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FROM : Director, FBI

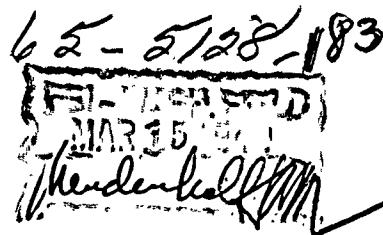
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 11, 1949

Reference is made to Laboratory report dated March 7, 1949 stating that the Corona portable typewriter, K12, would be returned to Washington Field Division. Accordingly, this typewriter which has Serial No. 1C180116, was given personally by SA F. E. Webb to SA L. W. R. Oberndorf of the Washington Field Office on March 10, 1949. This is the same typewriter that was obtained by SA Oberndorf by a search warrant from the apartment of JUDITH COPLON at McLean Gardens, Washington, D. C., March 5, 1949. Appropriate specimens of this typewriter have been made for the Laboratory's examinations.

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*Assigned to Mendenhall*





## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : ROBERT W. McCASLIN, Special Agent

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 15, 1949

This is to advise that Mr. L. L. LAUGHLIN of the Bureau telephonically advised this office that SAS [redacted] and [redacted] should make themselves available to Mr. RAYMOND WHEARTY, Assistant to Mr. CAMPBELL of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice [redacted] prior to Grand Jury Hearing at [redacted]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

DATE: March 15, 1949

FROM : W. ARTHUR AULL, SA

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE

On March 10, 1949, Confidential Informant [ ] advised that during casual conversation with one Mrs. VERA M. McGUGIN, an employee of the Federal Security Agency, she indicated that JUDITH COPLON, recently arrested for espionage activities in the Department of Justice, was a former neighbor of hers. In her conversation with [ ] she mentioned that at one time she and JUDITH COPLON were having "maid trouble" in that they were unable to obtain a maid to care of their respective apartments. The informant advised Mrs. McGUGIN indicated that JUDITH COPLON probably contacted her maid since COPLON was having difficulty in locating one. b7D

The above information was orally given to Special Agents MENDENHALL and BUCHHOLZ inasmuch as it was ascertained that the name of Mrs. McGUGIN had been found among the personal effects of JUDITH COPLON. Mrs. McGUGIN is presently employed in room 2322 at the Federal Security Agency, 3rd and Independence Avenue, S.W.

In utilizing this information it should be so disguised as to protect the identity of the informant in this case.

cc - 66-2135

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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65-5128 To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

FBI WASHINGTON FIELD 3-16-49 9:00 AM URGENT  
DIRECTOR, FBI

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. COLOENL HAROLD S. HAYES, ARLINGTON HALL, ARMY SECURITY AGENCY, ADVISED ON MARCH 10, LAST, THAT ALFRED BOYNTON STEVENSON, ANALYST, WAR DEPARTMENT, OF HIS VOLITION FURNISHED A SIGNED MEMORANDUM SETTING FORTH THE EXTENT OF HIS ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE SUBJECT. A PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF THIS MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH 8, 1949, WAS FURNISHED TO THE WFO. THIS MEMORANDUM REFLECTS STEVENSON FIRST MET COPLON IN JUNE OR JULY, 1946, IN CLASS AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY; BETWEEN THEN AND OCTOBER, 1946, THEY MET AT SCHOOL OCCASIONALLY; VISITED IN HER APARTMENT; ATTENDED CONCERTS WITH HER. IN NOVEMBER, 1946, HE INVITED HER TO HOGATES RESTAURANT ONE SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND THERE INTRODUCED HER TO A PARTY OF PRESENT AND FORMER ARMY SECURITY AGENCY EMPLOYEES, LATER INVITING HER TO ATTEND A PARTY WITH HIM GIVEN BY ASA EMPLOYEES *241* IN THAT TWO OR THREE NIGHTS LATER A GROUP OF EIGHT OR TEN EMPLOYEES GATHERED AT HER APARTMENT FOR A TURKEY SUPPER. FROM DECEMBER, 1946 TO MARCH, 1947, MET INFREQUENTLY FOR SUPPER AND A SHOW. IN APRIL, 1947, COPLON TOLD HIM SHE WAS LOOKING FOR A JOB WITH ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND HE SUGGESTED THE ASA. FROM MAY TO OCTOBER, 1947, SAW ONLY ONCE OR TWICE, COMMUNICATING OCCASIONALLY BY TELEPHONE. FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER, 1947, *241* SAW HER OCCASIONALLY AFTER CLASS. FROM DECEMBER, 1947 TO MARCH, 1948, DID NOT SEE OR COMMUNICATE WITH HER. IN APRIL, 1948, SHE TELEPHONICALLY DISCUSSED HER PLANS FOR MOVING TO McLEAN GARDENS AND A TRIP TO EUROPE. FROM MAY, 1948 TO NOVEMBER, 1948, DID NOT SEE OR COMMUNICATE WITH HER. MET HER ONCE IN NOVEMBER, 1948, AT NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART. ATTENDED MOVIE WITH HER IN DECEMBER, 1948. ON DECEMBER 23, 1948, INVITED HER FOR HOLIDAY DINNER

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Miss Gandy

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

WHICH SHE DECLINED. HE LAST TALKED TO HER MARCH 2, LAST, WHEN SHE CALLED AND DISCUSSED HER INDECISION AS TO GOING BACK TO LIVE IN NEW YORK OR STAYING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. STEVENSON LISTED FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS INTRODUCED TO COPLON AT HOGATES RESTAURANT: KATHY PIERCE, FRANK AND HELEN PORRAS, MYRON KAUFMAN, FLOYD ALBERT, HOWARD ISRAEL. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE IN PARTY, 901 TAYLOR STREET LISTED AS: JOHN SMOT, KATHY PIERCE, JOAN MacKENZIE, ELLIE BRIMBERG, Mrs. YANPOLSKY, RONNIE APSEL, WARREN BLANDING, JACK MURPHY, HOWARD ISRAEL, FLOYD ALBERT, AND OTHERS HE DIDN'T RECALL. INFORMANT  ADVISED ON FEBRUARY 28, 1949, THAT COPLON TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED STEVE, WHO THOUGHT HE HAD SEEN HER IN NEW YORK PREVIOUS WEEKEND. COPLON ADVISED HIM THAT SHE HAD NOT BEEN TO NEW YORK THEN BUT PLANNED TO GO THE COMING WEEKEND.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

Director, FBI

March 16, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL (U)

Re mylet January 25, 1949, advising you of the installation of a telephone-microphone surveillance in the office of JUDITH COPLON, room 2220, Department of Justice Building, extension 163.

This surveillance was discontinued at 1:30 A. M., March 12, 1949.

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407 U. S. Court House  
Seattle 4, Washington

March 11, 1949

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: JUDITH COPLON; (SOVME)  
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Seattle letter to the Bureau, a carbon copy of which was sent to Washington Field, dated February 10, 1949.

It has subsequently been ascertained that CLICK C. RELANDER, mentioned in the referenced letter, is employed by the REPUBLIC PUBLISHING CO., Yakima, Washington, where he formerly held the position of City Editor.

The enclosed photograph, which is an aerial view of Yakima, Washington, appeared in the Yakima Daily Republic on February 11, 1949, and was credited to CLICK RELANDER. This photograph, which purports to show the smoke pall over Yakima, suggests the possibility of RELANDER securing other aerial photographs which might be of value to a potential enemy.

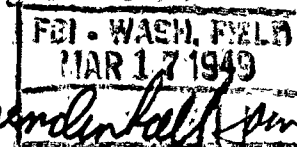
No open inquiry has been made in connection with this matter, and none is contemplated unless instructions to the contrary are received from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. B. WILCOX  
SAC

CHD/ng  
65-3022  
cc: Washington Field  
Enclosure to Bureau

*Assigned to William H. Hall*



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington

DATE: March 15, 1949

DE# FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(Your file #65-1528)

Reference is made to Laboratory Report D-95610 ET dated March 8, 1949 regarding specimens K15 through K19 submitted to the Laboratory by your office with a letter dated March 7, 1949.

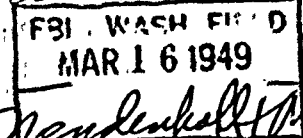
Specimens K15, K16, K18 and K19 are being returned to you herewith. However, specimen K17 has been identified with some questioned material in this case; this specimen is being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

ENCLOSURE

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT   
ADVISED THAT FOWLER HAMILTON, ATTORNEY APPOINTED TO REPRESENT GUBIT-  
CHEV, CONTACTED I. I. IPPOLITOV, SECRETARY TO RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR,  
THIS MORNING AND REQUESTED A COPY OF GUBITCHEV-S PASSPORT AND VISA,  
STATING THAT HE INTENDED TO USE THE ARGUMENT TO THE COURT THAT GUBIT-  
CHEV HAD APPLIED FOR A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AND ALSO TO THE AMERICAN  
EMBASSY IN MOSCOW FOR A DIPLOMATIC VISA WHICH HAD BEEN GRANTED AND HAD  
NOT BEEN FORMALLY REVOKED. THEREFORE HE DID HAVE DIPLOMATIC STATUS.  
IPPOLITOV INFORMED HAMILTON THAT GUBITCHEV HAD REFUSED THE SERVICES  
OF AN ATTORNEY. HAMILTON SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THIS FACT, HOWEVER,  
HE HAD BEEN APPOINTED AS A FRIEND OF THE COURT TO REPRESENT GUBITCHEV.  
IPPOLITOV OBTAINED HAMILTON-S TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADVISED HIM HE WOULD  
GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM.

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GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

March 18, 1949

KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

On March 18, 1949, Mr. LAUGHLIN of the Bureau instructed that we interview Miss BROOKLEY and Miss CLEMENTS, who are secretaries in the office of Mr. CAMPBELL of the Department. He advised that the Bureau is greatly concerned as to whether COPLON ever had access to the Security Index List furnished by the Bureau to the Department.

He advised that through contact with the Department, it had been ascertained that the matter relating to the Security Index Program, during September and October, 1948, was being handled in Mr. CAMPBELL's office and after working hours was placed in a safe in a closet in Mr. CAMPBELL's outer office. He stated that the secretaries previously named had the combination to this safe and kept the same in their desks.

He requested that these interviews be conducted for the purpose of determining whether COPLON had access to this information, ever had occasion to use it, knew where it was maintained, or knew where the combination to the safe was maintained.

I asked Mr. LAUGHLIN whether the inquiry should be restricted to the period of September and October, 1948, or whether it should be made to determine whether she ever had access to these Lists, and he indicated the latter.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. REWFOTEL THREE FIFTEEN LAST REQUESTING NY OFFICE TO INTERVIEW CAROL KINGSLEY OF DAILY NEWS. ON MARCH SIXTH, A WOMAN TALKED WITH A MAN AT COPLON HOUSEHOLD IDENTIFYING HERSELF AS GLORIA KINGSLEY, PHONETIC, A FRIEND OF JUDY-S FROM BARNARD COLLEGE, ADDING THAT WHILE AT BARNARD, SHE WORKED ON ONE PUBLICATION AND JUDY WORKED ON ANOTHER. KINGSLEY SAID SHE IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY NY DAILY NEWS, AND SHE WANTED TO GET AN INTERVIEW WITH JUDY TO PRESENT A SYMPATHETIC SCHOOLMATE STORY. THE MAN STATED HE WAS A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY AND COULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF AND TOLD KINGSLEY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE HOUSEHOLD THE FOLLOWING DAY. KINGSLEY STATED SHE LIVED AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE PRISON AND WONDERED IF THE FAMILY OR ATTORNEY WOULD OBJECT IF SHE TRIED TO SEE JUDY AT THE PRISON. SHE SAID SHE WOULD GET IN TOUCH THEN WITH THE HOUSEHOLD LATER, BUT STATED SHE MIGHT COME OVER TO SEE THE PARENTS THE FOLLOWING DAY. NO SUBSEQUENT INFO THAT SHE GOT IN TOUCH WITH COPLON FAMILY. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE NY WHETHER IT DESIRES KINGSLEY INTERVIEWED IN VIEW OF HER POSITION WITH NEWSPAPER.

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WINDY H FIELD

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-15-49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-6,7,10-49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J H H J. L. G. S.</b>
TITLE <b>JUDITH C. CLARK, was, et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

LEON WEINER, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, and Consultant to Office of Intelligence Research, Department of State, advised COLEMAN known by him since fall of 1944, as fellow employee of Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice. WEINER described by NAME as a person who knew Party line and to have had experience in watching the Party perform but never mentioned any CP membership. WEINER does not believe COLEMAN had any ideological loyalty to the CP. COLEMAN also described by WEINER as emotionally unstable and needy. No strong friendships of COLEMAN known to WEINER. WEINER advised MARTIN KOPPEL of National Lawyers' Guild, described as "fellow traveller" only clue to any CP connection of COLEMAN. Social activities and contacts of COLEMAN outside of Department not known to WEINER. Only trips of COLEMAN were frequent week end trips to New York City and one tour of France in summer of 1948. COLEMAN had no financial troubles, to knowledge of WEINER. In 1947, COLEMAN was displeased at action of WEINER in discussing transfer from Justice to State Department. WEINER believes COLEMAN had full access to everything in Records Division of Justice Department and possible for her to extract records at night. WEINER considered his own position with Justice Department a "very special" one and extremely confidential. States no "situation" in Department of Justice or his work ever discussed with anyone. Only contact of WEINER with any member of P.W.O.A. was with one "MANDEL"; on occasions

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when H.C.U.A. records were checked by NEMZER. No phase of Justice Department "situation" or work ever discussed by NEMZER with any person connected with H.C.U.A. or any other government agency. Source of H.C.U.A. information on "situation" in Justice Department may be STEPHEN NAMCHUR although NEMZER would be "surprised" at any discussion of Justice Department by NAMCHUR.

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DETAILS: AT COLUMBUS, OHIO:

Mr. LOUIS NEMZER, was interviewed by Special Agent RALPH BACHMAN and reporting agent, at his residence, 451 Loveman Avenue, Worthington, Ohio, on March 7, 1949.

For the purpose of this investigation, this report is divided into logical sub-divisions, in order to facilitate the perusal of the subject matter, relative to the various topics of information obtained from Mr. NEMZER.

PERSONAL HISTORY, RESIDENCE AND OCCUPATION OF LOUIS NEMZER:

Mr. NEMZER advised that he was an American citizen, by birth, having been born August 15, 1913, at New York City. He is married, has three children, and is presently employed by Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, as an Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, where he has been employed since October, 1948. He lectured on American foreign policy in the Soviet Union. He was originally employed by the Department of Justice as a Consultant in the spring of 1941 and left the Department of Justice in the spring of 1947. He was employed by the State Department, Office of Intelligence Research, in May, 1947, and still acts as a Consultant to the Office of Intelligence Research of the Department of State.

Mr. NEMZER advised that he had also served as an expert witness for the government in several trials involving prosecution of foreign agents. He stated that he is an expert on Communism and the Eastern situation.

In connection with his employment by the Department of Justice, Mr. NEMZER stated that he had first worked for the Special Defense Unit with Mr. ALLEN C. SMITH and that this Unit later became the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department. Mr. NEMZER stated that he is able to read Russian

and that in his testimony in the trials in which he had participated, he picked out items of propaganda that could be used in the trial. Mr. NEMZER stated that he had worked on the case of the United States vs RAYFIELD BUSH, a Russian Agent, who had disseminated propaganda in the United States, without registering as an agent. He also did some work for the Department in connection with the case of the United States vs VON ZIATSKY, whose trial was held in Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. NEMZER described VON ZIATSKY as a white Russian and the only other feature of the case he recalled at the time of the interview was the fact that a man named KUNZE was involved in the case.

INFORMATION CONCERNING JUDITH COPLON:

Mr. NEMZER stated that he first met JUDITH COPLON, whom he called "JUDY" in the fall of 1944, when she became an employee of the Foreign Agents Section of the Department. NEMZER said that he had received the impression at that time that she had previously been connected with the Anti-Trust Division of the Department before effecting her transfer to the Foreign Agents Registration Section. Mr. NEMZER said that he had not previously been acquainted with JUDY COPLON. At the time JUDITH COPLON became an employee of the Section, it was under the supervision of Mr. JESSE W. MCKNIGHT. Mr. NEMZER described himself as one of the two Assistant Chiefs of the Section, who was responsible for the correlation of data on foreign language groups. He specialized in activity in Left Wing groups, during the period after the war. JUDITH COPLON came to the Section as a Junior Assistant and assisted NEMZER as part of her duties. She had no real responsibility at this time.

Mr. NEMZER said that COPLON had little proficiency in the Russian language but handled the French language very well.

Mr. NEMZER described COPLON as a "political sophisticate." He explained that JUDITH COPLON had a certain amount of sophistication about Left Wing groups. By this, he said that he meant that "one sometimes learns by being burned," that COPLON knew the Party Line, could interpret a Party operation, was able to analyze Party propaganda and seemed to have had experience in watching the Communist Party perform. Mr. NEMZER said that COPLON had never mentioned any prior or present membership in the Communist Party and, based on his association with her in the Department, he did not feel that she would have volunteered any information concerning any Communist Party connection on her part. Mr. NEMZER also said that he believed that COPLON was "the most accomplished actress he had ever known", if she were sympathetic with the Communist Party and that he would be "tremendously startled" if she had any ideological loyalty to the Communist Party.

Mr. NEMZER said that COPLON was a very industrious girl,

in connection with her work, but that she was emotionally unstable, greatly frustrated and moody. He believed that she had an active but not a first rate mind. He said that part of the work done by COPLON was to read the Daily Worker and other Left Wing publications and that on many occasions, he and COPLON "tossed jokes back and forth about the Communists" and that as a result of these exchanges of comments about the actions of the Communist Party, he did not believe that COPLON had any connection with the Communists.

Mr. NEMZER stated that he knew of no strong friendships that COPLON had and that he believed that she was a very lonesome person. He stated that the only knowledge he had of any social activities or contacts of COPLON outside of the Department were those occurring at several gatherings held at the home of JESSE McKNIGHT, for the employees of the Foreign Agents Registration Section. COPLON had visited at the home of NEMZER perhaps twice, during their association but the NEMZERS had never visited the apartment of COPLON.

Mr. NEMZER stated that the only clue that he could offer concerning any Communist Party connection of COPLON was her association with MARTIN POPPER, Secretary of the National Lawyers' Guild. NEMZER stated that he believed that MARTIN POPPER was a "fellow traveller" because he was always in Communist front organizations and had made strong pro-Russian speeches. NEMZER said that at the time he met POPPER, POPPER was one of the Attorneys for the Polish government and had had contact with the Department of Justice in connection with the registration of a motion picture concern, as a proper registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. NEMZER said that during the occasions that POPPER had contacted him, NEMZER, as a Polish Analyst of the Department, they argued politics and POPPER pressed him, NEMZER, very hard to get him outside of the Department at lunch and at social engagements. NEMZER stated that he always laughed these appointments off and advised POPPER that if he had anything to say to him, NEMZER, he could say it at his Department. NEMZER stated that he did not recall the exact date, but that on one occasion, he had some "very hot and unpleasant words" with POPPER concerning the registration of the motion picture concern referred to above; also that JUDITH COPLON knew of this. Nevertheless, COPLON later stated that she had talked with POPPER and had had lunch with him a couple of times. NEMZER said that he believed that POPPER was a very persuasive speaker and that taking into account the likely loneliness and emotional unstable condition of COPLON, it was possible that a man of POPPER's persuasiveness might have persuaded her to perform most any action.

JUDITH COPLON, to the best knowledge of Mr. NEMZER, was a single person. She resided alone in Washington, when first known to Mr. NEMZER and later, exact date unknown, she moved into some dormitory in

Washington but the address of the apartment was not known to Mr. NEMZER. Mr. NEMZER stated, in connection with friendships of COPLON, that she once mentioned two girl friends whom she had known in New York but their names were not recalled by him. She also mentioned her parents and a brother in New York.

Mr. NEMZER stated that COPLON was also known to BERNARD S. MORRIS, who was employed by the Justice Department at approximately the same time as JUDY COPLON. Mr. NEMZER stated that he did not believe that COPLON and MORRIS knew each other before their association as fellow employees with the Department of Justice. BERNARD S. MORRIS is presently employed by the State Department.

Mr. NEMZER advised that JUDY COPLON was also known to SIDNEY BRODY of the Criminal Division of the Department and that BRODY had had several strong arguments with COPLON but that these were of a personal nature, to the best of Mr. NEMZER's knowledge. Other than these arguments and personal differences, BRODY and COPLON apparently got along well together.

Mr. NEMZER said that NATHANIEL LENDIN of the Department of Justice had an office next to that occupied by COPLON in the Department but he did not know the extent of contacts between LENDIN and COPLON.

In connection with trips made by COPLON while she was associated with the Department of Justice, Mr. NEMZER stated that she made frequent week end trips to New York City, often leaving in the middle of Friday afternoons. Mr. NEMZER stated that these trips were made every two or three weeks and that he assumed that she went to New York to have contact with her early friends because she was such a lonely person in Washington. Mr. NEMZER also stated that he knew that JUDY COPLON had been making the trips to New York over the week ends prior to the fall of 1946, because, on one occasion, in the fall of 1946, he, NEMZER, drove to New York, with his family and COPLON suggested that her mother might be able to arrange hotel reservations for him. Mr. NEMZER also said that he knows that prior to his trip to New York, COPLON had been making regular week end trips there.

Mr. NEMZER also stated that in addition to the parents residing in New York City, he believed that COPLON had one brother residing there, who was a Dentist in the City. The parents and the brother were the only relatives mentioned by COPLON. Mr. NEMZER also stated that he recalled vaguely that on several occasions, COPLON stayed in New York over a period of a couple of weeks and that he believed these were on vacation.

Mr. NEMZER stated that in the summer of 1948, COPLON surprised him by stating that she was taking a conducted tour of France. Mr. NEMZER said that he was quite surprised by this statement because he knew that COPLON was attending the American University, working toward her Masters degree and that he had previously heard from her that she was going to take off the summer of 1948, for the purpose of writing her thesis. Mr. NEMZER said that this thesis was "French Propaganda in the United States During World War II." Mr. NEMZER stated that he was also surprised because she was taking a conducted tour of France and that he did not think that her actions "made sense." Mr. NEMZER stated that he saw COPLON in Washington after she came back from her trip to France, in the summer of 1948, just prior to his departure for Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of taking up his duties with Ohio State University. Mr. NEMZER stated that at this time, COPLON did not look very well and stated that she had spent her time in France making a "sight-seeing tour" of the country. COPLON mentioned no specific contacts, acquaintances, or friends that she had made in France on this trip.

In connection with this trip to France, Mr. NEMZER stated that the financial condition of JUDITH COPLON appeared to be unusually good and that when he questioned her about finances relative to her trip to France, she stated that she had sufficient money to pay for the trip. Mr. NEMZER said that at no time during his association with COPLON had she ever mentioned any financial difficulties or problems to him and appeared not to have any.

Mr. NEMZER stated that he had visited Washington, D.C., during the Christmas holidays of 1948 and that he had planned to contact his former associates in the Department of Justice. He spoke to COPLON on the telephone concerning a luncheon engagement but that COPLON "weasled out" of the luncheon and gave as an excuse the reason that she had to help locate an apartment for her Doctor. Mr. NEMZER stated that they talked on the telephone for a couple of minutes and that at this time, some discussion was had between them ridiculing the Communist Party, through some items that had appeared in the Press at that time.

In connection with the excuse used by COPLON relative to her assisting her Doctor, Mr. NEMZER stated that COPLON had apparently been treated by a Doctor for "female trouble" and had undergone an operation, during the past two years.

Mr. NEMZER stated that when he left the Justice Department, he had taken EDWARD MORRIS with him to work in the Department of State. At



this time, MORRIS and COPLON had been promised raises for some time. NEMZER said that prior to the time he had transferred to the State Department, COPLON had expressed her willingness to also transfer to the State Department, as requested, but on the occasion, when he had taken MORRIS with him to the State Department, she seemed to have changed her views about transferring from the Justice Department and he, NEMZER, knew of no explanation for this change. Mr. NEMZER said that shortly after he had gone to the State Department, he, NEMZER, had gone back to the Justice Department and had spoken to COPLON's superior, stating that he would take JUDY to the State Department with him if they did not promote her or give her a raise. Shortly thereafter, NEMZER received a telephone call from COPLON. During the conversation, she spoke to him "very sharply" and said things that a "lady would not say" about his interference in her affairs and stated that she did not desire to leave the Justice Department. Mr. NEMZER said that he attributed COPLON's reaction to this incident as evidence of her emotional state and did not answer her back.

Mr. NEMZER said that while COPLON was an employee of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, he believed she had full access to everything in the records division of the Justice Department and could obtain any record by simply phoning for the record to be brought to her office or by a personal search of the files in the record room. He said that after the close of the war, the personnel of the Foreign Agents Registration Section had been reduced and, as a result of the reduction in force, the remaining personnel had a great deal of night work and it was quite a common occurrence for the remaining personnel to work at night. Mr. NEMZER said there was no guard against taking out records at night and that it was possible that COPLON could secure these records and remove them. Mr. NEMZER said that he believed that COPLON could even secure data from the locked files of the Records Division because he believed that she had keys and could secure the files.

Mr. NEMZER, from time to time, during the course of the interview with him, repeatedly stated that he felt that JUDY COPLON was a very lonely and emotionally unstable person and that he could only attribute any action on her part to which she is accused in this investigation as due to her emotional instability and had no information concerning any connection other than as set out above in this report.

INFORMATION CONCERNING "SITUATION" IN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

Mr. NEWZER stated that to his recollection, he had, at no time, furnished any information or statement regarding any "situation" in the Department of Justice or the Federal Bureau of Investigation to any other government agency and to his recollection, any representative of any government agency or Department or to any member or representative of any house committee. He stated that he had never talked with anyone in the Department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any government agency in connection with JUDY COPLON or any leanings which he believed might indicate disloyalty. Mr. NEWZER stated that he had never talked with anyone concerning any leaks or indication of lack of security in the Department. He stated that when any question concerning any matters in the Department of Justice arose, it was handled within the Department and no comment was made by him to any person outside the Department other than his superiors. Mr. NEWZER stated that he considered his position with the Department of Justice to be a "very special" position and that he believed that his associates also considered their positions to be "very special" positions and that they were all extremely conscientious of the work and felt that it was highly confidential. Mr. NEWZER said that no discussion, to his knowledge, was ever had by him or any person in the Department concerning any pre-Russian or pro-Communist situation within the Department.

Mr. NEWZER stated that on several occasions, while he was associated with the Department of Justice, he had gone to the Committee room of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, for the purpose of reviewing records maintained by the Committee in connection with some of the subjects being handled by the Foreign Agents Registration Section. He stated that he had contacted an individual on these occasions by the name of "MANDEL" but that no discussion had ever been had with "MANDEL" or any other person connected with the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning any "situation" in the Department of Justice. Mr. NEWZER said that his visits to the record room of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were not frequent and that the only discussions he ever had were those discussions regarding individuals who had furnished information to the House Committee and whom the House Committee were interested in having the State Department of the government keep in the United States.

Mr. NEWZER stated that he could not recall any specific case in this connection but that he did recall that one individual was the author of "Out of the Night." Mr. NEWZER also said that he had never been approached nor had any discussion ever been had with him by any member of any House Committee or any person connected with any House Committee,

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concerning his appearance as a witness before any House Committee.

In connection with any alleged "situation" in the Department of Justice, Mr. NEMZER said that during the early days of the war, there had been a Polish translator employed by the Department of Justice, named DON BROMSKY, first name unknown, who was finally forced out of the Department because of inefficiency. He stated that DON BROMSKY had done a "lot of talking" and may have written letters to the H.Q.U.A. or other persons concerning the Department but that this was only a conjecture on his, NEMZER's, part.

Mr. NEMZER also stated that there was a Mrs. LANGLEY, who was employed by the Department of Justice and who was a "letter writer" who wrote to the Attorney General, stating that people in the Department were leaving. Mr. NEMZER offered this name as one of the few persons he could recall who might have transmitted information concerning any situation in the Department to outside sources.

On March 7, 1949, an article appeared in the Columbus Citizen, a daily newspaper published in Columbus, Ohio, concerning the investigation herein. A telephone call was received by reporting agent from Mr. NEMZER after the edition of the Columbus Citizen had been distributed and Mr. NEMZER stated that the March 7 edition of the Citizen in a story relating to instant case, carried an article with a date line of March 7, 1949, Washington, D.C. The pertinent portion of this article referred to by Mr. NEMZER was "Spy hunters have already lined up a Midwest University Professor for the role of starting (or startling) witness in the COPLON case. The Professor's name is not disclosed. He once worked as a Consultant to the Foreign Agents Registration Office. He resigned in 1946 because he said the division was pro-Russian and pro-Communist." Mr. NEMZER stated that the foregoing release did not refer to himself but might possibly refer to STEPHEN NAMCHUR who was formerly associated with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice and had resigned about 1946 and appeared to be somewhat "resentful" at the time he left the Department. Mr. NEMZER said that he had last heard of NAMCHUR as a Professor of Sociology at Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan. NEMZER added, however, that he would be "surprised" if NAMCHUR had said that the Department or the Foreign Agents Registration Section was pro-Russian or pro-Communist.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

DATE: March 18, 1949

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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At 5:45 P. M. on March 17, 1949, I advised Mr. LAUGHLIN of the Bureau that the management at McLean Gardens had just advised this office that a communication has been received from COPLON advising that sometime between the present and April 1, 1949, her representative would come to the Gardens for the purpose of securing her personal belongings, including those locked in a locker at McLean Gardens. I advised Mr. LAUGHLIN that this was the first information we had received that COPLON had a locker and that we had made specific inquiry at the Gardens with this in view and had been advised by the management that she does not have a locker.

I pointed out to him that the locker assigned to her, of which the management has no record, would undoubtedly be located in a bank of 24 such lockers utilized by other women living in the dormitory and told him the management had informed us that the locks are provided by the users of the lockers and no keys to the lockers are available to the management. I pointed out to Mr. LAUGHLIN that of course all of the women living in the dormitory are highly alert to the COPLON case, that there is practically present someone in the dormitory all the time since some of these women work day jobs and others at night.

Mr. LAUGHLIN advised that he would present for the Bureau's consideration the advisability of instructing the WFO to endeavor to secure access to this locker surreptitiously or to attempt to ascertain its contents by accompanying the brother of COPLON to the dormitory, if he is the individual designated by COPLON to secure her belongings. I pointed out to Mr. LAUGHLIN that we had no assurance that the individual to be designated by COPLON will be her brother.

I advised him that unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, this office intended taking no action in this matter.

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FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 18, 1949

At 10:45 A. M. this morning, I advised Mr. LAUGHLIN of the Bureau that as a result of our technical coverage on HAROLD SHAPIRO, we ascertained that he plans to leave at 2:00 P. M. today for NYC and will arrive there at 6:00 P. M., where he is to contact A. D. ROSEN, who is presently apparently a practicing attorney in Chicago and who was formerly head of the Civil Rights Section of the Department.

I advised Mr. LAUGHLIN that we have received information that ROSEN telephonically contacted SHAPIRO shortly after COPLON's arrest and appeared to be very friendly and sympathetic towards SHAPIRO; that he advised SHAPIRO that he, ROSEN, would be in NYC the weekend of March 19 and 20, 1949, and intended to discuss this matter with Mr. WHEARTY of the Department. I pointed out to Mr. LAUGHLIN that ROSEN indicated that he first desired to discuss this matter (apparently SHAPIRO's involvement in this case) with SHAPIRO before talking to WHEARTY. They are to meet at the Harmony Club in NYC following SHAPIRO's arrival there.

I advised Mr. LAUGHLIN that in the absence of instructions to the contrary from the Bureau, this office did not intend surveilling SHAPIRO to NYC.

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Ladd said no surv. here but NYC was  
being instr. to surv. Shapiro in NYC. He asked  
for further details re NYC trip & I told  
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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC

FROM : ROBERT W. MC CASLIN, SA

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 18, 1949

On March 11, 1949, Mr. RONALD MAC DONALD, Room 5125 Department of Justice Building, was interviewed by Special Agents HOLLIS W. BOWERS and the writer, *Robert W. McCaslin.*

MAC DONALD was questioned about his knowledge of subject and the other members of FARS in the Department of Justice. Mr. MAC DONALD stated he was never aware of any disloyal activity on the part of any member of that section. He indicated that nothing ever came to his attention which would cause him to suspicion the activities of any member. He stated he recalled that Miss COPLON came to the section just prior to his leaving it and as he remembers she was working on French activities at that time. He referred to her as a likable person, very friendly, and one whom the other members of the section liked because of her ability and personal charm. He felt that it was these likable characteristics in her that made her so popular with the male members of the section. He recalled that she frequently was invited by the group of men to accompany them to lunch.

Mr. MAC DONALD said that a gentleman by the name of MIKE DE CAPRILES worked with the subject when she first came to that section. He said he also recalled at that time that BERNIE MORRIS was working in that section and a Mr. MANCHUR who he states is now a professor at Wayne University. Mr. MAC DONALD referred to these persons as being the main workers in that section. He described MANCHUR as the most capable in the group and added that MANCHUR was working directly with him, MAC DONALD, and they handled Polish activities. MAC DONALD dealt at length with Mr. MANCHUR's background and ability and for the benefit of this file the entire comments of MAC DONALD are being set forth.

He stated MANCHUR, like others, had to leave the section and the only position which MANCHUR was qualified to handle was teaching. He accepted the best offer, which was at Wayne University in Detroit. MAC DONALD said that he knew MANCHUR was "griped" when he left the Department and always felt that MANCHUR would some day write a book on the work he performed in that section of the Department. He said never did he gather from MANCHUR that MANCHUR was suspicious of anyone in the Department. He added that the press comments from Congressman WOOD relative to the information obtained from MANCHUR were very unfair. MAC DONALD recalled it was difficult for his section, which was handling Polish activities, oftentimes to get complete information on certain organizations which were considered by the section to be front organizations. He mentioned that requests were directed to the Bureau for further information and supplemental information was gleaned from foreign language periodicals. The entire contents of Bureau reports, reports from intelligence agencies and personal reports from the section were summarized on sheets which were known to them as data slips. He felt it was these data slips - 199A

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that Miss COPLON had when she was arrested.

MAC DONALD remarked that MANCHUR mentioned to him at the time he was leaving that he could not see why he, MANCHUR, would be dropped from the Department and such people as MORRIS and COPLON retained. MAC DONALD said although he was probably closer to MANCHUR than any one else and regarded him as a friend, he was unable to advise MANCHUR as to any reason other than the fact that MORRIS and COPLON were lower classified employees and could be hired more cheaply by the Department.

MAC DONALD again reflecting about MANCHUR's ability remarked that MANCHUR was of Canadian birth and he believed was born in Saskatchewan of Ukrainian parentage. He stated MANCHUR's parents were big wheat growers in Saskatchewan. He said MANCHUR was familiar and ably handled the Russian, Polish and Ukrainian languages, his education having particularly qualified him as an analyst in the foreign nationality groups. MANCHUR had an uncanny way of detecting flaws in false registrations and failures on the part of those who refused to register. In speaking about MANCHUR, MAC DONALD made available a memo which the latter had prepared in April 1946. This memo was reviewed and it was noted it was directed to Assistant Attorney General T. L. CAUDLE of the Criminal Division of FARS. It bore file 149-012 and the author was STEPHEN W. MANCHUR. It set forth in detail MANCHUR's feelings about the benefits of this section and suggests how the section should operate to effectively handle the foreign nationality groups in the United States. It might be noted for the benefit of the file that MAC DONALD at this point of the interview evidenced a high degree of nervousness. His excited state can not be explained by the interviewing agents other than it is felt he is cognizant of information that definitely would indicate an involvement on the part of MORRIS which MAC DONALD when speaking of MORRIS apparently tries to pass off in a manner that would be most flattering.

MAC DONALD stated he recalled once suggesting to MANCHUR, at about the time MANCHUR was to leave the Department, that perhaps Mr. MC INERNEY of the Department would be able to assist MANCHUR in staying on with the department. Later MANCHUR had informed him that MC INERNEY had given little encouragement.

Mr. MAC DONALD said that Mr. MAC KNIGHT, whom he referred to as another Scotchman, was considered head of the Analysis Section. MAC KNIGHT was never suspicious of COPLON or any one else in the section and he added MAC KNIGHT was particularly trained to pick out evidence of a disloyal nature and added that he or any other attorney in his mind would not be so qualified.

MAC DONALD referred to NEMZER who is also in the section and stated that he recalled that NEMZER took over the duties as head after MAC KNIGHT left. He recalled that MAC KNIGHT and NEMZER both worked for a Professor LOSWELL of the Library of Congress.

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MAC DONALD mentioned that MAC KNIGHT left FARS and went with State and he believes is connected with Voice of America. He stated NEMZER also went with State and MAC DONALD is of the opinion that for a time NEMZER was with CIA, which he referred to as that secret section. He said MORRIS did not get an opportunity to leave and stayed on. He recalled, however, that MORRIS once tried to go with UNRRA in New York City but decided that was not the best for him. MAC DONALD then remarked that it might be difficult for most to realize what a difficult position analysts are in when they leave FARS. He stated their field is definitely limited and the only other position which they could work in would be teaching. He said he felt sorry for the members who had to leave FARS and he mentioned that he realized how hard most of them worked there in order to retain their position. He advised MORRIS had an economic background and appeared to be very conscientious in all his work. He recalled MORRIS prepared good work for the attorneys of the section.

MAC DONALD said he knew that MORRIS was close to the subject and it was this reason which prompted him to call MORRIS when he heard COPLON had been arrested. He said the news was equally as shocking to MORRIS as it was to him. He recalled MORRIS' first remark was, "It's utterly fantastic." MAC DONALD said this was MORRIS' unrehearsed comment and he felt it bespoke MORRIS' feeling very well. MAC DONALD in expressing his own feelings about the news of COPLON's arrest stated he was naturally sympathetic because of his associations with her. He said he was sorry to hear that anyone with whom he had working associations had gone wrong. He said he felt this same feeling was stronger as far as MORRIS was concerned. He added it was only a natural feeling on the part of an individual. From MAC DONALD's comments it was apparent that he could not believe that MORRIS would be interested in defending COPLON in any way other than because of the friendship that existed between them. MAC DONALD spoke generally about the personalities that have been mentioned above and he remarked that the majority of the employees of FARS were Jewish. He said in this regard he wanted to point out that he recalled MORRIS as being definitely against organized Jewery. He said MORRIS was known by him to have worked hard in bringing about the registration of organizations that devoted their efforts to organized Jewery. In this connection MAC DONALD mentioned that MANCHUR openly expressed his contempt for organized Jewery and particularly the Anti-Defamation League.

MAC DONALD mentioned that he believed that FARS might be considered liberal in that it was made up of a majority of Jewish analysts and that the clerical employees were mostly Negro. Then he said it was hard for him to classify a liberal and as such he felt that no implications could be drawn from his remarks. He mentioned that it was difficult for him to understand MANCHUR's attitude at this time and he said he was groping around trying to understand why MANCHUR, if he did make ~~the~~ remarks, should make them to Congressman WOOD. He said this exposition on MANCHUR's part will be interpreted by others in the light that ~~MANCHUR was angry~~ *Angry* when he left the Department. MAC DONALD said he had personally sent press releases



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to MANCHUR after his going to Wayne University and recalls writing him about three or four times a year and mentioning in his correspondence the resignations of various members of FARS. MAC DONALD added that if MANCHUR was suspicious of any one in FARS, he can not understand why MANCHUR did not mention this fact to him. He said he considered that MANCHUR discussed every matter with him while at the Department.

MAC DONALD mentioned that he had talked to JAMES R. SHARP on March 5, 1949 and mentioned the COPLON case to SHARP who was formerly in that section. He added that SHARP did not know COPLON. He remarked, however, that perhaps NAT ELIEFF AND Mr. BOOKSTAYER would be acquainted with subject and MAC KNIGHT would be a good man to contact concerning her. He said MAC KNIGHT was okay but did not evaluate ELIEFF or BOOKSTAYER.

MAC DONALD stated that he had not contacted MORRIS since COPLON's arrest other than to mention to him that he had heard the news over the radio. He said he had purposely refrained from contacting MORRIS because he felt he, himself, would be interviewed in connection with the case. MAC DONALD asked if there was any reason for him to continue to refrain from seeing MORRIS and when advised this office had no objection, he stated he felt he might contact MORRIS in the near future. He stated he felt guilty for not contacting MORRIS because he knew MORRIS was broken up over COPLON. MAC DONALD is of the opinion that MORRIS believes COPLON to be guilty. He said he is convinced MORRIS realizes that COPLON was in New York City for the express purpose of contacting the Russian as was indicated by the press. This fact MAC DONALD says points out she is involved in his opinion, and he feels MORRIS believes the same concerning her. MAC DONALD characterized again the feeling of COPLON's friends concerning the news and he said "these people are sick of heart." He said if any of them appeared to be withholding information he would judge that this was because they were afraid they might make her situation worse by disclosing every little detail they knew. He added that the failure on the part of anyone in so doing would not in his opinion indicate that they were doing it to defend COPLON but rather that they just wanted to avoid involvement in her case.

Mr. MAC DONALD indicated that he has given considerable thought to the trip COPLON made to Europe in the summer of 1948. In his opinion he said this trip would entail a considerable expense and an expense which he felt the average salaried person like COPLON would be unable to cope with. He recalled that she spoke to him about people she met on this trip and commented about the English people, their dress and the conditions in England. He admitted that these observations on the part of COPLON would indicate that she is alert to her environment. MAC DONALD could not explain why COPLON was never known by any of her friends to discuss political issues or express herself on any current news topics. He stated he, too, felt this was contradictory of her very nature, namely a natural curiosity of conditions and affairs of the world.

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MAC DONALD then remarked that such observations, however, should not be construed in any way to damage the reputation of anyone. He said he wanted to point out an observation made by the librarian of the Department of Justice who remarked once when MORRIS accompanied him to the library that the librarian was interested in "that guy who looks like a Communist." MAC DONALD said such a remark is most misleading and is entirely unfounded. He said it is careless for people to pass such remarks as they frequently are misinterpreted and the librarian had no reason to make such a remark about MORRIS and it was indicative of the carelessness on the part of many to so classify a person without having justification for doing so.

MAC DONALD was asked to describe in his own words how he would classify COPLON and her activities in the Department, particularly her known and frequent contacts with MORRIS who it was generally known was a married man and at the same time was known to frequently associate with COPLON, both in a social and business connection. MAC DONALD stated he felt that MORRIS' contacts with COPLON were not looked upon with ~~asked~~ <sup>dislike</sup> by his wife. Because of this, he felt everything was proper. MAC DONALD said he knew of no one in the Department that COPLON associated with who might commonly be referred to as dating steady. He said he has heard now she is dating a Departmental attorney named SHAPIRO. He said he does not know SHAPIRO. MAC DONALD brought out in this discussion that COPLON was not particularly popular with other girls in the section. He said he knew no reason for her unpopularity in this regard. MORRIS admitted that it would seem improbable that anyone would refer to COPLON's contact with the Russian in New York as a contact or an affair. He stated that her activity in Washington would tend to discount this story.

MAC DONALD asked if this office had sought out Mr. MC CAULEY in the Antitrust Division relative to the inspection he made of FARS. He said MC CAULEY decided as a result of the inspection that FARS could be cut to the bone and possibly done away with completely. MC DONALD speculated that MC CAULEY's observations might be worthwhile at this time.

MAC DONALD concluded his remarks by mentioning that it was difficult for him to understand in what way the USSR would be interested in obtaining information from FARS. Because of this he said he felt that perhaps the information that was on COPLON's person when she was arrested was nothing more than the "data slips" which he previously referred to. He said that he could imagine that she would be one who might prepare an extra copy of such data slips for reference purposes in connection with her work. This was speculation, he added. It might be noted that MAC DONALD at this point was asked if he was aware of COPLON's taking work from the Department to do while at home. He said he had never heard of this but would presume that such a practice would be possible and he knew of no reason for preventing one from taking their work home if they so desired. He also stated he felt sure that in view of COPLON's position she might have access to all types

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of information in the Department of Justice. MAC DONALD again mentioned he had speculated as to the reasons for COPLON's activities and said he still could not decide whether it was the result of romance, ideology or money. He said from the information he had obtained concerning the case, and he added this is mostly from the paper, it would seem that no clear-cut decision could be arrived at.

MAC DONALD suggested as possible sources of information the following individuals whom he stated had worked at FARS:

CHARLES J. SHIPPE, Securities & Exchange Commission  
LAWRENCE KNAPP, Department of Justice  
JOSEPH BRENNER, FCC in San Francisco  
THOMAS G. GREY, AUSA in Baltimore  
MIGUEL DE CAPRILES, professor at New York University Law School

For the benefit of this memorandum it should be noted that the interview with MAC DONALD was on an extremely friendly basis and because of this it was felt that MAC DONALD regained composure which was most apparent after the interview had continued for more than an hour. However, it should be noted that when the agents introduced themselves to Mr. MAC DONALD he evidenced distinctly a very nervous disposition. He frequently coughed and at no time for the first hour did he look at the interviewing agents.

Director, FBI

March 21, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

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(Technical Surveillance)

Rebulet to Bureau dated January 7, 1949.

Technical surveillance on the residence of subject at McLean Gardens revealed on Saturday, March 19, 1949, that in response to a call to telephone number W0odley-5219, made by an unknown party, the telephone company advised that this line had been disconnected. Subsequently, a test telephone call was made to this number by this office and met with the same response.

For this reason, at 10:30 A. M. on March 19, 1949, this surveillance, bearing Symbol Number  was discontinued.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : COURTLAND J. JONES, Special Agent

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 21, 1949

On March 21, 1949, Mr. RAYMOND WHEARTY, Assistant to Mr. ALEX CAMPBELL, Head of the Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice, advised that the arraignment of subject as a result of the indictment returned by the Grand Jury in Washington, D. C. on March 16, 1949, was held before Judge KEECH at 1:30 P. M., March 21, 1949. When arraigned before Judge KEECH, bond was set at \$10,000.

Subject was represented at the arraignment by ARCHIBALD PALMER, #2 Lafayette Square, New York City, described by Mr. WHEARTY as being a "bankruptcy attorney, well known in the Southern District of New York". The case was set for trial on April 25, 1949, and COPLON was given one week to obtain the services of an attorney and in which to file motions.

It was ascertained from the Clerk of the Court that subject made bond. A cashier's check drawn on the Chase National Bank, New York City, in the amount of \$7,000 made out to the Clerk of the Court, was presented and \$3,000 in cash was produced by ARCHIBALD PALMER, the attorney.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM : SPECIAL AGENT THOMAS J. BARRY

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 21, 1949

The Washington Daily Newspapers for March 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 were reviewed by the writer and articles pertaining to this case were clipped. A review of these articles did not indicate anything pertinent that might be used as leads in this case.

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JUDITH COPLON;  
VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV  
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Reurlet seventh instant submitting fingerprints subjects Judith Coplon and Valentine A. Gubitchev for comparison purposes, your file #65-14939.

Inasmuch as all latent fingerprints developed in instant case have been eliminated, no comparison of the fingerprints of Coplon and Gubitchev is being made.

A search of the fingerprints of Coplon and Gubitchev through the main fingerprint files of the Bureau has failed to disclose a prior criminal record for either of these individuals. For your information Judith Coplon has been assigned #FBI-157539A and Valentine A. Gubitchev has been assigned #FBI-157540A.

cc: Washington Field ✓

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field

DATE: March 16, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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Investigation at New York of Mr. and Mrs. MILTON C. BRAVER, whose names appear in subject's address book, reflects that Mrs. BRAVER, nee PAULINE HARGIN, was employed as a stenographer and secretary for the Board of Economic Warfare, Department of Justice at New York City from May 22, 1942. It is believed that she transferred to the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. probably in 1946.

An unreliable source reported that PAULINE HARGIN was secretary to O. JOHN ROGGE at one time.

Your office is requested to check Department of Justice records for background and loyalty information concerning Mrs. BRAVER, which will probably appear under her maiden name. Expedite.

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This is to advise that on the morning of March 21, 1949, Mr. HAROLD SHAPIRO telephonically communicated with Special Agent H. DUDLEY PAYNE of this office, stating that the Department had indicated that he was uncooperative by failing to sign a statement reflecting his relations with the subject. In view of the above, he stated he would like to sign the statement admitting his actions. He was given that opportunity, and his signed statement is being submitted herewith.  
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Washington, D. C.  
March 22, 1949

I, Harold Paul Shapiro, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents Ludwig W. R. Oberndorf and H. Dudley Payne, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after having been told that I do not have to make any such statement and that this statement may be used against me in a Court of law.

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1948, I first had intercourse with Judith Coplon in the apartment of a friend of mine in Washington, D.C. I decline to name this friend as he does not know Judith Coplon and never met her socially I know. He was out of the city on this particular occasion. Shortly thereafter, in the early part of January 1949, Judith and I drove to Baltimore, Maryland, in my car after work one Friday. I don't recall definitely who suggested this trip but I presume it was I. In Baltimore we stayed at the Southern Hotel where I registered for Judith and myself as Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Shapiro of East Hartford, Connecticut. We spent the night together in the hotel room.

On the following day we checked out of the Southern Hotel and drove to Philadelphia where we stayed overnight at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. I also registered at this hotel as Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Shapiro. On the following afternoon, Sunday, we returned in my automobile to Washington.

Subsequent to the trip to Baltimore and Philadelphia I have had sexual relations with Judith Coplon in my apartment, 1906 R Street, N.W. on numerous occasions. The above referred to trip to Baltimore and Philadelphia is the only occasion when I have had sexual relations with Judith outside Washington, D.C.

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*H. Dudley Payne, Special Agent FBI*  
*Ludwig W. R. Oberndorf, Special Agent FBI*  
*Harold P. Shapiro*

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. SUBJECT REPORTED TO HAVE RESIDED WITH A MRS. ANNIE SCHLOMOWITZ, THREE TWO ONE VARNUM STREET, NW, DC, PRIOR TO JUNE ONE, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE. MRS. SCHLOMOWITZ LEFT ABOVE ADDRESS AND MOVED TO HOUSTON DURING NINETEEN FORTYSIX. RECORDS BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE REFLECT PAUL SLOAN PAREN NAME CHANGED FROM SCHLOMOWITZ TO SLOAN END PAREN RESIDES WITH HIS MOTHER, MRS. ANNIE SLOAN, AT ONE FIVE ONE SIX BONNIE BRAE, HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND IS EMPLOYED AS AN INTERNAL REVENUE AGENT ASSIGNED TO THE DALLAS DIVISION, STATIONED AT HOUSTON. INTERVIEW MRS. SLOAN RE HER KNOWLEDGE OF COPLON, SECURING THE EXACT TIME SUBJECT RESIDED WITH HER, ANY PRIOR OR SUBSEQUENT ADDRESSES IN WASHINGTON, AND ALL KNOWN ACQUAINTANCES OF COPLON. COPLON ALSO IS REPORTED TO HAVE RESIDED WITH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OPERATED A SECOND HAND STORE ON SEVENTH STREET IN WASHINGTON WHO WAS FAR TO THE LEFT AND POSSIBLY A COMMUNIST. EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO ASCERTAIN IF MRS. SLOAN-S SONS, PAUL OR LEWIS, OPERATED A SECOND HAND STORE IN WASHINGTON OR IF ABOVE COULD APPLY TO ANY PERSON RESIDING AT THREE TWO ONE VARNUM STREET. COPLON, A FORMER DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EMPLOYEE, WAS ARRESTED ON ESPIONAGE CHARGES IN NYC ON MARCH FOUR, LAST. WFO ORIGIN. EXPEDITE.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : ROBERT W. McCASLIN, Special Agent

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
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DATE: March 22, 1949

This is to advise that Mr. FLETCHER of the Bureau instructed this date that the statement given by HAROLD SHAPIRO should be made available to him for his signature if he so desired at this date.

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Mr. Nease.....  
Miss Gandy.....

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. RE PREVIOUS TELEPHONE CALL ON SURVEILLANCE OF HAROLD P. SHAPIRO. SHAPIRO ARRIVED NYC SIX FIFTEEN PM, PENN RAILROAD, MARCH EIGHTEEN, LAST, AND WENT IMMEDIATELY BY TAXI TO HARMONIE CLUB, FOUR EAST SIXTY STREET, NYC. LEFT SMALL OVERNIGHT BAG THERE. REMAINED ABOUT THREE MINUTES AND LEFT WITH MAN BELIEVED TO BE A. B. ROSEN. BOTH WALKED TO RED COACH GRILL AT FIFTY EIGHTH STREET WHERE THEY HAD DRINKS AND DINNER. LEFT AND WALKED AROUND VICINITY FOR TWENTY FIVE MINUTES, THEN WENT TO SAVOY PLAZA HOTEL COCKTAIL LOUNGE AND REMAINED THERE FROM NINE FIFTEEN TO ELEVEN TEN PM AT WHICH TIME THEY WENT BACK TO THE HARMONIE CLUB WHERE THEY PICKED UP SHAPIRO-S OVERNIGHT BAG. THEY THEN PROCEEDED BY CAB TO THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST, NYC. DURING THE TIME THEY WERE TOGETHER, SHAPIRO HAD TALKED ALMOST CONSTANTLY. THE TWO REMAINED OVER NIGHT AT THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST. A TELEPHONE IS LISTED TO A. ABBOT ROSEN AS RESIDING AT THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST. THE BELL BOX AT THIS ADDRESS HAS A. C. ROSEN LISTED IN APARTMENT THREE TEN. THERE IS NO INDICATION IN WHAT APARTMENT SHAPIRO STAYED. AT TWELVE FIFTEEN PM ON MARCH NINETEEN, LAST, SHAPIRO AND ROSEN LEFT THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST AND PROCEEDED BY CAB TO THE SQUIBB BUILDING, SEVEN FOUR FIVE FIFTH AVENUE, THEY REMAINED THERE UNTIL ONE TEN PM WHEN BOTH LEFT WITH AN UNKNOWN MAN. THE THREE PROCEEDED BY TAXI TO

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EAST TWENTIETH STREET WHERE THE NEW DEVELOPMENT, THE PETER COOPER VILLAGE, IS LOCATED. THE THREE WERE CONSTANTLY LOOKING BACK, AND WERE OBVIOUSLY LOOKING FOR A SURVEILLANCE. THEY STOOD ON THE SIDEWALK FOR TEN MINUTES, AND THEN THE UNKNOWN MAN SHOOK HANDS WITH SHAPIRO AND ROSEN AND ENTERED PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT WITH THE ADDRESS FIVE TWO ONE DASH FIVE ONE EAST TWENTIETH STREET, WHICH LED TO SEVERAL OF THE APARTMENT HOUSES. SURVEILLANCE DISCONTINUED. SHAPIRO AND ROSEN STILL TALKING. WALKED TO SIX NAUGHT ONE EAST TWENTIETH STREET, ANOTHER APARTMENT HOUSE, SAME DEVELOPMENT, WHICH THEY ENTERED. REMAINED THERE UNTIL TWO FORTYFIVE P.M. AND LEFT WITH SECOND UNKNOWN MAN. THE THREE TALKED IN FRONT OF AN APARTMENT HOUSE FOR FEW MOMENTS AND THEN SHAPIRO SHOOK HANDS WITH ROSEN AND UNKNOWN MAN AND BEGAF WALKING ALONE TO TWENTIETH STREET. NO ATTEMPT MADE TO CONTINUE SURVEILLANCE OF HIM AS HE WAS CONSTANTLY LOOKING BACK. ROSEN AND UNKNOWN MAN WALKED TO EAST TWENTIETH STREET AND EAST RIVER DRIVE, END OF PAGE TWO

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TURNED SOUTH, BOTH LOOKING BACK. NO ATTEMPT MADE TO SURVEILL THEM. SHAPIRO WAS OBSERVED TO ENTER THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST, AT SIX NAUGHT FIVE P.M., SAME DATE, IN COMPANY WITH YOUNG MAN ABOUT TWENTY TO TWENTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE. SURVEILLANCE CONTINUED FOR REMAINDER OF EVENING AND ALL OF MARCH TWENTYFIRST, BUT SHAPIRO NOT OBSERVED TO LEAVE THIS ADDRESS. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF UNKNOWN MEN VERY MEAGER DUE TO DISTANCE AGENT HAD TO KEEP BETWEEN SHAPIRO AND HIS CONTACTS AND THE AGENT HIMSELF. SPOT SURVEILLANCE AT SQUIBB, PETER COOPER VILLAGE, AND THREE SEVENTY CENTRAL PARK WEST NOT LIKELY TO MAKE IDENTIFICATION, SO NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE UNLESS BUREAU ADVISES TO THE CONTRARY. WFO REQUESTED TO REVIEW ANY INFO THEY HAVE FROM INVESTIGATION OF SHAPIRO WHICH IS CONNECTED WITH ANY OF THE ADDRESSES MENTIONED ABOVE.....CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED THAT JUDITH COPLON IS DEFINITELY RETAINING ARCHIBALD PALMER, A NY ATTORNEY, AS HER ATTORNEY. SHE LEFT NYC AT NINE FIFTEEN A.M. THIS DATE, TAKING EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THIRTYTHREE UNDER THE NAME OF HELEN CLARK. PALMER ALSO ON PLANE. PALMER INTENDS TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF AN UNKNOWN D.C. ATTORNEY. BOTH CLARK AND PALMER HAVE RETURN RESERVATIONS TO NYC ON EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THIRTYSIX, ARRIVING NYC FIVE

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SIXTEEN P.M. BERT COPLON ILL AND NOT MAKING TRIP TO WASHINGTON. LAST INFO ON BAIL IS THAT BERT HAD OBTAINED SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL FROM BOB /PH/, AND EXPECTS TO GET THREE THOUSAND FROM LUDLOW /PH/.....DURING THE PAST WEEKEND, THERE WERE SEVERAL TALKS BETWEEN THE RUSSIANS IN D.C. AND NYC. INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING CONSULATES IN THE U.S., BOTH IN THE RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES. IT WAS NOTED THAT PANYUSHKIN WANTED GUBITCHEV-S PASSPORT DELIVERED TO WASHINGTON BY SOMEONE WITH DIPLOMATIC STATUS. ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH TWENTY, TOLOKONNIKOV FROM WASHINGTON SPOKE TO MORISOV IN NYC, TO GET THE WORDING OF SECTION THREE, PARAGRAPH SEVEN, OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT OF MAY TWENTYSIX NINETEEN TWENTYFOUR, WHICH DESCRIBES IMMUNITIES AFFORDED FOREIGN PERSONNEL.

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March 22, 1949

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On this date, Special Agent H. DUDLEY PAYNE of this office contacted Mr. RAY WHEARTY at Mr. WHEARTY's request, for the purpose of advising Agent PAYNE that he had requested SHAPIRO to sign the statement admitting his intimate relations with the subject. Mr. WHEARTY stated that he had been directed by Mr. PEYTON FORD to have SHAPIRO sign this statement.

While discussing this matter with Mr. WHEARTY, he mentioned that BERNARD MORRIS had contacted him to ascertain what he could concerning the COPLON case. Mr. WHEARTY stated that the only things which he told Mr. MORRIS were:

1. That neither GUBITCHEV or COPLON had talked;
2. That one of the documents which COPLON had on her at the time of her arrest indicated that one of her acquaintances had known her as a Communist; and
3. That apparently she was receiving some remuneration for giving this information to the Russians as GUBITCHEV had some money on him which it is believed was intended for COPLON.

The above information is being transmitted to the Bureau inasmuch as MORRIS is being actively investigated by this office, including technical and physical surveillance.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. REMYTEL MARCH FIFTEEN, LAST, SETTING OUT  
OPINION OF SAAG DONEGAN RELATIVE TO WHAT MATERIAL HE THOUGHT WOULD  
BE NEEDED FOR TRIAL. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN FROM DEPARTMENT  
WHETHER IT STILL PLANS TO START TRIAL NYC APRIL FIRST. IF SO, BUREAU  
SHOULD DECIDE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE WHAT MATERIAL SET FORTH REFERENCED  
TELETYPE CAN BE USED AS EVIDENCE AND ADVISE NYO AND WFO. NYO CANNOT  
PREPARE SUMMARY REPORT UNTIL THIS NECESSARY INFORMATION RECEIVED  
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TO : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: March 21, 1949

FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI

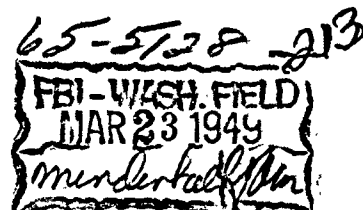
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was  
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Mr. Elbert H. Gray, Identification Division employee reported the following information concerning Judith Coplon:

Mr. Gray lives at 1419 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W., in a rooming house owned by Mr. Franklin Whorton. The colored maid named Lillian (last name not known), who cleans this rooming house each day from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., told Mr. Gray, after seeing Miss Coplon's picture in the paper that she had known Miss Coplon previously.

MERVYN TOBIAS  
Lillian said that she worked for a Mr. Marvin Tobise a few years ago when he lived in the vicinity of Mt. Alto Hospital and at that time Judith Coplon lived next door. Tobise became very friendly with Coplon and had reportedly obtained a job for her in some Government department. However, Miss Coplon declined to accept this position in order to accept a position in the Justice Department. (It is to be noted that this would be in error; however, it is possible that Coplon did not want to transfer to another Government position from the Justice Department.) Tobise at that time was also employed in a Government position. He is now living, according to Lillian, in San Francisco, California. Lillian also stated that she was cutting a picture of Miss Coplon out of one of the local newspapers and mailing it to Mr. Tobise just to remind or ask him if she wasn't the girl who lived next door to him a few years ago.

The Bureau's files do not reflect any information concerning Marvin Tobise. This information is being furnished to you for your information in connection with your current investigation of this matter.



Assigned to Munderhoff

Director, FBI

Attn: FBI Laboratory

March 23, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

ReNYlet March 3, 1949 to the Bureau and Washington Field Office which enclosed for the Washington Field Office one sheet of ruled paper on which subject COPLON had written in her handwriting an order for breakfast during her temporary detention at the New York Office pending arraignment on March 5, 1949.

This letter requested that the Washington Field Office transmit this enclosure to the FBI Laboratory as a known specimen in order that it might be compared with specimens of handwriting believed to be that of Miss COPLON which were found on her person at the time of her arrest on March 4, 1949.

The above mentioned known handwriting specimen is herewith enclosed and it is requested that both the New York and Washington Field Divisions be advised of the results of the examination.

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Enclosure

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 23 1949

TELETYPE

WASHINGTON AND INFO FROM NEW YORK 19 23 6-31 P  
DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. SONIA COHEN APPEARING IN COPLON-S ADDRESS BOOK PRESENTLY EMPLOYED OFFICE OF RECORDS AND ARCHIVES, UN, WASHINGTON, D.C. HER PERSONNEL FILE UN LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK, REFLECTS HER FULL NAME AS SONIA REBECCA COHEN AND HER RESIDENCE AS EIGHTEEN DUVAL STREET, SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON. EMPLOYMENT AS FOLLOWS... OCTOBER THIRTYSIX TO DECEMBER FORTYTHREE, UNITED STORES COMPANY, DORCHESTER, MASS., AS CLERK AND SECRETARY, JAN. FORTYFOUR TO MAY FORTY FIVE, ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION OF US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AS STENO, JAN. FIRST FORTYFIVE TO FEB. TENTH FORTYSEVEN, UNRRA AS CLERK DASH STENO IN DISPLACED PERSONS DASH GERMAN OPERATION AND ON JAN. ELEVENTH FORTYFIVE WAS ASSIGNED TO LONDON OFFICE UNTIL FEB. TENTH FORTYSEVEN, WHEN SHE WAS TRANSFERRED TO UN WASHINGTON. NOTE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION ABOUT SIX MONTHS AFTER DECEMBER FORTYFOUR. ONLY BACKGROUND INFO AVAILABLE NEW YORK CITY THIS DATE IS THAT COHEN BORN OCTOBER TWELFTH FOURTEEN IN MAINE. SHE IS WHITE AND SINGLE. EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS.. THIRTYTHREE TO THIRTYFIVE GORHAM

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NORMAL SCHOOL, GORHAM, MAINE, FORTYONE TO FORTYTWO, HIGGINS BUSINESS MACHINES SCHOOL, BOSTON, FORTYTWO TO FORTYTHREE STENO TYPE INSTITUTE, BOSTON. COHEN SPEAKS GERMAN AND UNDERSTANDS YIDDISH. BUREAU REQUESTED TO EXAMINE COHEN PERSONNEL FILE DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND INFO PARTICULARLY IDENTITY OF PARENTS. NYO WILL DETERMINE IF UNRRA RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. REMYTEL MARCH EIGHT LAST CONCERNING  
PHILIP G. PAVIA. PAVIA REPORTEDLY EMPLOYED AS SCULPTOR IN NY SCHOOL  
SYSTEM, DATE UNKNOWN. RECORDS BOARD OF EDUCATION, NYC, NEGATIVE.  
PAVIA COULD HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED ON FEDERAL PROJECT IN NY SCHOOL, IN  
WHICH CASE, RECORDS WOULD BE RETAINED FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY, ONE  
SEVEN THREE FOUR NY AVENUE NE, WASHINGTON, D.C. WFO WILL ATTEMPT  
TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND ON PAVIA THROUGH FSA AND SUTEL RESULTS.

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Miss Smith  
WPA - no record  
Miss Wolfe  
Off Bureau  
Miss Smith  
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Director, FBI

Attn: FBI Laboratory

March 24, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

ReWFOlet March 9, 1949, which transmitted the original data slip of Q-30, which data slip bears the caption, "General NICOLAE RADESCU". In the upper right hand corner of this data slip there appears "NICOLAE MALAXA", "M. NICHOLAS CARANFIL", and "M. BARBU NICULESCU".

By letter of March 11, 1949, the FBI Laboratory advised it had determined that the carbon copy of Q-30, which was taken from COPLON's purse on March 4, 1949, was prepared simultaneously with and is a direct carbon of the original of Q-30 submitted by the Washington Field Office by referenced letter.

Transmitted herewith are two carbons of Q-30 which were obtained from the files of room 2220, U. S. Department of Justice Building, one being filed under the name of NICOLAE MALAXA and the other filed under the name of "M. BARBU NICULESCU".

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare these carbons with the original previously submitted. They should be retained in the files of the FBI Laboratory. They have been initialed by Mr. WILLIAM E. FOLEY, Chief of the FARA Section, Department of Justice, and by Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES of the Washington Field Office.

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Director, FBI

March 24, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R  
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Reference is made to letter from SAC, New York to SAC, Washington Field, dated March 16, 1949, requesting the Washington Field Office to review Department of Justice records concerning Mrs. MILTON C. BRAVER, nee PAULINE HARGIN.

The personnel file of PAULINE HARGIN reflects that she was born September 14, 1923 in New York City; her residence was given as 3225 Bainbridge Avenue. Her parents are JACK HARGIN, father, born in Russia and HELEN PFEFFER, mother, born in Vienna, Austria.

The application for employment with the Justice Department reflects that she attended Evander Childs High School, 600 East Gunhill Road, New York City from 1937 to 1941 and the Monroe Secretarial School, 1940 Boston Road, New York City from February 1941 to June 1941. No mention is made of college; however, an employee questionnaire dated October 25, 1945, indicates that she attended Hunter College for two years.

The application for employment further reflects that she was employed from June 1939 to September 1940 with the Chain Building Corporation, 391 East 149th Street, New York City and from February 1941 to May 1942 with Samuel H. Moss, Incorporated, 36 East 23rd Street, New York City.

PAULINE HARGIN stated on the form that she was winner of "America's Perfect Secretary" held at New York World's Fair by the Underwood, Elliot Fischer Company and she gave the following references all in New York City:

STANLEY KATZ, 395 Riverside Drive  
HENRY BROWNER, 409 East 204th Street  
J. RAMSON, 3227 Bainbridge Avenue  
Dr. JOSEPH GOLOMB, 1874 Grand Concourse.

On May 22, 1942, PAULINE HARGIN was appointed as Junior Stenographer with the Department of Justice in the Anti-Trust Division in New York. In August 1943 she was transferred to the War Division, Economic Warfare Section. On June 19, 1945 she was transferred to Washington, D. C. from New York City into the Alien Property Section of the War Division. On December 29, 1945 she

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was transferred to the Claims Division, Alien Property Section and was terminated from the Department of Justice at the close of business August 16, 1946, after submitting her resignation giving as a reason that she was going to be married.

The following papers were contained in the personnel file and were signed by PAULINE HARGIN:

An Affidavit prohibiting Government employees from striking against the United States Government. This Affidavit was dated July 17, 1946, and revealed that at that time she was on duty with the Alien Property Unit in Frankfurt, Germany.

The Oath of Office which includes a personal affidavit explaining the provisions of the Hatch Act and the United States Civil Service Declaration of Appointee.

There was no indication in the Department of Justice records that she was ever secretary to O. JOHN ROGGE.

cc: New York



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 24, 1949

On March 24, 1949, I telephonically called the attention of Inspector FLETCHER of the Bureau to the fact that COPLON's attorney, as indicated by newspaper reports, had indicated the possibility that the defense to be used in her trial will be that the material she obtained was for the purpose of writing a book.

I pointed out to Mr. FLETCHER that during the numerous interviews conducted by this office, no-one had mentioned that COPLON was writing a book and that of course this question had not been covered during the interviews since this tentative defense was not known at this time. I advised him that a number of individuals rather closely associated with COPLON had indicated their knowledge that she was in the process of preparing a thesis in connection with her attendance at American University.

I pointed out to him that undoubtedly her attorney would attempt to maintain the alleged writing of a book on the basis of a thesis. I requested his advice as to whether we should re-contact those individuals closely associated with COPLON for the purpose of obtaining statements that they did not know that she was writing a book.

Mr. FLETCHER advised he had discussed this matter previously with Mr. WHEARTY of the Department and that both Mr. WHEARTY and he felt that such statements by COPLON and her attorney merely constituted newspaper talk and he advised it would not be necessary to take any action in this regard.

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GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

March 24, 1949

HOLLIS W. BOWERS, SA

JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE -R

This is to advise that on March 20, 1949 at 7:47 P.M., the BM summary reflected that LOUIS NEMZER contacted BERNARD MORRIS and that MORRIS went to the Washington Tourist Camp later in the evening of March 20 and talked with NEMZER there.

On March 21, 1949, the writer checked the register at the Washington Tourist Camp at Haines Point and determined that LOUIS NEMZER home address, 451 Loreman Avenue, Worthington, Ohio, had registered with his three sons and wife and was staying in cottage D-10. NEMZER registered at 7:20 P.M. and was driving a Studebaker with Ohio license plates #A-1451. He paid rent through March 27, 1949.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM : CARL W. BUCCHOLTZ, SA

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON,  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 24, 1949

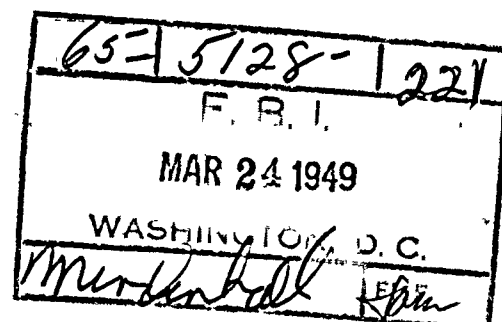
On Friday, March 18, 1949, at approximately 4:45 P. M., Mr. SUMMERFORD, Assistant Manager, McLean Gardens, telephonically contacted the writer to advise that on the above date they had received a postal card from JUDITH COPLON stating that she intended to remove her possessions from her room and her locker prior to April 1, 1949.

Mr. SUMMERFORD stated that his reason in calling this office to advise of the above postal card, was due to the fact that at the time Mr. ALLINSON, Manager of McLean Gardens was contacted by agents of this office regarding Miss COPLON's room, they had been advised that she did not have a locker in Jefferson Hall.

Mr. SUMMERFORD stated that since the above postal card indicated that she has a locker at McLean Gardens, they desired that the fact be called to the attention of this office.

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WASHINGTON AND WFO FROM NEW YORK 5 24 12-13 AM  
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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. RENYTELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU INSTANT  
DATE RELATIVE TO BERTRAM COPLON GOING TO WASHINGTON SATURDAY TO  
OBTAIN SUBJECT-S PERSONAL EFFECTS. BERTRAM COPLON WILL CALL SA  
THOMAS MENDENHALL, EXECUTIVE SEVEN ONE HUNDRED, EXTENSION TWO ONE  
SEVEN ONE, TEN A.M., SUNDAY MARCH TWENTY SEVENTH NEXT. BERTRAM  
COPLON VOLUNTEERED INFO TO NY OFFICE THAT JUDITH DID NOT KNOW HER  
LOCKER NUMBER AT MC LEAN GARDENS, BUT STATED IT WAS ON SAME FLOOR  
AS HER APARTMENT AND WAS DISTINGUISHED FROM OTHER LOCKERS BY A BLACK  
AND GOLD COMBINATION LOCK. WFO ADVISE SA MENDENHALL TO BE AVAILABLE  
AT ABOVE TIME TO RECEIVE CALL OF BERTRAM COPLON.

*assigned to Mendenhall 45-5128-223*

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*Mendenhall*

DIRECTOR, FBI

March 24, 1949

SAC, HOUSTON

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the teletype from Washington Field dated March 22, 1949 captioned as above, in which the Houston Office was requested to interview Mrs. ANNIE SLOAN, 1516 Bonnie Bras Avenue, Houston, Texas, for information concerning COPLON at the time COPLON resided at Mrs. SLOAN's home at 321 Varnum Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Mrs. SLOAN was interviewed at her Houston residence on March 23, 1949, at which time she stated that she recalled JUDITH COPLON having occupied a room at her Washington home for about one month sometime in 1943 or 1944. She stated she is unable to recall the exact date COPLON occupied this room at her residence, however, she does recall that COPLON was brought to her home by a representative of the War Housing Authority in Washington. Mrs. SLOAN stated her two sons, PAUL and LEWIS, both left home for service in the United States Army in late 1942 and early 1943, and that she registered her two rooms with the War Housing Agency and as vacancies occurred she notified this agency who brought roomers to her house. She recalled COPLON told her shortly after moving to her residence that she wanted to find a small apartment and only paid rent for one month. She stated she does not recall COPLON having paid any additional rent and believes she only resided at her place for one month.

Mrs. SLOAN stated she recalled COPLON as being one of the "plainest looking" girls she had ever seen, in that she used no cosmetics and was very negligent with the care of her hair and general appearance. She also recalled that COPLON remarked shortly after moving to her house that she had just arrived in Washington from Brooklyn, New York, and that she was attending a Government School of some sort preparing herself for Government employment. Mrs. SLOAN stated COPLON appeared to be a stranger in Washington in that she asked directions regarding the most common and well known places in Washington.

Mrs. SLOAN stated she had no knowledge as to where COPLON moved when she left 321 Varnum Street, nor did she know of any acquaintances or contact of COPLON at the time she resided at her

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Re: Judith Coplon  
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home. Mrs. SLOAN believed, however, that DORIS GROFF possibly occupied a room at her residence at the same time COPLON did, in that GROFF roomed at her home for around two years, and it is possible COPLON resided with her at the same time and may be an acquaintance of GROFF. She recalled that GROFF was from Fredericksburg, Virginia, and she worked on the third floor at Lansburg's Department Store on 7th Street in Washington. Other girls residing with her that she recalls are FLORENCE PRICE, employee of the War Department, Food Stuffs Division, who was rooming with her at the time her son PAUL returned from the Army; and MARY, whose last name she cannot recall, and who was employed for sometime in President ROOSEVELT's office. She stated that MARY, FLORENCE PRICE, and DORIS GROFF lived with her longer than anyone else and for that reason remembers more concerning these three girls.

Mrs. SLOAN was unable to furnish any information concerning any individual who operated a second hand store on 7th Street. She stated she could only recall one person who owned a second hand store on 7th Street and this family, whose last name she stated was MENICK, (phonetic), operated a small second hand store in the 1700 Block of 7th Street, but from her recollection this store was small and there was no available space for roomers or tenants.

Mrs. SLOAN stated that her son, LEWIS SLOAN, was employed by the Cohen Delicatessen Store on 14th Street in Washington for several years, prior to entering the Army in January 1943, and after his discharge from the Army in January 1946 he moved to Georgia, where he lives at the present time. She stated her son PAUL SLOAN was an employee of the Civil Aeronautics Bureau in Washington from 1939 until he entered the Army in 1942, and after his release from the Army on September 19, 1945, he moved to Houston and is presently employed as a Special Agent in the Internal Revenue Bureau in Houston. She stated she moved to Houston with PAUL in 1945 and has lived here ever since.

Mrs. SLOAN stated she never saw or heard of COPLON after she moved from her home until the recent publicity concerning her arrest and indictment in New York.



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Re: Judith Coplon

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Mr. PAUL SLOAN was interviewed and advised he is unable to add any information to that furnished by his mother, except to state that after discussing the matter with his mother that it is his opinion that COPLON must have lived at his mother's address sometime around the summer of 1944 but added that this is based more on conjecture than fact, as he had no knowledge of COPLON's residence at his mother's home until recently. Mr. SLOAN stated he is unable to furnish any information concerning anyone of his acquaintance having operated a second hand store on 7th Street or that COPLON ever resided on 7th Street. -RUC-

MR. TRACY

March 16, 1949

J. M. O'Connor

JUDITH COPLON  
Information Concerning

Mr. Elbert H. Gray, Identification Division employee, reported the following information concerning Miss Judith Coplon who was recently arrested by Bureau Agents in New York City:

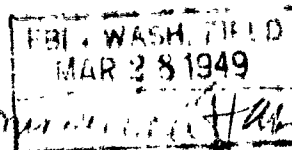
Mr. Gray lives at 1419 Rhode Island Avenue, Northwest, in a rooming house owned by Mr. Franklin Whorton. The colored maid named Lillian (last name not known), who cleans this rooming house each day from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., told Mr. Gray, after seeing Miss Coplon's picture in the paper, that she had known Miss Coplon previously.

Lillian said that she worked for a Mr. Marvin Tobise a few years ago when he lived in the vicinity of Mt. Alto Hospital and at that time Judith Coplon lived next door. Tobise became very friendly with Miss Coplon and had obtained Miss Coplon a job in a government department. However, Miss Coplon declined to accept this position in order to accept a position in the Justice Department. At that time, Tobise was also employed in the government. He is now living, according to Lillian, in San Francisco, California. Lillian also told our employee that she was cutting the picture of Miss Coplon out of one of the local newspapers and mailing it to Mr. Tobise just to remind or ask him if she wasn't the girl that lived next door to him a few years ago.

RECOMMENDATION: That this information be furnished to the Washington Field Office, through the Security Division. A5

cc - Washington Field Office

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Director, FBI

March 28, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. RAYMOND WHEARTY of the Department has indicated to the Washington Field Office that photographs of the arrangement of file cabinets and material in Room 2220 of the Department of Justice Building would be helpful to him in trying the above captioned case.

Inasmuch as these photographs are to be used in Court during the trial, it is believed that they should be of professional quality.

It is requested that the services of a Bureau photographer be made available to the Washington Field Office for the purpose of taking and preparing these photographs.

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REMARKS OR DESCRIPTION Return to SA THOMAS A. BENDISWALL,  
Room 1513, WFO File 65-5128.

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DATE 3-29-49

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 29, 1949

On March 29, 1949, Supervisor GRANVILLE of New York relayed the following instructions from Inspector FLETCHER of the Bureau regarding this case:

1. Obtain from the State Department, passport file relating to the visit of COPLON to France, and additional handwriting specimens for Laboratory examination. OK AS
2. Submit the index for the first investigative report as soon as possible. — OK
3. Have an agent assist a photographer in making suitable photographs of COPLON's office and the adjoining space for the purpose of Court Room use. — OK

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DIRECTOR AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD

JUDITH COPLON, WAS, ESPIONAGE R. RETEL MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST. BORIS VOLKOV HAS NO OBJECTION TO USE OF INSTANT MATERIAL IN TRIAL OF THIS CASE IF IT IS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT EVIDENCE. HE WOULD PREFER THAT HIS NAME NOT BE MADE PUBLIC BUT STATED THAT IF THE PUBLICITY IS UNAVOIDABLE IN PRESENTATION OF THE EVIDENCE HE WILL HAVE NO OBJECTION. VOLKOV TESTIFIED BEFORE GRAND JURY AT SF IN GREGORY CASE AND SF NEWSPAPERS REPORTED SAME SO HIS ANTI SOVIET POSITION IS WELL KNOWN TO USSR. HIS OBJECTION TO PUBLICITY IS HIS FEAR OF ANTAGONIZING HIS SON ANATOLE SILVERMASTER WITH WHOM HE NOW HAS FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE. WIFE OF THE SHUMAKOV MENTIONED IN EXTRACTED INFORMATION IS SISTER OF HELEN SILVERMASTER, THEREFORE, AN AUNT OF ANATOLE. VOLKOV BELIEVES EXTRACT MADE BY COPLON TO BE USED AGAINST SHULON. USE OF THIS INFORMATION WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE JURAYCOFF INVESTIGATION OR AFFECT FUTURE USE OF VOLKOV AS SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

KIMBALL

BUREAU ADVISED

RECEIVED 3-30-49  
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*assigned to  
J. M. Underhill*

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

March 30, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON;  
VALENTIN ALEKSEEVICH QUBITCHEV, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Transmitted herewith are certain known specimens of the handwriting of subject JUDITH COPLON.

(1) This is a passport application, #204249, signed on May 5, 1948 by JUDITH COPLON; attached to the application is a City of New York Certification of Birth. The application was obtained from Miss MILDRED SMITH, Room 224, Passport Division, Department of State, Winder Building, 17th and F Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. It is to be noted that this application contains the names of J. J. FLYNN and DORIS E. WRIGLEY as witnesses. FLYNN can be reached through the Passport Division, Department of State, Winder Building. WRIGLEY's address on the application is 828 Gebhardt Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey. However, she is now married to an individual whose name is SEVIER and is with him in Trieste, Italy where he is working for the Department of State of this country.

At the time of the attaining of this application, Miss SMITH advised that she had made an incidental search of the Passport Files and had determined that COPLON's passport had not been surrendered. She further pointed out that the passports are good for two years from the date of issuance and that it would not be surrendered by an American citizen unless it had been requested by the Department of State. The FBI Laboratory is requested to make sufficient photographic copies of the above described passport application in order that the original application may be immediately returned to the State Department per their request.

The initials of Special Agent HOLLIS W. BOWERS appear on this specimen.

(2) This specimen, designated as #2, is a handwritten letter dated March 26, 1949 and addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The letter is signed by subject JUDITH COPLON and was used by her brother, BERTRAM G. COPLON as an introduction and request that certain personal items of COPLON's be furnished to him. Known specimen #2 was given to Special Agent THOMAS A. MENDENHALL at approximately 10:00 AM on March 27, 1949 at the Washington Field Office.

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Letter to the Director

March 30, 1949

The initials of Special Agent THOMAS A. MENDENHALL appear on the back of Specimen #2.

(3) Known specimen #3 is a pencilled handwritten two page list of items and instructions which BERTRAM G. COPLON had with him at 10:00 AM on March 27, 1949 when he appeared at the Washington Field Office. BERTRAM G. COPLON furnished this list to Special Agent MENDENHALL and advised that they had been written by his sister JUDITH. Concerning known specimen #3; it is to be noted that there are two pencilled notations consisting of three short lines in the top right-hand corner of Page 1 and Page 2. According to BERTRAM G. COPLON, these notations were placed there by Mr. RAYMOND P. WHEARTY of the Department of Justice and Mr. A. H. BELMONT of the New York Office of the FBI. These two pencilled notations are considerably darker than the handwriting of COPLON on this list.

This specimen has been sealed and identified by Special Agent MENDENHALL.

(4) Known specimen #4 is one page from a lined tablet containing certain pencilled notes. Mr. NATHAN B. LENVIN, Attorney, who shared Room #2220 at the Department of Justice with JUDITH COPLON, can testify that he saw her make these notes sometime during the last week of February, 1949. LENVIN specifically recalls the incident as he, COPLON and HAROLD KOFFSKY had a discussion relative to the International Organization Immunity Act and whether it applied to an employee of the United Nations if the employee was an American citizen. Further, during the discussion, LENVIN saw COPLON making the notes on known specimen #4 which notes appear below the arrow drawn in ink on this specimen. Known specimen #4 was located in the lower left drawer of COPLON's desk. The initials of NATHAN B. LENVIN and those of Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES appear on known specimen #4.

(5) Known specimen #5 is a letter dated March 26, 1949 and directed to the Fairmac Corporation for the attention of "Mr. CHARLES L. ALLISON". The letter is signed by the subject, JUDITH COPLON. Known specimen #5 was obtained on March 29, 1949 by Special Agent LYNN W. BEDFORD from Miss H. BARNEY, Secretary to CHARLES L. ALLISON of the Executive Office, McLean Gardens. Special Agent THOMAS A. MENDENHALL of this office was present at Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens on March 27, 1949 when BERTRAM G. COPLON furnished known specimen #5 to ANNA MOOREFIELD, McLean Gardens employee who was on duty at Jefferson Hall at that time.

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(6) Known specimen #6 is a postal card addressed to the Manager of Jefferson Hall by JUDITH COPLON on March 15, 1949. This specimen was also furnished by Miss H. BARNEY, secretary to C. L. ALLISON. Special Agent LYNN W. BEDFORD has placed his initials on known specimens #5 and #6.

Known specimens #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6, set forth above, may be retained by the Laboratory and destroyed upon the completion of this investigation on JUDITH COPLON. Known specimen #1, after appropriate photographing, will be returned personally by Special Agent HOLLIS W. BOWERS of this office to the Passport Division of the State Department.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare these known specimens of the handwriting of JUDITH COPLON with those questioned specimens found in her possession on the night of her arrest, March 4, 1949. The results of the examination should be furnished to this office and to the New York Office.

For the information of the Bureau, additional handwriting specimens may be obtained at the following sources in the event it becomes imperative that additional specimens be obtained:

The City Bank, 10th Street and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

This bank has a signature card for the account of JUDITH COPLON.

The City Bank, 9th Street and Massachusetts Ave., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

This bank has three bond applications executed in the name of JUDITH COPLON. These applications contain her name, address and date of the applications. One of the three applications was prepared in pencil, one in ink and one was typewritten, with the exception, of course, that all three were signed by JUDITH COPLON.

Lincoln National Bank, 7th and D Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

This bank has one bond application executed by JUDITH COPLON and a signature card which ROBERT E. LEE, an official of the bank, recalls JUDITH COPLON signing.

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Washington Loan and Trust Company  
9th and F Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.

This bank has two bond applications written in pencil in the name of JUDITH COPLON. The bank has advised that it believes these applications were sent to the bank by Woodward & Lothrop Department Store as a customer's service in securing war bonds.

It is to be noted that the handwriting specimens that would be obtained from the aforementioned banks would probably be limited in that they are signatures and addresses and furthermore, it appears that it will be difficult to get anyone who can definitely state that they saw JUDITH COPLON make the signatures, with the exception of ROBERT E. LEE of the Lincoln National Bank.

Another possibility for handwriting specimens is the Treasury Bonds for Security Section of the Treasury Department. This section has receipts for bonds which it is holding in safe-keeping for JUDITH COPLON. Mrs. EDITH HOOVER, Branch 787, Treasury Department, furnished the information concerning these receipts.

It is also known that JUDITH COPLON had an account at the Credit Union, Department of Justice which has a signature card for her account. Also, the Payroll Section of the Department of Justice will undoubtedly have a bond application which in itself may be types but would have to be signed by JUDITH COPLON.

Mr. E. L. KILBY, Office of the Director of Public Debt, Treasury Department, can furnish cancelled U. S. war bonds which contain the signature and address of subject JUDITH COPLON.

This office is not taking any steps toward obtaining additional specimens from the above outlined sources, especially with regard to the banks who, in this area, want subpoena duces tecum prior to releasing any of their original records.

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ARTHUR KINOY  
51 East 97th Street  
New York City

During the interview of COPLON on March 4 and 5, 1949, and while she was deciding what attorney she wanted to call relative to her arraignment, she mentioned the name of ARTHUR KINOY and upon trying to find it in the phone book it was noted that he was not listed as an attorney but that he is listed in the Manhattan Telephone Directory as above. COPLON did not call him on that evening.

The files of the New York Office show that ARTHUR KINOY is an attorney and is Associate General Counsel of the United Electrical Workers (CIO) and has written a number of articles for the "UE News".

DEVELOPIX  
32-34 Steinway Street  
Long Island City, New York

It will be recalled that in COPLON'S address book was the name, DEVELOPIX, Box 146, Madison Square Station, New York, New York.

The writer ascertained from SAMUEL HAMMEL, Correspondent Clerk at the above Post Office Station, that Box 146 is rented by DEVELOPIX and the SPIRATONE FINE GRAIN LABORATORIES, 32-34 Steinway Street, Long Island City. The box was originally rented on April 1, 1947, by FRANKLIN S. SPIRA, the owner. Mr. HAMMEL said that the box was originally rented by the BERKEY PHOTO SERVICE, 45 East 20th Street, New York City, on January 21, 1946. He said that the Developix Company had been purchased from the BERKEY PHOTO SERVICE.

Confidential Informant [ ] advised that a report had been b7D made on November 17, 1948, concerning the SPIRATONE FINE GRAIN LABORATORIES, at which time they were located at 49 West 27th Street. This report stated that the Laboratory would open a branch at 32-34 Steinway Street, Long Island City in November, 1948 and would move its headquarters there. The business was formerly owned by HANS SPIRA who recently died. It is now being operated by FRANKLIN A. SPIRA, 24 years of age, single, born Austria.

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