL

Investigation into the background and activities of GEORGE KOVAL was initiated by the Bureau in September, 1954, due to KOVAL's employment at the Raven Electronic Company, NYC, during the period 1939 - 1943. It was determined that KOVAL departed the US in 1948, reportedly to conduct business as the European sales representative of the Atlas Trading Corporation. No information was developed as to whether KOVAL ever returned to the US subsequent to 1948. (U)

At no point during the KOVAL investigation was [redacted] name uncovered. However, it is noted that KOVAL entered CCNY on 9/5/46, and graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Electronics Engineering Degree on 2/1/48. [redacted] in early 1947, while in California stated that he was travelling to NYC by auto and planned to take a [redacted] was in fact an [redacted] on a part-time basis from September, 1947 until at least February, 1953. (U)

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During the KOVAL investigation, his friends, acquaintances, college instructors, and several students who were at CCNY with KOVAL during the period 1946 - 1948, were interviewed. As mentioned above, no information was developed that would link [redacted] to KOVAL. (U)

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3. As noted above, [redacted] unhesitatingly [redacted] GEORGE KOVAL [redacted] with [redacted]. However, various discrepancies between the known background of KOVAL and [redacted] were noted. These discrepancies are not being listed here, since as far as KOVAL is related to [redacted] they become academic. As far as the informant is concerned, KOVAL [redacted]. In August, 1963, when he would have been in a more advantageous position to determine if [redacted] had been erroneous he did not so advise. He made no amendment or correction to his [redacted] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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4. It is noted with interest that the only two known Soviet contacts of [redacted] have been illegal agents, [redacted]. This may give some basis for a working hypothesis that [redacted] intelligence assignment is in connection with the support or control of illegal agents. ~~(S)~~ (U)

5. It is recalled that previously in this memorandum (comment number 1 [redacted]) the opinion was offered that [redacted] was not in contact with the Soviets in August, 1955. According to the [redacted] information, [redacted] last address known to the Soviets was in California, thus indicating that [redacted] was inactive between 1946 - August, 1955. [redacted] maintained permanent residence and employment in NYC from late 1947 until the present time. If [redacted] was working with KOVAL during the period 1947 - 1948 (KOVAL departed the US in 1948) why was only [redacted] 1946 address known to the Soviets? The following explanations are offered: ~~(S)~~ (U)

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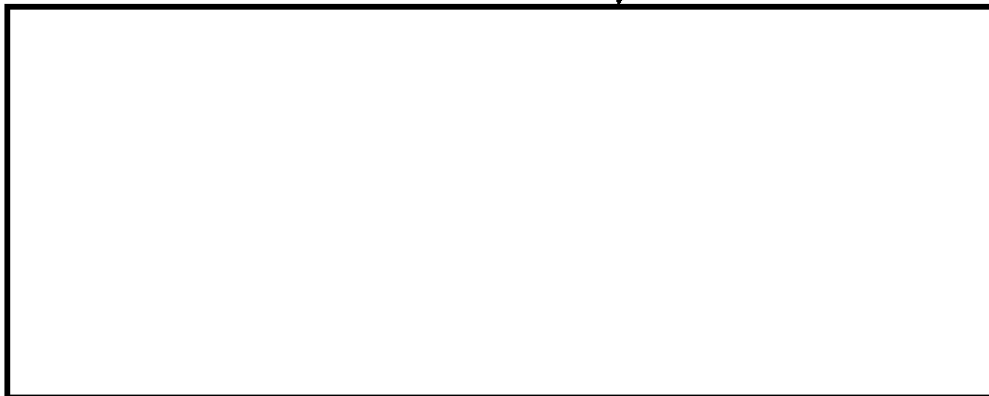
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- (a) The Soviets were aware of [redacted] 1955 address in NYC but furnished false information to [redacted] to test his reliability. (U)
- (b) [redacted] knowing [redacted] predated 1946 and did not come about because of their concurrent presence at CCNY during the period 1947 - 1948. It is noted that [redacted] (KOVAL) had been in the US since 1939. (U)

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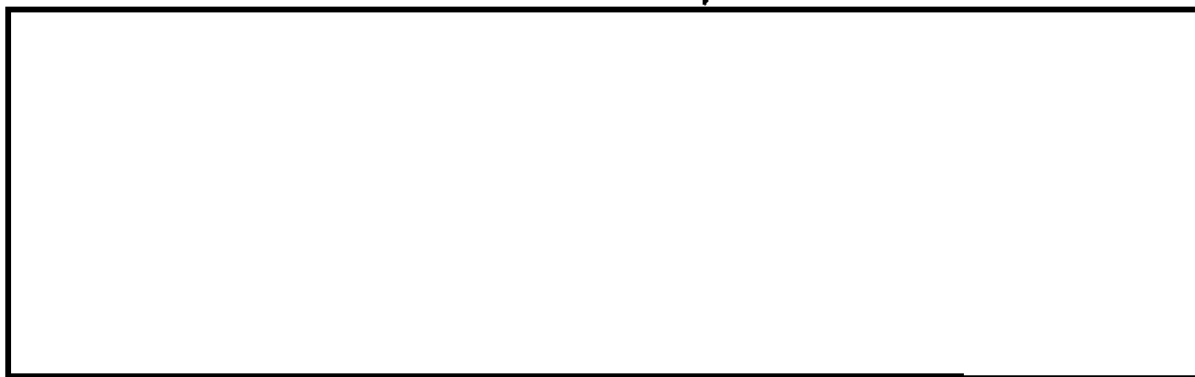
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