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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV,

Criminal No. 129-158

Defendants

CITY, COUNTY AND STATE OF NEW YORK: SS.

ARCHIBALD PALMER, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is attorney for the defendant JUDITH COPLON in the above entitled proceeding and makes this affidavit in support of the relief set forth in the annexed notice of motion.

Deponent was in contact with EDWARD U. CONDON this morning and was informed by him that said DR. CONDON is leaving on the 22nd day of December, 1949, at ten A.M., by aeroplane for India and will not return to this country before a period of several months.

DR. CONDON testified during the Washington trial and his testimony is also necessary for the defense of the forthcoming trial in the above entitled matter. His testimony is material since the Government, through the testimony of F.B.I. Inspector Fletcher, endeavored to prove, at the Washington trial, that the story relating to geophones, which Fletcher had put into the decoy letter of March 3, 1949 and which as admittedly fabricated by him, was given to him by the Atomic Energy Commission.

It is therefore absolutely necessary, to show by an expert, that geophones have nothing to do with the atomic bomb and have not been a secret since the first World War.

DR. CONDON is also a material and necessary witness

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v. Criminal No.

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Defendants.

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OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
T OF NEW YORK)

RAYMOND P. MCPARTY, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. Affiant has read the Notice of Motion herein to take the sition of EDWARD U. CONDON, dated December 15, 1949, and the at- d affidavit of Archibald Palmer, Esq., dated the same date, in ort thereof and with respect to the latter asserts:

(a) That the said EDWARD U. CONDON was subpoenaed nd sworn as a defense witness in the Washington trial of he defendant JUDITH COPLON.

(b) That the said EDWARD U. CONDON therein testi- ied as to his occupation and some of his background.

(c) That said EDWARD U. CONDON was there sought to e examined with respect to the correctness or incorrect- ess of certain information concerning him received by the ederal Bureau of Investigation and set out in certain of ts reports theretofore received in evidence over Govern- ent objection in the said trial; and that the Court roperly sustained the Government's objections to such uestions upon the grounds of incompetence, irrelevance nd immateriality, so that the said witness was not per- itted to give any testimony in that regard.

(d) That the said EDWARD U. CONDON was further ought to be examined concerning the nature of conversa-

in connection with the issue of wire-tapping.

WHEREFORE, deponent respectfully prays for the relief set forth in the annexed notice of motion, for all of which no previous application has been made.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS
15th day of December, 1949

ARCHIBALD PALMER /s/

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV,

Defendants

Criminal No. 129-158

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S I R S :

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon the annexed affidavit of ARCHIBALD PALMER, duly sworn to the 15th day of December, 1949, a motion will be made before the HONORABLE SYLVESTER J. RYAN, District Judge, at Room 1506 of the United States Court House, Foley Square, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on the 15th day of December, 1949, at ten-thirty o'clock in the forenoon of said day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for an order, pursuant to Rule 15 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, directing the taking of the deposition of EDWARD U. CONDON, Director of the Bureau of Standards of the United States, as a witness in the above entitled matter, on the 21st day of December, 1949 at ten-thirty A.M., at Room 1506 of the United States Court House, Foley Square, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on the following matters:

1. That information with respect to geophones, referred to in the decoy letter dated March 3, 1949, was known in this country and all over the world for at least thirty years;

2. That geophones were used for the purpose of measuring explosion affects in the First World War;

3. That geophones were invented long before the atom bomb came into being and have nothing to do with the atom bomb;

4. That the Government of the United States, and in particular, the F.B.I., is constantly using illegal

their uses and publication of information regarding them; and that the Court properly sustained the Government's objections to such questions upon the grounds of incompetence, irrelevancy and immateriality, so that the said witness was not permitted to give any testimony in that regard.

(e) That the said witness testified to nothing except as herein set forth.

(f) That the witness Howard B. Fletcher, in the Washington trial, testified to none of the matters attributed to him in counsel's affidavit in support of this motion.

(g) That the witness Robert J. Lamphere, in the Washington trial, testified concerning his preparation of a memorandum, dated March 3, 1949, referred to in counsel's affidavit as a "decoy letter".

(h) That following her arrest a handwritten memorandum was found in defendant GUBLER's purse, reading in part as follows:

> "Bureau has recently learned thru an informant that Amtorg has been in contact with the Geophysical Research Corp. re geophones. The fact that these geophones are used for the purpose of making blast measurements at Alamogordo and other testing points is highly restricted but Amtorg apparently must have some knowledge of their use."

(i) That the memorandum dated March 3, 1949, prepared by Special Agent Lamphere contained the following paragraph:

> "I have previously furnished you information concerning the efforts of the Amtorg Trading Corporation to obtain equipment relative to atomic research developments. In this connection, this Bureau has recently learned through an informant that the Amtorg Trading Corporation has been in contact with the Geophysical Research Corporation concerning geophones to measure blast pressures which this company manufactured in small quantities for the original bomb test at Alamogordo. The fact that these geophones are used for the purpose of making blast measurements at Alamogordo and other testing points, is highly restricted but appar ntly the Amtorg Trading Corporation must have some knowledge of the use of these instruments."

(j) That the statement in counsel's affidavit that "the story relating to geophones . . . . was admittedly fabricated by him" is untrue and counsel is challenged to refer the Court to any such testimony in the record of the Washington trial.

RAYMOND F. WHEARTY

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this day of December, 1949.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field DATE: December 16, 1949

FROM : THOMAS A. MENDENHALL, Special Agent

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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On December 15, 1949, Inspector FLETCHER of the Bureau, while in the New York Field Office, instructed the writer to have made for possible production in Court convening Tuesday morning, December 20, 1949, in New York, a verbatim typewritten transcript of all of the defendant COPLON's conversations recorded by the F. B. I. from a telephone tap and microphone installation on her office and a telephone tap on her residence.

I advised you of this on the morning of December 16, 1949, at which time you telephonically communicated with Mr. FLETCHER who had returned to Washington on the night of December 15, 1949, and explained to him the magnitude and amount of time required for this assignment and he advised that as an alternative, the original records of conversations obtained as a result of telephone and microphone coverage of her office could, if necessary, be introduced in Court but that COPLON's conversations appearing on the records obtained as a result of a telephone tap on her residence should be "dubbed" on to a new set of records. He stated that these conversations were to be recorded onto the new records consecutively as to date and time.

Mr. FLETCHER advised that this re-recording was necessary to protect the security of other unrelated cases wherein telephone tap information appeared on the same records as conversations of COPLON.

Arrangements were thereupon made with the F. B. I. Laboratory to make the desired recordings.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD DATE: December 19, 1949

FROM : THOMAS A. MENDENHALL, SA

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

It is desired to call to your attention the fact that for each conversation of COPLON's reported in the blind memorandum containing the results of a telephone tap on her residence at 3685 - 38th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., there is not a recording of that conversation in every instance on the actual records.

It is further desired to call to your attention the fact that conversations of COPLON reported in the blind memorandums concerning COPLON's office conversations which were picked up as a result of both a telephone tap and a microphone surveillance, there is not available a recording of every telephone and microphone conversation.

You will recall that the defendant's attorney, ARCHIBALD PALMER, has been furnished a copy of each of the above three blind memorandums which contain a summary of all conversations of COPLON monitored by the FBI. It is believed that the defense in this case may demand an explanation as to the original source of the conversations appearing in the blind memorandums where there is no actual recording and it may therefore become necessary to explain the existence, not only of the original two typewritten summaries, but also of the two handwritten logs made in connection with this case.

It is further desired to call to your attention the fact that in the two blind memorandums concerning the office coverage of the defendant's conversations, the last date of conversations furnished was March 4. This office installation, however, was in operation on March 7th and 9th, and recordings were made of conversations of other employees of the Department of Justice on these dates. Record No. 98 contains conversations emanating from COPLON's office on these latter two dates, as well as a portion of her conversation on March 4th.

It should be noted that in the two blind memorandums containing the results of coverage of COPLON's office, there were deleted calls made and received by others than COPLON. For example, at 3:27 P.M. on January 27, 1949, HAROLD SHAPIRO made a call to MORRIS CHERTKOV, and at 10:50 A.M. on February 14, 1949, there is contained on the records a call between NATHAN LENVIN, attorney in the Department, and his wife. There is no way to delete these types of conversation from the original recordings.

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Inspector FLETCHER of the Bureau is aware of this situation and has previously advised that if necessary the entire 49 records (98 sides) will be placed in evidence.

In addition to the facts pointed out above, it would appear that since the defense is now basing its arguments on the Supreme Court's Nardone decision to the effect that any evidence obtained as a result of action taken which action was initiated as a result of wire tapping is illegal, the defendant's attorney may signal out the fact that the FBI first learned the following as a result of wire tapping:

1. At 8:25 P.M. on January 6, 1949, COPLON stated she was going to Philadelphia for the weekend.

2. At 11:35 P.M. on January 9, 1949, COPLON called her mother in New York and stated she was coming home Friday evening (January 14, 1949) but not for dinner as she might meet somebody in New York.

3. At 10:00 P.M. on January 18, 1949, COPLON stated she was going to New York the following day.

4. at 9:35 P.M. on February 2, 1949, COPLON stated she was going to New York on the weekend of the 19th and that she would be free after 9:00 P.M. on the 18th. She stated in this same conversation with one PAULINE SLAVIN that she did not want her mother to know she would be in and not go right home.

   On February 2, 1949, at 11:51 A.M., COPLON mentioned she was going to New York February 18, 1949.

   At 4:01 P.M. on February 6, 1949, and at 10:27 P.M. on February 13, 1949, COPLON in a long distance call to her mother advised that she would be in on the 18th.

   At 11:08 A.M. on February 18, 1949, COPLON informed FOLEY in a telephone conversation with him that she was taking the 2:00 P.M. train to New York.

5. On February 25, 1949, at 4:08 P.M., COPLON disclosed that she intended going home on March 4, 1949.

At 9:25 P.M. on February 27, 1949, COPLON stated she was going up again this weekend (New York on March 4, 1949), and at 10:55 P.M. on this date COPLON advised SHAPIRO she was going to New York Friday on the 1:00 P.M. train.

In a room conversation at 9:23 A.M. on March 3, 1949, COPLON advised her boss, WILLIAM FOLEY, that she was leaving on the 1:00 P.M. train the following day.

It would seem that to counteract the defense's arguments on this point, the FBI will be forced to show that nearly continuous physical surveillances of the defendant were maintained from January 6, 1949 until March 4, 1949, and that surveillances of COPLON were maintained on the pertinent dates "In spite of" and not "because of" information received from telephone taps. This in turn, however, may prompt PALMER to demand that the FBI produce records and agents to prove the extensiveness of physical surveillances of COPLON in Washington, D. C., and might force the production of WFO surveillance logs.

It should also be borne in mind that PALMER may make further attempts to embarrass the Bureau by the use of three WFO blind memorandums concerning COPLON's telephone conversations which have already been furnished to him.

For example, at 11:23 A.M. on February 2, 1949, COPLON mentioned FBI reports on STANLEY RODERICK PATRIK (ph). At 3:55 P.M. on February 15, 1949, COPLON mentioned information from a report of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field DATE: January 4, 1950

FROM : CARL HENNRICH, ASAC

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. BAUMGARDNER called from the Bureau at 4:10 p.m. January 4. He stated that Mr. FLETCHER had called from New York and instructed that the Washington Field Office go through the COPLON file and remove therefrom one copy of each report which has been submitted re GUBITCHEV and COPLON. These include reports submitted by not only the Washington Field Office but all auxiliary offices except New York. These reports are then to have the lead sheets and informant sheets removed. The Bureau has not yet decided whether the administrative section will be removed, and until so instructed, the administrative section will remain attached to the reports.

The Washington Field Office is to designate an Agent who will take these reports to New York to be there by 1:30 p.m. January 5 in the hands of Mr. FLETCHER without fail. This Agent should be instructed to stop by Mr. BAUMGARDNER's office in the Bureau at 5:30 p.m. January 4 and pick up Bureau reports which he will also take to New York to deliver to Mr. FLETCHER.

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Mendenhall advised at 4:20 p.m. Bowers instructed to pull reports. ASAC advised 4:30 to pull administrative sections. Mendenhall instructed to handle, & to take 8:00 am train to NYC on 1/5/49.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field DATE: January 4, 1949

FROM : CARL HENNRICH, ASAC

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Mr. BAUMGARDNER called from the Bureau at 5:10 p.m. and instructed that informant sheets are to be left on all reports delivered to Mr. FLETCHER in New York.

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Mendenhall advised 5 15 p.m. MRD.

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TO : SAC, HOTTEL

DATE: January 6, 1950

FROM : SA STANLEY T. BLASZEK

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON ✓ num other ref's
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At approximately 6:05 PM this date Inspector LEO LAUGHLIN of the Bureau called and requested me to advise SA's DELAVIGNE, MENDENHALL And PAYNE that their presence was desired in NYC on Monday morning January 9, 1950 in connection with captioned case.

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" Mendenhall 8 13 pm
" Delavigne 8 45 pm
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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: January 13, 1950

FROM : SA CARL S. VOELKER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. BELMONT from the New York Office telephonically advised at 6:30 P.M. this date that SA ROBERT E. LEONARD would be required to remain in New York as additional records were being made available to the court. He stated that Mr. LAUGHLIN of the Bureau had been advised.

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RE: JUDITH COPLON
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The following constitute two chronological lists of investigative reports from the New York and Washington Field office files which were sealed in a cardboard box and delivered by Inspector H. B. Fletcher to government attorneys Kelley and Wheerty on the morning of January 9, 1950, in accordance with the instructions of Judge Sylvester J. Ryan. It is noted that serial 739 of the COPLON file, which is the report of SA Edwin R. Tully dated November 4, 1949 dealing with the check of the jury panel, was not included in accordance with the advice of Messrs. Kelley and Wheerty. The same is true of the report of SA Hollis W. Bowers dated April 22, 1949 at WFO, dealing with the check of the jury panel at the time of the Washington trial of COPLON.

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35	1/28/49	COPLON	T. S. Miller	New York
12	2/7/49	GUBITCHEV	T. S. Miller	New York
149	3/8/49	COPLON & GUBITCHEV	T. S. Miller	New York
279	3/24/49	COPLON	V. T. Hartnett	Springfield
287	3/28/49	COPLON	T. S. Miller	New York
130	3/28/49	GUBITCHEV	R. J. Wirth	New York
163	3/30/49	GUBITCHEV	Hubert F. Small	St. Louis
152	3/31/49	GUBITCHEV	Martin J. McGuinn	New York
364	4/7/49	COPLON	J. A. Ruehle	New York
250	4/21/49	GUBITCHEV	R. J. Wirth	New York
396	4/21/49	COPLON	T. S. Miller	New York
389	5/10/49	GUBITCHEV	Paul C. Fuller	San Francisco
401	5/17/49	GUBITCHEV	Joseph E. Jones	San Antonio
453	6/6/49	GUBITCHEV	James N. Underhill	New Orleans
492	6/24/49	COPLON	Brewer Wilson	New York
478	6/27/49	GUBITCHEV	L. L. Mennier	New Haven
485	6/28/49	GUBITCHEV	R. J. Wirth	New York
567	7/18/49	GUBITCHEV	Austin C. McDonald	Charlotte
570	7/21/49	GUBITCHEV	L. L. Mennier	New Haven

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SERIAL #	DATE	FILE	REPORTING AGENT	PLACE
551	8/18/49	GUBITCHEV & COPLON	T. S. Miller	New York
640	8/24/49	GUBITCHEV	David H. Becker	New Orleans
579	9/23/49	COPLON	J. A. Ruehle	New York
609	10/20/49	COPLON	J. A. Ruehle	New York
622	11/4/49	COPLON & GUBITCHEV	T. S. Miller	New York

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129	3/8/49	COPLON & GUBITCHEV	T. A. Mendenhall	WFO
197	3/15/49	COPLON	John J. Savage	Cincinnati
248	3/25/49	COPLON	Albert P. Clark	Detroit
239	3/29/49	COPLON & GUBITCHEV	T. A. Mendenhall	WFO
276	4/8/49	COPLON	John W. Powell	Newark
307	4/21/49	COPLON	John W. Powell	Newark
308	4/21/49	COPLON	T. A. Mendenhall	WFO
301	4/22/49	COPLON & GUBITCHEV	Joe E. Craig	WFO
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130	10/24/49	GUBITCHEV	T. A. Mendenhall	WFO

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

Federal Bureau of Investigation
January 6, 1950

For the court's assistance, none of the information included in the attached report was received as a result of telephone taps on the residence of Judith Coplon at Washington, D. C., her office at Washington, D. C., her residence at Brooklyn, New York, the Gubitchev residence at New York City, or the microphone coverage of Coplon's office at Washington, D. C.

Report of SA Thomas A. Mendenhall, dated September 13, 1949 at Washington, D.C., WFO 65-5128-542.

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For the Court's assistance, none of the information included in the attached report was received as a result of telephone taps on the residence of Judith Coplon at Washington, D. C., her office at Washington, D. C., her residence at Brooklyn, New York, the Gubitchev residence at New York City, or the microphone coverage of Coplon's office at Washington, D. C.

Report of SA Gilmer G. Robinson, dated August 2, 1949 at Los Angeles, WFO 65-5128-532.

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Report of SA Chester M. Pontz, dated August 3, 1949 at Albany, WFO 65-5128-531.

It is respectfully noted that, while this report does not contain any information secured by means of any telephone or microphone tap on Judith Coplon or Valentine Gubitchev, it does reveal the use of confidential national security informants.

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Report of SA Thomas A. Mendenhall, dated August 1, 1949 at Washington, D. C.
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Report of SA Thomas A. Mendenhall, dated August 1, 1949 at Washington, D. C., WFO 65-5128-529.

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It is respectfully noted that, while this report does not contain any information secured by means of any telephone or microphone tap on Judith Coplon or Valentine Gubitchev, it does reveal the use of confidential national security informants.

Report of SA Thomas A. Mendenhall dated July 25, 1949 at Washington, D. C., WFO 65-5128-520.

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Report of SA Edward G. Burke dated July 7, 1949 at Newark, WFO 65-5128-504.

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These observations are made because it is not readily apparent from the report what information included therein stems from the above sources.

The following pages set forth information obtained from the telephone tap on the Coplon residence in Washington, D. C.: 20, 21 and 54. For the further assistance of the court in locating this information, it has been bracketed on the pages indicated.

The information reflected on these pages was also previously furnished to the Court in a transcript entitled "Results of Telephone Coverage on Residence of Judith Coplon".

It is respectfully noted that apart from any information secured by means of any telephone or microphone tap installed in connection with this case, this report contains information vital to the national security of the United States, particularly in that it reveals the use of confidential national security informants and discloses names of persons who are the subjects of investigations in other cases relating to national security matters.

Report of SA Thomas A. Mendenhall dated June 28, 1949 at Washington, D. C., WFO 65-5128-494.

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Report of SA Richard G. Fletcher dated May 3, 1949 at San Francisco, WFO 65-5128-349.

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It is respectfully noted that, while this report does not contain any information secured by means of any telephone or microphone tap on Judith Coplon or Valentine Gubitchev, it does reveal the use of confidential national security informants.

Report of SA Ralph F. Winte, dated April 22, 1949 at Washington, D. C., WFO 65-5128-319.

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Report of SA Thomas A. Mendenhall, dated April 21, 1949 at Washington, D. C., WFO 65-5128-308.

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Report of SA John W. Powell dated April 21, 1949 at Newark, WFO 65-5128-307.

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Report of SA Joe R. Craig at Washington, D. C., dated April 22, 1949, WFO 65-5128-301.

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Report of SA John W. Powell dated April 8, 1949 at Newark, WFO 65-5128-276.

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Report of SA Albert P. Clark, dated March 25, 1949 at Detroit, WFO 65-5128-248.

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Report of SA Thomas A. Mendenhall, dated March 29, 1949 at Washington, D. C.
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Report of SA John J. Savage dated March 15, 1949 at Cincinnati, WFO 65-5128-197.

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It is respectfully noted that, while this report does not contain any information secured by means of any telephone or microphone tap on Judith Coplon or Valentine Gubitchev, it does reveal information obtained on the basis of a confidential relationship.

Report of SA Thomas A. Mendenhall dated October 24, 1959 at Washington, D.C., WFO 65-5147-130.

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These observations are made because it is not readily apparent from the report what information included therein stems from the above sources.

The following pages set forth information obtained from the telephone tap on the Coplon residence in Washington, D. C. and from the telephone tap and microphone coverage on her office in Washington, D. C.: Pages 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 37, 38, 40, 44, 48, 52, 54, 56, 57, 58, 60 and 61.

For the further assistance of the Court in locating this information, it has been bracketed on the pages indicated.

The information reflected on these pages was also previously furnished to the court in transcripts entitled "Results of Telephone Coverage on Residence of Judith Coplon", "Results of Telephone Coverage on Office of Judith Coplon", "Results of Microphone Coverage on Office of Judith Coplon".

It is respectfully noted that apart from any information secured by means of any telephone or microphone tap installed in connection with this case, this report contains information vital to the national security of the United States, particularly in that it reveals the use of confidential national security informants and discloses names of persons who are the subjects of investigations in other cases relating to national security matters.

Report of SA Thomas A. Mendenhall dated March 8, 1949 at Washington, D. C., WFO 65-5128-129.

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It is respectfully noted that, while this report does not contain any information secured by means of any telephone or microphone tap on Judith Coplon or Valentine Gubitchev, it does reveal information obtained on the basis of a confidential relationship.

Report of SA Thomas A. Mendenhall dated September 7, 1949 at Washington, D.C., WFO 65-5147-121.

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It is respectfully noted that, while this report does not contain any information secured by means of any telephone or microphone tap on Judith Coplon or Valentine Gubitchev, it does contain information vitally affecting the national security.

Report of SA Thomas A. Mendenhall dated June 7, 1949 at Washington, D. C., WFO 65-5147-94.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

DATE: January 16, 1950

FROM : THOMAS A. MENDENHALL, Special Agent

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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There are attached, copies of Blind Memoranda furnished to Judge RYAN, along with the respective WFO reports mentioned in New York Memo dated January 9, 1950.

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On January 23, 1950, HAROLD SHAPIRO, during a chance meeting with Special Agent ROBERT L. SHELTZER of this office, mentioned to him that ABRAHAM POLLRANZ had requested of him Agent SHELTZER's name, but at the time, SHAPIRO could not recall same. SHAPIRO indicated that this question was put to him at the recent hearing in New York just after he had given testimony.

It is to be noted that the above agent was present at the time SHAPIRO was first interviewed and was a witness to three statements taken from SHAPIRO.

It is not known whether POLLRANZ requested the names of all agents participating in the various interviews of SHAPIRO and no discussion was had with SHAPIRO concerning this matter by Agent SHELTZER.

The foregoing is for the information of the Bureau.

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Mrs. FINN RONNE, 8207 Grubb Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, was interviewed on December 7, 1949, by SA H. DUDLEY PAYNE and the writer at which time she advised she first met the subject when the latter became employed with the Department of State. She said that subject at that time worked in an adjoining room shared by one HEDLEY COOK - a Foreign Service Officer, who subsequently left the State Department and took a teaching position at Bridgewater University. She further stated that subject in her work was concerned with clearing media having to do with the Balkan countries for distribution overseas. She said that much of the subject's work at that time was classified "Secret" and was concerned with political matters with regard to the Balkans.

Mrs. RONNE recalled one paper with which the subject was concerned which described the machine gunning of returning Russian Nationals just released from German Prisoner-of-War Camps. This machine gunning had been carried out in the Balkans by Russian crewmen just after their taking over the control of the Prisoner-of-War train from the previous crew which had brought it to the Russian Border.

Mrs. RONNE explained there was a rule in the State Department, during the time subject was employed there, that at closing time all papers designated "Secret" in an employee's workbox, were to be taken to a designated room and locked in a safe. She recalled that the subject often took her entire workbox to this safe at night - indicating that everything in it was designated "Secret".

Mrs. RONNE described the subject as being very intelligent but seemingly confused in the matter of making decisions concerning her own life. She said that the subject gave the appearance of having lived a great deal for her age and of being accustomed to being waited upon. She explained that the subject didn't like to walk, was not interested in housework, and was slow in doing menial tasks of any kind. She said further that the subject was quick to anger if she

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found she wasn't getting satisfactory service at any catering establishment. The only particular interest of the subject outside of her work, which Mrs. RONNE recalled, was her interest in collecting phonograph records.

Mrs. RONNE stated that some time after becoming employed by the State Department, the subject became interested in renting an apartment and Mrs. RONNE was instrumental in the subject's subleasing an apartment from the ROBERT BURGS at 1417 N Street, N. W. ROBERT BURGS and his wife at that time left for Norway where he was employed by the Board of Economic Warfare and had not returned to the States when the subject gave up this apartment and returned to New York. Mrs. RONNE advised that the BURGS are presently residing in Glendale, California, but they had never been well acquainted with the subject - having rented the apartment to the latter on the basis of their friendship with her (Mrs. RONNE). Mrs. RONNE stated that she and the subject have visited back and forth between apartments but she did not recall ever having met any friends of the subject in the latter's apartment other than HEDLEY COOK, previously mentioned, as a fellow State Department employee, who she said accompanied the subject on every occasion that the latter visited her and who was also at the subject's apartment on each occasion that she (Mrs. RONNE) visited there.

Concerning the subject's political ideologies, Mrs. RONNE advised that the former had at one time said that her mother and father were White Russians who had been forced out of Russia because of the "Reds". Mrs. RONNE said on one occasion, she questioned the subject regarding the latter's present feelings toward Russia to which she replied by asking: "How would you expect me to feel - my parents being White Russians?" From this answer Mrs. RONNE stated she assumed the subject was very anti-Red and anti-Communist Russia.

Mrs. RONNE advised that during her acquaintanceship with the subject, the latter indicated she had spent much of her life abroad - mentioning having resided at the Riviera. The subject had also stated that her father, a physicist, much older than her mother, had died and that her mother, while visiting the subject at the University of Wisconsin, met the latter's Physics Professor there, and later was married to him.

Mrs. RONNE said in time the subject apparently became tired of State Department routine and expressed a desire for a change. The subject thereupon began planning on returning to New York and attending Columbia University where she intended taking courses suggested to her by people on the Political Desk in the State Department with the view

of later returning to the Department, if she did well in her studies, and perhaps being sent to one of the Balkan countries in connection with this employment. Mrs. RONNE recalled that subject was interested first in being sent to Russia and secondly in being sent to Warsaw, Poland, as a cultural attache to those countries.

Mrs. RONNE advised she had never seen the subject since the latter left the employ of the State Department and that she never corresponded with or heard from her. She recalled, however, that shortly after resigning, the subject wrote a letter to someone in the State Department, whose identity she didn't recall, in which the subject advised she had fallen in love with one of the Russian Government representatives in New York employed either in the Consulate or Purchasing Commission and that after thinking it over very carefully, intended marrying him the following month and returning with him to Moscow.

Although Mrs. RONNE did not recall to whom the above-mentioned letter was sent, she was of the opinion that either LOUISE HOLMOOD ALDEN or WILLIAM KANE - both presently employed by the State Department - would recall.

Mrs. RONNE advised that this letter had "shocked" all of the employees at the State Department who had known the subject and was widely discussed by the latter's acquaintances there. Mrs. RONNE pointed out that the subject must have been seeing this Russian for some period of time - probably while she was still employed by the State Department. She also pointed out that at that time it was common knowledge among employees in that branch of the State Department that for a Russian National to associate with a United States citizen required approval of the association by the Russian Government and for the subject to be permitted to come to Moscow as a Russian's wife required the highest type of Russian Government approval.

Mrs. RONNE said after the receipt of this letter, all of the subject's acquaintances at the State Department felt that a passport should not be issued to her because of her knowledge of all the State Department material with which she had worked - everything she having handled having been classified "Secret or Confidential". She said that it then came out as "gossip" emanating mostly from Mr. WILLIAM KANE's office that the subject had been employed by the State Department in spite of that Department's knowledge of a file which indicated subversive tendencies on her part. She said she had learned of this file from

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Mrs. ALDEN, Assistant to WILLIAM KANE, after the subject had left the State Department and after the above-mentioned letter had been received. She said, however, she had no idea as to who was actually responsible for having placed the subject in the State Department but felt that Mr. WILLIAM KANE would probably know — he possibly having been instructed to hire her. She said she felt that Mr. KANE, having knowledge of subversive tendencies on the part of the subject, would not have hired her unless he had been instructed to do so.

Concerning friends, acquaintances, and associates of the subject, Mrs. RONNE advised that in addition to most of the people on the Political Desk of the Balkan Countries in the State Department, the subject was acquainted with Artist ROCKWELL KENT and his son. She remembered the subject at one time having received a letter from KENT's son advising he was coming to Washington and wished to see her. Mrs. RONNE said that apparently the subject knew ROCKWELL KENT well and once made the statement she didn't see "eye to eye" with KENT on political matters.

Mrs. RONNE advised she didn't recall any other acquaintances of the subject outside of the State Department but said that the subject had indicated she had dates from time to time with men who were from out of town. When questioned concerning possible acquaintances of the subject with anyone who had formerly been employed in Mexico, Mrs. RONNE said she recalled that the subject had a girlfriend from either New York or the University of Wisconsin who planned to marry a famous Mexican artist. She said that the subject mentioned this girl as being perhaps interested in "free love". Mrs. RONNE vaguely recalled having met this girl and the subject's having brought her to the State Department for a visit. Mrs. RONNE could not recall this girl's name. A photograph of MARION DAVIS BERDICIO was exhibited to Mrs. RONNE and she stated the picture looked familiar and was possibly a photograph of the same girl she had in mind as having been introduced to her by the subject.

During the course of the interview with Mrs. RONNE, she brought up the name EDITH COPLON as having received much publicity in the newspapers as a United States Government employee and Russian espionage agent but then added she had never heard of COPLON prior to the latter's arrest and had no reason to believe that COPLON and the subject were acquainted.

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Mrs. ROWE said that the subject in connection with her work had frequent contact with the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and that the subject was well acquainted with a man presently employed in the South American Division Office of the South American Cultural Office who was previously employed at the OCI-AA. She described this man as a Puerto Rican and advised the subject had known him socially - he having taken her to dinner on occasions.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

February 23, 1950

GUY HOPPEL, SAC
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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the Laboratory report dated March 11, 1949, with regard to Specimen Q-114, which is a post card of the Marianne et Fils Restaurant, New York, bearing hand printing on the back: "JEAN CONSTANT, 357 West 52nd Street, N.Y.C." This report concluded that the hand printing on Q-114 was not prepared by JUDITH COPLON.

There is enclosed herewith a photograph of the hand-written signature of one GREAUX CONSTANT, and it is requested that the Laboratory determine if possible if this signature was prepared by the same individual who prepared the hand printing on Specimen Q-114.

The two copies of the photograph of the signature of GREAUX CONSTANT may be destroyed by the Laboratory after this examination has been completed.

It is requested that a copy of the Laboratory's determinations in this matter be submitted to the New York Field Division.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

DATE: March 7, 1950

FROM : COURTLAND J. JONES, Special Agent

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

The writer testified in the Conspiracy Trial concerning the above captioned individual in New York City on March 1, 1950. Notes taken during a search of Room 2220, U. S. Department of Justice Building, on March 7, 1949 (WFO Bulky Exhibit 1 B 4 (2)), were introduced into evidence at this time.

Photostatic copies of these notes were obtained and are being placed in the Bulky Exhibit file in instant case.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC

DATE: 3-8-50

FROM : F. B. Mc Givern

SUBJECT: Judith Cop;on, etal
Espionage - R

This is to advise that Lt. William H. Wack, U. S. Army, ASN 02014820, who is enroute from Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey to Yokohama, Japan, appeared at the WFO on thheafternoon of this date and informed that when he saw the picture of Judith Coplon in the newspaper it reminded him of someone he had met in Washington in either December, 1948 or January 1949. Informant stated that at that time he was stationed at the Arlington Hall Station. One evening another officer at Arlington Hall, whose name he does not recall invited him to visit a girl friend of his. Informant stated that the girl friend, whose name he also does not now recall , lived in an apartment house which was located in Georgetown on Wisconsin Avenue, about a blcok and a half above M Street. He informed that the apartment house sat back off the street and and was near a coffe shop.

When he and his friend visited the friend's girl friend they were introduced to her roommate. It was the roommate whom informant felt resembles Judith Coplon. Though he was introduced to her he does not recall her name. He stated that the girl he thinks might be Judith Coplon had a date of her own that night and the date showed up shortly after the informant arrived, and the girl and her date left immediately. Informant could not furnish a description of the date other than that he was about 30 years of age.

Informant stated that he did not know where Judith Coplon might have resided in Washington at that time but if she did live in this vicinity it might be significant because the roommate, his friends girl friend, was also an employee at Arlington Hall and was working on top secret material. The only other information he can recall about the girl friend was that she had been a nurse in Germany during the past war.

It is understood that Judith Coplon did not live in Georgetown but at Mc Lean Gardens and the above is set forth for information purposes.

The informant stated that if it was necessary to contact him further regarding this matter he would be at Ft. Lawton, Seattle, Washington by 3-31-50

this was no doubt Alfred Boynton Stephenson who has been interviewed concerning Coplon. Tam

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

DATE: June 19, 1950

FROM : L. W. R. OBERNDORF, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

SA JOHN R. TIERNEY advised me this morning that he had received a telephone call from Attorney JOHN KELLEY of the Justice Department advising that motions for a new trial in the captioned matter were to be heard on Thursday, June 22, 1950, and requesting the official titles of the following individuals:

KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE
THOMAS A. MENDENHALL
HOWARD B. FLETCHER
LEO LAUGHLIN

I furnished this information telephonically to Mr. LAUGHLIN at the Bureau at 11:15 A. M., who advised me that the Bureau would handle same.

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MICHAEL MEEROPOL, et al.
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CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 75-1121

Reference Butel to all SACs dated 7/30/76 and Buairtel to all SACs dated 8/6/76.

By referenced communications, a list of the subjects in the investigation and trial of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg was furnished each field office. Also furnished each field office was a list of the names on the Government's Witness List relating to the investigation and trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The list of subjects and individuals appearing on the Government's Witness List will therefore not be repeated in this communication.

For your information captioned FOIA suit has been in litigation for approximately two years. During the course of this litigation, on 8/1/75, the Court issued an Order that no documents maintained by the FBI be destroyed. Due to the file destruction moratorium then in effect, that Court Order was not brought to your attention in 1975. Due to the continuing litigation and current discussion regarding reinstitution of a file destruction program in the near future, you are hereby being advised of the Order of the Court in this matter. Accordingly, no files maintained in your office (origin or auxiliary office) relating to any of the main subjects or individuals appearing on the Government's Witness List should be destroyed. These files must

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GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

October 9, 1950

CLIFFORD J. NELSON, SA

ISMENE S. MICROUTSICOS
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

On September 20, 1950, Inspector C. H. TRAHER, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 939 D Street, NW, furnished the following information primarily relating to ISMENE S. MICROUTSICOS.

Inspector TRAHER advised he had been assisting Inspector J. S. HARTSELL in an investigation of one MISS ORTEGA, who had overstayed her visa allowing her entrance in the United States.

TRAHER advised, in trying to locate ORTEGA in the United States, it had been ascertained by an INS Office in California that ORTEGA had received a long-distance call from either San Francisco or Los Angeles to Washington telephone number ADams 8170. Investigation developed that this number was listed to MISS ISMENE S. MICROUTSICOS, MISS MARY FRANCES HEWITT, and MISS H. ELLISON ROYCE--all of whom were residing in a house at 3414 P Street, NW.

TRAHER advised that he and HARTSELL had thus interviewed MISSES MICROUTSICOS and ROYCE in an attempt to locate ORTEGA; however, both these young ladies advised they had never heard of ORTEGA. TRAHER further advised that subsequently, MISS ROYCE had telephoned Inspector HARTSELL saying she wished to speak to HARTSELL and TRAHER, privately, because she had certain information she wished to give. TRAHER continued that he and Inspector HARTSELL, thereafter, interviewed MISS ROYCE at the Willard Hotel where she is employed in the offices of the Tobacco Growers Association.

TRAHER advised MISS ROYCE wished to advise that her roommate, MISS MICROUTSICOS, was apparently friendly with JUDITH COPLON as MISS MICROUTSICOS had gone out with JUDITH COPLON during the time of COPLON'S trial in Washington. TRAHER advised further that MICROUTSICOS had bought a tie for MISS COPLON to give to GUBITCHEV. MISS ROYCE further stated that on one occasion MISS MICROUTSICOS had told her that it was fashionable to be "Pink." MISS ROYCE further reported that MICROUTSICOS had a boyfriend by the name of GEORGE JOANIDDES who currently is employed by the Greek Embassy; however, he is trying to secure a job with the CIC.

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TRAHER stated that MICROUTSICOS is employed in the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice. TRAHER feels that since this matter did not particularly come within the jurisdiction of the INS, he wished to report it to the Bureau.

It is suggested that MISS ROYCE be interviewed concerning this matter. She should be interviewed at her place of employment.

DIRECTOR, FBI

October 18, 1950

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

JUDITH COPLON
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Letter to Director
RE: JUDITH COPLON
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This is being submitted for the information of the Bureau. Unless advised to the contrary, Miss H. ELLISON ROYCE will not be interviewed and no additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by the Washington Field Office.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

December 1, 1950

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

JUDITH COPLON
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(Bufile 65-58365)

Attention: C.E. HENNRICH

There is set forth hereafter a summary of arguments made in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia on November 30, 1950 in the pending appeal of JUDITH COPLON before Judges W.K. MILLER, JAMES PROCTOR and E. BARRETT PRETTYMAN. Counsel for the appellant were LEON BOUDIN of New York and MAX ROSENSTEIN, local attorney who did not participate in the argument. FRED STRINE of the Criminal Division, represented the Government.

Reporting agent arrived at the Court Room just prior to completion of the main argument of Attorney BOUDIN and heard approximately three minutes of this argument. BOUDIN made reference to the two count indictment in the District of Columbia and the four count indictment in New York, mentioning that the Washington indictment did not use the words lawful or unlawful with reference to the possession of documents on the part of COPLON. He also requested the Court for a ruling close to that of the NARDONE case and closed with particular reference to misconduct on the part of the Government as developed from the evidence in the Government case and what has since been developed and was not then available.

Following recess, Government Counsel began argument and outlined the high points of the case in narrative form, stressing legal high points as he progressed. He mentioned the arrest of COPLON with GUBICHEV in New York on March 4, 1949 and then returned to COPLON outlining her employment and duties in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department.

The Government Counsel continued that when there was a shortage of personnel, she was given additional duties in the Internal Security Section where she was engaged in screening material in IS-R and IS-C reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In January, 1949, after investigation was instituted, COPLON was instructed to discontinue handling

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the security reports and confined her activities to the Foreign Agents Registration Section. She objected on the grounds that this would interfere with her work and subsequently, requested her successor to turn over some fifty reports.

At this point, Judge PRETTYMAN interposed several questions, bringing out the fact that she had the same chief and that he was in charge of both sections. The Government Counsel pointed out the size of sections and number of employees.

Government Counsel then related the facts surrounding the three surveillances to New York beginning January 14, 1949 and ending March 4, 1949 when both subjects were arrested, incidentally mentioning the preparation of a phony report. Judge PRETTYMAN interrupted during this recital questioning Attorney STRINE particularly concerning the passing of papers. At one point, he complained as to the great detail outlined by STRINE in connection with surveillances.

With reference to the decoy report, PRETTYMAN questioned STRINE rather closely and brought out the fact that the report was voluntarily handed to COPLON by her superior and that possession of the report was generally in line with her duties.

Government Counsel then made reference to the technical surveillances stating that it had been brought out in New York that there were such taps and the government admitted this but it had no affect on the District of Columbia case. During the course of discussion on the wire tapping phase of the case, Judge PRETTYMAN told Attorney STRINE that the Government takes an optomistic point of view in its contention that a defendant could have a fair trial where conversations between defendant and her counsel were being intercepted. He stated that the government was asking this court to hold, as a matter of law, that it was all right for the Government to listen to conversations between attorney and client unless the defendant could show affirmatively that the material heard was subsequently used against the defendant.

Further along in the argument, PRETTYMAN again made observations in connection with the destruction of the original material developed in the wire tapping.

Attorney STRINE argued at some length concerning the arrests, search and seizure on March 4, 1949. He contended that the requirements of probable cause had been fulfilled and that the element of fear of immediate escape was present in connection with the arrest without warrant. He stated that the likelihood of escape at that particular moment was what the law contemplated and not that the individuals were not identified and could be arrested at some future date.

He made reference to the subjects as spies. Judge PRETTYMAN objected to calling them spies indicating that spying had not been alleged and that they were not convicted of spying. Attorney STRINE stated briefly that they had in effect been convicted as spies and PRETTYMAN let the matter drop.

In connection with the failure to have a warrant, Attorney STRINE argued that it would not have been justified in advance as COPLON had gone to New York on other occasions merely to visit her family and the acts which led to the arrest had not occurred until committed in the presence of the arresting agents.

Attorney STRINE also made brief reference to the charge to the Jury indicating that clear notice had been given the Jury that the documents in question related to National Defense. He again briefly referred to the fact that nine of the Grand Jurors were government employees but there were decisions covering government employees on juries favorable to the Government's position.

Attorney BOUDINE then gave his rebuttal argument which lasted approximately twelve minutes. He stressed the illegality of the telephone taps with particular reference to interception of conversations between COPLON and her attorney. He specifically mentioned that the question of whether she should or should not testify as a witness had been overheard which definitely prejudiced her position as a defendant. He also stated that subsequently, the matter of whether the case would be appealed had been discussed with COPLON and this also prejudiced her.

He referred to the contention of the Government that Judge RYAN in New York had indicated after a careful study of the reports in the case that the conversations overheard were of little importance and argued that Judge RYAN was not in a position to know. He stated that Judge RYAN did not have the benefit of the original notes of the monitors of the technical installations and that the Government decided what was pertinent in its reports. In this connection, he stated that Judge RYAN admitted he had read only 1,500 pages of some 5,000 pages of reports.

He stated that in effect, Judge REEVES, in his ruling on motion for a new trial, indicated he believed that Judge RYAN believed that the material was not pertinent and that this court should not be guided by such decision. He mentioned in particular the improper action in the destruction of the original wire tap records and called attention to the declaration of Judge LEARNED HAND that the destruction was wanton and deliberate.

BOUDIN also cited the testimony given in connection with wire tapping as manifestly false and particularly made reference to the queries of Judge RYAN as to the duties of certain agents as attorneys and officers of the court to reveal facts known to them pertaining to wire tapping.

BOUDIN also made argument on the question of arrest without warrant contending that the government could have gotten a warrant after the first or second meeting. He stated that the government was not concerned or worried about the escape of the defendants whose identity was well known and who could have been easily located but that the Government was worried about the alleged evidence escaping.

He also referred briefly to the selection of the Jury and challenge to the Jury Panel by Attorney ARCHIBALD PALMER. The point involved was somewhat obscure but apparently the trial Judge had required PALMER to conform with local practice in his voirdire challenge. Judge PROCTOR interjected at this point inquiring if it were not merely a matter of "manner of selection" and BOUDIN agreed that this was substantially correct but that PALMER had not requested anything extraordinary.

BOUDIN concluded his argument by again stressing the illegal wire tapping and destruction of records. He stated that the obvious conclusion as to the origin of this case was that the confidential informant who first disclosed the case was a wire tap. He also stressed the illegal character of the arrest and requested first that the case be reversed and the defendant granted a new trial but more particularly stated that the appellant desired that the indictment itself be dismissed.

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Washington Field Office
Room 1706
December 4, 1950

Honorable Watson B. Miller
Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
U. S. Department of Justice
19th and East Capitol Streets, N. E.
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Daniel J. Kelly

Dear Sir:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is interested in obtaining the present whereabouts of MARINUS JOHANNES REINIER BORST, now known as Maurice Borst. It is respectfully requested that the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service place a Lookout Notice on BORST.

Your file on BORST, #A7-225-800, reflects that he furnished an alien address record card postmarked September 27, 1949. On this card, he listed his address as 44 West 69th Street, New York City; employment - Delman Incorporated, 711 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

At 44 West 69th Street, it was learned that BORST reportedly left New York City in the Spring of 1950, going to Florida. It was further reported that he later returned to New York City, but his address was unknown. Inquiry at Delman Incorporated, 711 Fifth Avenue, determined that BORST had terminated his employment as a shoe salesman in February, 1950. Other efforts by the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to locate BORST met with negative results.

In the event that BORST furnishes your office another address record card, or if information regarding this individual's whereabouts is obtained, it would be appreciated if you would advise the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It is requested that BORST not be made aware of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's interest in him. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Guy Hottel
Special Agent in Charge

CC - WFO File 66-1922

65-5128-123

Washington, D. C.
February 5, 1951

M E M O R A N D U M

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE

Supervisor CARL HENNRICH, of the Bureau, on the morning of February 5, 1951, said he had observed in Sunday's newspapers an item reflecting that the Government had filed a brief with the Supreme Court endeavoring to have it overturn the recent decisions of the Appeals Court. HENNRICH said that he desired that an agent check the docket promptly and, if possible, get a copy of the pleadings. If a copy is not available, the pleadings themselves should be summarized.

Supervisor OBERNDORF was so advised.

C. W. STEIN
SAC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : n SAC

DATE: May 26, 1951

FROM : C. VERNON SANDERS

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLIN
ESPIONAGE - R

Supervisor Moynihan of the Bureau called at 6:10 p.m. and advised the Supreme Court is scheduled to adjourn on Monday. He requested that an agent of the WFO be present when the decisions are handed down in order to obtain the results of the Coplin and "Eleven CP Leaders" cases. He stated it was imperative that the Bureau be advised immediately of these decisions. He suggested that the agent call you or Mr. Fletcher from the court in order that the Bureau might be promptly notified.

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May 28, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R
New York 65-14932

Your attention is directed to the Bureau's memorandum of May 21, 1951, in this case.

The Bureau is in receipt of information from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army, to the effect that Albert H. Socolov, O-1592523, First Lieutenant, CE, USAR, was discharged from his commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps and Army of the United States, under the provisions of paragraph 6a (11), SR 140-175-1, effective April 17, 1951. This action was directed by letter, Department of the Army, Office of The Adjutant General, dated April 17, 1951, through Chief, New York Military District, to Socolov.

In view of the above information, it will not be necessary for the Washington Field Office to cover the lead set forth in the referenced memorandum.

65-58365

cc: Washington Field

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: June 2, 1951

FROM : L. W. R. OBERNDORF, SA

SUBJECT: JUDITH C[illegible]LON
ESPIONAGE - R

On the afternoon of June 1, on instructions from Inspectors LAUGHLIN and HENNRICH of the Bureau, this office obtained and furnished to the Bureau copies of the decision handed down by the District Court of Appeals regarding trial of captioned subject in Washington, D. C., in 1949. I was subsequently contacted by Inspector HENNRICH and instructed to furnish information regarding the dates of technical surveillances both here and in New York in this case, the date of the Washington trial and information regarding conversations between subject and her attorneys as obtained from technical sources.

On the evening of June 1, I furnished the following information to Supervisor MOYNIHAN at the Bureau:

1) Date of Washington trial - approximately April 25, 1949 to June 29, 1949.

2) Technical installation at residence of subject in Washington - installed January 6, 1949; cancelled March 19, 1949.

3) Technical at subject's office - installed January 25, 1949; cancelled March 12, 1949, with one interruption in installation during this period.

4) On the basis of information furnished by SA T. SCOTT MILLER of New York, I advised that a technical installation was maintained at residence of subject's parent, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, from February 1, 1949, to May 2, 1949, and from July 12, 1949, to November 10, 1949. During the first period approximately 32 conversations between subject and her attorneys were noted. During the second period approximately 35 such conversations were noted.

No such information is available in Washington, D. C., inasmuch as subject, subsequent to her arrest, did not return either to her office or her residence.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: October 3, 1951

FROM : THOMAS A. MENDENHALL, SA

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

A review of the bulky exhibits maintained in the files of the WFO in the above captioned matter was made by the writer on September 25, 1951, and there are being set out herein under dispositions made of a number of exhibits and suggestions for the handling of a number of the other exhibits presently being maintained.

1B1-3 — List this item as: Notes of SA OBERNDORF re search of COPLON'S apartment by search warrant on 3/5/49.

1B2-2 — Photographs of HELEN SIEGEL have been removed from the bulky exhibits in this file and placed in WFO photo file, room ~~538~~. 532-B

1B2-6 — Notes of SA HOLLIS W. BOWERS re interview with SEYMOUR NAGEN have been destroyed.

1B2-7 — Listing of this item should be changed to: Investigative notes of SA EARL L. FUOSS re search of COPLON'S apartment by search warrant on 3/5/49.

1B2-8 — Listing of this item should be changed to: Notes of SA JOE R. CRAIG re search of COPLON'S apartment, 3685 38th Street, N. W., Apartment 135, by search warrant on 3/5/49.

1B2-9 — Add to the notation on the green sheet attached to the 1B2 folder as well as the green sheet appearing in the back of Volumn I of the file that the search warrant for the subject's apartment has been turned over to the Attorney General and has been placed in evidence subject to the disposition of the courts concerned with this case.

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Clerk — Please make the suggested changes on the green sheet

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1B2-10 Listing of this item should be changed to read: Photostatic copy of an Affidavit For Search Warrant for COPLON'S apartment sworn to by SA H. DUDLEY PAYNE on 3/5/51.

1B2-11 Listing of this item should be changed to read: Photostatic copy of a disposition sworn to by SA H. DUDLEY PAYNE on 3/5/49 filed in connection with the Affidavit for Search Warrant.

1B2-12 Change to: Copy of deposition of GERALDINE DE VAUGHN re typewriter observed in COPLON'S room files in connection with the obtaining of a search warrant.

1B2-13 Change to: Copy of signed statement of HAROLD PAUL SHAPIRO. The original of this statement was delivered to Assistant Attorney General RAYMOND WHEARTY on 1/12/50 for use in the trial of COPLON.

1B2-28 The negative and 3 prints of a photograph of PHILIP PAVIA, copied from State Department files, have been removed from the bulky exhibits and placed in the WFO photo file, room ~~538~~ 537. The other copies of this photograph have been destroyed.

1B2-29 A copy of a confidential airgram #A129 dispatched 3/25/48 from the American Legation, Beirut, Lebanon, dated 3/22/48, received by the State Department on 4/2/48, filed under State Department #890E.9111 RR/3-2248, has been destroyed. This copy was originally furnished to former SA D. D. CONNORS on 3/24/48 by Miss E. P. ANNIS, an employee of the Department of State. It was of interest because it had been requested from Miss ANNIS by BERNARD MORRIS who was a close associate of COPLON.

1B2-30 Copy of a confidential airgram #210 from the Hague, Netherlands, dated 3/12/48, mailed on

3/15/48, and received by the State Department on 3/18/48, has been destroyed. This airgram bears State Department file #501.BC Indonesia A/3-1248. It was of interest because it had been requested by BERNARD MORRIS of Miss E. P. ANNIS by date, country of origin, and number, which she at the time she was interviewed thought unusual. Neither 1B2-30 or 1B2-29 had any apparent significance to the COPLON case.

1B2-32 Listing of this item should read: Signed permission to search locker of JUDITH COPLON at McLean Gardens. This permission was signed by her brother, BERTRAM G. COPLON. This document was turned over to SA T. SCOTT MILLER of the New York Office in April, 1949, for transmittal to Assistant Attorney General RAYMOND WHEARTY and JOHN KELLEY and is presently in the custody of the review courts.

1B2-33 List as: Copy of unsigned statement of HAROLD PAUL SHAPIRO dated 3/14/49. The original of this statement was furnished to Assistant Attorney General RAYMOND WHEARTY on 1/12/50.

1B2-35 Photographs of NORMAN BURSLER copied from Department of Justice files have been removed from the bulky exhibits in this case and placed in the WFO photo file, room ~~538~~ 537.

1B2-36 The negative copy of a photograph of an International News photograph taken during COPLON'S trial in Washington, D. C., in about June, 1949, has been removed from the bulky exhibits in this file and placed in the WFO photo file, room 538.

1B3-1 This item consisted of photostatic copies of 39 documents found on COPLON'S person on the night of her arrest 3/4/49. The originals of these documents are in the custody of the review courts, and copies of these documents are

in possession of both the Bureau and the New York Office. In addition, they have been set out in both New York and WFO reports. Inasmuch as they are of no further value, they have been destroyed.

1B3-3 The negatives and photographs of ELIZABETH DIJOUR and MARIE HARDELL have been removed from the bulky exhibits in this case and placed in the WFO photo file. The negative and prints of the signature of DIJOUR have been destroyed. All of this material was originally copied from INS files.

1B3-6 Notes of OWI file review on ELIZABETH DIJOUR made by SA CARL GRAHAM have been destroyed.

1B3-11 This entry is in error as 1B3-1 embraces these 36 data slips. However, these photostats have now been destroyed.

1B4-1 Change this item to read: Surveillance notes of SA C. J. JONES for surveillances of COPLON conducted on 1/7/49 and 3/4/49.

1B4-5 This item reflected results of a check of the passport file of WILLIAM WOVSCHIN. The information was reported in the case file on FLORA DON WOVSCHIN and was therefore destroyed.

1B4-8 This item was a photostatic copy of item 1B2-12 and was destroyed.

1B6-3 List this item as: Notes of SA OBERNDORF re interview of GERALDINE DE VAUGHN.

It is suggested that the above changes be made on the green sheets attached to the bulky exhibit envelopes as well as to the green sheets on the back of Volume I of this file.

It is further suggested that when this case if finally disposed of by the courts, consideration be given to making some of the

exhibits, particularly transcripts of testimony, a permanent part of the case file by removing them from bulky exhibits and placing them in a sub file as an integral part of the main file.

Inasmuch as the COPLON case is presently before the Supreme Court of the United States in connection with Petitions for Certiorari filed by both COPLON and the United States, it is suggested that no further disposition of any of the bulky exhibits in the files of the WFO be made until the case has been disposed of completely by the courts. The Supreme Court of the United States will probably consider the Petitions for Certiorari during the October term of the court, but it is not likely to come before the court until approximately December of 1951.

It is further suggested that ~~notes~~ 2 notations be placed on the bottom of each green sheet attached to the bulky exhibit envelopes and appearing in the back of Volume I of the case file to read as follows: See serial 736 of this case file before any further disposition of these exhibits are made.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

January 15, 1952

SAC, NFO (65-5428)

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

There are enclosed herewith to the Bureau two copies of a Memorandum for the United States, No. 272, JUDITH COPLON, Petitioner, v. United States of America, on petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The above Memorandum was filed by the Government in January, 1952.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

January 21, 1952

SAC, WFO (65-5128)

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to SAC Letter No. 96, Series 1951, dated September 25, 1951, instructing each office which was office of origin in an investigation resulting in the conviction of a person for espionage or related statutes to submit a memorandum outlining the subject's activities which would tend to bring the subject within the purview of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended by Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

The Bureau will recall that this subject was convicted in May, 1949, in the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia for violations of Sections 793 and 2071, Title 18, U. S. Code. It is pointed out that this matter is still in litigation. It is, therefore, recommended that no action be taken toward notifying the Department of Justice with respect toward seeking the registration of this subject under the provisions of Section 20(a), Internal Security Act of 1950, until all litigation pending in this case both in Washington, D. C., and New York, New York, is ended.

If the conviction is upheld, the name of the subject will be submitted for presentation to the Department together with a recommendation as to the desirability of further interview with this subject.

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INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Washington Field Office Field Division

General Security

February 1, 1952 (Date)

Title and Character of Case JUDITH COPLON

ESPIONAGE - R

Field Division File Number 65-5128-10h

Bureau File Number 65-58365

Description of Property Being Held

AAA touring Bureau file on subject.

Date Property Acquired and Authority for Acquisition

7-15-49

Source from Which Property Acquired

Margaret Ertter, AAA 17th and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Location of Property

CCO

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Which Have Been Made to Dispose of It

Retained until completion of litigation.

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FD-192

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Washington Field Office Field Division

Central Security

February 2, 1952 (Date)

Title and Character of Case JUDITH COPLON

ESPIONAGE - R

Field Division File Number 65-5108-143

Bureau File Number 65-58388

Description of Property Being Held

Various items from subject's apartment, personal correspondence, etc.

Date Property Acquired and Authority for Acquisition

3-21-49

Source from Which Property Acquired

Subject's apartment.

Location of Property

CCO

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Which Have Been Made to Dispose of It

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC. Washington Field DATE: March 10, 1952

FROM : Director, FBI (65-58365) 121-9095+ 77-18466+

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
ESPIONAGE - R

Under date of March 3, 1952, the following memorandum was received from Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

"Mr. Karl Baarslag of the American Legion telephoned Mr. Foley of the Internal Security Section on February 21 to state that a rumor had been received at the American Legion Headquarters to the effect that after Coplon's arrest and severance from employment in the Department of Justice she continued through a friend (believed to be a female friend) to receive the kind of information which she had previously been obtaining and which had formed the basis for the data slips found in her purse at the time of arrest. He said that the person who made this statement to the American Legion was a Mrs. Francis Loeffler of Washington (more specific address not known) who was told of the foregoing by someone who she knew in the Department of Justice.

"It is suggested that you interview Mr. Baarslag concerning this information and conduct an appropriate investigation in the matter."

The Washington Field Office should immediately attempt to contact Mr. Karl Baarslag regarding this matter. The Bureau's files reflect that Mr. Karl Baarslag has been employed since 1947 as a research specialist for the National Headquarters of the American Legion in Washington, D.C.

It is not possible to definitely identify Mrs. Francis Loeffler of Washington. She may possibly be identical with Margaret H. Loefler whose husband's name is Francis J. Loefler. In August 1951 they resided at 2810 Texas Avenue, S.E., Apartment 203, Washington, D. C. She was employed as a secretary-stenographer in the Claims Division of the Department of Justice.

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Your investigation in this matter is to be most thorough and the Bureau should be kept fully advised of all pertinent developments.

cc - New York (65-14932)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365) March 17, 1952

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JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

ReBulet dated March 10, 1952.

Inquiry at the National Headquarters of the American Legation, Washington, D. C., has determined that Mr. KARL BAARSLAG is presently vacationing in Florida. He is expected back in Washington about March 24, 1952, and arrangements have been made to interview him immediately upon his return.

UACB, Mrs. FRANCIS LOEFFLER will not be interviewed until the interview with BAARSLAG has been conducted.

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cc: New York (65-14932)

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Washington Field Office, Room 506

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March 29, 1952

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Honorable Watson B. Miller, Commissioner,
Immigration and Naturalization Service,
United States Department of Justice,
19th and East Capitol Streets,
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Daniel J. Kelly

RE: MARINUS JOHANNES REINIER BORST

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated December 4, 1950, in which you were requested to notify the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation if information regarding BORST'S present whereabouts was obtained.

It will no longer be necessary to maintain a lookout notice on BORST, because he was recently located in Miami, Florida.

Your cooperation in this matter has been greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: WFO 66-1922

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365) May 20, 1952

SAC, WFO (65-5128)

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JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Re WFO letter dated March 26, 1952, requesting the New York Office to interview Mr. JOSEPH KEELEY, Editor, American Legion Magazine, in order to determine if information originally supplied by Mr. KARL BAARSLAG, Research Specialist, American Legion National Headquarters, Washington, D. C., warranted additional investigation. Inasmuch as the office of origin and the Bureau have requested no additional investigation by the WFO it is assumed that this phase of the case has been brought to a logical conclusion.

By letter dated March 29, 1952, to the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, the WFO authorized the removal of the lookout notice which had been maintained on MARINUS JOHANNES REINIER BORST.

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SAC, New York (65-14932) June 9, 1952

Director, FBI (65-58365)

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

ReBulet February 1, 1952, in this case directing that an additional report should be submitted.

This should be done immediately, incorporating any other data which has come to your attention during recent months concerning the subject and her husband. The lead set forth in WFO memorandum of March 26, 1952, to interview Mr. Joseph Kahley should be covered immediately and both the Bureau and WFO advised of the results.

cc: 2 - Washington Field (65-5198)

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INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

(SECURITY) WFO Field Division

August 3, 1952 (Date)

Title and Character of Case [redacted]

ESPIONAGE - R

Field Division File Number 65-5128-154

Bureau File Number 65-58365

Description of Property Being Held

AAA touring Bureau file on subject.

Date Property Acquired and Authority for Acquisition

7-15-49 Consent

Source from Which Property Acquired

Margaret Estter, AA 17th and Penn. Ave., N.W., WASH., D. C.

Location of Property

CCO Room 531

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Which Have Been Made to Dispose of It

To be retained until completion of litigation.

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INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

(SECURITY) [redacted] Field Division

August 1, 1952 (Date)

Title and Character of Case [redacted]

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Field Division File Number 65-5128-181

Bureau File Number 65-58365

Description of Property Being Held

Various items from subject's apartment, personal correspondence, etc.

Date Property Acquired and Authority for Acquisition

3-21-49 Search warrant

Source from Which Property Acquired

Recovered from subject's office and apartment.

Location of Property

CCO Room 531

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Which Have Been Made to Dispose of It

Retained until completion of litigation.

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Director, FBI 8/1[illegible]/52

[illegible], Miami (105-0) REGISTERED MAIL

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MARINUS JOHANNES [illegible] BORST,
wa., Maurice Borst
SECURITY MATTER -

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In a letter dated August 15, 1952, Mr. [illegible] J. [illegible], INS, Miami, Florida advised that his decentralized file regarding the above captioned subject contains a letter from the WFO requesting that WFO be advised of the change of address of this alien from 44 West 69th Street, New York City.

Mr. DAVER said that he has received an address card submitted by this alien on August 29, 1951, showing that as of that date the subject was residing at Apartment 2, 236 NE 28th Street, Miami, Florida.

Miami indices negative.

This is submitted to the Bureau, WFO and NYC, for information and no further action by Miami UACB.

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cc - 2-Washington Field (REG. MAIL)
2-New York (REG. MAIL)

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Re Miami memo dated August 18, 1952.

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The report of SA Thomas A. Mendenhall, dated December 28, 1950, Washington, D. C., in the case captioned, "Judith Coplon, Espionage - R," reflects a lookout notice on Borst was placed with the Central Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C. A memorandum to the Washington Field Office dated May 20, 1952, in the Coplon Case reflects the lookout notice on Borst was cancelled by letter to the Commissioner of INS dated March 29, 1952.

Marinus J. R. Borst

The attention of the Miami Office is directed to the report of SA J. Richard Butts, dated January 18, 1952, Miami, in the Coplon Case, which reflects the results of an interview with Borst.

Marinus J. Borst

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile: 65-58365

WASHINGTON Field Division

FEBRUARY 1, 1953 Date

Title and Character of Case:
JUDITH COPOLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Date Property Acquired: 3-21-49

Source From Which Property Acquired: Recovered from subject's apartment and office.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: CCO, ROOM 531

Reason for Retention of Property and
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Retained until completion of litigation.

Description of Property or Exhibit and
Identity of Agent Submitting Same: SA's Mendenhall and Payne

1. Various items from subject's apartment , personal correspondence, etc.

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Date Property Acquired: 7-15-49

Source From Which Property Acquired: Margaret Ratter, AA 17th and Penn. Ave., N.W. Washington, D. C.

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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: SA Mendenhall

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BROWNELL STUDIES NEW RED SPY TRIAL FOR JUDITH COPLON

Justice depatment sources said yesterday there are indications that Attorney General Brownell soon will decide whether to order a third trial for Judith Coplon, ex-government girl, charged with spying for Russia.

Judy Coplon

Officially the department has "no comment" on the knotty problem inherited from the Truman administration except to say that the question of whether to press for a new trial is under study.

It was pointed out that the department is proceeding carefully because of the two reversals it has been dealt by the courts.

Another factor persuading the government to delay action is that Miss Coplon, who married Albert H. Socolov in May, 1950, has become a mother.

Altho there is no specific indication of when Brownell will act, one official said: "Something will be done before the end of this year—and sooner than that."

Miss Coplon, former Justice department political analyst, was convicted twice on espionage charges but each time the verdict was set aside by higher courts.

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JUDITH COPLON
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Inasmuch as there have been no recent submissions to the Laboratory in this case, the specimens listed below, which were submitted by your office, are returned herewith.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Robert Wohlforth

DATE: Nov. 4, 1944

FROM : Judith Coplon

SUBJECT: the same old pattern — complete with farm.

THE NEW YORK SUN, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1944.

IMPORTER HELD AS GERMAN SPY

FBI Calls Heinrich Suhl Nazi Paymaster Here.

Heinrich Ludwig Suhl, an alleged paymaster for German espionage agents in this country, was arrested today by the FBI at Peekskill, N. Y., on the charge of having violated the wartime espionage law.

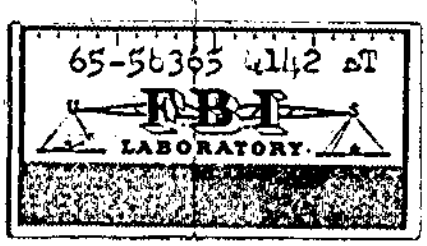
Suhl, 55 years old, an importer of cork with offices at 149 Broadway, came to the United States in 1925 and was naturalized in 1931. According to H. H. Conroy, special agent of the FBI, Suhl made many visits to Spain and Portugal in connection with the purchase of cork. There he made contact with the widespread ring of Nazi agents operating in both countries. The Nazis were having difficuulty in supplying their agents here with funds and Suhl, allegedly, took over the job, relying on his business as an importer to cover up payments made to spies here. According to Mr. Conroy, Shul became paymaster for Count Wilhelm Albrecht von Rautter, self-confessed German spy who was sentenced to twenty-nine years imprisonment on October 10 last for violation of the espionage law.

Called Germany Invincible.

Suhl, Mr. Conroy said, has been active in German-American affairs in New York city and that his European contacts included a number of persons who acted as "mail drops" for foreign agents and it is also said that he was instrumental in sending bundles of magazines, showing photographs of bombed London to Germany where the pictures were reprinted.

Despite his long residence in the United States, Suhl, Mr. Conroy stated, was in sympathy with the Nazi Government and at one time alluded to Hitler as "the George Washington of Germany," adding that Germany was invincivle and that the United States was afraid to go to war against the Nazis. A son by his first wife still lives in Germany.

Last year Suhl purchased a small farm near Peekskill and moved there, commuting to New York to his place of business. He was to be arraigned in the Brooklyn Federal Court late today. If convicted he may be sentenced to death or to thirty years' imprisonment.



Golden and Ruttenberg Quit Positions with Steel Union

Pittsburgh, July 2.—Resignation of Clinton S. Golden, vice president of the United Steelworkers of America and assistant to the president of the huge C. I. O. union, was announced Monday night by Philip Murray, president of the USA.

At the same time Murray revealed that Harold J. Ruttenberg, militant research director of the union, also was leaving to become affiliated with a steel firm.

However, Ruttenberg said that he might not carry out his plans to leave the USA and intimated that recent developments caused him to reconsider his decision.

Murray said that Golden was resigning because of ill health and had asked to be relieved of his duties two months ago for that reason.

"Mr. Golden will continue with the USA in international labor work and will also perform considerable liaison work with the government," Murray said. "It is with regret that I see these two men leave their present positions."

A former labor mediator for Pennsylvania, Golden had many years of experience in executive positions with unions or government agencies in the field of labor.

During World War II he was named to a dual position as vice chairman of the War Production Board and the War Manpower Commission.

Ruttenberg, like Golden, has been affiliated with the steel union since the formation of the steel workers organizing committee. During his association with the union he has had charge of its statistical division.

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PRODUCTION DELAY IS LAID TO STRIKES

Executives Take Issue With Murray, Charge He Ignored After-Effects on Industry

By RUSSELL PORTER

Business and industrial executives took issue yesterday with testimony by Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, before a Congressional subcommittee on Monday, in which he said that management "cannot, in the main, blame strikes today for any defect of production." The testimony was given in support of "satisfactory" new price control legislation.

It was declared that Mr. Murray had completely ignored the "delayed effect" of strikes. Although the major strikes have now been settled and employment has broken all records, it was emphasized that production still lags in many industries because of the strikes in basic industries like steel, coal and copper.

Because of those strikes, it was added, shortages still exist in tools and parts essential to the manufacture of automobiles, housing, household appliances and other articles vitally needed by the public because of the stoppage or curtailment of civilian production during the war.

It Doesn't Work That Way

Most persons seem to think, it was said, that if a strike is settled on Monday and the men go back to work on Tuesday the plant ought to be in full production by the end of the week at least. On the contrary, it was explained, a big strike results in the exhaustion of material all along the complex and interrelated production line of the modern economic system.

This material has to be replenished all along the line before normal production can be resumed, it was added, and the replenishment takes a particularly long time when a prolonged strike has caused a simultaneous shortage of a given material on the part of all producers in that field.

Shortages of materials due to strikes, as a basic factor in the delay in getting volume production going in many lines are emphasized in a letter to the National Association of Manufacturers from Tell Berna, general manager of the National Machine Tool Builders Association of Cleveland.

Machine Tools Are Vital

The machine tool industry is vital to American mass production and full employment, it was pointed out, because high productivity, on which depends the ability of industry to achieve maximum production, high wages, low prices and reasonable profits at the same time, requires the use of modern machine tools.

Mr. Berna said the chief trouble the machine tool industry is having now is shortages, which he believes will continue.

"I believe that we are going to have trouble in getting a balanced flow of purchased material and components for six to twelve months," he wrote.

Although the steel mills have been running at top capacity since the steel and coal strikes; he said the machine tool industry is still having trouble in getting steel because of the "delayed" effects of those strikes.

Difficulty in Getting Castings

Recalling that there has been difficulty getting enough castings, especially malleable iron castings, since the middle of the war, he added that one of the largest units in the industry had to shut down for two or three days recently because it couldn't get a certain size of malleable iron lever.

The copper strike, which attracted little public attention because it was overshadowed by the more spectacular coal and steel strikes, has caused a shortage of copper wire, which has resulted in a shortage of motors, which in turn has been responsible for much of the delay in the production of electrical appliances, according to Mr. Berna.

"The shortage of motors, of course, is notorious in our industry and in other industries," he said. "Many industries are having a bad time because they cannot get the fractional horsepower motors that are used to drive washing machines, electric refrigerators, and other domestic equipment."

Although most labor disputes in the copper industry have been settled, Mr. Berna pointed out that some electrical companies are still shut down because they cannot get wire to build motors.

"In our industry," he went on, "we not only use these small fractional motors, but also about as many integral horsepower motors, that is one horsepower and up, to drive the machines. Lately we have been obliged to ask our customers to ship us motors out of their stock so that we can put the old motor on the new machine, and get it running that way."

D[illegible], [illegible] (100-335075) January 27, 1954

[illegible], [illegible] (100-1[illegible])

PHILIP LEVY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
OO: NEWARK

Re Newark letter to Director dated November 1[illegible], 1953, concerning an interview with PHILIP LEVY on November 1[illegible], 1953, at which time LEVY made mention of the comments in the column of [illegible] in the "Daily News" which had been called to his attention from time to time. Referenced Newark letter stated that it appeared that the exhibit in the [illegible] file referred to by [illegible] may be the report of [illegible] dated November 2[illegible], 1948, since the column had contained large verbatim excerpts from that report. The Newark Office requested the Bureau to advise that the documents concerning LEVY are that became defendant's Exhibit 109 in the [illegible] trial.

Reference is further made to Bureau letter dated December 9, 1953, to the Newark Office, a copy of which enclosed for the [illegible] a copy of referenced Newark letter and requested that the [illegible] ascertain the identity of the defendant's Exhibit 109 in the [illegible] trial in the District Court of Washington, D. C.

As will be recalled [illegible] and [illegible] were arrested in New York City on March 4, 1949. At the time of her arrest [illegible] had in her possession thirty-four 5 by 8 inch sheets of paper (data slips) containing typewritten summaries or abstracts of information obtained from copies of FBI reports originally furnished to the Department of Justice. Each data slip bore a notation referring to an FBI report and setting forth the title, character, date, place where made and author.

One of the data slips (Number 5) read as follows:

"[illegible]
"T-2 reported that he learned in May, 19[illegible], subject's brother, [illegible] had met an individual whom he thought 'looks like a Russian General' and was considering

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Letter to Director
re: [illegible]

entering into some business relationship with him. Subject advised against it unless the individual would be willing to pay up $5000 for a survey of the Mexican situation. It is thought that the person discussed was J[illegible] (phonetic) or J[illegible]. Later [illegible] entered the country having in his possession five packages of $1000 each in $20 bills. It is noted that this denomination has frequently been used in Soviet Espionage payoffs.

"[illegible]'s report, Newark, 11/28/46, re: [illegible], [illegible]."

The trial of [illegible] began in the District Court of Washington, D. C., in April, 1949, and the Government introduced into evidence 22 of the 34 data slips which [illegible] had in her possession when arrested. The [illegible] files do not so indicate, but it is believed that the data slip on [illegible] was among these 22. Later, however, the remaining 12 data slips were introduced into evidence by [illegible]'s Attorney and thus were listed as defendant's exhibits.

After the data slips were in evidence, [illegible], [illegible]'s Attorney, demanded that the FBI reports from which these data slip excerpts were taken be admitted into evidence. All of the FBI reports were subsequently admitted into evidence as the defendant's exhibits and a number of them were read aloud to the jury by [illegible]'s Attorney with the press present.

On January 2[illegible], 1954, Mr. [illegible], Assistant Clerk, U. S. Supreme Court, checked the transcript and evidence of the District Court, Washington, D. C., but advised that defendant's Exhibit 109 was a photostat of a data slip concerning [illegible]. He further stated that a photostat of the data slip concerning [illegible] was listed as Government Exhibit 93-A. He was unable to locate the [illegible] report of [illegible] dated November 23, 1946, concerning [illegible] among evidence in the case and so was unable to furnish the defendant's exhibit number assigned to this exhibit. He explained he had made a rather hurried search and had probably missed it.

Letter to Director
Re: [illegible]

Inasmuch as it is obvious that information in [illegible] column concerning [illegible] from exhibits in the [illegible] case could only have come from the data slip or the FBI report, both of which were in evidence, Mr. [illegible] was advised that a research of the courts records would not be necessary at this time.

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TELEPHONE 3-5511

STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

INCOME TAX BUREAU
GEORGE P. KLEIN
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO:

STATE TAX COMMISSION
ALGER B. CHAPMAN, PRESIDENT
SPENCER E. BATES
HARRY E. CLINTON

ALBANY 1, N. Y.

April 30, 1946

Judith Coplon
2634 Tunlaw Rd. N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledgment is made of receipt of letter under date of April 15, 1946.

It is noted that you state you are domiciled in the State of New York and have not been a resident of the State of New York for thirty days during the year 1945 due to your job transfer to Washington, D. C. on January 16, 1945. Please be advised that as you are a domiciled resident of the State of New York and in the event that you do not maintain a permanent place of abode in Washington, D. C. or elsewhere during the year 1945, under such circumstances you are a resident for income tax purposes for the full calendar year 1945. If on the other hand, however, as you were a domiciled resident of the State of New York and in the event that you actually maintained a permanent place of abode in Washington, D. C. during the year 1945 and did not spend in the aggregate more than 30 days of the taxable year within the State of New York, under such circumstances you are a non-resident for income tax purposes. A permanent place of abode is understood to mean a dwelling place permanently maintained by the taxpayer. It is not necessary that the individual be the owner.

Very truly yours,

STATE TAX COMMISSION

John J. Ronan

John J. Ronan, Chief
Regulations & Interpretations Section
Income Tax Bureau

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2634 Tunlaw Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
May 3,1946

Mr. John J. Ronan, Chief
Regulations & Interpretations Section
Income Tax Bureau
Department of Taxation & Finance
Albany 1, New York

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of April 30,1946, I would like to inform you that I have maintained a permanent place of abode in Washinton, D.C. during 1945. I assume therefore that I may be considered a non-resident of New York for income tax purposes.

Very truly yours,

Judith Coplon

2634 Tunlaw Road, N. W.
Washington, D. C;
April 15, 1946

Collector of Internal Revenue
Albany, New York

Gentlemen:

Though I am domiciled in the State of New York, I have not been a resident of the State for thirty days during 1945 due to my job transfer to Washington on January 16, 1945. Therefore, it is my understanding that I am not liable for any New York income taxes, nor am I required to file a return.

Sincerely yours,

Judith Coplon

939 D Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.
January 29, 1946

Mr. Walter H. Jessop
Division of Foreign Activity Correlation
Department of State, Room 112
1735 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

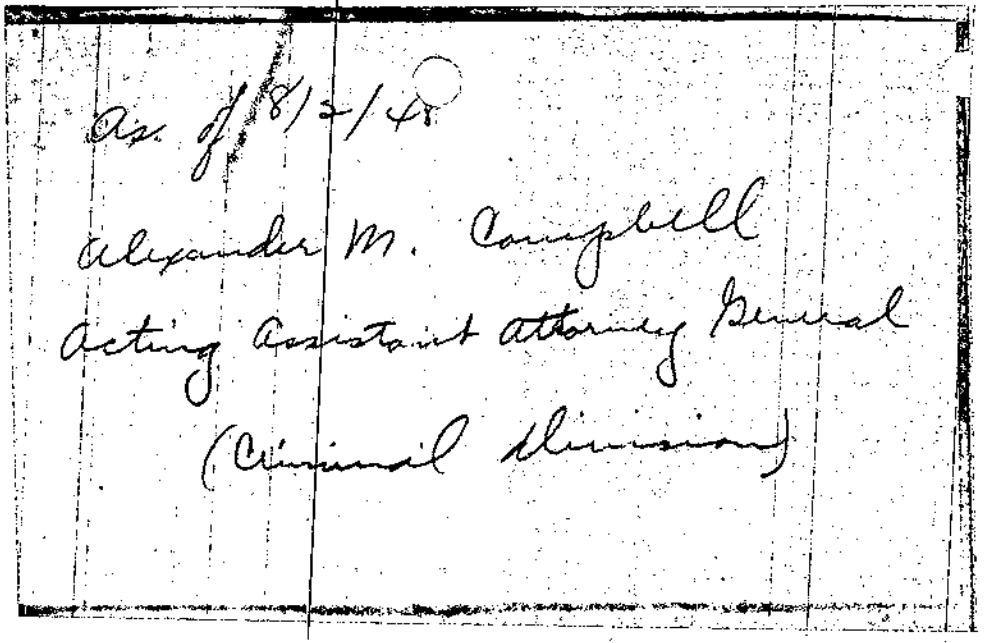
Dear Mr. Jessop:

You will remember that I called you last week on the recommendation of Mr. Frank D. Nidiffer of the Division of Economic Security Controls, Department of State. I am sending you a Form 57 which you requested at the time.

Sincerely yours,

Judith Coplon

Enclosure


Apr. 8/2/48
Alexander M. Campbell
Acting Assistant Attorney General
(Criminal Division)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 40

June 9, 1948

CRIMINAL DIVISION

Effective immediately Mr. Raymond P. Whearty is designated General Assistant to succeed Mr. Peter C. Brown.

T. VINCENT QUINN

Assistant Attorney General

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Miss Judith Coplon, Foreign Agents Registration Section, Criminal Division
DATE: May 4, 1948

FROM : Nathan H. Franke, Administrative Officer, Criminal Division
TVQ:NHF:fjw

SUBJECT:
CHIEFS of the Foreign Agents Registration Section

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1.	ELLIFF, Nathan T.	Dec. 29, 1945	April 4, 1947	Chief
2.	BOOKSTAVER, David R.	Jan. 28, 1947	March 31, 1947	Acting Chief in absence of Elliff
3.	ANDERSON, Donald B.	Apr. 7, 1947	June 29, 1947	Acting Chief
4.	WHEARTY, Raymond P.	June 30, 1947	Oct. 5, 1947	Acting Chief
	"	Oct. 6, 1947	Dec. 1, 1947	Chief
5.	FOLEY, William E.	Dec. 9, 1947	April 27, 1948	Acting Chief
	"	April 28, 1948	Present	Chief.

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Jim

Miss Judith Caplan
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington 25 DC.

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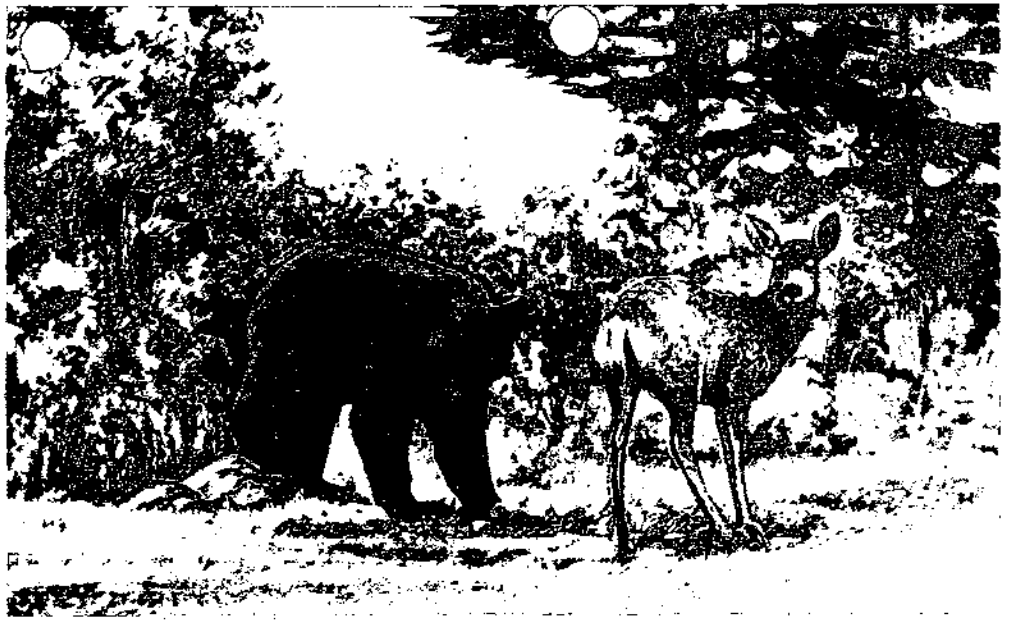

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Mrs. Judith Coplon
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Mrs. Coplon

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
13TH AND W STREETS, N.W.
WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

December 20, 1946

Mrs. Judith Coplon
2634 Tunlaw Road N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Coplon:

The Children's Hospital wishes to thank you and your co-workers for your contribution to the New Building Fund in memory of Mrs. H. G. Schlueter.

This building will be a definite contribution to the welfare of the community's sick children and I am sure you all will be glad to have had a part in making it possible. Surely, there could be no more beautiful memorial to Mrs. Schlueter.

We have written her daughter, Mrs. Irene Longley, 902 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, telling her of your tribute to her mother without mentioning the amount as is our custom.

With renewed thanks and every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frances Haynes

Mrs. Eberhart Haynes

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10/27/43

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Immigration and Naturalization Service
70 Columbus Avenue
New York 23, N. Y.

Miss Judith Copeland,
2506 Avenue S,
Brooklyn, NY

FEB 13 1945

Dear Sir or Madam:

You are hereby notified to call at 107 West 62nd Street, 2nd Floor, Manhattan, New York, N. Y. on FEB 20 1945 at 3:30 PM to testify as a witness in the matter of the petition for naturalization of one **ANNEMARIE HERZFELD**

In this proceeding you will be called upon to testify under oath as to the period or periods of the applicant's residence in the United States, moral character, attachment to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, etc.

IF YOU ARE A NATURALIZED CITIZEN, PLEASE BRING WITH YOU YOUR CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION. IF YOU CLAIM CITIZENSHIP BY DERIVATION THROUGH THE NATURALIZATION OF ANOTHER PERSON, YOU SHOULD BRING THE CERTIFICATE OF SUCH PERSON WITH YOU.

Your failure to appear at the time specified will delay the final hearing on the petition for naturalization. However, if you are unable to appear at the time shown, please return this letter by mail and request another appointment.

This letter should be presented when you call.

Very truly yours,

W. F. WATKINS
District Director

By L. W. Throckmorton IC

L. W. THROCKMORTON, Chief
Naturalization Petitions Section

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile:
65-58365

Field Division
Washington

Date
August 1, 1954

Title and Character of Case:
Judith Coplon
Espionage-R

Date Property Acquired:
7-15-49

Source From Which Property Acquired:
Margaret Ratter, AA 17th & Penn. Ave. N. W., Washington D. C.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:
Room 531
WFO

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:
Investigative, to be retained until completion of litigation.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same:
SA Mendenhall

AAA touring Bureau file on Subject.

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile: 65-58365 · ~~WFO~~ Field Division

~~2-10-55~~ Date

Title and Character of Case: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Date Property Acquired: 3-21-49

Source From Which Property Acquired: Recovered from subject's office and apartment

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: ROOM 531, WFO

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Retained until completion of litigation.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: SA's Mendenhall and Payne

Various items from subject's apartment, personal correspondence, etc.

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile: 65-58365 WFO Field Division

2-10-55 Date

Title and Character of Case: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Date Property Acquired: 7-15-49

Source From Which Property Acquired: Margaret Estter, AA 17th & Penn. Ave., N.W. Wash. D.C.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: ROOM 531, WFO

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Investigative, to be retained until completion of litigation

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: SA Mendenhall

1. AAA touring Bureau file on Subject.

Field File #: 65-5128-1B4

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile: 65-58365 ~~Washington~~ Field Division

~~8-1-55~~ Date

Title and Character of Case: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Date Property Acquired: 3-21-49

Source From Which Property Acquired: Recovered from subject's office and apartment

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: Room 531, WFO

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Retained until completion of litigation

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: SA's Mendenhall and Payne

Various items from subject's apartment, personal correspondence, etc.

Field File #: 65-5128-131

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile: 65-58365

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~~8-2-55~~ Date

Title and Character of Case: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Date Property Acquired: 7-15-49

Source From Which Property Acquired: Margaret Estter, AA 17th & Penn., Ave., N.W., Wash. D.C.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: Room 531, WFO

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Investigative, to be retained until completion of litigation

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: SA Mendenhall

AAA touring Bureau file on subject.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 9/12/55

FROM : SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Bureau telephonic request on September 12, 1955, that the WFO advise why Mrs. IRMA CALNAN, Bureau employee, was not interviewed during the investigation of the above-captioned matter.

It is noted that pages 102 through 105 of the WFO report on COPLON dated 3/8/49 sets forth the results of an interview with Mrs. IRENE MAY LONGLEY, Justice Department employee. On page 104 of this report is set forth the names of individuals who, according to Mrs. LONGLEY, were associates of JUDITH COPLON. Among those named by Mrs. LONGLEY was: "Mrs. IRMA CALNAN, formerly a translator and analyst with Foreign Agents Registration Section, and now employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation." (Note WFO 65-5428-129.)

The following is Agent MENDENHALL's recollection of the handling of names coming to attention in connection with the COPLON case:

JUDITH COPLON was arrested rather unexpectedly on Friday, March 4, 1949. (Note WFO 65-5128-109, 114.)

The day following her arrest, Saturday, March 5, 1949, the Bureau designated individuals who were to be interviewed concerning COPLON. (Note WFO 65-5128-98, 104.)

On 3/5/49, former SA RALPH F. WINTE maintained a log concerning instructions received from the Bureau concerning individuals authorized for interview. (See WFO 65-5128-104.)

By memorandum to the Bureau dated 3/6/49, the WFO requested that approval be given for interviewing 18 known acquaintances of COPLON. (Three others apparently added and authorized telephonically.) Among those on the original list was Mrs. RUTH LONGLEY, Department of Justice. (Note WFO 65-5128-104A.)

It is noted that a teletype summary of interviews was submitted to the Bureau on 3/6/49, which did not include the interview with LONGLEY, indicating that the LONGLEY interview was probably conducted on 3/7/49. (Note WFO 65-5128-105.)

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WFO letter dated 3/7/49 requested Bureau approval to interview approximately 31 individuals whose names had come up during the investigation of COPLON prior to her arrest. (Note serial 147A.)

Because of the large number of individuals to be immediately interviewed at the time, the services of approximately 10 or 12 Agents were utilized in conducting these interviews. (Note WFO 65-5128-108A - inked notations.)

At 12:10 P.M., on 3/7/49, the Bureau advised that United States Attorney RAYMOND WHEARTY desired that the WFO submit a report by the same night or submit a summary of activities of COPLON. At this point a report in the WFO had not been started, and SA MENDENHALL at about 2 P.M. on 3/7/49 commenced dictating the report. (Note serial 117A.)

Because of interviews in the process of being conducted at the time the report was being dictated, Agents were instructed to furnish the results of interview in the form of rough draft inserts. Former SA RALPH F. WINTE was given the responsibility of dictating the section of the report dealing with interviews. This section was prepared by dictating from the inserts or preparing the rough draft inserts for copying into the report. SA WINTE was also responsible for setting out any additionally indicated leads from these inserts. (Note pages 69 through 144, WFO report dated 3/8/49; WFO 65-5128-129.)

Due to the time element involved in the preparation of the WFO report of 3/8/49, and due to the fact that a number of Agents were engaged in its preparation, it was not possible to review the report for the purpose of determining additional outstanding leads, prior to submitting the report to the Bureau on 3/8/49.

Since the date of submission of this report, Agent MENDENHALL has reviewed it on numerous occasions in connection with subsequent investigation and prosecution of COPLON, and for the purpose of making certain that stated leads were covered.

The fact that the necessity for a lead to interview IRMA CAINAN was not later observed by SA MENDENHALL is attributable to the necessity for his handling urgent and pressing leads, as well as requests from the Bureau and the Department in connection with the subject's arrest and subsequent trials both in Washington, D. C. and New York City.

Washington, D. C.
September 13, 1955

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M E M O R A N D U M

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. WILLIAM A. BRANIGAN, of the Bureau, called at 10:40 A.M., on September 12, 1955, and referred to the report of SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL dated 3/8/49 in this case. On page 104 of Agent MENDENHALL's report are set forth the results of an interview with Mrs. IRENE MAY LONGLEY, an employee of the Department of Justice, who identified a Mrs. IRMA CALNAN as an associate of COPLON. According to Mrs. LONGLEY, CALNAN was formerly a Department of Justice employee and at the time of the interview was working for the FBI. Mr. BRANIGAN raised the question as to why Mrs. CALNAN was not interviewed at the time she was identified as an associate of COPLON by Mrs. LONGLEY.

This matter was discussed with SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL, who submitted the attached memorandum of explanation. The details of this attachment were furnished telephonically to Mr. BRANIGAN at the Bureau on 9/13/55. He said no further action need be taken by WFO on this at this time.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. Reairtel September 21, 1955, advising that Mrs. Irma Calman had furnished information concerning the subject to an FBI agent in Washington, D.C. in the fall of 1948. It is noted the espionage investigation of Coplon was not initiated until approximately January, 1949. Calman was employed by the Bureau on September 7, 1948, and was interviewed for this position in August, 1948. Denver should advise Bureau and WFO immediately the name of the agent to whom Calman allegedly furnished this information and circumstances under which it was furnished if known by her. WFO should check its indices and review appropriate files to ascertain if any record can be located of the information reportedly furnished by Calman.

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JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Buairtel 9/24/55.

During interview of Mrs. IRMA CALNAN on 9/20/55 she was interrogated as to name of agent who had interviewed her at Washington, D. C. in fall of 1948 but could not recall name of agent. During Denver interview on 9/20/55 Mrs. CALNAN indicated she was interviewed under the name of IRMA STEFFANY CALNAN and that to the best of her recollection the interview concerned subject COPLON, however, in view of fact espionage investigation of COPLON was not initiated until approximately January 1949, it is felt that during interview for Bureau position in August 1948, Mrs. CALNAN may have furnished some information regarding COPLON incidental to the interview for her Bureau position. It is noted, however, that during recent interview in Denver, Mrs. CALNAN did not mention the interview in Washington, D. C. in August 1948 concerned her prospective Bureau position but to the best of her recollection concerned subject COPLON.

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When interviewed 9/20/55 Mrs. CALNAN advised she was leaving Denver the following day for California to be married in the near future to one ARVID JOHNSON, after which they would take a honeymoon trip and would therefore be in constant travel status until middle of October 1955 after which Mrs. CALNAN will be care of ARVID JOHNSON, Yucca Valley, Calif.

IRMA JOHNSON

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In event Bureau desires further interview with Mrs. CALNAN concerning information she reported in 1948, it is suggested she be contacted at Yucca Valley, Calif. in approximately the middle of October 1955.

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile: 65-58365

Washington Field Division

2-10-56 Date

Title and Character of Case:

JUDITH COPLON, wa.
ESPIONAGE-R

Date Property Acquired: 3-21-49

Source From Which Property Acquired: Recovered from subject's office and apartment.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: File Cabinet Drawer, CCO

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Retain until completion of litigation.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: SA's Mendenhall and Payne

Various items from subject's apartment; personal correspondence, etc.

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile: 65-58365

Washington Field Division

2-10-56 Date

Title and Character of Case:

JUDITH COPLON, wa.
ESPIONAGE-R

Date Property Acquired: 7-15-49

Source From Which Property Acquired: Margaret Estter, AA 17th & Penn., Ave. N.W. Washington, D.C.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: File Cabinet Drawer, CCO

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Investigative, to be retained until completion of litigation.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: SA Mendenhall

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile: 65-58365

Washington Field Division

Aug. 10, 1956 Date

Title and Character of Case: JUDITH COPLON, wa
ESP - R

Date Property Acquired: 7-15-49

Source From Which Property Acquired: Margaret Estter, AA 17th. and Penn. Ave., N.W. W.D.C.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: File Cabinet Drawer, CCO

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Investigative, to be retained until completion of litigation

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: SA Mendenhall

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

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Aug. 10, 1956 Date

Title and Character of Case: JUDITH COPLON, was
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Date Property Acquired: 3-21-49

Source From Which Property Acquired: Recovered from subject's office and apartment

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: File Cabinet Drawer - CCO

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Retain until completion of litigation

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: SA's Mendenhall and Payne

Various items from subject's apartment, personal correspondence, etc.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-64808) 12/13/57

SAC, NEW YORK (65-17443)

UNSUB: Operator of Dress Shop,
Washington, D.C.
ESP-R

ReBulet to WFO dated 12/9/57 captioned "JUDITH COPLON; ESP-R" and report of SA J. CARTER BEESE captioned as above dated 11/29/57 at New York.

JACK SOBLE has advised during interviews that in 1945 ANATOLI GROMOV wanted him (SOBLE) to handle a group of "Young people" who were employed at various U.S. Government agencies. SOBLE related that GROMOV wanted him to be the manager of a fashionable dress shop located in the center of Washington. SOBLE related that GROMOV stated that they, the Soviets, would supply $300,000 for this operation.

WFO is requested to furnish New York file 65-17443 copies of report reflecting investigation of Negro Woman referred to in referenced letter. It is contemplated that the results of the investigation will be discussed with JACK SOBLE.

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Years of Privacy

Judith Coplon, who was arrested more than 12 years ago on spy charges and is free under $60,000 bond, stands in the doorway of her Brooklyn home. Now married to attorney Albert H. Socolov, who helped process the appeals of her two spy convictions, she will be 40 on May 17. Her case is still snarled in a mass of legal twists and turns. She was found guilty by a Federal jury here in 1949 and by a Federal jury in New York the following year of passing information to a Soviet operative, but the convictions were set aside because she was arrested without a warrant and a bulk of the evidence used against her was obtained illegally. Since then, the Supreme Court refused to review the case, and it is still hanging in the air. She lives quietly in Brooklyn, and is the mother of four children. She wants to maintain her privacy, and refuses to talk to reporters, as does her husband.

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Judy Coplon, who was arrested more than 12 years ago on spy charges and has been free on $60,000 bail, is shown at door of her home in Brooklyn, N. Y.—AP Wirephoto.

Judith Coplon Still Held In 1949 Bail as 'Spy'

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP)—Remember Judith Coplon? The dark-eyed young woman arrested more than 12 years ago on charges of spying for the Russians?

The New York Herald Tribune set out to find out where she is now and reported on it last night.

The paper learned that Judith Coplon, nearly 40 now, her husband, Albert H. Socolov, and their four children, are living in a 130-year-old red brick building in downtown Brooklyn.

She and her husband celebrate their 11th wedding anniversary next month. He is a lawyer who helped prepare the appeals on her two spy convictions, one here and one in Washington.

They own their home and occupy three of its four floors. They moved in four months ago and are renovating it.

There is no mailbox to show that the Socolov family lives there. It's a mixed neighborhood, and most residents apparently don't know the lady of the house.

Her obscurity is a far cry from the sensation created by her arrest and subsequent indictments.

She worked for the Justice Department when the case broke on March 4, 1949.

She was convicted of stealing department documents in the trial here. Later, in Washington, she was convicted of trying to pass the papers to a member of Russia's United Nation's staff.

Sentences in the trials totaled a maximum of 25 years, but they were held up by action in the appeals court. The New York conviction was thrown out on grounds she was arrested without a warrant and wiretap evidence was used. The indictment is still pending, leaving the way open for possible retrial.

The Washington case was upheld but with a ruling that she was entitled to a lower court hearing on the wiretap allegations. That hearing has not yet been held.

All this while, Mrs. Socolov has been free in $60,000 bail.

To newsmen who visited her Brooklyn home, she said only: "Sorry. I have nothing to say. Please leave."

Her husband commented: "We prefer no story . . . We have cherished those years of privacy we have had."

$55,000 Tax Bite Put On Esther Williams

LOS ANGELES, April 7 (AP)—The Internal Revenue Service says Actress Esther Williams owes more than $55,000 in income tax payments.

Agents filed a $55,365 tax lien against her yesterday, alleging arrears on her 1959 income.

At that time Miss Williams was president of the International Swimming Pool Corp. She later resigned.

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Associated Press

Years of Privacy

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. [ ] This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

7. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
   there is nothing to indicate she would cooperate in any way.

8. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) **her previous participation in Soviet espionage indicates she would be capable of the same type of activity in the event of a national emergency.**

10. [X] Subject's SI card [ ] is [X] is not tabbed Detcom.
    [ ] Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365) 2/14/67

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932) (P)

JUDITH COPLON, aka
ESP-R
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet, 11/28/66.

On 2/9/67, the records of the US District Court Clerk, SDNY, reflected that a Nolle Prosequi had been entered by AUSA JOHN E. SPRIZZO on 1/6/67 against Indictment C129-158 issued against JUDITH COPLON on 3/10/59. Leave granted 1/6/67 to so do by USDJ IRVING BEN COOPER.

On same date, [redacted] advised that subject's brother, BERTRAM COPLON, had appeared in his office around 1/12/67 to make application for the return of the $40,000 cash which he had posted for his sister's bond. [redacted] advised that the $40,000 had been returned by check to BERTRAM COPLON, 24 Tinton Lane, Scarsdale, NY, on 1/16/67. b6 b7C

WFO requested to check USDC records re dismissal of indictment against subject there.

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SAC, WFO (65-5128)(RUC)

JUDITH COPLON, aka
ESP - R
(OO: NY)

ReNylet 2/14/67.

[redacted] on 4/3/67 examined the Criminal Docket of the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia and observed that in Criminal Case 381-49 (Grand Jury Original) an order was filed 1/8/67 vacating the earlier judgment of conviction and dismissing the indictment against JUDITH COPLON.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (65-5128)

DATE: May 29, 1967

FROM : SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESP - R

Re memo of SA MENDENHALL to SAC dated 10-3-51, serial 736 of this file concerning bulky exhibits.

Serials Sub-B 236 through 239 (newspaper clippings) of this file indicate that the Justice Department on January 6, 1967 announced that the U.S. District Court here had granted its request for the dismissal of espionage charges against JUDITH COPLON. News items further reported that the Federal Court in New York, at the Government's request, also dismissed the indictment against her there.

Since adjudication in this case is now final, further attention was given to the disposition of the bulky exhibits in this case.

On May 26, 1967 the AAA touring file on COPLON was returned to [redacted] Tours Section, AAA, 1712 G Street, N.W. This file had originally been furnished to former SA HOLLIS W. BOWERS on April 15, 1949, and was to be returned to AAA at the final disposition of this case. [redacted] advised SA MENDENHALL that [redacted] who had furnished the file to SA BOWERS was still employed by AAA, and that she would turn it over to [redacted] when the latter was available. This AAA tour file pertaining to COPLON was item 1 B 4 (3) in WFO bulky exhibits.

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At this time the following WFO bulky exhibits should be destroyed by the bulky exhibit clerk:

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In the accordian pleated envelope labeled 1B1 destroy the following:

1B1(1) Package containing photographs of material located in room 2220, Department of Justice Building on 1-19-49.

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2 - WFO
(1 Property Clerk, WFO)

Mike: Destroy as indicated & advise Pa

Bulky Exhibits indicated destroyed 5/31/67 mmd

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

2. 1B1(3) Notes on search of Coplon's apartment.

3. Box of "Write Inc." carbon paper (unused), 8" x 10½," Black Lightweight, Special Use. The typewrite speciman on a 5" x 7" sheet of paper and carbon paper reading, "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country." (FBI Laboratory k-16) should also be destroyed.

4. One blank sheet of typing paper, taken from the room of the subject at McLean Gardens on 3-5-49 (sheet torn in two) (LAB K-18)

5. Two sheets of blank stationery, taken from room of the subject at Mc Lean Gardens, 3-5-49.

6. Blank, portion of 3" x 5" pad taken from the room of subject JUDITH COPLON, Mc Lean Gardens on 3-5-49 (LAB K-19).

The following contents of the accordian pleated envelope labeled 1B2 should also be destroyed:

7. 1B2-7 Investigative notes of SA EARL L. FUOSS re search of subject's apartment on 3-5-49.

8. 1B2-8 Investigative notes of search of Apartment #135, 3685 38th St., NW, subject's apartment on 3-5-49.

9. 1B2-23 Copy of Grand Jury Indictment returned as a True Bill on 3-16-49.

10. Negatives of Petition to the Supreme Court of the U.S. for a writ of certiorari to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. circuit. 1B2-37

The following contents of the accordian pleated envelope labeled 1B3 should be destroyed:

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11. 1B3(2) Work papers of SA [redacted]

12. 1B3(4) (a) Photostats of Coplon's U.S. Income Tax return for the year 1943.

(b) Photostats of COPLON's Form W-4, withholding statements for the years 1945, 1946 and 1947

13. Notes of SA JOE CRAIG re search of Data Slips filed

in room 2220, Justice Building. (1 B3(5)).

14. 1B3 (7) 10 negative photographs taken in room 2220 Department of Justice building by SA COURTLAND JONES on 4-22-49.

15. 1B3 (8) Photostat of signed handwritten chronology dated 3-8-49 of ALFRED B. STEVENSON's contacts with COPLON.

16. 1B3 (9) Photostat of signed typewritten statement of ROBERT S. BENJAMIN dated 3-8-49 re his association with Coplon.

17. 1B3 (10) Photostat of signed statement (handwritten) dated 3-9-49 of STANLEY E. COFFIN re his acquaintance with COPLON.

The following contents of the accordian pleated envelope labeled 1B4 should be destroyed:

18. 1B4 (1) Surveillance notes of SA C.J. JONES of surveillance of COPLON on 3-4-49 and 1-7-49.

19. 1B4 (2) Notes taken by SA JONES re finding of Data slips in room 2220, Department of Justice Building 3-7-49.

20. 1B4 (4) Work papers of SA H. BERGER re COPLON's Bank account and bonds.

21. 1B4 (6) Photostat of affidavit dated 3-5-49 of SA T. SCOTT MILLER re finding of data slips in COPLON's purse the night of her arrest 3-4-49. This affidavit used in connection with WFO's obtaining a search warrant for COPLON's apartment, WDC.

22. 1B4 (7) Copy of Judge REEVES charge to Jury in COPLON trial (6-30-49).

23. 1B4 (8) Petition in the Supreme Court of the U.S., October term, 1951, for writ of certiorari to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia circuit.

over 1B9 (mmm) 1B7 was a photostat of affidavit of GERALDINE DEVAUGH previously destroyed mmm.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365) 10/30/69

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON aka
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During the course of the New York trial of COPLON in 1950, a number of reports in the COPLON and GUBITCHEV cases were furnished to Judge SYLVESTER RYAN from the WFO and NY files for the assistance of the court. Inasmuch as these reports contain security information they were reviewed by Judge RYAN who thereafter made a decision as to whether Defense attorneys would be permitted access to the report. The reports were maintained as Court Exhibit 62A and maintained in a sealed condition, subsequently being placed in the possession of the SAC of the NYO upon completion of the COPLON trial.

Inasmuch as the indictment against COPLON has since been dismissed, SILVIO MOLLO, Administrative Assistant to the USA, SDNY, stated that the above reports cannot and longer be considered evidence in the legal sense of the word and they could be appropriately disposed of by the NYO.

Accordingly, the above mentioned reports are being returned to the appropriate Washington Field and NY files. The memoranda which accompanied each report and which bears the date and initials of Judge RYAN with the notation that access was denied are being maintained in the COPLON NY file with appropriate notation on the memorandum of the serial to which it pertained in the remote event such information would be of future assistance.

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The following reports are enclosed herewith to WFO:

3 - Bureau (RM)
(1 - 65-58388)
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(Serial 520)

WDC, 8/1/49, SA MENDENHALL
(Serial 529)

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(Serial 532)

AL, 8/3/49, SA CHESTER M. PONTZ
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(Serial 542)

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(Serial 307)

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(Serial 300)

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(Serial 276)

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(Serial 349)

WDC, 6/23/49, SA MENDENHALL
(Serial 494)

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(Serial 129)

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(Serial 243)

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(Serial 197)

WDC, 3/29/49, SA MENDENHALL
(Serial 235)

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WDC, 6/7/49, SA MENDENHALL
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TO : SAC, WFO (65-5128) DATE: 2/10/71

FROM : SA AUBREY S. BRENT

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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The Bulky Exhibit file in this matter now contains the following items:

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1B 2-10 through 1B 2-22
1B 2-24 through 1B 2-27
1B 2-31 through 1B 2-34

11 of the above exhibits are signed statements. One of the above exhibits is an unsigned statement. The balance of the exhibits are papers of some legal character.

Therefore, it is recommended that all of the exhibits be removed from the Bulky Exhibit file and placed in the ~~Sub~~ A file of this case. If necessary to do so, it is suggested a new Sub A section be added to the existing ~~Sub~~ A file.

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Bureau Lost Some Files 22 Years Ago

The Judith Coplon Case and the Embarrassed FBI

By Alan Barth

THE MISHAP at Media, Pa., which has caused the FBI so much embarrassment was not the first occasion of its kind. Twenty-two years ago some FBI files came to light after they had been stolen by a young woman named Judith Coplon, an employee of the Department of Justice. Disclosure of the contents of these stolen files gave to the American public for the first time an insight into the way the FBI works and into the quality and character of the material it collects. That was what proved so embarrassing.

Miss Coplon was prosecuted in the summer of 1949 for attempting to transmit to a Soviet agent certain classified documents allegedly vital to the security of the United States. The Department of Justice tried to bring about her conviction without disclosing the contents of these documents. But the late U.S. District Court Judge Albert Reeves, who presided over her first trial in Washington and who died at the age of 97 just about a fortnight ago, ruled that the documents had to be shown to the jury in order to let it determine whether they were really vital to security. "If it turns out that the government has come into court exposing itself," the judge said, "then it will have to take the peril."

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The government—or at least the FBI—indubitably exposed itself, although it is hard to see what possible interest the Russians could have had in the exposure. Surely Miss Coplon duped them as much as she duped the FBI. Most of the stuff so painstakingly collected in the stolen files should have been filed in the most convenient trash bin. Nevertheless it is interesting and useful to recall some of this material for the similarity it bears to the material stolen recently from the Media, Pa., office of the FBI.

THE MOST significant similarity between the FBI papers stolen 22 years ago and those stolen last month is that, then as now, they show the FBI shadowing people who are not charged with, or even suspected of, crime, who are not employees of the government and who do not occupy positions in any way affecting national security.

For example, the papers stolen by Miss Coplon reported that "Confidential Informant ND-305 advised December 25, 1945, that the subject (Fredric March) partook in the entertainment program at a meeting sponsored by the American Society for Russian Relief held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, December 5, 1945. The informant, who was one of about 11,000 attending the meeting, stated that Helen Hayes, a noted actress, and the subject portrayed a Russian schoolteacher and a Soviet soldier, respectively, in a skit, whereby they described the devastation of Russia by the Nazis at the battles of Stalingrad and Leningrad."

This event seems to have been about as covert and surreptitious as the recent observance of "Earth Day" at rallies all over the United States—rallies at which Sen. Edmund Muskie, himself a speaker at one of them, says that the FBI conducted "general political surveillance." Owing perhaps to a slight semantic confusion, conservation instead of communism seems to have become the bugbear of the seventies.

Another example: A file disclosed at the Coplon trial furnished the information that one of President Roosevelt's assistants had given some help in obtaining a passport for a trip to Mexico to a friend with whose wife, according to an informant, the presidential aide had once been in love.

Another tidbit brought to light by the Coplon case was a statement by an unidentified informant that she had seen her neighbors "moving around the house (their house) in a nude state" and that her 11-year-old boy said he saw one of these neighbors go out on the porch, without any clothes on, to get the morning paper.

Even when one acknowledges that intelligence or counter-intelligence activity involves the collection and collation of seemingly trivial and irrelevant bits of information, one can hardly help regarding this sort of pot pourri as anything more than backstairs gossip.

What the revelations from Media, Pa., indicate is that the level of FBI intelligence gathering has not been raised appreciably in the intervening two decades. The files purloined from the Media office of the FBI disclose that the agency was keeping a sharp eye on the teen-age daughter of a distinguished congressman, that it was full of concern about the activities of black student unions on college campuses, that it had mobilized an intricate network of undercover operatives—including telephone operators, letter carriers and the like—to maintain a continuing surveillance on the behavior of a professor who was characterized as "radical."

The FBI can say about these disclosures—as, indeed, it has said currently and also about the Coplon files—that they are not typical of the bureau's work, that they were selected with a view toward ridiculing rather than extolling the bureau. There is doubtless truth in this defense. But FBI reports are hard to come by. Critics must base their criticism on what, by hook or by crook, they can lay their hands on. Perhaps a full-scale congressional investigation of the FBI's work would show a much higher level of competence and insight. It ought to be undertaken.

But these stolen dossier are all that have been granted to the public as a basis for judging the FBI's performance. And they suggest that the bureau is not looking for espionage, sabotage and crime so much as it is looking for political non-conformity and opposition to official policy. That is at once dangerous to the country's safety and dangerous to its liberty.

THE Coplon case disclosed something else about the FBI's conduct which deserves to be recalled in the light of contemporary criticism of the bureau.

At the first trial of Miss Coplon in Washington, her lawyers made a charge that the government's case against her was based on evidence obtained through wiretapping—evidence not then admissible in a federal court. That charge was indignantly denounced by the U.S. Attorney prosecuting the case as a "fishing expedition." Judge Reeves, accepting the government's word, declined to hold a pretrial hearing to determine whether wire-tapping had taken place.

Judge Sylvester Ryan, who conducted the second Coplon trial in New York, did hold such a hearing. The inquiry revealed that no fewer than 30 FBI agents had monitored tapped telephone wires leading to the home of Miss Coplon's parents. The judge required the government to produce about 150 discs on which tapped conversations involving the defendant had been recorded.

There were, however, additional recordings made by the FBI which could not be produced in court because they had been destroyed—destroyed in obedience to a specific FBI directive to get rid of them "in view of the imminency of her trial." The directive contained a notation reading, "This memorandum is for administrative purposes. To be destroyed after action is taken and not sent to files." The directive itself was not destroyed and was read into the court record.

Throughout the hearing, FBI agents sat silent while the prosecutor expressed outrage at the defense contention that wiretapping had been used by the government, and several agents said they "had no knowledge of wiretapping." Judge Ryan called these statements evasions.

Partly as a result of the wiretapping and partly because the FBI had not bothered to get a warrant for the arrest of Miss Coplon, in the first place, the defendant's convictions were reversed, and she went scot free.

Judith Coplon at the time of her trial in 1949.

More serious than the bungling of the case, however, was the hoodwinking of a court and of the public. The bureau had systematically and deliberately violated the law in making use of information obtained by wiretapping and then had systematically and deliberately sought to disguise its misconduct.

How history repeats itself. The FBI appears currently to be involved in a lot of semantic convolutions about what constitutes surveillance or electronic eavesdropping designed to conceal what it is doing. "If we record a conversation and it is directed to us, we do not consider it as surveillance as such," an FBI spokesman said on Friday.

It is impossible to escape a fear that, in the 1970s as in the 1940s, the FBI is engaged in widespread invasions of privacy and in a lordly disregard for the limitations imposed upon it by law and by American tradition. The incumbent attorney general claims for the bureau an unlimited power, whenever he gives his approval, to tap or bug the homes and offices of American citizens in the name of national security—and to do it without judicial authorization of any kind.

Perhaps the most devastating comment on the bureau's conduct was made by J. Edgar Hoover himself. Writing on "Law Enforcement and the Democratic Tradition" in the bulletin "Confidential—from Washington," issued by the George Washington University in December 1949, Mr. Hoover said: "The law enforcement agency in a democracy has limited powers, powers specifically defined by the Constitution, judicial decisions and acts passed by legislative bodies. Totalitarian law enforcement, on the other hand, has unlimited power. The secret police, responsive only to the will of the ruling elite, creates, defines, interprets, and reviews its own activities."

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