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Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

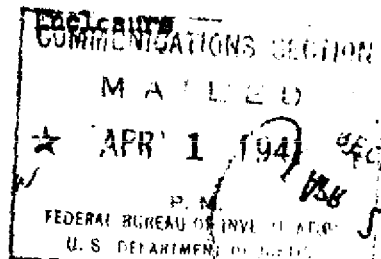
Dear Mr. Berle:

Reference is made to previous correspondence regarding the current investigation of the case pertaining to "Jacques Varnard van Donsbruch, with aliases, et al."

Transmitted herewith, for your information, is a copy of the report of Special Agent C. A. Mahan, dated March 14, 1941 at New Haven, Connecticut, concerning the same matter.

All subsequent reports received by this Bureau regarding the above-mentioned investigation will be promptly transmitted to you for your information.

Sincerely yours,



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

NH FILE NO. 65-226 onp

REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/14/41/ 12/16,19/40/ 2/27/41/	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE C. A. MAHAN	REPORT MADE BY C. A. MAHAN
TITLE JACQUES MAYNARD van DENDRESCHD, with aliases, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records of Rhode Island State Bureau of Motor Vehicles reflect no operator's license issued to FRANK TOORITZEN under correct name or any of known aliases. Newport, RI, Police Department advise BEHR and TOORITZEN returned to New York in late October and presently reside there.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent C. A. Mahan dated at New Haven, Connecticut, December 16, 1940.

DETAILS:

Under date of December 16, 1940, a letter was directed to Mr. [REDACTED] Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Providence, Rhode Island, requesting a check of his records to ascertain if an operator's license had been issued to FRANK TOORITZEN under his correct name or any of his known aliases of FRANK TOORITZEN and THEODORE TOORITZEN. By letter dated December 19, 1940, Mr. [REDACTED] advised that his records failed to reflect any operator's license having been issued to the above named individual.


On December 27, 1940, Captain [REDACTED] NPA, Newport, Rhode Island, Police Department, advised the writer that both VIASIMIR BEHR and FRANK TOORITZEN, whom he had previously advised had returned to Newport on October 18, 1940, had remained in that city only one week, at which time they had again returned to New York City and as far as investigation

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at Newport could determine they were still residing in New York.



Inasmuch as it appears that all investigation has been conducted by the New Haven Office and that Behr and Tooritzen are presently residing in New York City, no further investigation is being conducted and this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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March 12, 1941

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Transmitted herewith, for your information, are copies of the following reports in the case entitled, "Jacques Marnard Van Dendreschd, with aliases, et al; Espionage (R)":

Report of Special Agent W. S. Crawford dated January 28, 1941, at Albany, New York.

Report of Special Agent W. E. Moran, Jr., dated February 3, 1941, at Buffalo, New York.

Report of Special Agent I. E. Dishough, dated February 6, 1941 at Washington, D. C.

You may be assured that all additional information obtained in this case will be promptly transmitted to you.

Sincerely yours,

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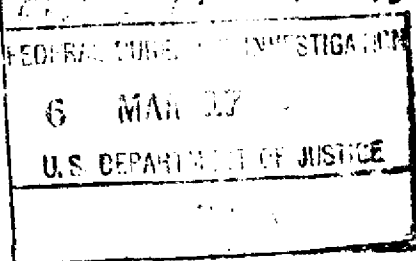
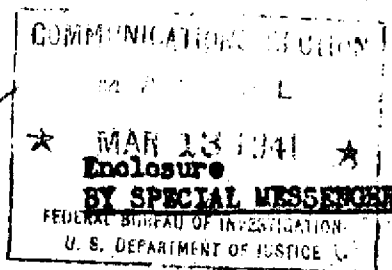
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Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____



MEMORANDUM

Re: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES
Murder of LEON TROTSKY
JACQUES MONARD alias Jackson

Informant [redacted] who is well posted in Communist affairs especially happenings in Spain during the Spanish revolt has, at my request, prepared the following memorandum relative to his opinion as to the murder of TROTSKY and the persons who would possibly have been involved in planning the murder as representatives of the Soviet.

Informant personally knows a great number of the Soviet Agents who engineered many murders in Spain during the revolt there. Quoted herewith is the memorandum prepared by Informant:

"TROTSKY CASE
Possible Suspects"

"MONARD alias JACSON probably has relatives in the clutches of the G.P.U. CHAN KAI-SEC, when he was allied with STALIN because of BORODIN, special ambassador to Canton, had to send his own son to the Oriental University in Moscow. When diplomatic relations were broken off, the boy was forced to make statements against his own father. NEGRIN, also allied to STALIN had to send one of his sons, ROMULO, to school in Moscow and has been unable to get him out in spite of pressure brought to bear by Stockholm in favor of NEGRIN. NEGRIN'S wife has stated that NEGRIN not only sold out Spain but also his family. It seems that agents and diplomats of STALIN all over the world have to leave their families in Russia. ALEJANDRO BERMIN who was formerly Ambassador to Athens, and who broke with STALIN has seen his two sons sacrificed to Russia. BERMIN presently lives in New York and is the author of the book entitled: "20 Years in the Service of Soviet Diplomacy."

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"The psychological moment for the attempt on TROTSKY'S life of the 24th of May. The Finnish war had brought out in sharp relief the weaknesses and the many contradictions concerning the STALIN regime in Russia, by the following three means: a minority undercurrent among the intellectuals and the laborers of the great industries in Leningrad, Jarkov, Kiev relative to the return of the conditions of August 1917 (Trotskyists); an even greater thought among the peasant people of all Russia that there would be an end to the ruinous collections of the present system, and that

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they would be allowed to get back their small properties held before this regime, and that the soviets would be maintained as a guarantee of Democracy among these small holdings; the third and most dangerous of these thought currents was that separationist idea prevalent in the Federated Republics of the Near East. This was most dangerous because it threatened the oil of Baku. This movement too is the one which most worries STALIN because he has already begun assassinating his agents of the G.P.U. and because he could not readily mobilize and move his troops to throttle this movement owing to the poor transportation facilities of that region. With this situation going on and the Finnish war progressing, TROTSKY was able to get a message to Russia denouncing the STALIN political setup. The message was read in several factories and prisons in Russia. Therefore, STALIN'S anxiety increased and TROTSKY'S death was ordered. Furthermore TROTSKY was the only great survivor of August, 1917, and in spite of the vigorous campaigns directed against him by the STALIN government, he still held an almost mystical prestige among the masses.

"Possible Suspects"

"PIERRE" - Hungarian born, naturalized Italian; married to an Italian, has a son 12 years old. Subject is quite tall, very strong, has oval face, about 45 years old, has cruel looking grey-blue eyes. His wife is short and stocky, strong, dark complected, and speaks Italian and French with a marked Italian accent. Subject speaks German, Italian, and French quite well, and Spanish with a marked foreign accent that could be taken for French. PIERRE was in Paris from 1922 (after MUSSOLINI'S rise to power) until 1925 when he was banished from France. In 1925 he was in Brussels as an agent of the G.P.U., and then in Spain from 1933-1939 as a specialist on Spanish matters in charge of the "Internac. Comun." and the G.P.U. in Cataluna where he had absolute powers even inclusive over the Consul of the URSS, ANTONOV OMSEENKO (recalled by STALIN after the defeat in Spain and shot at Odesa when he landed). Subject seen in Mexico up until two months prior to the attempt against TROTSKY on the 24th of May. Subject has a close and very confidential collaborator in Mexico - RAFAEL MARIN.

"RAFAEL MARIN" - Spaniard. Ex-founder in 1921 of the "P. C." in Madrid under the alias "CHARIVARI". He lived in Cuba and Mexico from 1923-1929 where he took an active part in communistic work in these countries.

In Paris from 1929 he became an active head of the Comintern and the G.P.U. In Spain from 1931 he continued with executive duties, and from 1933 on he collaborated in Spain with PIERRE. During the Spanish war Subject participated in executions of the G. P.U. in Barcelona, and made several trips abroad among which was one to Latinamerica as an agent of the above mentioned organizations. His wife's name is AMPARO RUIZ. She also made trips abroad during this time as an agent of the above mentioned organizations. She represented the Comintern at Pedagogic Congresses of the French and Belgian organizations. MARIN is 38 years of age, tall and thin, hair black and slightly gray, wears glasses, and always smokes a pipe. AMPARO RUIZ is 36 years old, short, obese, dark complected, very energetic in her actions, very intelligent, (of superior character to subject) and therefore very well thought of in Spanish Communism. She accompanied Subject on his trips to Latinamerica which she is very familiar with. PIERRE has such confidence in MARIN that after the fall of Spain he was the only agent that lived with PIERRE at Melun, Capital of Sena and Marne, until five months after declaration of war (Feb. 1940) when PIERRE disappeared and MARIN was detained in the above mentioned Department from whence he left France to come to America. Subject's passport was visaed for Mexico by Minister BASSOLS, and it is probable that because of this Subject came to Mexico.

"CARMEN" - German, 43 to 44 years of age, corpulent, tall, and typical German type. Subject is an absolute dictator type, with very strong character. In Valencia she had absolute power as an agent of the G. P.U. and she had executed many members of the International Brigades, as well as many others through the medium of the SIM (Military Investigation Service), which was managed by the G.P.U. (SIM was headed by SANTIAGO GARCES, confidential agent of NEGRIN. GARCES is presently in Mexico City at Lopez #42 under the name of SANTIAGO GARCIA. He came here under passport visaed by the Embassy during the time of BASSOLS). Subject was evacuated to France and was one of the persons the G.P.U. was most interested in getting to Latinamerica where she presently is even though it is not known whether she is in Mexico, Chile, Santo Domingo, or some other country, but it is most probable that she is in Mexico.

"~~JOAQUIN OLASO~~ - Valencian from Carthagenia. 36 years old, tall, thin, reddish-brown hair, clear eyes. He was the Commissar of the Special Police in Cataluna, and was given his job by PIERRE and ANTONOV OFSEENKO. PIERRE had much faith in Subject who carried out all the Secret Terror assignments given to him. Subject is not very intelligent, is very vain, faithful as a dog, has no scruples of any kind, and was an ideal instrument for a person like PIERRE. Subject is known to be in Mexico under an assumed name, and has been here for approximately a year. Subject is held in great confidence by PIERRE and JUAN COMORERA, and is used by both of them.

"JUAN COMORERA - approximately 50 years of age, average height, oval face, ugly, wears thick glasses, and is repulsive and unfriendly. Since 1936 he has been the Secretary General of the PSUC (United Socialist Party of Cataluna) and permanent Counsel of the Municipality of Cataluna. He was in Moscow for about four or five months from June or July 1940, and arrived in Mexico under an assumed name with STALIN'S complete confidence as Director of Spanish Communism. He is listed as having arrived two months ago aboard the "Cuba" at Coatzacoalcas, but it has been verified that he did not arrive here notwithstanding the fact that his official documents state that he did. The Department of Justice has verified the fact that he did not come to Mexico through this port of entry. A month ago Subject held a conference in Mexico City where he presented himself as the Secretary General of the PSUC having STALIN'S complete trust. Subject has more powers today among the communists than "PASIONARIA", or "la NELKEN", also agents of the G.P.U.

"FRANZ DAHLEM - Chief of the German Communist Party with the title of Secretary General. He is the principal agent of the G.P.U. for German matters in the world, particularly in Latimamerica. Subject arrived in Mexico about a month ago, having come by way of Spain, Portugal, New York, and into Mexico. Up until three months ago Subject was held at the French concentration for dangerous communists, VERNET de ARIEGE. Subject's visa for Mexico was obtained by VICENTE LOMBARDI TOLEDANO, along with visas for 13 German and Austrian writers seven of whom are well known to be agents of the G.P.U.

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"AVELINO GONZALEZ, 'EL CAMPESINO' Well known for his cruelty as head of a Communist division dominated by the G.P.U. in which he was associated with LISTER and the "Comandante Carlos". He was in Moscow until two months ago (LISTER is apparently still there). He was seen in New York on January 3, 1941 where he was recognized by a person close to him even though Subject has shaved off his beard. It is known that Subject was in New York on his way to Mexico and is probably there now.

"JUAN COMAS L. Professor of Psychology in Madrid. Presently in Mexico for the purpose of studying the "JACSON" case. He is an agent for STALIN in Spain and probably an agent of the G.P.U. as well."

Conf. info [REDACTED]

March 6, 1941

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Mr. Ralph Kaineford
413 Seaside Avenue
Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Kaineford:

Mrs. J. O. [REDACTED],
National Association of Pro America, has brought
to my attention your letter to me dated February
8, 1941, together with enclosures, which you
forwarded through Mrs. Theodore F. Griggs of
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

I must take this opportunity to
express my sincere thanks for your courtesy in
this regard and for the information, data
similar to that furnished has come to our atten-
tion from other sources.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Reference is made to our previous correspondence pertaining to the current case entitled, "JACQUES MARNARD van DENDRESCHD, with aliases; et al; ESPIONAGE - R."

Transmitted herewith is one copy of the report of Special Agent G. A. Mahan, dated March 24, 1941, at New Haven, Connecticut, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

This information is transmitted to you for the completion of your files.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest,

Sincerely yours,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **65-1531 MG**

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/11/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/3/41	REPORT MADE BY LEONARD BLAYLOCK
TITLE JACQUES MORNARD VAN DENDRESCHD, with aliases, Et.al.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE-R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **KEYES DE WITT METCALFE**, Librarian, Harvard College, advises that the "Government Agent" who allegedly examined the personal papers of **LEON TROTSKY** at Harvard University were Customs Officials who had previously agreed to examine them there instead of doing so at the Custom House, Boston. **TROTSKY'S** personal papers were purchased by Harvard and shipped "in bond" from Mexico City.

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REFERENCE

Bureau Letter to New York Field Division, November 13, 1940.
Report of Special Agent **LEONARD BLAYLOCK**, Boston, Mass., dated January 8, 1941.

DETAILS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent **CHARLES E. PELLETIER**, Boston, Massachusetts.

AT BOSTON, MASS.

On October 30, 1940, the Boston Post printed an item to the effect that Government Agents had examined the personal papers of **LEON TROTSKY** on file at Harvard University, in an attempt to gain information on the activities of subversive revolutionary elements in the United States.

At the Office of the Boston Post, Mr. **EDWARD BURN**, City Editor, advised that his Harvard correspondent received information to the effect that "Government Agents were examining **TROTSKY'S** papers."

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The correspondent contacted the Librarian of Weidener Library in an effort to verify it and the Librarian informed him that some "Customs Men" had checked the papers. The correspondent did not believe the Librarian, however, but was unable to check the story further, so it appeared in the Post, never-the-less. DUNN preferred not to disclose the name of his correspondent, but several days previous, the Agent called at DUNN'S Office and his secretary inadvertently slipped and advised that the name of the Harvard correspondent is: "JOE/LEIFERT" (phonetic).

AT CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

~~JOE LEIFERT~~ METCALFE, Director of the University Library and Librarian of Harvard College, Harvard University, advised that, apparently, TROTSKY had a premonition that he was going to be assassinated, and he wanted his writings to be in good hands, so he negotiated with Harvard University for their purchase.

Harvard University send a representative to Mexico City to examine the writings and agreed to purchase them. Instructions were issued to have the papers shipped to Harvard "in bond", and arrangements were made with the United States Customs Officials to examine them, in the presence of the Librarian at Harvard University, instead of the Custom House.

Mr. METCALFE advised that he was present when the cases were opened, and several days later he read in the newspapers that Government Agents were examining the papers, but that the article referred to the Customs Officials. Several reporters contacted him in an effort to verify the story, but he told them there was nothing to the story.

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The source stated that in his opinion, if and when MFERCADER is released from prison and assuming SEREBRIANSKY directed the TROTSKY murder, SEREBRIANSKY will attempt to contact MERCADER, who also uses the alias of JACQUES MORNARD and FRANK JACSON.

Reference is made to the report of SA ROLLAND O. L'ALLIER dated 7/18/52 at Paris, France in the case entitled, "ALTO CASE; ESPIONAGE - R" wherein it is reported that CARIDAD MERCADER, with aliases, the mother of JACQUES MERCADER, resides at 25 rue Rennequin, Paris 17, France. This report also reflects that LUIS MFERCADER, brother of JACQUES MERCADER, went to Russia with his mother in 1941 and has reportedly remained in the USSR to serve as a guaranty for the silence of his brother, the assassin of TROTSKY.

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Copies of this letter have been designated for the following two cases:

"ALTO CASE; ESPIONAGE - R", NY file 100-31551 and "JACQUES MORNARD VAN DENDRESCHD, was; ESPIONAGE - R", NY file 100-7751.

Mexico D. F.
April 22, 1941.

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MEMORANDUM

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Re: ASSAULT ON LEON TROTSKY
Communist Matter

DAVID ALFARO SIQUEROS, The Communist Painter, charged
with the first assault on LEON TROTSKY has been released
from prison under "bond".

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Mexico D. F.
April 29, 1941.

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Re: ASSAULT ON LEON TROTSKY
Communist Activities.

Referring to memorandum of April 22, 1941.

He is a dangerous radical and will soon make himself known if allowed to remain in any country.

*Our man in Havana
knows this
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **65-796 gmg**

REPORT MADE AT Albany, New York	DATE WHEN MADE 5/6/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/2,29/41	REPORT MADE BY P. B. BEACHUM, JR.
TITLE JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD with aliases, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 0.5em;"></div> [redacted] again interviewed. No suspicious activities known to [redacted] [redacted] again interviewed and advised he had no additional information. <div style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</div>			
Reference: Report of Special Agent P. B. BEACHUM, Jr. dated at Albany, N.Y. 3/10/41.			
Details: <u>AT ITHACA, NEW YORK</u> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 0.5em;"></div> [redacted] present address of [redacted] was interviewed and advised [redacted] was still residing at her home. She advised he had received several pieces of correspondence from Argentina, Mexico and from numerous placement agencies in the East relative to inquiries by [redacted] for employment as an instructor. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had had no suspicious visitors and she did not suspect that he was in any way connected with any Communist or un-American organization. [redacted] advised one of the letters she remembered was from the Graduate House at Harvard University and was from a person by the name of ABRFEL (the correct spelling doubtful).			
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AT ITHACA, NEW YORK

[REDACTED], was again interviewed on 4/29/41 and advised that [REDACTED] only visitors were friends at the University from South America and that he only received mail from relatives and one letter from an attorney in Mexico. She did not know the name of the attorney.

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She advised that [REDACTED] had recently been the chief speaker and organizer of a conference at Cornell University for the promotion of good will between the Americas, stressing democracy.

[REDACTED] was again interviewed on 4/29/41 and advised that he had no additional knowledge of the Communist endeavors in the United States and that no effort to contact him had been made by the Communist Party or by the Student Union which is in his opinion, Communistic.

He advised he would furnish any information gained by him in the future to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

Origin: NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

File No. 65-2022

Report made at SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.	Date made 9/18/41	Period 2/4;5/16;6/22/41	Report made by J. A. DEARDORFF (A) BHM
Title JACQUES MARNARD van DEN RESCHD, with aliases, ET AL.			Character of case ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis of Facts:

MARCEL ACIER, #26 Uranus Terrace, San Francisco, and MARCELLE ARIAN, who formerly lived at same address are probably identical. MARCELLE ARIAN'S maiden name was CHESSE and she registered under that name as a Communist in 1936. Now registered as Democrat. In 1938 she married HENRY ARIAN, a Dutchman who was denied United States Citizenship 11/18/40 because his "Good moral character was not established". Neighbors report no un-American activities of subject and San Francisco Police Department has no criminal record. ARIAN'S may have lived at 33 East 20th Street, New York City in 1939.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. R. CRIFFIN, dated 12/9/40 at New York City.

DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Reference report requested the San Francisco Field Division to ascertain the identity of one MARCEL ACIER, 26 Uranus Terrace, San Francisco, California, who corresponded with Mrs. PAULINE FLEISHMAN, 26 East 93rd Street, New York City.

By letters dated February 4, 1941, and May 16, 1941, the San Francisco Police Department was requested to conduct an investigation to determine the

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identity of subject, and also to ascertain his background and present activities. An investigative report was furnished the San Francisco Office by the San Francisco Police Department on June 10, 1941, a summary of which is being set out as follows:

Sometime in June or July, 1940, RALPH ALEXANDER CHESSE, his wife and their three children, along with HENRY WILLIAM ARIAN, alias HENRY WILLIAM WIESSING and his wife MARCELLE JULIA ARIAN, alias MARCELLE JULIA CHESSE, moved into #26 Uranus Terrace. A short time later Mr. and Mrs. ARIAN moved to 646 Lisbon Street, San Francisco, which property was purchased by them. Mail still arrives at #26 Uranus Terrace for Mr. and Mrs. ARIAN (or ACHER) and a quantity of foreign mail is received at 646 Lisbon Street.

HENRY ARIAN is supposedly Dutch, he having filed a petition for citizenship in 1940 at San Francisco and same was denied on November 15, 1940, with the reason for denial being "Good moral character of applicant not established". He was deported from the United States at San Pedro, California, January 24, 1929, for being in the country illegally, but he re-entered the country again three months after being deported. He stated in his petition for citizenship that he entered United States at San Pedro, California, April 18, 1929, via the S.S. Venezuela, under the name of HENDRIK WILLIAM WIESSING, giving his birth place as Amsterdam, The Netherlands. He stated that his occupation was research and ghost writer and the last foreign residence was Mazatlan, Mexico. The petition further stated that he married his present wife, MARCELLE CHESSE, at Winnemucca, Nevada, July 13, 1938, he having previously married and divorced. ARIAN admitted that he was arrested in Monterey, California, and he requested that his name be changed to HENRY ARIAN, the name he uses now. He is described as: age 32, height 6'1", weight 175 lbs., complexion fair, blue eyes, brown hair, thin build, and speaks with slight accent.

A neighborhood investigation revealed that Mr. and Mrs. ARIAN were not well known, but no one was found who had heard them discuss anything of an un-American nature.

MARCELLE ARIAN's maiden name was CHESSE, and on February 28, 1936, she registered as a Communist, under the name of MARCELLE JULIA CHESSE, in San Francisco. In 1940 she registered as a Democrat, under the name of MARCELLE JULIA ARIAN, #26 Uranus Terrace. Her sister, LESLIE CHESSE, registered in 1932 as a Socialist.

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The following description of Mrs. MARCELLE ARIAN was furnished by the San Francisco Police Department:

Age	29
Weight	105 lbs
Height	5'
Complexion	Dark

It is believed by the San Francisco Police Department that MARCELLE ARIAN and MARCEL ACIER are identical.

A review of San Francisco File No. 100-3743 revealed that on August 24, 1940, Special Agent THOMAS B. ESTEP was advised by Mr. KNITH DILTON, an insurance adjuster, that while investigating another matter he learned that HENRY ARIAN had brought a 1936 Ford from New York and sold it in San Francisco. He stated that investigation of ARIAN disclosed that he lived at 298 1/2 Clay Street, San Francisco, California, and on contacting the landlady there he learned that subject received a lot of mail from Moscow and Mexico City under two additional names, namely, WEISSING and ACER. The landlady also advised DILTON that subject, on several occasions after receiving mail from Moscow or Mexico City, would have a secret meeting in a darkened room at which the individuals, an old lady, a young boy and a man, would talk in a foreign language. She stated that recently they had moved from her place to #26 Uranus Terrace, San Francisco.

By letter dated August 20, 1940, the National Automobile Theft Bureau, 228 Pine Street, advised that operator's license #890051 was issued March 19, 1940, to HENRY ARIAN, 6729 California Street. ARIAN was described as being 6'1 1/2" in height, weight 168 lbs., eyes blue, hair blonde, age 32, and married. The letter also stated that ARIAN had a Ford auto registered in the State of New York under license 207771, issued October 11, 1939, and showing his address as 33 East 20th Street, New York City. This car was purchased from CHARLES BREIBERGER, New York City on April 25, 1939, and brought into the State of California at Yuma, California, on October 20, 1939.

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Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Providence, Rhode Island
November 28th, 1941

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: JACQUES MARC AND VAN DENDRESCHU, was.,
ESPIONAGE (G)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Custodial Detention Memorandum dated September 14, 1940, on Vladimir Behr, who was investigated in connection with the above case. It has been ascertained that Behr was naturalized at the U. S. District Court, New York City, on December 3rd, 1934, Certificate #3826147. He was born in Germany in 1895 and came to this country via the Canadian Pacific Railway from Vancouver, B.C.

A review of the file reflects that Behr spends only a few months out of each year at his summer home in Newport, Rhode Island, and that his real residence is in New York City. For this reason, and because of the fact that New York City is the Office of Origin in the case the recommendation for custodial detention submitted by the New Haven Field Division is being withdrawn.

Since jurisdiction over this individual is under the New York City Field Division, it is felt that any recommendation for custodial detention should be filed by that office.

Very truly yours,

D. R. Morley
D. R. Morley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc New York.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Providence, Rhode Island
November 28th, 1941

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: JACQUES HARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD, was
ESPIONAGE (C) 276

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Custodial Detention Memorandum dated September 14, 1940, on FRANK TOORITZEN, who was investigated in connection with the above case. A review of the file reflects that Tooritzen spends only a few months out of each year at the summer home of his employer, Vladimir Behr, at Newport Rhode Island during the summer, and that his real residence is in New York City. For this reason, and because of the fact that the New York City Field Division is the office of origin in the case, the custodial detention recommendation submitted by the New Haven Field Division is being withdrawn.

Since jurisdiction over this individual is under the New York City office, it is felt that any recommendation for custodial detention should be filed by that office.

Very truly yours,

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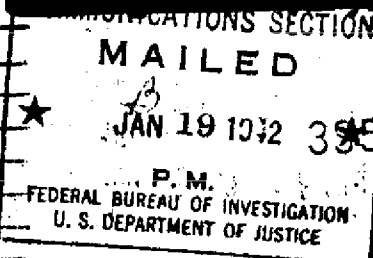
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TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]

Reference is made to Jacques Marnard Van Dendreschd, who was convicted of murder in the courts of Mexico in connection with the assassination of Leon Trotsky. For your information, the Philadelphia Office was contacted on January 2, 1942 by [REDACTED], formerly a civilian investigator with the Naval Intelligence and presently connected with the Ford Intelligence Office, who informed that he recently received a letter from an individual in Mexico, whose identity he refused to disclose, in which it was stated that an attempt would be made by the OGPU at the direction of Joseph Stalin to effect the release of Van Dendreschd some time in the future while he is being transferred by Mexican authorities to a certain penal colony.

In this connection, the unknown individual pointed out in his letter that Van Dendreschd is scheduled to be transferred to Islas Marias, a Mexican penal colony located off the coast of Mexico, but according to this letter the OGPU will intercept the boat before it reaches the island, at which time the subject will be released. It was indicated that perhaps the motive of the OGPU in effecting the freedom of this man is to prevent any disclosures concerning the activities of the OGPU with respect to the assassination of Trotsky.

Mr. Tolson _____
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 7, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: JACQUES MORNARD
MISCELLANEOUS

Dear Sir:

[redacted] formerly a civilian investigator with Naval Intelligence and presently connected with the Word Intelligence Office, advised this office on January 2, 1942, that he had just received a letter from Mexico from a person whose identity he would not disclose. The letter stated that JACQUES MORNARD alias Jackson, who is on trial in Mexico for the murder of SPOTSKY, was to be released by the U. G. P. U. at the direction of JOSEF STALIN. The letter related that MORNARD should be transferred to Islas Marias, a penal colony off the coast of Mexico but before the boat is scheduled to reach the island, the U. G. P. U. will intercept the same off the coast of Mexico and release him. He has been promised his safety by the U. G. P. U. and the U. S. S. R. but is not considered too reliable and might be made to talk so they are anxious to obtain his release.

This information is being forwarded to the Bureau for whatever action is deemed appropriate inasmuch as no investigation should be conducted at this office. The informant, I. F. McCAUGHEY, is not considered too reliable by this office.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Sears
J. F. SEARS
Special Agent in Charge

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

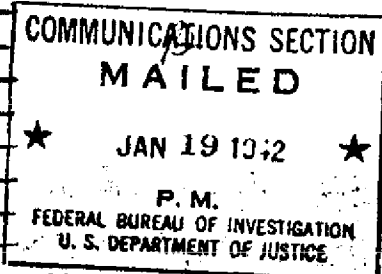
My dear Mr. Berle:

Reference is made to Jacques Harnard Van Dendreschd who was convicted in the courts of Mexico for the assassination of Leon Trotsky. For your information, our Philadelphia Office was contacted on January 2, 1942 by an individual, whose reliability is questionable, indicating that he had recently received a letter from an individual in Mexico, whose identity he would not disclose, in which it was stated that an attempt would be made by the OGPU at the direction of Joseph Stalin to effect the release of Van Dendreschd some time in the future while he is being transferred by Mexican authorities to a certain penal colony.

In this connection, the unknown individual pointed out that Van Dendreschd is scheduled to be transferred to Islas Marias, a Mexican penal colony located off the coast of Mexico, but stated that the OGPU will intercept the boat on which the assassin is being transported prior to the time it reaches this penal colony, at which time his release will be effected. It was further indicated that the OGPU was perhaps motivated by its fear that Van Dendreschd may yet be prevailed upon to furnish information concerning the connection of the OGPU with the assassination of Trotsky.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
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Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
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Department of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Berle:

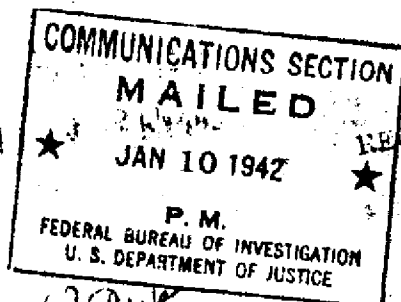
For your additional information in connection with our investigation of the case entitled "Jacques Marnard van Denreschd, with aliases; et al; Espionage - R", there is being forwarded herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent J. A. Deardorff, dated at San Francisco, California, September 18, 1941.

Sincerely yours,

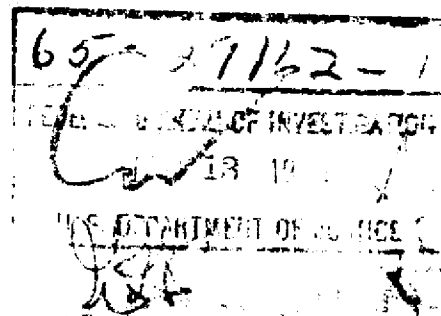
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January 10, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENRESCHD,
with aliases; et al;
ESPIONAGE - R.

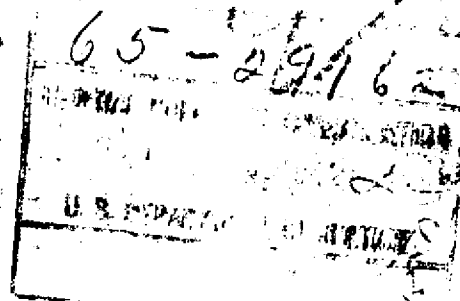
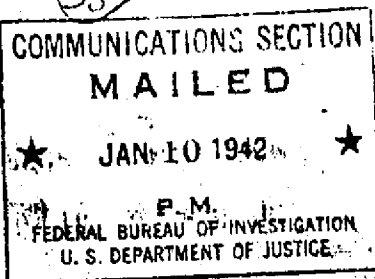
Dear Sir:

With reference to the investigation of the above-captioned matter, it is the Bureau's desire that this case receive the necessary attention to bring the same to a logical conclusion in the near future, bearing in mind the primary purpose of instituting the investigation which was to develop information relative to the identity, activities and associates of the perpetrators of instant assassination plot, with a view to ascertaining valuable information concerning agents of the OGPU in this country.

With this in mind, it is requested that the development of those leads believed by you to be potentially productive of the desired information be afforded attention to effect the early conclusion of this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

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February 26, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD,
WITH ALIASES, ETAL;
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bureau file 65-29162)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent W. S. Crawford, dated January 28, 1941 at Albany, New York, in the above entitled case.

The Washington Field Office is being instructed to disregard the leads set out in this report to contact officials of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization and the State Department concerning DIEGO RIVEA, believed to be DIEGO RIVIERA, the world famous Mexican painter, as it is felt that nothing of pertinent value would be achieved by covering this lead. It is believed that the relationship between ALFARO SIQUEIROS, one of the subjects of this case, who is an accomplished painter himself, and RIVIERA is probably professional.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH,
Assistant Director.

cc. Washington Field Office

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March 10, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: JACQUES HARMARD VAN DENBRESCHD,
with aliases; et al;
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated March 2, 1942,
this will advise that the Bureau perceives no objection to
the interview of Sylvia Ageloff for any information in her
possession of value to this investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice
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March 2, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD,
WITH ALIASES, ET AL:
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bureau file 65-29162)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letters dated January 4, 1941 and March 8, 1941 and to a letter from the New York Office to the Bureau dated February 20, 1941 in the above entitled case concerning the advisability of interviewing SYLVIA AGELOFF, one of the subjects in this case.

As indicated in the letter from the New York Office to the Bureau SYLVIA AGELOFF is, according to a confidential informant of this office, disliked and distrusted by both the Communists and Trotskyites, the Trotskyites blaming her for causing the death of TROTSKY and the Communists hating her for being a Trotskyite.

Publicity in this case has subsided altogether in New York City and it is believed that inasmuch as the information indicated that SYLVIA AGELOFF may be willing to give information and inasmuch as nothing has thus far been developed in this case, an interview with MISS AGELOFF may prove of paramount value.

In view of the foregoing facts, the New York Office is desirous of knowing whether the Bureau is agreeable to having SYLVIA AGELOFF interviewed in the near future.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH,
Assistant Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, N. Y.**

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TITLE JACQUES MARNARD van DENDRESCHD, with aliases; ETAL.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

United States Lines, New York City, has no record concerning VAN DENDRESCHD'S employment with them. Efforts to locate CHARLIE TURNER, and one SHERLOCK negative. PAUL MATTHEWS, attorney, does not know VAN DENDRESCHD. "F. JACSON and Wife" stayed at Hotel Pierrepont, Brooklyn, 6/14/40 to 6/30/40. List of telephone calls made there obtained. VLADIMIR A. BEHR born in Germany, 1895, and was Russian Imperial Army Officer 1912-1917 and is now associated with Fahnestock & Co., New York City. Mrs. ROSA BIGEL ARENAL presently residing in Brooklyn but not known whether her husband LUIS ARENAL is living with her. [REDACTED] Yonkers, N. Y. states she heard a Mr. and Mrs. BUIDON bought SYLVIA AGELOFF'S ticket to France where she first met VAN DENDRESCHD. Present whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. HORACIO PEREZ GONZALEZ unknown. No information available regarding CARMEN ENRIQUETA POVEDA JARQUE or CARMEN MEANA. The FLEISCHMANS have contributed funds to various Spanish Aid organizations. [REDACTED] No information available regarding ENRIQUE MARTINEZ RIQUI. Confidential informants and contacts of New York Office unable to furnish additional information concerning this case.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. R. Griffin,
New York City, dated 12/9/40.

Report of Special Agent C. A. Mahan,
New Haven, Connecticut, dated 12/16/40.

Report of Special Agent Leonard Blaylock,
Boston, Massachusetts, dated 1/8/41.

Bureau letter to New York Field Division
dated 3/8/41 (Bureau file 65-29162).

Bureau letter to New York Field Division
dated 3/7/41 (Bureau file 65-29162)

Report of Special Agent P. B. Beachum, Jr.,
Albany, New York, dated 3/10/41.

DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK CITY

The following investigation was conducted by Special
Agent M. R. Griffin:

JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD,
WITH ALIASES;
SYLVIA AGELOFF, WITH ALIASES.

A check of the records of the United States Lines,
1 Broadway, reflected no information concerning employment of
VAN DENDRESCHD on the SS Finland from August 13, 1935 to November
13, 1935. Likewise at the United States Lines no information
was developed with respect to CHARLIE TURNER, allegedly Chief
Steward on the American Pioneer Lines, now part of the United
States Lines. With regard to locating one SHERLACK, allegedly a
storekeeper on either the SS Argentina or the SS Brazil, who is
reported to have known JACSON, J. GORMAN, Personnel Director
of the Moore-McCormack Lines, Pier 32, Canal Street and North
River, advised that SHERLACK had once been employed by the
Moore-McCormack Steamship Lines as a bell boy but that he did not
know his present whereabouts.

PAUL MATTHEWS, 11 Broadway, stated FRANK JACSON had
never been a runner for him in seaman law suit cases, nor did
he recognize a photograph of JACSON when exhibited to him.

Investigation at 59 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York, revealed that HILDA AGELOFF left this address. Through the United States Post Office, 271 Washington Street, Brooklyn, it was ascertained that she had left her forwarding address as 191 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn. At this address, it was ascertained that a real estate office is run by SAMUEL MONTE and ALLAN AGELOFF. ALLAN AGELOFF, when interviewed, stated that he had met FRANK JACSON on several occasions and that JACSON had completely fooled the AGELOFF family. He said they thought he was a thorough gentleman and they took him at face value making no inquiries into his past. He claimed no one in the family knew anything about his past. He stated that his three sisters, SYLVIA, SOPHIE and HILDA had maintained an apartment of their own at 610 West 110th Street, Manhattan, for several years inasmuch as this apartment house was then owned by the AGELOFF family. ALLAN AGELOFF stated he visited his sisters many times at this address and never saw FRANK JACSON there nor heard of his being there. He stated that he was certain that if JACSON ever stayed there he would have known about it.

The records of the Hotel Pierrepont, 55 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, New York, showed a registration on June 14, 1940 on card 77,518 of "F. JACSON and Wife, 1269 St. Deins (?) or Davis (?) or Denis (?), Montreal, Canada. They were assigned to room 737 at \$15.00 per week and remained until June 30, 1940 when they checked out. The following telephone calls were made by the JACSONS:

MA 4-7291
RH 4-1713
BE 2-0571
CH 2-9681
PE 6-5600 (Pennsylvania Railroad)
HEMPSTEAD 4732 M
MA 4-2674

An effort was made to locate and interview RAY SPIEGEL, alias Ray Saunders, supposedly located in the Federal Building, 641 Washington Street, New York City. However, the superintendent and telephone operators there did not know of this individual.

VICTOR RIESEL, Assistant Editor of the "New Leader" 7 East 15th Street, New York City, SIMON WEBBER, official of the "Jewish Daily Forward", 175 East Broadway, New York City, ABRAHAM J. MUSTE, Director of the Labor Temple, 242 East 14th Street, New York City, and MORRIS L. MALKIN, former high ranking Communist Party functionary, 434 East 16th Street, New York City, were all

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interviewed but could furnish no pertinent information concerning the subjects of this case.

Efforts were made on several occasions to contact MAX SCHACTMAN of the Workers Party, 114 West 14th Street, New York City, at first without revealing Agent's identity and thereafter revealing his identity. Apparently the Workers Party will not divulge any information as to the whereabouts of MAX SCHACTMAN and no further effort will be made to contact him.

Efforts were also made to re-interview JAMES P. CANNON, Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, New York City, and JOSEPH HANSEN, Secretary to LEON TROTSKY, also located at 116 University Place, New York City, but they divulged no information of value.

The lead to interview FELIX MORROW, another functionary of the Socialist Workers Party, as requested in reference report of Special Agent M. R. Griffin is being disregarded inasmuch as CANNON, HANSEN, MORROW and other prominent leaders of the Socialist Workers Party were convicted in December, 1941 in Federal Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, under the Smith Act on charges of conspiracy to destroy the United States Government by force and committing acts with the intent to interfere with and impair the loyalty, morale, etc., of the military and naval forces of the United States, as reflected in the case entitled "JAMES P. CANNON, ETAL.; INTERNAL SECURITY - R" (New York file 100-4013). For this reason, it is not believed that MORROW would cooperate.

New York Stock Exchange
The records of the Bureau of Investigation regarding VLADIMIR A. BEHR, (New York Stock Exchange), disclosed the following information: born in Bremen, Germany, June 14, 1895, educated in Gymnasium, moved to Russia, where he was educated by Governors; took his final examinations at the University of Moscow in 1912. From 1912 to 1917 he was in the Russian Army as an officer; came to the United States in 1917; employed by the International Western Electric Company, part of 1918; later, employed for one year in the Foreign Department by the Guaranty Trust Company and by the American Interseas Corporation, in 1925; went to London, England, where he became a partner in Barling Corporation; returned to the United States in the summer of 1927, organized the firm of BEHR & CO. under the laws of Delaware, principally to sell stock of the Bankers Investment Trust Company of

America; was associated with ALFRED EARL DEAN, a promoter and W. J. RANEY. From 1928 to February, 1929 he was employed as a bond salesman by WILLIAM SCHALL & CO. In November, 1929 he became a customer's man for WRIGHT SLADE & CO. In February, 1930 to 1931 he was employed by CHISHOLM & CHAPMAN. In May, 1931 with FAHNESTOCK & CO. as a customer's man and has remained since. His present salary is \$100.00 per month and his top salary was \$500.00 per month in 1936. The records did not reflect whether he received any commission in addition to his salary.

The New York Office is disregarding the lead to investigate THEODORE TOORITZEN, 419 East 57th Street, as well as the lead regarding A. F. ALEKHIN, 540 West 136th Street, a correspondent of TOORITZEN, for the reason that the connection of TOORITZEN with this case is based solely on the fact that TOORITZEN, a servant of the aforementioned BEHR, sent a congratulatory message to JACSON on the occasion of TROTSKY'S assassination. ALEKHIN'S only connection is by virtue of the fact that he corresponded with TOORITZEN.

Inquiry of tenants at 540 West 136th Street, New York City, determined that V. C. KOZUBOFF is a man about 65 to 70 years of age and retired. He stays in his apartment most of the time and goes out in the morning and afternoon to walk his small dog. He lives with a family named NAZAROFF in apartment 45 and according to tenants is an inoffensive and insignificant individual.

DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS;
 LUIS ARENAL BASTAR;
 RAFAEL ARENAL BASTAR;
 HORACIO PEREZ GONZALEZ;
 MRS. HORACIO PEREZ GONZALEZ;
 WITH ALIAS.

Investigation in the vicinity of 998 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, in an effort to locate ROSA BIGEL, allegedly the wife of LUIS ARENAL, determined that no such individual resided at that address. A neighborhood investigation, however, indicated that ROSA BIGEL had left there some months previous. At the United States Post Office, 315 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, it was found that a forwarding address of 881 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, was left by Mrs. ARENAL. A subsequent investigation at this address disclosed that a Mrs. ROSA B. ARENAL was living in apartment 6-H composed of three rooms.

[REDACTED] at 881 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, stated that Mrs. ARENAL had moved in with her two daughters ERECTA, one year old and JULY, three years old, and a colored maid. According to [REDACTED] Mrs. ARENAL is believed to be a school teacher and appears to be well supplied with funds. About two months prior thereto she, Mrs. ARENAL, instructed [REDACTED] to stop her mother at the door and not permit her to visit her apartment. Mrs. ARENAL'S mother, who is an old lady, complained to [REDACTED] about this and said, "Since my daughter married that no good Mexican, she has been a changed woman." [REDACTED] did not know the name of Mrs. ARENAL'S mother nor where she is presently located. Continuing, [REDACTED] stated that he had never seen a man around the ARENAL apartment, stating that Mrs. ARENAL went out in the evening returning late at night. He stated that she usually had a taxicab call for her and likewise returned in a cab. On a subsequent visit [REDACTED] informed that the doorman of the apartment had noticed a man call on Mrs. ARENAL one night who was described as a short, dark man with a Spanish accent. [REDACTED] agreed to cooperate by keeping a close watch on the activities of Mrs. ARENAL and was advised to call this office immediately. [REDACTED] was contacted later but could furnish no additional information.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yonkers, New York, on interview, stated that she had spent several years in Mexico City, where she resided in the "Liberal" section by which Special Agent M. R. Griffin believes she meant "Communist". She stated she became casually acquainted with the ARENAL brothers at that time and later saw LUIS ARENAL at the Mexican Exhibit at the World's Fair in New York, at which time she just said 'Hello' to him but has not seen him since. She has not seen RAFAEL ARENAL in New York City. According to [REDACTED] she had heard

rumors to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. BUIDON, address unknown, bought a ticket for SYLVIA AGELOFF to use on her trip to France when she first met FRANK JACSON. She stated that she had no idea where Mrs. BUIDON lived at the present time inasmuch as she only met them once briefly and where she met them she did not recall.

The records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, 80 Centre Street, New York City, were checked for the years 1939, 1940 and 1941 in an effort to ascertain whether or not a chauffeur's, operators or owners license had been issued to HORACIO PEREZ GONZALEZ or Mrs. HORACIO PEREZ GONZALEZ, alias Mary Leinbech believed to have owned and operated a LaSalle automobile in 1939. No record of any license issued to these parties was found.

Likewise, an examination of current and past telephone and city directories in New York failed to disclose any information concerning them.

CARMEN ENRIQUETA POVEDA JARQUE,
WITH ALIASES;
CARMEN MEANA, WITH ALIAS;
MRS. ERNESTINA FLEISCHMAN,
WITH ALIASES;
MRS. PAULINE FLEISCHMAN.

With respect to CARMEN ENRIQUETA POVEDA JARQUE, confidential informants of the New York Office were unable to furnish any information. Likewise, they could furnish no pertinent information relative to CARMEN MEANA.

With regard to the meeting held on December 1, 1940, in New York City, by the America Rescue Ship Mission, confidential informant Robert M. advised that he could learn nothing.

[REDACTED], and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of the apartment located at 157 East 81st Street, New York City, at which address Mrs. ERNESTINA FLEISCHMAN and Mrs. PAULINE FLEISCHMAN reside, could not furnish any additional information concerning these individuals.

At the Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company, 1 East 42nd Street, it was ascertained that Mrs. PAULINE FLEISCHMAN has had an account for many years and is highly regarded. Since 1937 she has been accompanied to the bank by Mrs. ERNESTINA FLEISCHMAN.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the firm of RULAND & BENJAMIN, Realtors, 11 East 47th Street, New York City, stated that Mrs. PAULINE FLEISCHMAN had leased a loft in her own name at 113 East 63rd Street on February 1, 1940 and renewed the lease for another year. He stated that this address was to be used as headquarters of the Comité Feminini Unidos, also known as the United Spanish Womens Aid. [REDACTED] stated that another Spanish organization, known as the Democoradego, a social club, was also located in the same building and the leader of this group, one EMIL FIGURA referred Mrs. FLEISCHMAN to RULAND & BENJAMIN. [REDACTED] stated that he knew nothing regarding the purpose or activities of these organizations.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The records of the Credit Bureau [REDACTED] reflected that Mrs. HARRIS R. CHILDS, nee ELEANOR S. PATTERSON, resides at 129 East 86th Street, New York City, is middle aged and a widow. Her

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[REDACTED]

JOSE HARARI

[REDACTED]
it was ascertained that on September 16, 1940 a
registered letter was delivered to JOSE HARARI, 351 West 19th
Street. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The lead to ascertain the background of ALBERT RAND, 448 Central Park West, New York City, who was merely a friend of JOSE HARARI, as mentioned in reference report of Special Agent P. B. Beachum, Jr. dated March 10, 1941 at Albany, New York, is not being covered as it is doubtful that investigation would be productive.

ENRIQUE MARTINEZ RIQUI;
WITH ALIAS

Confidential informants on Communist matters in the New York Field Office have no information concerning ENRIQUE MARTINEZ RIQUI.

A review of the file entitled "JAMES P. CANNON, ETAL.; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", of which St. Paul is the office of origin, indicates that JAMES BARTLETT, 29-26 Knox Avenue, No. Minneapolis, Minnesota, was a member of the Socialist Workers Party from 1937 to 1940. He was former President of Warehouse Workers Union 359 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was a Government witness in the aforementioned case involving JAMES P. CANNON. By reason of his trip to Mexico in the Spring of 1940 when he saw LEON TROTSKY, together with his intimate knowledge of the Socialist Workers Party affairs he may be able to throw some light on the subjects of this case. The St. Paul Field Division is, therefore, being requested to interview BARTLETT.

For the information and the assistance of the St. Paul Office in interviewing BARTLETT the facts and subjects of this case are: JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD, frequently known as FRANK JACSON, who claimed to be a Belgian by birth, came to the United States in September, 1939; later, he assassinated LEON TROTSKY, head of the Anti-Stalin group on August 20, 1940, at Coyoacan, Mexico. His motive has never been satisfactorily established although this case is predicated upon the assumption that he may have been an agent of the OGPU, commonly known as the Russian Secret Police.

SYLVIA AGELOFF, an American, first met FRANK JACSON in Paris, France, in 1938, was his mistress both in New York City and in Mexico City. She is now living in Brooklyn, New York. DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS, a Mexican, previously attempted to murder TROTSKY on May 24, 1940, but was unsuccessful. However, ROBERT SHELDON HARTE, one of TROTSKY'S bodyguards, was murdered during this first assassination attempt. Mexican Police later reported that LUIS ARENAL BASTAR and his brother RAFAEL ALFARO BASTAR, Mexicans, were directly responsible for HARTE'S murder. LUIS ARENAL BASTAR is married to ROSA BIGEL, an American, and was last heard of residing in Brooklyn with ROSA BIGEL. Mexican Police also believed HORACIO PEREZ GONZALEZ, a Mexican, was also immediat-

ely associated with ARENAL in the attempt on TROTSKY'S life.

MARY LEINBECH, an American, known as HORACIO PEREZ GONZALEZ'S wife, rented a house near the TROTSKY residence from May 2, 1940 until August 2, 1940. MARY LEINBECH is supposed to be a resident of New York City. CARMEN ENRIQUETA POVEDA JARQUE, a Puerto Rican by birth and a member of the Communist Party of Mexico, crossed the Mexican border at Laredo, Texas, on August 26, 1940, and was said to be on an errand to contact CARMEN MEANA, a well known Communist of New York City, and to also contact Mrs. ERNESTINA GONZALEZ FLEISCHMAN, whose husband was killed while fighting with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade during the Spanish Civil War several years ago. Mrs. ERNESTINA GONZALEZ FLEISCHMAN is now living with her mother-in-law, PAULINE FLEISCHMAN. The FLEISCHMAN apartment is, according to a confidential source, a Communist hangout in New York City.

JOSE HARARI, an Argentinian and presently a student at Cornell University, was reported to be in possession of information regarding the TROTSKY assassination. He is also said to be an Argentinian political refugee recommended by the Stalinists and suspected of being connected with the OGPU.

NARCISO BASSOLS, an ex-Mexican Minister to France, arrived at New York City, on September 9, 1939, aboard the SS Ile de France on which FRANK JACSON was also a passenger. BASSOLS once tried to persuade President CARDENAS to evict TROTSKY from Mexico as an undesirable terrorist.

ENRIQUE MARTINEZ RIQUI is, according to the State Department, one of the OGPU representatives in Latin America and was present in Mexico at the time of TROTSKY'S assassination. He is said to have his main office in New York City. As mentioned previously it is believed that TROTSKY may have been assassinated by FRANK JACSON on instructions from the OGPU and that the subjects of this case may, in fact, be Agents of the OGPU. It is felt that investigation of their activities and associates may lead to the uncovering of the OGPU in the United States.

ENCLOSURE

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA,
One (1) photograph of JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

ALBANY FIELD DIVISION

* At Barnard, Vermont, will ascertain the identity of L. R. BRADLEY, c/o Murray, Barnard, Vermont.

ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION

At North Minneapolis, Minnesota, will interview JAMES BARTLETT, 29-26 Knox Avenue, former President of Warehouse Workers Union 359 and who was a former member of the Socialist Workers Party from 1937 to December, 1940 and was a Government witness in the case entitled "JAMES P. CANNON, ETAL.; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", in which St. Paul is the office of origin. BARTLETT took a vacation trip to Mexico in the Spring of 1940 at which time he paid a courtesy call on LEON TROTSKY. It is believed that by reason of his contact with TROTSKY at that time, together with his intimate knowledge of the Socialist Party Workers affairs, he might be able to throw some light on the subjects in this case.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City

*Will have the fingerprints of VAN DENDRESCHD checked against the records of the New York City Police Department for possible identification.

*At Columbia University, New York City, will secure information regarding the activities of SYLVIA AGELOFF while at this school.

*Will endeavor to secure information regarding the employment of SYLVIA AGELOFF with the Department of Welfare, Home Relief Bureau, 249 West 19th Street, New York City.

*Will interview HILDA AGELOFF, 50 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York, for the address of MARGUERITE ROSEMERIE, who was in touch with JACSON when he lived at Shirley Courts, Mexico City. After the assault on TROTSKY in May, 1940, JACSON drove the ROSEMERIES and Mrs. TROTSKY to Vera Cruz, where they boarded a ship for New York. A statement was made by SYLVIA AGELOFF that HILDA had made an investigation at the Edificio Ermita, where JACSON said "his boss" had an office and she located a Mexican who claimed he knew JACSON and worked for him in the building. SIQUEIROS lived in this building.

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*When the address of the ROSEMERES is secured from HILDA AGELOFF, they should be interviewed for any information they may have regarding JACSON and the TROTSKY affair.

*Will interview SOLOMON LANKIN, a former bodyguard for TROTSKY who returned to the United States after the split between CANNON and SCHACTMAN. LANKIN may be located through SCHACTMAN or through his wife, who was on relief, Precinct 48, Home Relief Bureau and who also worked on a Needle Trades Project of the W. P. A. on 11th Avenue near 33rd Street or 35th Street, New York City. Her correct name is MARTHA LANKIN, but she is known as MARTHA BURNS in the Workers Party.

*Will interview MARTIN ABERN, leader of the ABERN faction within the Socialist Workers Party and later with the Workers Party, regarding any information he may have concerning the activities of the subjects in this case.

*Will ascertain the identity of OTTO VALTSCHUL, 100 Cabrini Blvd., New York City.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To:

Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Tolson

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Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Carson

Mr. Coffey

Mr. Hendon

Mr. Holloman

Mr. McGuire

Mr. Quinn Tamm

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

Subject:

Jacques Marnard van Dendreschd,
with aliases; et al;
Espionage - R

With reference to prior correspondence in the above-captioned case, as well as to the recent telephone conversation of Mr. Jack Neal with Mr. W. S. Crawford of this Bureau, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent R. S. Garner, New York City, dated March 2, 1942, in this matter.

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Washington, D. C.

March 31, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. QUINN TAMM

RE: JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENBRESCHD,
with aliases
Espionage - R

Mr. Jack Neal, of the State Department, called and requested to be advised as to whether inquiry had ever been made by the New York Office in regard to Carmen Poveda-Jarque and Carmen Meana. This inquiry was previously requested by the State Department. It is noted that a report dated March 2, 1942, has been submitted in this matter but there does not appear to be an available copy for the State Department.

Action:

It is suggested that this matter be referred to the Espionage Section for appropriate attention. Mr. Neal has requested that this matter be expedited and that a copy of the report or a summary thereof be directed to his attention at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully,

W. S. Crawford
W. S. Crawford.

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

New York, N. Y.

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April 23, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD,
with aliases, ETAL.
ESPIONAGE - R.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
R. S. GARNER, dated at New York City March 2, 1942 in the
above-captioned matter, which sets forth a lead for the
Albany Field Division to ascertain the identity of L. R.
BRADLEY at Barnard, Vermont.

However, in view of the fact that it is believed
that no worthwhile purpose would be achieved in covering
this lead, it is therefore suggested that it be disregarded.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

cc: Albany

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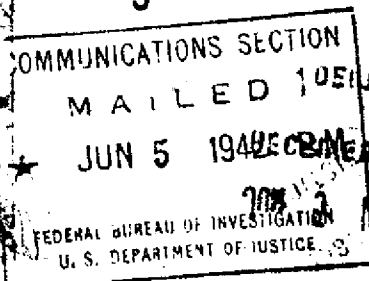
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Re: AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION;
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. N. Brankin, New York, New York, dated May 8, 1942, and particularly Page 7 thereof, which states that on February 20, 1942, Yaroslavsky Confidential Informant [REDACTED] that two of Trotsky's trusted men presently in the United States and possibly in New York, and that names are Otto Schussler and Henry Schnautz.

Very truly yours,

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Report made at NEW YORK CITY	Date 5/11/42	Period 3/18, 27/42; 4/7, 9, 11, 15/42.	Report made by R. S. GARNER
Title JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD, with aliases, ETAL.			Character of case ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No criminal record pertaining to FRANK JACSON at New York City Police Department. Identities of subscribers to telephone numbers called by Jacson at Hotel Pierrepont, Brooklyn, in June, 1940 set forth. Certified copy of death certificate of SYLVIA ROSENBERG, 1075 Kelly Street, Bronx, NY, obtained and forwarded to Bureau. OTTO ALTSCHUL, 100 Cabrini Boulevard, New York City, is 50-year-old German Jew. SYLVIA AGELOFF received M.A. at Columbia University June, 1934 and took post-graduate courses in psychology and education at Columbia University 1936-37. Employed as Social Investigator by Department of Welfare, New York City, from 5/19/39 to 8/30/40 when she was discharged by reason of publicity arising from her implication in Trotsky's murder. Former employer states he believes she was member of Trotskyite group at one time. Now operating kindergarten and residing quietly in suburb of NYC. On interview on 4/15/42 she denied having any knowledge of Jacson's intent to murder Trotsky, and stated she believes he was either an OGPU agent or was compelled by OGPU to commit crime for fear of reprisals to family or relatives in Europe and that she was used as dupe. Has no evidence or information

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to substantiate her allegations.

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REFERENCES: Bureau letter dated March 7, 1941.
Report of Special Agent R. S. GARNER, New York City,
dated March 2, 1942.
Bureau letter dated March 10, 1942.

DETAILS: At New York City



The identities of subscribers to telephone numbers called by Jacson at the Hotel Pierrepont, Brooklyn from June 14 to June 30, 1940 were obtained through Source #1, and are as follows:

MA 4-7291	CARL MOESS, 54 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn
RH 4-1713	BOYD HILARY SUMNER, 226 E. 79 St., Manhattan
BE 2-0571	JACOB MASLOW, 2063 77th St., Brooklyn
CH 2-9681	Workers Party, 114 West 14th St., Manhattan
Hempstead 4732 M	FRANK PAPIELASKI, Hancott Avenue, Hempstead, Long Island (disconnected 1/31/42)
MA 4-2674	Blank line

At the Bureau of Records, Department of Health, 1826-30 Arthur Avenue, Bronx, DR. SAMUEL EINTERZ, Acting Assistant Register, furnished Agent with a photostatic copy of the Death Certificate of SYLVIA ROSENBERG, 1075 Kelly Street, Bronx, New York, which was dated November 24, 1940. The certificate indicated that Sylvia Rosenberg was 25 years old, single, born in the United States, was a store clerk, and died by either jumping or falling from a window, whereby she suffered shock and fractures.

The aforementioned photostatic copy of this certificate is being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure with this report.

With regard to OTTO ALTSCHUL, 100 Cabrini Boulevard, Manhattan, WILLIAM S. READ, owner of the apartment at 100 Cabrini Boulevard, stated that Otto Altschul and his wife reside with relatives, one FRIED and wife and one VOLK and wife; that apparently all are German Jews, as they all speak with German accents, Altschul least of all; that Altschul appears to be very happy in this country; that he is about 50 years old, lives quietly and does not have an unusual number of visitors; that the nature of his business or employment is unknown, but apparently he works regularly.

At the Registrar's Office, Columbia University, Broadway and 116th Street, MISS M. WYLIE, Senior Clerk, allowed Agent to review the student record card on SYLVIA AGELOFF. This card reflected she was born January 13, 1909 at New York City; that her father was SAMUEL AGELOFF; that she resided at 167 Lenox Road, Brooklyn; that she received a B.S. from the Washington Square College of New York University in June, 1930; that she received an M.A. in Psychology at Columbia University on June 5, 1934; that she took post-graduate courses, 13 in psychology and 2 in education at Columbia University, 1936-7, in which she made good grades. It should be noted that the title of her thesis for her M.A. Degree was entitled "A Study of 'Prestige' and 'Objective' Factors in Suggestibility in a Comparison of Racial and Sex Differences"

At the Home Relief Division, Department of Welfare of the State of New York, 906 Broadway, MRS. BERNADETTE PLOTKE, Personnel Interviewer, permitted Agent to examine the personnel file pertaining to SYLVIA AGELOFF.

This file reflected that Sylvia Ageloff had first applied for a position as Social Worker with the Home Relief Division in the spring of 1934, but was turned down on the ground that she was not destitute.

By letters dated October 30, 1934, April 10, 1935, and May 27, 1935 she made reapplication, and was informed by the personnel

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Department by letter dated June 18, 1935 that her services could not then be utilized. She later took a written examination for the position of Social Investigator, and by letter dated February 4, 1938 she was tendered an appointment, but by letter dated February 8, 1938 she stated she preferred to wait for the formal certification of the Civil Service List before accepting an appointment. On May 8, 1939 she was notified to report to the Department in the event she desired an appointment as Social Investigator.

In her application for the position of Social Investigator, executed on May 17, 1939, she stated she was born on January 13, 1909 at Brooklyn, that she graduated from Public School #26, Brooklyn, in 1922, and from Girls High School, Brooklyn, in 1926; that she received a B.S. in Psychology at New York University in June, 1930 and an M.A. in Psychology at Columbia University in June, 1934.

As previous employment she gave the following:

June 1930 - September, 1931

Receptionist - LUPKA, POMERANTZ & PAULSEN, attorneys,
22 East 40th Street, New York City
Left for another position.

September, 1931 - September, 1932

Social Worker, Jewish Children's Clearing Bureau,
1646 York Avenue, New York City.
Cut in staff.

January, 1935 - September, 1935

Irregular work as Clinical Psychologist.
DR. T. HOLZSAGER,
85 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn.
Work ended.

March, 1934 - June, 1936

Irregular work as voluntary Clinical Psychologist
Jewish Hospital, Brooklyn.
Obtained another position.

June, 1936 - June, 1938

Clinical Psychologist, Bureau of Attendance,
Board of Education, New York City.
Left to take another position.

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June, 1938 - February, 1939

Irregular work as Clinical Psychologist,
DR. T. HOLZSAGER
85 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn.
Work ended.

The file further disclosed that her references, HARRY LUPKA of Lupka, Pomerantz & Paulsen, ETHEL STONE of the Jewish Children's Clearing Bureau, and LOUISE E. POULL of the New York City Children's Hospital, Randalls Island, New York, all spoke very favorably regarding her.

As former addresses, she listed the following:

1934: 167 Lenox Road, Brooklyn

March, 1936 to February, 1937: 40 Monroe Place,
New York City

March, 1937 to February, 1938: 203 West 18th Street,
New York City

March, 1938 to February, 1939: 263 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn

March, 1939 to May, 1939: 135 West 74th Street,
New York City

1939: 601 West 110th Street, New York City

1940: 50 Livingston Street, Brooklyn

Sylvia Ageloff was appointed to the position of Social Investigator at \$1500 per annum, on May 19, 1939. A probationary report dated August 15, 1939 by EDITH HARRIS, Administrative Supervisor, reflected only extremely favorable comments concerning her work.

Sylvia Ageloff took two days leave on October 7 and 9, 1939 to go to Akron, Ohio, ostensibly to bring back her sister, who was recuperating from a serious illness. The Personnel File reflected that Sylvia Ageloff was ill quite frequently and took a day or two off on numerous occasions during her employment as Social Investigator.

By letter dated December 12, 1939 DR. HANS J. FLUME, 375 West End Avenue, New York City, wrote the Department advising that

he had been treating Sylvia Ageloff for acute sinus and throat infection, and suggested she have her tonsils removed, undergo a series of sinus treatments, and spend about two months in a dry, warm climate to prevent development into a chronic infectious condition. On December 21, 1939 two months leave of absence was approved by the Department for the purpose of surgical relief and necessary post-operative convalescence. Sylvia Ageloff began her leave January 2, 1940.

On February 26, 1940 she sent a telegram to the Department from Mexico City, advising that her sick leave expired March 1, 1940 but she would be unable to return because of acute illness. She advised in this telegram that a doctor's certificate would follow. By letter dated February 24, 1940 DR. A. ZOLLINGER, San Juan de Letras #24, Mexico City, advised that Sylvia Ageloff suffered from Subacute Sinusitis, and he strongly urged her to remain in that climate for at least one month to clear up the infection. By letter dated March 1, 1940 Sylvia Ageloff requested that her sick leave be extended to April 1, 1940, in view of Dr. Zollinger's advice. She returned to work on March 26, 1940.

The file disclosed that Sylvia Ageloff went on a vacation beginning August 1, 1940, which was scheduled to end on August 23, 1940. By letter dated August 27, 1940 EDWARD CORSI, Acting Commissioner of the Department of Welfare, advised her that she was suspended without pay from the staff of the Department effective August 27, 1940 for alleged complicity in a felony.

By letter dated August 30, 1940 WILLIAM HODSON, Commissioner of the Department of Welfare, advised her that she was being dropped from the staff of the Department at the close of business on August 30, 1940, the reason being given that her vacation had ended seven days previously and there was uncertainty as to the time of her return, together with the fact that the circumstances and publicity of the previous weeks impaired her usefulness so as to make her continued employment impossible.

By letter dated September 6, 1940 SAMUEL BINDER, Attorney, 66 Court Street, Brooklyn, reminded Commissioner Hodson that Sylvia Ageloff's Civil Service status did not render her liable to discharge except for reasons having legal foundation, and that the apparent reason for her discharge lay in the unfavorable publicity she had received. Binder wrote that under the circumstances she protested Hodson's action, and she would insist upon all her legal rights.

The file contained no evidence of political activity by Sylvia Ageloff while in the employ of the Department of Welfare.

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stated he has known the Ageloff family for many years, and Sylvia Ageloff since she was a youngster. He said in 1935 he obtained voluntary work for her in the Jewish Hospital, Brooklyn, as a Clinical Psychologist; that she did this work on and off for about four years, until she procured a full-time position as Social Investigator with the Department of Welfare. He said she also handled half a dozen private cases for him.

[REDACTED] stated that during the time she worked with him she always manifested Trotskyite Communistic beliefs and casually tried to interest him in the Trotsky Movement, by telling him what was going on, and leaving literature with him to read. He said she never succeeded in converting him, although he said that he could truthfully say she never pressed him along these lines. According to [REDACTED] while Sylvia Ageloff never admitted being a member of the Trotsky group, he believes she was, together with her sister Ruth.

He said he had never met Frank Jacson.

During the summer of 1938, [REDACTED] said, he took a trip to Europe and ran into Sylvia Ageloff in the American Express Company office in Paris about August 16, 1938. He said at that time she told him she had been in Czechoslovakia, Belgium and France, but did not say what she was doing. He said she was alone on the occasion of this meeting, and he did not hear from her or see her again until the fall of 1941, when she telephoned one day advising him that she was conducting a kindergarten in one of her father's apartment houses in suburban New York City, and that she would appreciate any pupils he could recommend.

Source #2 stated that Sylvia Ageloff is now operating a kindergarten under an assumed name at a certain address in suburban New York City; that as far as he could ascertain she always manifested Communistic ideas, and was an extremely intelligent and presentable young lady.

It was verified through Source #3 that Sylvia Ageloff and her sister Hilda occupy a certain apartment at a certain address in suburban New York City, having lived there quietly since the spring of 1941. He said that Sylvia Ageloff, together with another young woman, apparently no relation, conduct a kindergarten which has about twenty pupils and consists of both morning and afternoon sessions. He said Hilda Ageloff works in the real estate office of the Ageloffs in Brooklyn. He said both Sylvia and Hilda Ageloff live quietly, have only a few female

visitors, and usually spend weekends at Ruth Ageloff's farm somewhere in Connecticut, Ruth Ageloff now being married.

Sylvia Ageloff, now going under the name of Sylvia Maslow, was interviewed on the evening of April 15, 1942 in her apartment. She was greatly perturbed as to how her present address was ascertained and said that only the members of her immediate family knew where she resided. She said she wished her present residence to be kept a secret, inasmuch as she wanted to forget the events of a few years ago and continue to live in peace and quiet.

She also stated that everything pertaining to her association with Frank Jacson and the murder of Leon Trotsky is contained in testimony she gave in the District Court in Mexico City, and a perusal of these records would reveal any and all facts desired.

She was most reluctant at first to discuss her association with Frank Jacson and Trotsky's murder, but after much preliminary discussion, she finally conversed freely, evaded no questions, and seemed to answer with complete candor and honesty. It should be observed that Sylvia Ageloff is extremely intelligent and well spoken.

She stated that she first became interested in the Trotsky Movement in college as an academic study, as she did not think democracy and capitalism were as ideal and beneficial as they should be. She said she has never advocated revolution or the forceful overthrow of the United States Government, or any other government, but felt that the so-called democratic capitalistic governments could be improved upon greatly. She said that she was just interested in Trotskyism as a suggested alternative for modification and improvement of the United States Government and governments of all countries, inasmuch as she could not countenance Stalinism because of the poor example set by the present Communist Regime in Russia which country, she pointed out, appears to be much worse off than the United States.

She said she never joined the Socialist Workers Party, never became a dues-paying member, nor did she ever hold any office. She declared that she merely read literature published by the Socialist Workers Party and attended meetings and affairs sponsored by it for the public at large.

She explained that in fact she had never met Trotsky until January, 1940 and could by no stretch of the imagination be considered a good and close friend of his.

She said she decided to take a trip to Europe in the spring of 1938 and naturally all her friends soon knew of her plans. She said that one day a friend named RUBY WEIL telephoned and asked her whether she could join her, inasmuch as she was also planning a trip to Europe. She said she had no objection and they both sailed for Paris together, where they stayed at the St. Germain Hotel.

She said she was introduced to Frank Jacson by Ruby Weil on July 1, 1938, and thereafter the three of them went around Paris together, seldom out of each other's company. She found Jacson to be a personable, generous, warm-hearted individual and thoroughly enjoyed his company. She said they soon became enamored of each other and later became lovers. She described Jacson as a playboy type who seemed to have plenty of money and never worked. According to Sylvia Ageloff, Jacson never evidenced an interest in Trotskyism or any other political ideology, and she did not attempt to initiate him into Trotskyism. She said he read little and did not appear to care anything about the problems of the world. She insisted she never went to Brussels, Belgium with him or met any of his family.

She said that while he claimed to be Belgian, she could not vouch for this, although he spoke French like a native. In fact, she asserted, Jacson might well have been of any nationality, but she always believed him to be Belgian, as he claimed.

Continuing, Sylvia Ageloff stated that she returned to New York City in February, 1939 and shortly thereafter Jacson turned up, having used a fraudulent Yugoslavian passport, in which he claimed to be a Yugoslavian, so that he could leave Belgium, in view of the fact that as a Belgian he would be liable to induction into the Belgian Army because of the approaching war. She said this explanation of his use of a fraudulent passport seemed logical to her. She said even before Jacson turned up in New York City he had informed her he always wanted to go to the United States but that his family objected. He told her that when his family finally learned that nothing could prevent him from going to the United States, his mother gave him \$3,000.00.

Sylvia Ageloff said that Jacson told her he had obtained a position as Secretary to one PETER LUBACK, a Belgian who was employed by the British Government as a purchasing agent in both the United States and Mexico. Luback, according to Jacson, was formerly an importer and exporter in Belgium who saw fit to flee Belgium before the outbreak of the war. Jacson told Sylvia Ageloff that Luback had an office in either San Francisco or Los Angeles, and also in Mexico City.

Sylvia Ageloff said that after remaining in New York City for a few weeks Jacson went to Mexico City, where he said he had to handle Luback's business for him. Thereafter, she said, she and Jacson corresponded with each other.

Sylvia Ageloff stated that she next saw Jacson in Mexico City during January, February and March, 1940, where she had gone to recuperate from sinusitis. According to Sylvia Ageloff she saw much of Jacson in Mexico City, where he was apparently busily engaged attending to business transactions for Luback. She said he would even quote prices of copra, sugar, oil, etc., explain the difficulties with Mexican labor, and point out the slowness of shipping, etc., thus convincing her at least that he was bona fide.

In January, 1940, she said, she met Trotsky through two friends, ALFRED and MARGUERITE ROSEMERIE, whom she had met in New York City sometime around 1937. She believes them to be French, but does not know where they are at the present time. She said Jacson did not meet Trotsky during her three-month stay in Mexico City, and she did not know Trotsky well enough to introduce Jacson to him.

According to Sylvia Ageloff, she returned to New York City about March 30, 1940. She next saw Jacson in New York City for about two weeks in June, 1940, when they lived together at the Pierrepont Hotel in Brooklyn. Jacson's explanation for this particular trip was that he had to attend to some financial details for Luback at the British Consul's Office in New York City.

Jacson told her then that he had met Trotsky a short time previous to his present visit, but did not say who introduced him. At this time he told her he would return in September, 1940 for another visit. She said that early in August, 1940 Jacson wrote her that he was desperately ill and urged her to come to Mexico City to see him. She demurred, since he had previously indicated he would visit New York City in September. However, he wrote to her that he might not be able to make the trip in September and that he would like to see her in Mexico City. She said that inasmuch as her vacation was scheduled for August, 1940, she decided to go to Mexico City, and did so by airplane.

With regard to Trotsky's murder, Sylvia Ageloff stated that on August 20, 1940, the day Trotsky was fatally assaulted by Jacson, he left her early in the afternoon but said he would join her, together with OTTO SCHEUSSLER and his wife, for dinner that evening. Scheussler, she explained, was an Austrian and was employed as a translator and body-guard by Trotsky. As such he had to call Trotsky's home frequently to

advise him as to his whereabouts and ascertain if there was any need for his services. She said Jacson did not show up that evening as scheduled, and that when Scheussler had occasion to telephone Trotsky's residence on one of his routine telephone calls he was informed of Jacson's murderous attack on Trotsky. She said that they then all hurried out to the Trotsky residence in suburban Mexico City, at which time she was taken into custody by the Mexico City Police.

She said that she was amazed and shocked to learn Jacson had assaulted Trotsky and when he, Trotsky, later died, she could not believe that it had actually occurred. She asserted that she never harbored any notion Jacson would attempt to murder Trotsky, but in looking back on past events and her association with Jacson, she became convinced, as were the Mexico City Police and press, that Jacson was either an OGPU agent or was compelled by that agency to do away with Trotsky. She believed that she was merely a "cat's paw" and dupe for Jacson. She felt that Jacson may have been compelled to commit the crime for fear of reprisals to family or relatives in Europe. She averred she believed Trotsky's murder was scheduled to take place sometime in 1940, but that her arrival in Mexico City furnished a good opportunity for committing the crime at that time, inasmuch as a large part of the suspicion could be cast on her, and thus tend to confuse and muddle the true implications and perpetrators.

She insisted that she believed Jacson deliberately cultivated her friendship and had this rendezvous with her in Mexico City so that he could throw some sort of protective screen in front of his real motives and actions. However, she pointed out that she did not believe that when Jacson first met her in Paris he ever thought that she would be finally involved in the Trotsky murder, but as events subsequently worked out she happened to be present when it did take place.

She stated that of course she did not know the identities of the OGPU agents who engineered the chain of events which led to Trotsky's murder, but to this day she is convinced the OGPU was responsible for the crime.

During the whole time she knew Jacson, she stated, he never once made any false moves or dropped any indications or suggestions that he was connected with the OGPU, and she believed that in view of the entire falsity of his past personal life as related by him to her and to the Mexican Police, and which was later shown to be replete with falsehoods, he had been such a consummate actor during his relationship with her as to completely fool her. If this assumption were not true, she suggested

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that because of some pressure for fear of reprisals to his family or relatives in Europe, Jacson was compelled by the OGPU to commit the murder. She thoroughly discounted the assumption that Jacson might have been temporarily insane when he killed Trotsky, inasmuch as she said during the time she knew him he appeared to be completely normal and sane.

Continuing, she advised that she has not seen Jacson since he was taken into custody by the Mexico City Police, and does not know what has happened to him and cares even less. She stated that she has never seen or heard from Ruby Weil since the occasion of their sojourn in Paris in 1938, nor has she seen or heard of the Rosemeres since she last saw them in Mexico City in the summer of 1940.

She stated she has no knowledge of any of the subjects in this case except what press accounts she had read concerning DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS and LUIS ARENAL BASTAR and his brother RAFAEL ALFARO BASTAR.

According to Sylvia Ageloff, her sister Ruth is now married and lives on a farm somewhere in Connecticut, while Hilda works at the Ageloff real estate office in Brooklyn.

The foregoing interview with Sylvia Ageloff was made hurriedly, inasmuch as it was conducted after the termination of her afternoon class, at 5:30 P.M., and lasted for about 2½ hours, until she said she had an engagement for that evening and could talk no longer.

ENCLOSURE FOR THE BUREAU:

Photostatic copy of death certificate of SYLVIA ROSENBERG.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION

AT NORTH MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

* Will interview JAMES BARTLETT, 29-26 Knox Avenue, former President of Warehouse Workers Union 359 and who was a former member of the Socialist Workers Party from 1937 to December, 1940 and was a Government witness in the case entitled "JAMES P. CANNON, ETAL.; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", in which St. Paul is the office of origin. BARTLETT took a vacation trip to Mexico in the Spring of 1940 at which time he paid a courtesy call on LEON TROTSKY. It is believed that by reason of his contact with TROTSKY at that time, together with his intimate knowledge of the Socialist Party Workers affairs, he might be able to throw some light on the subjects in this case.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will reinterview SYLVIA AGELOFF for a detailed chronological account of her first interest in Trotskyism, the extent of her activities in this connection, the occasion and circumstances of her first meeting with Frank Jacson, her association with him in both Europe, United States, and Mexico City and events leading up to Trotsky's murder in August, 1940.

- PENDING -

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The sources of information mentioned in the report of Special Agent R. S. GARNER dated at New York City ~~April~~ ^{May} //, 1942 are as follows:

#1 [REDACTED]

#2 [REDACTED]

#3 [REDACTED]

(SYLVIA AGELOFF lives in the aforementioned apartment house under the name SYLVIA MASLOW, in Apartment 1K and operates [REDACTED] in Apartment 2L.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY**

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TITLE JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD, with aliases, ET AL.	CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: JAMES BARTLETT, former member of the Socialist Workers Party, and acquaintance of TROTSKY, contacted and failed to furnish any pertinent information concerning instant case.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. S. GARNER, dated March 2, 1942, at New York.

DETAILS: At Minneapolis, Minnesota.

JAMES BARTLETT, 2926 Knox Avenue, former president of Warehouse Workers Union No. 359, and a former member of the Socialist Workers Party and an acquaintance of TROTSKY, was interviewed on May 19, 1942, and advised that he could furnish no information concerning any of the subjects set forth in the reference report.

He stated, however, that one can presume that any physical efforts made upon TROTSKY or other advocates of the Socialist Workers Party would be made by the OGPU. He stated that in his mind he was very certain that TROTSKY was assassinated by JACSON, who was acting as an agent of the OGPU at the time of the slaying, and was not acting as a individual under duress or pressure brought to bear by the OGPU. He could furnish no reason for his presumption but stated that his knowledge of the TROTSKYITES and members of the Communist Party, U.S.A., was the basis for this opinion.

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He stated that in February, 1940, when he was in Mexico City visiting with LEON TROTSKY, he found that TROTSKY was very careless and would many times go about without the protection of his paid guards.

BARTLETT could furnish no other information which would reflect upon the facts of the instant case.

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

New York, New York

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
June 18, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

**RE: JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD,
with aliases, et al.
ESPIONAGE - R**

Dear Sir:

In the case entitled "Amtorg Trading Corporation, Espionage - R" (Bureau File 61-5381; NY File 65-7471) there appears on Page 7 of the Report of Special Agent R. N. Pranke, New York, dated May 8, 1942, the following information:

On February 21, 1942, confidential informant [redacted] advised that on February 20, 1942, Vladimir Yaroslavsky, of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, told him that two of Trotsky's trusted men were now in the United States and may be in New York and that their names are Otto Schussler and Henry Schnautz.

Yaroslavsky told informant that he has a friend working in the office of the Secretary of the Communist Party, New York City, and that he has obtained these names from this friend. According to Yaroslavsky, this friend has been in Mexico and knows all about Trotsky Agents. Yaroslavsky further stated that his friend's job once was that of working in connection with the Rubin case in the United States, when those people were arrested in Russia. Yaroslavsky also told informant that the State Department knows all about these two individuals, Schussler and Schnautz, as they were involved in the Rubin case.

The above information is being furnished the Bureau in connection with the above captioned case, inasmuch as it appears that Otto Schussler is possibly identical with Otto Schussler, who is described on Page 10 of the Report of Special Agent R. S. Garner, New York, dated May 11, 1942, as being a translator and body guard for Trotsky.

The Bureau was advised in the Amtorg Trading Corporation case.

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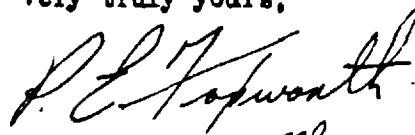
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that if any additional information is received concerning Otto Schussler the same will be reported to the Bureau in the above captioned case, rather than in the Amtorg Trading Corporation case.

Very truly yours,



P. E. FOXWORTH *AKB*
Assistant Director

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SAC, New York

Re: JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD
with aliases; et al;
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

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For your information, there are transmitted herewith copies of a communication from the State Department in this matter, dated September 8, 1942, together with copies of enclosures, consisting of a letter from the American Embassy in Mexico City, dated August 27, 1942, and a translation from the Spanish of an article from the Mexico City newspaper, "Excelsior", of August 20, 1942, which relate to the present status of the Janson case in Mexico City.

It is requested that you take the necessary steps to bring this investigation to a logical conclusion.

Yours truly,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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September 10, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCED,
with aliases, ETAL;
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED]

It will be recalled that an interview with SYLVIA AGELOFF, his
former mistress, as set forth in the report of Special Agent R. S. Garner at
New York, New York dated May 11, 1942, has proved of relatively negative value.

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Very truly yours,
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P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Date: October 16, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MUMFORD

RE: LEON TROTSKY

Mr. E.A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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Attached hereto is photostatic material concern-
ing the captioned matter obtained by the Washington Field
Office from the files of Walter Steele of the National
Republic Magazine. This material was made available gratu-
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Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire
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No more now. Send me the book as soon as possible

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 10/17/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/8/42	REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL S. GARNER
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TITLE JACQUES MARNARD^o van DENDRESCHD with aliases: Jacques Marnard^o van Dendreschd, Frank Jackson, Frank Jackson King, Jack Monard, Jacques Monard, Jack Morton;	CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R
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Sylvia Ageloff with aliases: Mrs. F. Ageloff, Sylvia Ageloff,
Sylvia Angelloff, Sylvia Ageloff, Silvia Azeless,
Sylvia Egeloff, Mrs. F. Jackson, B. Maslow,
Sylvia Ageloff Maslow, "Bess";
CARMEN ENRIQUETA POVEDA JARQUE, with aliases:
Carmen Enriqueta Coveda Jarque, Carmen
Henriqueta Coveda Jarque;
MRS. PAULINE FLEISCHMAN;
MRS. ERNESTINA FLEISCHMAN, with aliases:
Ernestina Gonzales, Ernestina Fleishman;
CARMEN MEANA, alias Carmen Meandra;
HORACIO PEREZ GONZALEZ;
MRS. HORACIO PEREZ GONZALEZ, alias Mary Leinbech;
ENRIQUE MARTINEZ RIQUI, alias Enrique Martinez Rique;
DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS;
LIUS ARENAL BASTAR;
RAPAEAL ARENAL BASTAR;
JOSE HARARI;
MARCISO BASSOLS;
DIEGO RIVERA.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: All logical leads exhausted and case being closed.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 65-29162.
Report of Special Agent R. S. GARNER at New York
City dated 5/11/42.
Bureau letter to New York dated September 22, 1942.

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DETAILS: AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

A review of the file in this case reflects that all logical leads have been exhausted and further investigation is not warranted. This case is therefore being closed subject, however, to being reopened in the event any additional information is received in the future which would indicate further investigative attention is warranted.

C L O S E D -

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

100 Milk Street
Boston, Mass.

December 9, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Re: LEON TROTSKY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a biographical sketch of LEON TROTSKY appearing in the "New Republic", January 4, 1933 and a copy of a pamphlet written in both Japanese and English entitled "Five-Year Plan and Anglo-Russian Cooperation".

This material was found among the effects of BRIGETO TSURU, Internal Security, J and R, subject of Boston File 100-9398, and is being forwarded for the information of the bureau.

This material need not be returned to this office.

Yours truly,

J. T. Madigan
JOHN T. MADIGAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Five-Year Plan and Anglo-Russian Co-operation.

By LEON TROTSKY.

[解 説]

英紙 マンチェスター・ガーディアンの特派員はマレー海の孤島プリンキポに魚釣りしと讀書に亡命中の日子を過るレオン・トロツキーを訪ね、五ヶ年計畫の成否と所謂露西亞のダンピングについての意見を叩いた。トロツキーは、五ヶ年計畫頒布の報も、ダンピングに依る資本主義崩壊計畫の風説も共に取るに足らざる虚構の事實であると言ひ、五ヶ年計畫の脅威を受けて神経過敏となれる資本主義國が封鎖經濟封鎖を計畫するが如きは愚も亦甚しきもので、假令資本主義國の包圍によりソヴィエト制度が倒壊する事あるも、新らしく試みられたる國營主義の經濟組織は必らず殘存すべく、五ヶ年計畫は劃期的なる大實驗でいづれの資本主義

國によりても曾て試みられざりしテンポの工業化は世界の睥目注視的となつた。今假りに資本主義國の英吉利と國營組織の露西亞が圓卓會議を開き、最も詳細なる條件を、設定して經濟的協同を約し、ロシアの原料と英國の技術と有無相通する協定の實現せんには、兩國人民の將來に廣大なる希望の分野を展開せしむるに足るであらうと言ふて居る。トロツキーもさる者である。英露關係の如何なるものかを知悉し乍ら英紙の特派員に向つて英露協調を説いて居るのだ。併し此實行不能の假定の中にも不況の打開と繁榮の促進は國際間の協調によりてのみ實現され得るものなりてふ眞理をサヂェストして居る點は注意すべきであらう。

1. World public opinion on the Five-year Plan has consisted until recently (a gleam of light seems now to be penetrating) of two fundamental assertions that are absolutely contradictory: the first that the Five-year Plan is Utopian and that the Soviet State finds itself on the verge of economic failure; the second that Soviet

Five-Year Plan and Anglo-Russian Co-operation.

(五ヶ年計畫と英露協調)

1. a gleam of light..... penetrating (今や微光が差し入りつつある 即ち眞に理解さ

れるやうになりつつあるが(最近迄は.....)). of two fundamental assertions contradictory (絶對的に矛盾する二つの根本的斷案から(成つてゐた)). finds itself on the verge of (.....に瀕してゐる).

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export involves a "dumping" that threatens to upset the pillars of the capitalist order. Each of these two assertions has its advantage as a weapon with which to belabour the Soviet State, but together they have the great disadvantage that they are radically opposed to one another. To upset capitalist economy by goods offered cheap presupposes an unprecedented development of productive forces. If the Five-year Plan has suffered a check and Soviet economy finds itself irreparably disintegrating, on what economic battlefield can it marshal its ranks to open a "dumping" offensive against the most powerful capitalist States in the world?

2. Which, then, of these two contradictory assertions is correct? Both of them are false. The Five-year Plan has not suffered a check; this is demonstrated by the efforts to transform it into a Four-year Plan. But suppose, then, that we admit that this gigantic plan may realise itself in fact, should we not indeed admit the possibility in the near future of "dumping"? To answer this question let some figures speak: the industrialisation of the U. S. S. R. shows a percentage increase unheard of in economic history—20 to 30 per cent per annum. But these percentages relate to increase over an economic level that the Soviets inherited from the hands of the former owning class. A level of appalling

Soviet export involves a "dumping" (労働ロシアの輸出は貨はダンピングを意味する). threatens to upset.....capitalist order (資本主義制度の支柱を覆さんと脅かす). Each of these two assertions (この二つの断案はひとつびつとして). belabour (悪口を叩く). together (二つを一緒にして考へると). To upset capitalist economy..... forces (商品と安價に提供して資本主義經濟を覆すには製造力が未曾有の發達を遂げたといふことが豫備的條件となる). has suffered a check (頓挫を來した). finds itself irreparably disintegrating (收拾すべからざる程度に崩壊しつつある[とすれば]). on what economic battlefield.....in the world (世界の最も強大な資本主義國家に對してダンピングの攻勢に出るためには労働ロシアの經濟は一體如何なる經濟的陣地に於いて

その陣容を整へるのであらうか[陣容の整へやうが無いではないか]).

a. But suppose, then,....."dumping"? (併しそれなら假りに此の巨大な計劃が事實として實現するかも知れないことを認容するとして、我等は近き將來に於いてダンピングが行はれる可能性のあることを認容すべきではなからうか). let some figures speak (數字[統計]をして語らしめよ). the industrialisation of the U. S. S. R.....economic history (労働社會主義共和聯邦の工業化[の結果]は經濟史上前代未聞の百分率の増加を示してゐる). But these percentages relate.....owning class (併しこれらの百分率は労働政府が以前の所有階級の手から承け繼いだ經濟的標準に比しての増加に關する率である). A level of appalling backwardness (即ち恐ろしく後れて居る標準である).

backwardness. In the most important branches of its economy the Soviet Union will remain, even after the realisation of the Five-year Plan, far behind the more advanced capitalist States. I have given the essential comparative coefficient in the Russian bulletin published under my auspices in Paris (Nos. 17-18). Here it will be sufficient to indicate only that, even at the end of the realisation of the Five-year Plan, the consumption of coal by each inhabitant of the U. S. S. R. will be eight times less than by each inhabitant of the U. S. A. to-day. The other coefficients are more or less analogous. At this present time—i.e., during the third year of the Five-year Plan—Soviet export represents, very closely, 1½ per cent of the total world export. What percentage do those timid of “dumping” think would be sufficient to upset the balance of world trade—50, not that perhaps, nor 25, even 10? Even for such a figure Soviet export would have to increase by seven or eight times its present volume, thereby instantly causing the ruin of its own economy.

3. The most recent form of attack called forth by the Five-year Plan appeared in the French newspaper the “Temps,” which may, without exaggeration, be described as one of the most reactionary in the world; it seeks the same aim as, but much more systematically than, the British die-hards. Not long ago this journal attested to the rapid advance made in the industrialisation of the U. S. S. R., and called on all the Western States to co-ordinate

I have given the essential.....in Paris (私は私の権限の下に巴里に於いて公表されたロシアの公報に於ける本質的比率を挙げたのである)。Here it will be sufficient..... U. S. A. to-day (こゝでは唯次の事を指示すれば足りるであらう——即ち、五年計画の實現の際に於いても労働協約の住民が一人當り消費する石炭の量は今日合衆國の住民が一人當り消費する量の八分の一にしかならないであらう)。The other coefficients..... analogous (その他の率も多少之に類するものである)。very closely (殆んど)。What percentage do those.....even 10? (ダンピングを恐れてゐる連中は世界貿易の均衡を

覆すのには〔世界貿易の〕幾割あれば充分であると考へてゐるのであらうか——五割、まさかそんなにあらうとは思ふまい、二割五分否一割すらあらうとは思ふまい)。Even for such a figure (斯かる数字に即ち一割に達する爲にも)。

3. called forth by..... (.....の招いた)、may be described as (.....であると稱し得るであらう)。it seeks the same aim..... the British die-hards (タン紙は英國の保守黨の頑迷派と同一の目的を、併し彼等よりも組織的に、追求するのである)。attested to (...を証言した)。called on all the Western Statestrade (西歐の諸國に對して、彼等の經濟

their economy to the end of a boycott of Soviet trade. The word is now no more of "dumping" but of a progress in normal economic development so rapid that it must be hindered by powerful measures from outside. One thing I would underline with deepest seriousness and most vigorous emphasis: the economic blockade cannot remain over an indefinite period only by a blockade; in order to be effective it would require ever to strengthen and make more acute its methods. And this is nothing but the factual path to war. The blockade is a prelude to war. Its object is to erect a raincoat over war and thus imperceptibly to involve in war a series of States. Let us suppose, however, that the plan of the "Temps" and many others were to succeed, the blockade to be organised, to lead to war—let us even suppose for purposes of argument what I do not for a moment admit as a possibility, that the Soviet system were to be over-thrown by this war, even by this means the new economic principle of State-planning that has proved its efficacy in the Soviet system would not be destroyed. The development of Europe would but thereby cost many more victims and be arrested perhaps for decades.

4. But, to return to the question we have partly left, Will the Five-year Plan be realised? I am certainly of the opinion that, with the natural important corrections and alterations, the plan called five-year is realisable.

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犠牲者を出さねばならぬであらう。そして恐
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4. with the natural...alterations (當然
有つて然るべき重要な修正と變更を行へば)。

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5. The present Russian economy is a transition stage, and still conceals within itself wide contradictions which may yet possibly lead to economic crises and thence determine temporary setbacks. To shut one's eyes to this would be unforgivable. Do not lose sight of the fact that all these contradictions, difficulties, possible crises, or eventual temporary setbacks in no degree minimise the epoch-making significance of this gigantic experiment in economic planning which already has proved that an industry nationalised acquires the faculty, even in a backward country, of increasing at a tempo none of the old civilised nations could possibly attempt. This alone opens before mankind an entirely new perspective, transforming the entire lesson of the past and placing it on the threshold of a new culture.

6. Not as being of any practical value, but as an illustration of what I mean, let me recommend for consideration the following suggestion: Mr. Lloyd George is promoting the plan of public undertakings worked out by Liberal economists with the double object of liquidating unemployment and reorganising and rationalising the conditions of industry in Great Britain. You know better than I the terrific character of these two tasks. Let us suppose, however, only for a moment and for demonstration purposes, that the British Government were to sit at a round table with the Government of the U. S. S. R. in order to work out a plan of economic co-opera-

5. still conceals within itself.....set-backs (今も大なる矛盾を包蔵してゐる。これが経済的危機に導き、斯くして一時的退歩の決定的原因となる事は猶ほ有り得ることである)。lose sight of (看過する)。in no degree minimise (少しも減少しない)。an industry nationalised acquires.....possibly attempt (國營化された産業といふものは、發達の後れた國に於いてでも、何れの舊文明國も到底企て及ぶべからざる速度で増大する能力を獲得するものである)。This alone opens.....new culture (このこと丈でも過去の教ふる教訓を一變し人類を新文化の門口に立たせて、人類の前途に全く新しい展望を開闢するものである)。

6. Not as being of any.....suggestion (何等實際的價值があるからといふのではなくて私の言はんと欲してゐることの説明として次の提案を御考慮〔マンチエスタ・ガーディアンの通信員に對する言葉〕にお薦めしたい)。Mr. Lloyd George.....in Great Britain (ロイド・ジョージ氏は英國に於ける失業を消滅せしめ産業の組織を改めて合理化する二重の目的を以つて自由黨の經濟學者が作成した公共事業の計畫の實施に盡力してゐる)。for demonstration purposes (例證のために)。that the British Government.....of years (幾年かに亘る經濟的協力の計畫を作成する爲めに英國政府がソヴィエツト聯邦政府と圓卓會議を開くとする)。

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tion over a series of years. Let us suppose that this plan embraced all the most important branches of the economy of the two countries and that—unlike so many other round-table conferences—it were to emerge with quite concrete and cut-and-dried mutual agreements and undertakings: for such and such a number of tractors, electro-technical units, textile machines, &c., England would receive an equivalent quantity of grain, timber, perhaps later raw cotton, all, naturally, according to the current prices of the world market. This plan would be devised to begin modestly but to develop in the character of an inverse cone, year in and year out broadening to draw an ever larger number of undertakings into its circle, ultimately contriving that the most important economic branches in both countries should dovetail into one another like the bones of a skull. Can one doubt for a moment that thereby, on the one hand, the coefficient of increase now contemplated by the Soviet Government would, with the help of British technique, be vastly increased; on the other, that Great Britain would satisfy the most important needs of her imports out of the Soviet Union under the most favourable conditions? I touch not at all the question under what political auspices such a collaboration would be possible. Nor with what political system Lord Beaverbrook's dream might be realised and he attain an analogous aim by

embraced (包含する(と假定する)). it were to emergeand undertakings (その會議が全く具體的に固定した 相互の協定及び計劃を達成して終了するとする). for such and such a number.....the world market ((例へば) 農耕用自動車 農業、電気工業機械の單位機臺、織物機械機臺等々と交換に英國は之に相等する量の穀物、木材、後には多分棉花——何れも當然世界市場の時價に従つて——を受け取る[といった風に]). to begin modestly (最初は小規模に). but to develop in the character of an inverse cone (併し逆四角狀に(即ち 後ほど廣がつて)發展するやうに(計劃される)). year in and.....its circle (年々擴大して 益々多數の事業をその圓内に引入れて). ultimately contriving

that..... of a skull (究極に於ては兩國の經濟の最重要な部門は頭蓋骨のやうに互に接合するやうに計劃して). the coefficient of increase.....vastly increased (勞農のシアが目下企圖してゐる 増加の率は英國の技術(即ち機械)の助けに依つて大いに増大するであらう). satisfy the most important... ..Soviet Union (英國は其の輸入の必要の最も重要なものを勞農聯邦から(の輸入で)満たす). I touch not.....be possible (私は如何なる政治的後援の下に斯かる共同が可能であるかの問題には觸れない). Nor with what political system.....the Dominions (又如何なる政治的組織に依つて ビーヴァーブルック卿の夢が實現されるか 又彼が自治領との協力に依つて[今言ふたのと]同様な目的を達成するかに就いても觸れない).

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such a collaboration with the Dominions. I only take the economic principle of a centralised economic plan as it has been proved to-day in the experience of a poor and backward country, and, enlarging it in imagination to cover the mutual relations of the advanced nations with the Soviet Union and with one another, I see therein a spacious-outlook for mankind.

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The Five Greatest Living Men.

TESTS TO BE APPLIED: FIRST PLACE TO EINSTEIN?: THE CLAIMS OF SHAW AND WELLS.

By C. E. M. JOAD.

[解 説]

久しぶりで C. E. M. Joad 氏の偉人論を紹介する。Joad の文は不相變獨創的である。Joad は冒頭先づ偉人の選擇は各人の嗜好によりて決定せられる事が多く、若し古今の歴史に亘り Joad の個人的嗜好から五大傑物を挙げよと云はるれば Bach, Mozart, Plato の如きを先づ念頭に浮べ、宗教家として基督或は佛陀を四位に、文豪としてゲーテ或は沙翁を、社會改良家としてレーニンの三人のうち一人を五位に擧げるだらう。然れども偉人性の決定は全然個人的趣味によりてのみ決せらるべきものに非ず、個人的觀點より見て甚だ之を好まざる人物も一般的觀點

からどうしても偉人と呼ぶざるを得ないものもある。我等は如何にレーニズムを白眼視してもレーニンも亦偉人傑物である事を容認せねばならぬし、又アインシュタインの理論は毫末も理解し能はざるも彼が現代に於ける最大偉人の一人である事を承認せねばならぬ。代表的偉人は第一あまりに専門に局限する人物では不可である。第二に萬人に著名でならねばならぬ。第三にその業績が世道人心に影響を與へるものでなくてはならぬ。此規距によりて Joad は Einstein の外に Shaw と Wells を提へ、第四位にチャーリー・チャップリン、ムッソリニ、トロツ

I only take the economic principle.....for mankind (私は唯一つの貧しい進歩の後れた國の經驗に於いて實證された一つの中央集權の經濟計劃の經濟原理を取つて、之を、想

像に於いて、先進諸國と勞農聯邦との關係及び相互間の關係を包括するやうに擴大して見るときに、私はそこに人類の利益を向上する廣大な前途を見るのである)。

キーの三人を候補者に挙げ、第五位の偉人としては婦人を挙げるを至當とすべきも婦人の偉大なるは寧ろ世間的に有名な

らざる女性であらねばならぬ。依而「無名婦人」を挙げて第五位に据へんとすつて居る。

1. I am quite prepared to tell you, but I had better warn you at the start that you won't agree with me. For I have not the least doubt that you are a different kind of person from myself, and, when we make judgments about who or what is great, what we are really talking about is ourselves. If, as I suppose is just possible, you assert that stewed prunes and rice are delicious and I say that they are hateful, the information given to most people are prepared to concede, information about the nature of you and me rather than about the nature of stewed prunes and rice. It tells of our tastes and our tastes are determined by our palates. Our estimates of greatness are equally individual; they are in the last resort personal confessions of tastes and interests, so that, pronouncing them, we reveal our own psychologies rather than assess the comparative merits of our contemporaries.

2. Let us suppose you were to take a poll on a subject of who are the five greatest men who ever lived. Not only would you get the most diverse possible lists, but, since the lists would evince nothing but the tastes of their compilers, they would appear manifestly absurd to those who did not share them. Take, for ex-

The Five Greatest Living Men.

(現代五大偉人)

1. prepared to tell you (お話しすること) を別段躊躇はしない。 as I suppose is just possible (斯くあることは正に有り得ることと思ふが: 挿入句) stewed prunes and rice (李と米のシチュー: material noun として單数に取扱つてよい筈であるが形式に支配されて複數動詞 "are" 代名詞 "they" を用ひたことに注意) the information given is,.....stewed prunes and rice (その語られることは李と米のシチューに關することよりはお互の性質に關することであることを大概の人は認容するであらう) palates (味

覺) Our estimates of.....individual (我等の偉人の評價も之と等しく儻々別々である) they are in the last resortinterests (その評價は結局個人の趣味興味の表白である) rather than assess.....our contemporaries (現代の人の對比的値打 [即ち誰が誰より偉いといふこと] を評價するよりは)。

2. to take a poll (投票を行ふ) since the lists would evinceshare them (その [投票された者の] 表はその表の作成者 [即ち投票者] の趣味以外の何物をも表示しないから、投票に興らなかつた者にとつてはその表は明かに馬鹿氣であると思はれるであらう)。

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Trotsky

TROTSKY seems a unique figure. There has perhaps never been another statesman who played so important a part in history, who had at the same time so vivid a consciousness of the historical significance of his role and who has been able to write so brilliant a record of the events in which he figured.

Trotsky is, of course, primarily not a politician, but a master of words. "A well written book," he says, "in which one can find new ideas, and a good pen with which to communicate one's own ideas to others, for me have always been and are today the most valuable and intimate products of culture. The desire for study has never left me, and many times in my life I felt that the revolution was interfering with my systematic work." And elsewhere he speaks of the pleasure that a newly printed book gives him.

"In my eyes," he writes of himself as a school-boy, "authors, journalists and artists always stood for a world which was more attractive than any other, one open only to the elect." In the second grade at Odessa, he started a magazine with a friend and later did extra work tutoring to earn money to go to the theatre. But the nineties in

ist logic with a freer, more sweeping hand than Marx, so as to make of it a compelling instrument of popular exposition and to turn to account the Marxist irony as perhaps only another Jew could have done (remember Heine's debt to Marx!), flaying his opponents alive and turning their skins inside out to show the ignominious carcasses inside their arguments; to raise a laugh with a proverb or fable from the south Russian countryside of his youth, aptly applied to some political contingency, to fix a point with a sudden glancing epigram, to open the horizons of the mind to a vision of the dignity and beauty of a world in which socialism should have guaranteed the domination of the barbarous greeds of man by the disinterested work of the intellect and the creative imagination.

It is this vision that is noble in Trotsky, this passion for cultural improvement—not, as in the case of Lenin, the immediate fellow feeling with others which sets him immediately to work to lift the yoke from their necks—that feeling which, Clara Zetkin remembers, sometimes made his face seem to shrink with the furrows of "unspoken, unspeakable suffering" as if he were "burdened, pierced, oppressed with all the pain of the Russian

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whole, which in appearance, function, force and principle is totally dissimilar to anything heretofore known. Of course, some industries are more backward than others, but all of them are rapidly moving in the direction of electrification and power production. Even mining and quarrying, within the historical decade of 1919-29, increased the use of electricity from 2,789,383 horse power to 6,124,799 horse power, while its total power requirement was estimated at 7,514,843 horse power, i. e., only 18 percent unelectrified!

The direction of industry is toward automatic, continuous, mass production. It is obvious that, without the opportunities of electric drive, the continuity of present processes could never have been attained. The very idea of mass production implies the notion of the interchangeability of parts. This again would be too difficult and too expensive to obtain without the aid of electricity, which alone enables us to gauge the tolerances of the fitting parts to a ten-thousandth part of an inch. And neither speed nor precision could be had without automatic electric control.

The situation created by modern electric-power production offers further opportunities for electronic control. The thermionic tube, the photocell, the three-element gaseous tube—all can work industrial miracles. The Chase Bag Company of Milwaukee reports the use of a photo-electric relay in piling its product: "a light source projects a beam of light across the path of stitched bags at

ern, electrically actuated equipment, the managerial emphasis has shifted to the elimination of idle machine time. This means planning—planning of time; planning of sequence of operations; planning of material movement, of preventive maintenance; preparation of schedules, balance of production of parts, dispatching of every operation; planning of budgets, of tasks, of sales quotas. In the Machine Age these functions were largely taken care of by themselves, through the interrelation of departments, chasers, reservoirs of partly finished articles, et cetera. The steady, rapid flow of continuous production cannot be endangered by the interruption or upsetting of plans anywhere, for that means the stoppage of the whole works and the accumulation of overhead expense by the minute.

Thus, even the personal characteristics of the managers which were essential in the Machine Age—namely, experience and common sense—are of little importance in this new Era of Power. Of what use is experience acquired under vastly different conditions? Of what use is common sense when the factory today demands an uncommon mind, scientifically trained and disciplined, a rare kind of analytical mind, which alone can offer counsel based on correctly evaluated facts of the transition period?

It is not generally appreciated that the increased use of power raised the total wages in manufacturing industry till the end of 1929. Since then finance,

chilly face," holding in his arms a large bouquet of flowers which has just been presented to him; when he comes up to the personage who is supposed to greet him, the Menshevik president of the Soviet, he suddenly stops short "as if he had run into a completely unexpected obstacle"; the president makes a formal speech which implies that, though they are glad to have him back, he had better behave himself: Lenin waits with an air of detachment, looking around at the other people and then looking up at the ceiling while he absent-mindedly rearranges the flowers. Then, turning away from the delegates, without replying directly to the speech, he addresses the audience standing by: "Dear comrades, soldiers, sailors and workers, I am happy to greet in you the victorious Russian revolution, to greet you as the advance guard of the international proletarian army. . . . The hour is not far when . . . the people will turn their weapons against their capitalist exploiters. . . . The world revolution achieved by you has opened a new epoch. Long live the worldwide socialist revolution!" Proceeding to Bolshevik headquarters, he can hardly wait for the members of his own party to end their own eulogistic speeches of greeting before he begins to bawl them out in a terrific unexpected blast for the tepidity of their policies: "We don't need any parliamentary republic! We don't need any bourgeois democracy! We don't need any government except the Soviet of work-

stroke, incident by incident, Trotsky paints Lenin in: his sly humor; his patience; his self-forgetfulness; his "terrific inner concentration under a surface of calm and 'prosaic' sincerity"; his shyness in certain connections; his "power of realistic imagination"; his "pedantic notary" side—his combination of "boldness of conception" with "meticulous carefulness in its fulfilment."

Yet with all this—and this is essential to Trotsky's Marxism—neither Trotsky nor Lenin is presented as a historical protagonist of the ordinary kind. They are merely the conscious theoretical part of humanity merging at the moment of strongest social pressure with "the immediate action of those oppressed masses who are farthest away from theory." "Revolution is the inspired frenzy of history": as with the writer or the orator, says Trotsky, "in the moment of what is called creative inspiration, something stronger than himself speaks through him or guides his hand, so the hidden strength and instinct of the masses rose to infuse the words and acts of its leaders." "Outwardly, it did not look very imposing: men went about tired, hungry and unwashed, with inflamed eyes and unshaven beards. And afterward none of them could recall much about those critical days and hours."

In spite of his personal admiration for Lenin, he shows in his history of the Revolution how Lenin as well as the Tsar is molded and directed by the pressure of a social situation.

The role of personality [the writer] . . . us here on a truly gigantic scale. It is necessary only to understand the role correctly, taking personality as a link in the historic chain. The "sudden" arrival of Lenin from abroad after a long absence, the furious cry raised by the press around his name, his clash with all the leaders of his own party and his quick victory over them—in a word, the external envelope of circumstances, make easy in this case a mechanical contrasting of the person, the hero, the genius, against the objective conditions, the mass, the party. In reality such contrast is comparatively one-sided. Lenin was not an accidental element in the historical development, but a product of the whole past of Russian history. He was embedded in it with deepest roots. Along with the vanguard of the workers he had lived through their struggle in the course of the preceding quarter century. The "accident" was not in his interference in the events, but rather that little straw with which Lloyd George tried to block his path.

In his first contacts with Marxism, he says elsewhere,

and even afterward, when my revolutionary ideas were clearly taking shape, I would catch myself in an attitude of mistrust of action by the masses, taking a bookish, abstract and, therefore, skeptical view of the revolution. I had to combat all this within myself, by my thinking, my reading, but mainly by means of experience, until the elements of psychic inertia had been confuted within me. . . . Perhaps the fact that I had consciously to overcome within me the reverberations of the eighties enabled me to approach fundamental problems of mass action in a more serious,

Trotsky's relation to the masses was thus never precisely that of a great popular spokesman, but rather of an engineer of mass tendencies. He studies their needs, where they are heading, the "coördination of forces"; he learns the technique of guiding their action. But in his absorption in the study of these processes and the methods of dealing with them, his egoism disappears. His conception of society and its development is illustrated in masterly fashion by his "History of the Russian Revolution." Here, as in Marx's "Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte," we are made to look through the shadow-play of politics at the group interests, the collective needs and appetites which, partly unknown to the actors themselves, throw the silhouettes on the screen. Never after we have read Trotsky's history, can the language, the conventions, the combinations, the pretensions, of parliamentary politics, if we have had any illusions about them, seem the same to us again. They lose their consistency and color—evaporate before our eyes. The old sport of competition for office, the old game of parliamentary debate, seem foolish and obsolete; what is real is a new science of social readjustment and organization, approaching a degree of exactitude of which our old-fashioned political programs never dreamed, and capable of becoming a part of the cultural equipment of a people in a way quite dif-

ferent from anything e known among even those nations best e'ated politically under our "democratic" institutions.

The application of this science, however, unlike the social engineering of Mr. Stuart Chase, for example, is dominated by the Idea. Trotsky's name for his dominant idea, which he formulated as far back as 1905, is "the permanent revolution." This means that the Marxist world revolution is certain and cannot be stopped; that a bourgeois revolution in any country must be followed by a socialist revolution, that a socialist revolution in any one country must be followed by revolutions in all the others, and that in all our political calculations we must count on this being true, that this is in fact the vital consideration which should always be uppermost in our minds.

Stalin, Trotsky asserts, cares nothing about all this, the world-vision and world-conscience of Lenin and himself. He has identified himself with an impossible program of "socialism in one country alone." Now Trotsky will blast the Bolshevik Stalin with the same kind of lofty scorn with which he has dismissed the Tsarist Kolchak: Stalin is uneducated, a philistine, a bureaucrat, a mediocrity, a ridiculously poor Marxist whom Marxism, in freeing him from provincial prejudices, has merely rendered cynical without giving him in place of his former prejudices "a philosophical outlook thoroughly thought out and mentally assimilated." Stalin and his friends had established what was actually a bureaucratic class; they went to the bal-

leagues—Lenin had, winced at the vulgarity of their gossip. And Lenin and he had no place in all this. It was a mere vulgar political machine with not a trace of intellectual dignity.

No doubt the fact that Trotsky was a Jew contributed to his personal isolation and made it easier for Stalin to put him out when Lenin was no longer there to support him. When, in the first days of the Revolution, Trotsky had reminded Lenin of his Jewish origin as a possible objection to his accepting a commissariat, Lenin had told him not to bother about trifles in the midst of a great international revolution. But when Lenin was gone, it was possible for Stalin to arouse anti-Semitic feeling against him. A Jew, he had been able to rise to the height of imagination and moral passion demanded by a great moment; and, as in both Trotsky's case and Lenin's, their long years of exile had helped train them in the international point of view of Marxism, so Trotsky had a special advantage in the capacity of the Jew for adjusting himself to the different habits and mentalities of different peoples and at the same time remaining outside them. But now this very detachment was to work against his career as a statesman. Disraeli, after all, in dominating England, had, for all the detached irony of his novels, to play the game of the English; to work for England's glory and

power and to solace himself with her prizes, he had not under n to champion a pure international doctrine.

Now when it was a question of dealing with the people, rebellious against the rigors of the dictatorship and in no mood at the moment to be interested in the theory of permanent revolution, the coarseness and the cunning of the Georgian cobbler's son worked better than the fastidiousness and aloofness of the international Jew. He had always been isolated even among the Bolsheviks. "He isn't one of us," Lenin had told Gorky. "With us, but not of us"—adding, "He is ambitious. There is something of Lassalle in him something which isn't good." How thick the defenses of isolation of Trotsky's egoism must have been that even Lenin should have felt them! "Behind those fierce black eyes," an English observer wrote, "lurks ever the demon of suspicion and distrust, driving him to terrible pitiless acts of cruelty." It was so he had understood maintaining power: he had been too proud to be a politician and in this field had no chance against Stalin.

At any rate, as Lunacharsky felt, "condemned to a certain loneliness," Trotsky finds himself today alone on the island of Prinkipo; after the most astonishing and the most brilliantly successful excursion into action that any Marxist has ever made, he finds himself again what he was between the 1903 Congress and the 1905 revolution, between the 1905 revolution and 1917, a independent Marxist in exile with a small band of devoted followers. One has imagined him pacing the floor at Prinkipo, impatient for his next opportunity of taking the Idea into action. Yet, as he knows, it is not unfitting, not injurious to Trotsky's dignity, that he should be a man without a country on a little island between Asia and Europe; nor is he wasting his time with nothing to do but write books. In these books, all the superb "realistic imagination" with its immense scope in time and space, the ardent prophetic faith which, deriving from the horrible wars, the hideous industrial degradation and the ignoble misgovernment of our time, alone can render them endurable by its hope of "the first truly human culture," blazes out from the shut-in man to illuminate this twilight of society. "How many of us know what Europe is, what the world labor movement is?" His "History of the Russian Revolution," with its solidity and its subtlety, its extraordinary analysis of mass behavior, will probably appear when it is complete as one of the most important books of our period. And he has given even to the island of Prinkipo a historic role and a symbolic significance. It stands today for those Marxist principles which, having proved their validity in action, must still keep clear of the politics of nations as they do of those of class.

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and pressure groups have grown greatly in size and importance. (There are the private corporations, each of which has larger revenues and more employees than any single state or any city except New York.) Political parties are declining. All this leads to serious consideration of new forms of government, more in accord with organized social groupings.—There has been little change in the legislative branch, except in cities.—The judiciary has made attempts to adapt itself to the new situation, but in general lags far behind. (From 1900 to 1930, thirty-three acts of Congress were held unconstitutional, and in all the preceding years of the Republic only twenty-six.)—Concepts of liberty were confused and changing. Discussion of this subject goes to the roots of our order.—In political theory one of the dominant attitudes at present is "the tendency toward organized planning as against drift in public affairs."—In the recent past there has been relatively little governmental change, and "an indifference or even hostility to different types of social theory in a world where the foundations of private property, democracy and representative government are being sharply challenged on every hand." But "we may safely forecast that in the next period it will no longer be found possible to escape full and free discussion of the fundamentals of democracy and capitalism alike, and far more constructive or destructive change than has been evident during the past generation."

I wish I could quote in full Professor Merriam's concluding pages. But here we must be satisfied with scraps.

On the whole, the outstanding fact . . . is the rapid extension of governmental activities and costs

slight change in governmental units, organization, methods and personnel. New functions are welcomed, but correspondences in the direction of unity, co-ordination, capacity and competence of political power are either resisted or tardily accepted. . . . The heavy pressure of powerful social, economic and technical forces threatens to crush the shell of a government which becomes more and more important in the social and economic situation. . . . Only a strong government can either act intelligently in . . . crises or refrain from action. A weak government can do neither. . . . A weak government shows narrowness instead of breadth, delay instead of deliberation, wild and irregular vacillation instead of steady adaptation, drifting tendencies instead of inventiveness and preparedness. . . . The futility of weak government will be equally disastrous whether it refrains from social action or attempts it. Its retreats will be routs and its advances meaningless muddles. . . . The industrial order is on trial as well as the political in this case. . . . If business is closer to technical mechanical efficiency, it is farther from the sense of social responsibility equally important to mankind. Industry as well as government suffers from disorganization and lack of direction, from conspicuous waste and profitable fraud. . . . Governmental corruption and incompetence and lack of central direction are not comprehensible away from the social and economic environment of which they are a part. . . .

How shall we blend the skills of government, industrial and financial management, agriculture, labor and science in a new synthesis of authority, uniting power and responsibility, with a vivid appeal to the vital interest of our people to deal effectively with the revolutionary developments of our social, economic and scientific life, yet without stifling liberty, justice and progress?

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Trotsky: II

WHAT was this idea of which Trotsky, on his way to exile, shouting to the almost empty railway station, saw himself the prime spokesman and embodiment? What was the Revolution which he believed was being sent into banishment? What was the Marxism for which he fought?

We have an eloquent account of what Marxism meant to him in a passage of his autobiography where he tells of reading the letters of Marx and Engels at a time when he was trying unsatisfactorily to work with the Austrian Social Democrats:

The Viennese leaders of the Social Democracy used the same formulas that I did. But one had only to turn any of them five degrees around on their own axes to discover that we gave quite different meanings to the same concepts. Our agreement was a temporary one, superficial and unreal. The correspondence be-

tween Marx and Engels was for me not a theoretical one, but a psychological revelation. *Toutes proportions gardées*, I found proof on every page that to these two I was bound by a direct psychological affinity. Their attitude to men and ideas was mine. I guessed what they did not express, shared their sympathies, was indignant and hated as they did. Marx and Engels were revolutionaries through and through. But they had not the slightest trace of sectarianism or asceticism. Both of them, and especially Engels, could at any time say of themselves that nothing human was strange to them. But their revolutionary outlook lifted them always above the hazards of fate and the works of men. Pettiness was incompatible not only with their personalities, but with their presences. Vulgarity could not stick even to the soles of their boots. Their appreciations, sympathies, jests—even when most commonplace—are always touched by the rarefied air of spiritual nobility. They may pass deadly criticism on a man, but they will never deal in tittle-tattle.

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ward... titles or... they have nothing but a cool contempt. What p... lines and vulgarians considered aristocratic... them was really only their revolutionary super... It's most important characteristic is a complete and ingrained independence of official public opinion at all times and under all conditions.

This affinity, this admiration, are later to be felt for Lenin. The whole of Trotsky's later work is oriented toward Lenin. There are moments in his autobiography, to be sure, when we lose sight of anybody but Trotsky—episodes of which we are made to feel that we are reading simply the extraordinary adventures of an extraordinary individual: the escape from Siberia, for example, which is as exciting as Casanova's escape from the Leads, seems written from a similar point of view. And even in the journeys of the armored train we feel caught up into Trotsky's self-dramatizing imagination until we begin to see the whole story as a chapter in a novel rather than as a feature of a military campaign. But the real hero of "My Life" remains for all that, not Trotsky himself, but Lenin—or rather, Trotsky's relation to Lenin.

Trotsky had gone to see Lenin in London almost immediately after his escape from Siberia, but had broken with him as a result of the 1903 Congress. He had become then an independent revolutionist, had returned to Russia in 1905 and headed the St. Petersburg Soviet; but the gauge of Trotsky's capacity seems to be that though his egoism makes

him independent and makes it possible for him to take initiative in action—he is never so formidable, says one observer, as when he is driven into a tight place—he needed Lenin's compass to steer by. Lenin, who had never had a moment's sympathy for the "imperialist war," had complained after 1914, that "just as Trotsky stood formerly for coöperation with the Socialist 'compromisers,' so today he stands for coöperation with the Socialist patriots." But though Trotsky had never been a Bolshevik but had remained aloof up to 1917, it did not take him long to turn to Lenin when he came back to Petrograd after the February revolution.

In "My Life" the personality of Lenin is built up by a series of small anecdotes, unpretentiously introduced but very skillfully chosen and placed, until it has come to stand for a whole moral and intellectual domain, involving, as I have suggested, also Trotsky's ideal for himself. First, we see Trotsky in prison eagerly reading Lenin; then, still charged with the excitement of his escape from Siberia, looking up Lenin early in the morning as soon as he arrives in London: "Lenin was still in bed, and the kindly expression of his face was tinged with a justifiable amazement." Lenin takes him for a walk around London and points out to him Westminster Abbey: "This is their famous Westminster," he says—and Trotsky explains that this "their" of Lenin's designated, not the English, but the ruling classes of the world. "This implica-

least emphasize" but, coming as it did from the very innermost depths of the man and expressed more by the tone of his voice than by anything else, was always present, whether Lenin was speaking of the treasures of culture, of new achievements, of the wealth of books in the British Museum, of the information of the larger European newspapers or, years later, of German artillery or French aviation. They know this or they have that, they have made this or achieved that—but what enemies they are! To his eyes, the invisible shadow of the ruling classes always overlay the whole of human culture—a shadow that was as real to him as daylight." In this first meeting, the relation is established. By a few sharp and brief strokes, Trotsky puts before us the characters of the two men: the younger fervent and inconsiderate, slightly exhibitionistic, in pursuit of the cues to his historic role; the older assuming his revolutionary purpose and the social insight on which it is based so much as a matter of course that in a world scarcely yet seriously troubled with them, it never occurs to him to emphasize them or to put forward his own personality because of them.

Later on, after the years of their political estrangement, Trotsky plots the further course of the development of this relation during the years of the Revolution and of the building of the socialist state. We see Trotsky and Lenin, during the October revolution, lying down on the floor of an empty room of the Smolny Institute where Lenin's sister has spread a blanket for them and trying to relax from their tense fatigue, but unable to sleep and finally remembering that they are not sure yet of the Winter Palace: Trotsky rushes to the phone while Lenin tries to induce him to rest and forget about it for the moment while they send a messenger instead. We hear Lenin in the later period dubious about what would become of the Bolshevik leadership: "How many of us know what Europe is, what the world labor movement is?" We are given Krupskaya's note to Trotsky after Lenin's death: "Dear Lev Davydovich: I write to tell you that about a month before his death, as he was looking through your book, Vladimir Ilyich stopped at the place where you sum up Marx and Lenin and asked me to read it over again to him; he listened very attentively and then looked it over again himself. And here is another thing I want to tell you. The attitude of V. I. toward you at the time when you came to us in London from Siberia did not change up to his death. . . ."

Add to this the presentation of Lenin in Trotsky's history of the Revolution. He gets a fine climax to the first volume, which deals with the confused and half-hearted course of the February revolution, by dramatizing the arrival of Lenin in Petrograd. A delegation from the Petrograd Soviet is sent to give him an official welcome with all the accoutrements of bourgeois ceremony in the "Tsar's Room" of the railway station: Lenin

opments, no amount of repudiation could break him (Lenin had died repudiating Stalin). Yet when he calls out to the railroad workers to see how they are carrying him away, he does not appear fatuous or absurd. If Lenin had identified himself with the cause of the Revolution, Trotsky had done the converse: identified the cause with himself. When the G.P.U. put him out, he believes it is the Revolu-

tion they are banishing; and the loss of dignity the individual is saved by the dignity of the Idea. It is the Idea they are expelling.

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Forgive Us Our Debts

IT IS characteristic of our political ineptitude that we persist in treating the debts of the Allies as a problem of assets to be realized rather than of liabilities to be accepted. During the War it was treason to suggest that the debts of the Allies to the United States would never be paid. Immediately after its close, economists made this assertion, and though their prophecy was, for a time, balked of fulfilment by the extraordinary success of the bankers in selling European loans in the United States, it is now coming true. The inevitability of virtual cancellation, however, does not make this renunciation any more palatable to the American public. Even the argument of the experts that the continuation of international payments, were it possible, would inflict hardship on the United States, which is the continued disrup-

urges that the cession would humor our imperialists and patriots interested in national defense, thus sweeten the dose for those whose palates find it most difficult to digest. Hoover, in his acceptance speech, suggested "a tangible form of compensation, such as the extension of the markets for American agriculture and labor"—in other words, the Allies should lower their tariff walls and buy more of our goods, while we should maintain our barriers and continue to refuse to buy in return. Mr. Roosevelt expounded the fallacy of this proposal. "Our policy," he stated, "declares for payment, but at the same time for lowered tariffs and resumption of trade which open the way to payment."

The only difficulty with this suggestion is that it is too late. If immediately after the War it

thought what posterity would say of him—simply did his work," Trotsky "looked at himself often, treasured his historic role" and would have been willing to sacrifice anything, not excepting his life, so that he might play this part heroically. The ordinary kind of ambition he despised. "What contemptible ambitiousness!" he exclaimed of a social revolutionary leader who had accepted a place in the coalition government before the October revolution, "to abandon his historic position for a portfolio!" With Lenin, we feel that his personality had become completely identified with his purpose. Clara Zetkin tells of one occasion after Lenin had become master of Russia and leader of the Communist International when, in receiving a delegation of German Communists, he kept his appointment so punctually, entered the room so unobtrusively and talked with them so simply and easily, that the Germans, who were used to the frock-coated public-office-inflated Marxists of the Reichstag, did not even guess who he was. One cannot imagine Trotsky's entering a room without making people feel that a personality had arrived. Playing a historic role in Trotsky's case implied an audience. But what a magnificent actor!

He was not merely a spokesman for ideas; the Idea for Trotsky was something which had to be made practically and visibly to triumph. Trotsky as a man of action is a singular, a startling figure. As a military leader he seems absolutely *suus generis*.

Take his exploit in defending Petrograd against the army of Yudenitch. A regimental commander had given his men the order to fall back and the troops were running away; but when they reached division headquarters, Trotsky took the situation in hand. He mounted the first horse he could find and, chasing one soldier after another with his orderly behind him waving a pistol and shouting, "Courage, boys, Comrade Trotsky is leading you!" compelled the whole regiment to turn back and recover the positions it had abandoned. The commander appeared at the most dangerous points and was wounded in both legs. Trotsky came back in a truck. He was accused by the papers of publicity-seeking, but the truth is that Trotsky's sensationalism is almost always redeemed from theatricality by the Idea which inspires and directs it. When Trotsky chases back the retreating regiment, it is the Idea standing its ground. And so even in Trotsky's political brawls with Stalin it is the Idea which, seasonably or unseasonably, is fighting to hold the helm. Take even the incident in the railroad station when Trotsky, at Stalin's orders, was being forcibly carried to the train by the agents of the G.P.U. He had obliged them to remove him forcibly so that it should not be possible to represent his departure as a voluntary act, and he made a point of shouting to the railroad workers in the station: "Comrades, see how they are carrying Comrade Trotsky away!"

One cannot imagine Lenin behaving like this, but

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place to Marxism. V. I. Lenin, at seventeen, Trotsky wrote a play in collaboration with another young intellectual, the heroine, in spite of the fact that both of them thought themselves dubious about Marxism, turned out to be a Marxist. The dead hand of the Tsardom pressed everywhere where the mind tried to move and grow; their school-teachers committed suicide; they felt the future as revolution. "I swallowed books," says Trotsky, "fearful that my entire life would not be enough to prepare me for action." By the time he was eighteen, he had been arrested for circulating illegal literature and he spent the next three years in jail: here he heard for the first time of Lenin and read his newly published book on Russian capitalism. By the beginning of the new century he had been banished to Siberia, where he read Marx, brushing the cockroaches off the page. Thereafter, Trotsky's career was that of a professional revolutionist.

In Siberia he wrote literary criticism, discussed Ibsen, Hauptmann, Maupassant, Nietzsche. But his mastery of language was now to be directed by the requirements of the revolutionist. He learned to excel both as pamphleteer and as orator: his comrades called him "Pero," "Pen." He knew how to analyze and convince, to appeal to the imagination and arouse; to handle the grim Marx-

than "sympathy for the downtrodden." He had seen poverty, logged on his father's farm, and they had inspired him with revolt rather than pity. "Beginning with my earliest childhood, in all impressions of my daily life, human inequality stood out in exceptionally coarse and stark form. Injustice often assumed the character of impudent license; human dignity was under heel at every step." He found himself a gifted boy in "perhaps the most police-ridden city in police-ridden Russia, and a Jew with his way to make in a world even more hostile to Jews than to other gifted young men. The youth who came to Lenin and Katskaya heralded as a "young eagle" by their fellow revolutionists in Samara, had brought to the dedication of human dignity a pride which had something of Lucifer's. At nothing was he more successful than lashing his audiences into fury.

Lunacharsky, who first met him in 1905, scribes him as arrogant and handsome, rather offensively elegantly dressed for a revolutionist in exile and with none of Lenin's human charm. Either would not or could not do anything to win other people's confidence and friendship seemed "condemned to a certain loneliness." He was always in his own imagination as the protagonist of Marxism that Trotsky lived. Where Lenin never "glanced in the mirror of history, never

toss it on the pile." Again, a Western Pennsylvania mine has a system of automatic door control using the "electric eye" as the controlling relay.

The functions of general supervision are likewise handled by means of electricity. The Selsyn control of the sluices of the Panama Canal is well known: the man in charge, though miles away, can at any given moment see the position of all the numerous parts of the sluice, the level of water, the movement of the chains and of the passing boats. The Mississippi Valley Barge Line Company dispatches its tow boats by radio on their trips between Cincinnati and New Orleans.

Though, during the Machine Age, the main managerial task was to increase the personal efficiency of workers, this phase of management under the reign of power production shrinks into insignificance. The electric machine either does its work efficiently or else does not do it at all. An inquiry among twenty-two Middle Western manufacturers disclosed that eighteen of them would welcome an installation of scientific management in their plants on the condition that neither the rates nor the number of employees shall be reduced. In power production it is no longer the physical force and manual dexterity that are required of the workers, but mental alertness, accurate judgment and precise handling of controls.

With the increased complexity and cost of mod-

and fuel, the total wages paid in industry rose consistently, with the exception of such a special case as the automotive industry. Contrarywise, the lagging industries that have reduced their power consumption (despite increased capacity) showed a reduction in the total wages paid. But, so long as our social-economic notions keep billions of electric robots idle, we have no true relation between the installed capacity and the rate of its use. We have idle men and women, we have idle productive potentialities and we have underconsumption because of our low purchasing power. "If your electric eyes and vacuum tubes are replacing human labor and throwing men out of work"—asks rhetorically an editorial in *Electronics*—"what real advantage are they to society as now constituted?"

There is but one answer to this query. The new power production is a very real danger "to society as now constituted." It is as dangerous as a high explosive in the hands of a baby or a maniac. But, if instead of dropping men from the pay rolls we would drop off hours of work, allowing science and engineering to create leisure, security and higher culture, and if for these shortened hours we would pay more, in proportion to increased productivity, instead of less in proportion to restricted sales, the stimulated use of more power would soon restore our stability.

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military man. His attitude toward professional military men is amusingly shown in his history of the Revolution: "Brussilov and General Kolchak," he writes with condescension from his loftier plane, "a little excelled the others in culture, if you will, but in nothing else. Denikin was not without character, but for the rest, a perfectly ordinary army general who had read five or six books."

Nobody but a Jewish intellectual would criticize generals from that point of view, but it is hard to imagine a regular military man dealing with those generals as Trotsky did. "Show me another man," Gorky reports Lenin as saying, "who could organize almost a model army in a single year, and even win the respect of military experts!" Trotsky, the intellectual, set great store by the military experts, though Stalin, the politician, was suspicious of them on account of their training under the old regime. In spite of Stalin's opposition and Lenin's own doubts, Trotsky organized them and made them work for him. Then he leaped into his armored train and sped from front to front in it so fast, talked to the soldiers so much and so passionately, telegraphed so promptly for supplies, wrote and sent out so many impassioned press stories, caught and shot so many disaffected officers, that the sixteen Soviet armies, feeling this demon of energy and will behind them, held their fronts against the Kolchaks and the Denikins and saved the Revolution

by the rebellion of the Kronstadt sailors and the peasants, and had been obliged to announce the compromises of the New Economic Policy; and he had felt the political machine getting out of his hands. The time had come when the high imagination and morality which had led the Revolution had to give way to the practical political manipulation by which even revolutionary peoples at the present stage of human development lapse naturally into being guided. Krupskaya is reported to have said that, if Lenin had lived any longer, Stalin would have had him in jail. He had had a nervous collapse in 1903 as a result of the strain of the crucial London Congress at which he had forced the split between Mensheviks and Bolsheviks, and now he had a series of paralytic strokes. His abilities, will, personality had, as I have said, been completely identified with the cause of the Revolution. To be caught in a serious conflict of purpose arising in connection with that cause, to find himself unable to dominate it, to feel himself helpless in face of what seemed to him the degradation of the Revolution, perhaps its eventual failure—must have been like his own annihilation, could mean for him only death.

But Trotsky had always that inner mirror in which he saw himself; he was always to himself a figure, was well insulated against other people's opinions; he could not be torn by conflicting devel-

Whatever advance in general prosperity might result from cancellation does not alter the fact that the loans made to the Allies by the United States government will be paid by citizens of the United States in the form of taxes. It is useless to cite the expansive utterances of Congressmen and Senators in the days of the War. In cold fact, as Mr. McAdoo remarks in his "Crowded Years," "if the American people had not been convinced of the good faith and honor of the borrowing governments, the United States would never have been able to sell its bonds to its own people for the purpose of making these foreign loans." To find itself at length the dupe among nations is peculiarly bitter to a people which has always acknowledged a talent for bargaining. It is sweeter to pass for a knave than a fool. Thus the problem of American statesmanship in relation to the debts of the Allies is to find some formula which will save the face of the United States, and permit this country to do with something of good grace what is for its own interest and what is in any case inevitable—pay up for the War.

Various efforts have been made to find such a formula. Mr. McAdoo suggests that Great Britain and France should, in lieu of payment, make over to us their West Indian possessions. That these would be of trifling value he concedes; but he

many, by virtue of superior industrial equipment and organization would have profited most by the freedom. It was partly against such a contingency that tariff walls were raised. Finally, Senator Borah, long a convinced opponent of cancellation, now entertains the idea that this course should be followed in return for the reduction of reparation disarmament and other beneficial world policies. Mr. Hoover apparently took the same view in his conversations with M. Laval, as the result of which, by the Lausanne settlement, the German reparations were reduced to about \$700,000,000 contingent on her ability to pay. The fact that the chief debtor nations made this settlement conditional on a similar readjustment of their debts to the United States, and their formation of a united front by gentlemen's agreement to pursue this end in concert, has cast a blight on Mr. Hoover's diplomacy and Mr. Borah's idealism. Nevertheless, it remains true that if any formula can be found to persuade a reluctant people that they should forgive their debtors as they hope to be forgiven their debts, it will be along the line timidly suggested by the Republican spokesmen.

It has been violently asserted, by every American in authority, that no connection exists, or can possibly exist, between the debts of the Allies

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Re: Jacques Marnard van Dendreschd, was.
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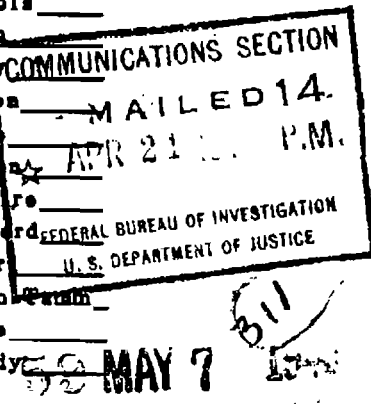
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The Bureau has been advised by the Washington City News Service that the District Criminal Court in Mexico City sentenced the subject, who is generally known as Jacques Marnard alias Frank Jackson, to twenty years imprisonment for the assassination more than two years ago of Leon Trotsky.

You are instructed to verify the foregoing information through your contacts in Mexico and to advise the Bureau accordingly.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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TITLE:		CHARACTER:
JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD, WAS.		MEXICO ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS:

Subject, who is generally known as JACQUES MOR-
NARD, alias Frank Jackson, was sentenced on
4/16/43 to 20 years in jail for the assassination
of LEON TROTZKY on 8/20/40.

COMMENTS: This report is not being distributed to Embassy
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herein is common knowledge as a result of news-
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RE: JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD, WAS.
MEXICO ESPIONAGE - R

May 6, 1943

DETAILS:

On 4/16/43 JACQUES MORNARD, alias Frank Jackson was sentenced by the Sixth Penal Court of the Federal District of Mexico to a term of 20 years imprisonment for the assassination of LEON TROTZKY on 8/20/40.

Inasmuch as subject herein has been sentenced for the murder of LEON TROTZKY, this case is being closed.

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Mexico, D. F.

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TITLE:

CHARACTER:

JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRECHD, with
aliases, Frank Jackson, Jacques
Mornard, Vandepresched

MEXICO ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS:

"Ultimas Noticias", Mexico, D. F., evening paper, stated on May 4, 1943, that subject was responsible for the killing of the Russian General WALTER KREVITSKY in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., about two years ago. No details were given. Information stated to be obtained from high Mexican official. A copy of subject's fingerprints, a full face and profile picture, and official description are being sent as enclosures to Bureau. Copies and negatives being retained in the file in Mexico City.

COMMENTS: No distribution inasmuch as information is already available to Embassy sources.

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JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRECHD, was. Mexico City, D. F.
MEXICO ESPIONAGE - R 5/15/43

DETAILS: The title of this report is being changed to indicate the addition of aliases, FRANK JACKSON and JACQUES MORNARD VANDENRESCHED.

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General KREVITSKY was reported to be the head of espionage in Spain during the Spanish Civil War.

There is being sent to the Bureau as an enclosure a copy of the fingerprints of subject, a full face and profile picture on the same sheet of developing paper, and a copy of the description of subject from the laboratory of criminology and identification, Mexico, D. F. Copies are also being made a part of the file in Mexico, D. F. The negatives of these exhibits are also being retained.

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Enc. To Bureau: Full face and profile picture of Subject
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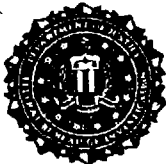
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 3, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUTLER

Re: JOSE DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS
ESPIONAGE

Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Acers
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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

In compliance with the telephonic request of Supervisor Ducommun the following information was obtained from the files of the State Department.

Attached hereto is a report from the American Consulate General in Mexico, dated October 9, 1940, giving a summary of statements attributed to David Alfaro Siqueiros before the Judge of the First Instance, in Coyoacan.

There is also correspondence in the State Department's files, and in a report from Havana, dated May 6, 1943, which stated that in accordance with instructions contained in the Department's telegram No. 448, dated April 10, temporary visitor's visa No. 141, issued at Santiago, Chile, to David Alfaro Siqueiros was taken up and cancelled by the Havana Embassy on April 28, 1943.

In a bi-monthly report on Communist activities submitted by the American Consulate General, Mexico, and dated May 13, 1941, it was reported, "David Alfaro Siqueiros, who was released under bond for complicity in the murder of Robert Sheldon Harte, fled to Cuba by airplane, as reported in un-numbered dispatches of April 28 and April 29, 1941. It is understood that he will proceed from Cuba to Panama, and it is rumored that his ultimate destination is either Chile or Russia."

As Siqueiros could not have departed from Mexico in the way that he did without the tacit consent of the interested Mexican authorities, it is reasonable to deduce that the Mexican government is glad to be rid of Siqueiros and that no effort will be made to extradite him for complicity in the murder of the American citizen, Harte."

Siqueiros has also been mentioned in a report furnished the Bureau by the State Department, April 16, 1941; this was a dispatch dated March 31, 1941 entitled, "Transmitting Strictly Confidential Memorandum Concerning Release of David Alfaro Siqueiros, Charged with Complicity in the Murder of Robert Sheldon Harte, an American Citizen."



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Siqueiros is also mentioned in a dispatch, Polish Series No. 272, dated March 4, 1943, from the Embassy at London. This report was furnished the Bureau April 8, 1943 and was entitled "History of Communistic Movement in Argentina".

Siqueiros was mentioned in the bi-monthly report on Communist activities dated May 1 to July 1, 1941. This report was furnished the Bureau on July 28, 1941.

The Bureau was also in receipt of a MID report dated January 30, 1943, concerning David Alfaro Siqueiros; a report dated April 28, 1941; and a report dated April 29, 1941, entitled "Ultimate Destination of David Alfaro Siqueiros" was furnished the Bureau on May 13, 1941. A report on the participation of David Alfaro Siqueiros in an assault on the House of Leon Trotsky was furnished the Bureau December 31, 1940. The report was dated May 24, 1940.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this information be furnished to the Espionage Section for the particular attention of Supervisor Ducommun.

Respectfully,

C. D. Marron

C. D. Marron

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Military Intelligence Service
Washington

Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

L. R. Forney

L. R. FORNEY
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Asst. Executive Officer, MIS.

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Summary of Information:

The ~~Communist~~ Party of Cuba is said to have about thirty thousand members at present, having the largest Communist membership of any country outside the USSR.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SAC - New York

Re: LYDIA ALTSCHULER, WAS; ET AL
INTERNAL SECURITY - R.
CENSORSHIP MATTERS

Dear Sir:

For your information in connection with the instant case there are furnished two photostatic copies of an article: "The Verdict on the Assassin of Trotsky," by Walter O'Rourke, which appears in the August, 1943, issue of the Fourth International, organ of the Socialist Workers Party.

The article discusses the question of Frank Jackson's source of funds and states the proposition that as long as Jackson is alive and in jail he constitutes a problem for the "GPU" since there is always the possibility that he may reveal his identity.

Jackson was the subject of the case entitled: "Jacques Bernard van Dendreschd, with aliases; Et Al; Espionage - R." Bureau file 65-29162, of which New York was the Office of Origin. That case was closed with the report of Special Agent Russell S. Garner, dated at New York, New York, October 17, 1942.

In the light of recent developments in the Altschuler case, you are instructed to determine immediately the present addresses and telephone numbers of the subjects in the van Dendreschd case who were residents in New York City.

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Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent R. S. Garner dated at New York City May 11, 1942 in the van Dendreschd case. On page two of that report are shown the names and addresses of the individuals phoned by Frank Jackson from the Hotel Pierrepont, Brooklyn from June 14 to June 30, 1940. Of possible interest in the Altschuler case are Carl Koenig, 54 Pierrepont, Brooklyn; Boyd Hilary Gummer, 226 East 79th Street, Manhattan; and Frank Kapielaski, Mancott Avenue, Hempstead, Long Island.

You are instructed to determine the present location of these individuals as well as their backgrounds and present occupations.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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simply broken our heads. The time is not ripe, there was not enough response, to justify these agitation for the labor party. It was necessary to confine it to a propaganda slogan. But now there are possibilities, and even probabilities, of a rising sentiment of the workers and a favorable response to a concentrated agitation for the labor party. In the new situation we would make the greatest error if we were to lag behind events and continue with the routine propaganda of the past period.

There is a difference also between slogans of agitation and slogans of action. This is illustrated by one of the classic errors of the early communist movement in the United States. Propa-

ganda for the of Workers' Soviets is now a principle of the program. But in 1919 the editors of the *New Communist*, growing impatient, issued the slogan of in a banner headline: "Organize Workers' Councils." say, the Soviets did not materialize. The slogan of action premature and discredited its authors.

It wouldn't be out of order, in connection with the tional preparation of the party for this campaign, if we to the whole membership a better understanding of the d ways of applying slogans—as slogans of propaganda, tation, or of action—according to the situation, as it is in

The Verdict on the Assassin of Trotsky

By WALTER O'ROURKE

On the third anniversary of the death of Trotsky, his assassin is still attempting to obliterate the GPU's responsibility for the crime. The Superior Tribunal of Mexico, on October 5, will hear the appeal of "Frank Jacson" from the verdict of the Sixth Penal Court which on April 16 found him guilty and (there is no death or life penalty) sentenced him to 20 years imprisonment. If the defense loses, it is certain to carry its appeal the final legal step, to the Supreme Court. These two appeals will cost a great deal and Jacson has no visible resources but, needless to say, the GPU assassin has limitless funds at his disposal. If it gains nothing else, the GPU may convey the thought that the issue is not definitively settled until the Supreme Court acts—a thought the GPU needs not only to confuse the issue but also to maintain the morale of its hireling assassin in jail. Moreover the speeches of its attorney will again, as in the lower court, serve to publicize the Stalinist slanders against Trotsky and the Fourth International. Last but not least, there is always the serious possibility that, by one means or another, the GPU will secure from the higher courts a decision which will serve to water down the damning character of the verdict of the lower court—a verdict which, to any honest analyst, clearly establishes the fact that Leon Trotsky was murdered by an assassin sent by Stalin.

That verdict is indelibly recorded in history, but there should be no illusion that it may not be upset formally. With all due respect to the juridical institutions of Mexico, we cannot forget what happened in two Mexican courts which had before them the machine-gun gang which attacked Trotsky's home on May 24, 1940 and kidnapped and murdered Robert Sheldon Harte, member of the Socialist Workers Party. David Alfaro Siqueiros, the painter, was arrested as the leader of that attack and admitted it, as did others who were arrested—some 27 members of the Mexican Communist Party, among them David Serrano and Luis Mateos Martinez, members of its Central Committee. Yet they all managed to go free. The charge of murdering Harte was dropped, all suspicion for that crime being placed on the Arenal brothers (also prominent Stalinists), who, of course, had disappeared. Although Trotsky's bedroom had been sprayed with 300 machine-gun bullets, a court dropped the charge of attempted homicide despite the testimony of Siqueiros' chauffeur that, when he heard that Trotsky had lived through it, Siqueiros had cried: "All the work in vain." By means of these decisions, the judges of two courts reduced the machine-gun attack to the minor charges of housebreaking, unlawful use of uniforms, robbery (of the two cars in the house to prevent pursuit) and damaging another's property. On these Siqueiros was admitted to bail and promptly fled the

country, with his documents in perfect order—the Sec of Gobernacion (State Department) pretending not to that he was under bail and therefore forbidden to leave Federal District, much less Mexico. Arrested in Chile as a native from Mexican justice, his release was obtained Mexican Ambassador!

It is well to recall, therefore, what Natalia Trotsky to the Mexican press last year: "If there had not been to maintain that Siqueiros assaulted our house only to automobiles which he abandoned a few hundred meters . . . if there had not been judges to maintain that the GPU of the GPU were not a gang but 'co-thinkers' and that the fired over our beds were only for 'psychological' effect would say beforehand: the GPU will fail in its attempt. Siqueiros, assailant, assassin, incendiary and agent in the of the GPU, is free. Why not Jacson?"

As a matter of fact, it may well be through the means Siqueiros that the GPU will make its next move on David Jacson. At the time he led the attack on Trotsky's home Siqueiros claimed he did so to obtain compromising documents of Trotsky's "fifth column" activities; but he never claimed to have secured a single document, much less one that compromise Trotsky. Now, however (he is in Cuba), in a view with a reporter for the Mexican daily *La Prensa*, Siqueiros claims that he has a "good part" of Trotsky's documents. paper paraphrases what he said as follows: "And he Trotskyist fortress carrying with him in his automobile precious documents, which he has in safe custody and when necessary, will enable him to demonstrate the same, did Mexico and the sinister work carried on by Trotsky." necessary" may turn out to be the Jacson appeal.

Nevertheless, not even Siqueiros' forgeries will be obliterate the verdict against Jacson in the eyes of all people, no matter what the appellate courts do. I should here to give a more rounded description of the defense of the court verdict than I was able to do in my news-re *The Militant*.

Jacson's "New Version"

On Jacson's person, it will be recalled, was a "cell letter," obviously written for the eventuality that he was killed while attempting to escape; it pretended that he was a "disillusioned" Trotskyist who had decided to kill Trotsky. Jacson had prepared for the crime by destroying all his documents, but the false passport he had used was traced and to be that of a dead member of the International Brotherhood of Collectors by the GPU and provided for Jacson. U-

tioning, Jacson admitted premeditation, how he entered Trotsky's office under the pretext of getting his comments on an article, had taken a position behind Trotsky seated at his work table, and struck the fatal blow. All this Jacson admitted; his main preoccupation being to conceal his connection with the GPU. This version was not changed until the end of September 1941, thirteen months after the crime.

On January 8, 1941 an able lawyer, closely connected with the Stalinists, Octavio Medellin Ostos, entered the case and over a period of months prepared a "new version." Jacson never again submitted to questioning in court and refused to make any statements. His only act was to write the "new confession," a document presented to the court in French on the last day permitted. Its purpose was to change his previous account of the cowardly execution of the crime and to develop his former statements about Trotsky's wanting him to go to Russia into a theory of provocation on the part of Trotsky. The provocation was said to be both psychological and physical, the key sentences of the new version being: "he said to me with a contemptuous tone, . . . 'you are nothing more than a military blunderer.'" And further on Jackson writes:

"I want to note that Leon Trotsky began to fight and shout before the blow in order to free himself from the pressure of my left hand on his coat, no doubt so as to draw his revolver but I was faster than he . . ."

Another interesting innovation of the new version demonstrates that the change in line since June 22, 1941 even applies to a GPU agent's defense in court. It will be recalled that in his original "confession letter," Jacson intimated that United States imperialism and the Dies Committee were in league with Trotsky and would help him to send saboteurs to Russia. The Stalinist press at the time declared that Trotsky was an agent of Wall Street and "an instrument of the Yankee war-of-nerve against Mexico." In Jacson's new version, of course, not a word of this appears.

Now Jacson presents himself as a Belgian patriot: "I want to take advantage of this same statement to declare that I have always considered it an honor to die on the battlefield against the forces representative of the greatest barbarism typified by the Nazi hordes!" In an interview at the same time the summaries were presented in court, Jacson is quoted as endorsing even more frankly the current Stalinist slanders against Trotsky:

"You came to believe that Trotsky was an agent of Hitler as the Communists say?

"Absolutely!

"Why?

"In the first place because of the proposition he made to me to go and commit acts of sabotage in Russia, acts that only were of interest to Germany. [Jacson forgets that in his original statement the United States and the Dies Committee were supposed to be behind this project.—W.O.] In the second place because of his confession to me that the Moscow Trials had annihilated his movement in Russia—those trials in which it was proven, as Davies confirms in his book, that the guilty were in the service of Germany and Japan. In the third place because of Trotsky's mysterious income whose origin nobody knows.

"Do you think that the existence of Trotsky would represent a danger for Democracy?

"It would be a source of confusionism and doubt which the Fifth Columnists would utilize to undermine confidence in victory and in Democracy! It would be a focal point of espionage and sabotage. With good reason in the United States they imprisoned Goldman, the lawyer for Trotsky's wife; with good reason in the United States they imprisoned also gunmen that Trotsky had at his service in Mexico, and with good reason also are the mailing and sale of Trotsky works and newspapers

prohibited in the United States. The American people are doing (AST, Mexico, February 13, 1943.)"

The new version written by Jacson was the only one presented to the court. It was supposed to consist of hundreds of pages in the court record of statements the first four months of Jacson's own testimony—which dictated his new version. Trying to explain away this too, it was contended that the assassin was in no condition to make statements after the crime; the bandages prevented him from being able to read the documents he signed; he was in the hands of the police; he suffered from a moral depression after the crime that caused him to lose all interest in what he was signing, etc. But it is clear that such allegations carry little weight if they are not supported by facts.

Medellin Ostos failed to obtain any such facts from police and detectives who had questioned Jacson in his first days following the murder. Their testimony showed that although Jacson had been badly beaten by Trotsky's guards seized him, he was in full command of his senses and was thinking quite clearly. In jail he was subjected to no maltreatment but on the contrary enjoyed comfortable conditions that provoked public protests in the city over such a criminal receiving privileged treatment. It is remembered that during the first weeks he was not in a hospital under special guard. This fact alone shows that day he was able to use his plentiful funds to buy what he wished. As for the so-called "secret injections" which were applied to make him talk, the lack of evidence, or the contrary evidence was so striking that the defense omitted mention of it in its final summary before the court.

The attempt to show that the murder occurred in a fight was equally a fiasco. According to Mexican procedure in order for a new version to be accepted in court as a legally obtained confession, the evidence and logic must be overwhelming. For the best part of a year Jacson's lawyer fished for evidence. He only managed, by "clever" questioning, to establish that Trotsky was a man, that he was fairly strong, that he owned a couple of pistols and always carried one of them and such facts that five or more people connected with the house could have been there in five minutes.

Twice during the trial, the defense appealed to the courts against the trial judge's decisions: When the trial judge ordered the trial closed and the summaries prepared, the lawyer pretended that the more than one year of questioning was insufficient; he appealed and lost; and a few days later he should have presented his summary, but he made an accusation of partiality, basing it on an article in the magazine *Estampa*, which quoted the judge as expressing his opinion of Jacson. However, when the author was asked to testify, he declared he had never written the words in question; the article had been "improved" in the editing. In addition, Jacson's attorney systematically sought to overturn the judge's rulings by presenting "evidence" and asking questions which the judge had to rule out as irrelevant to the case. Clearly preparation for the present appeal to the higher courts.

Jacson's attorney likewise made strenuous efforts to discredit the Trotskyists, for the double purpose of supporting his own witnesses and publicizing the stock GPU line about Trotsky and the Trotskyists. At the head of the list stood Natalia Trotsky, whose testimony corroborated his own original story of the events of August 20 and gave evidence to Trotsky's account of the attack as told to Natalia. Even more important, Natalia was an authoritative witness who established that Jacson's story about Trotsky and the house was a distant one, limited to

visits. Since, above all, the GPU was interested in presenting Jackson as a Trotskyist, Natalia's testimony, which proved just the opposite, had to be discredited if possible. This, however, proved to be impossible. To begin with, not even the GPU's lawyer dared openly to accuse Natalia of lying about this most tragic event in her life. So he took a "benevolent" attitude, pretending to respect her suffering and years while at the same time describing her as incapable of thinking. Likewise Jackson described her as hysterical and senile and that she did not know what was going on about her; and his lawyer, in his summation, repeated this abuse. Natalia's testimony was sufficient refutation.

The final hearings and summations brought out perhaps more clearly than any other single part of the case the fundamental political motives involved. With written conclusions presented some time before for the court to consider at its leisure, these final hearings as a rule are almost completely ignored, defending lawyers not even attending. For there is no jury system, cases are finally decided by a court of three judges; this system does not lend itself to speeches or emotional appeals. The GPU, however, submitted only a half-page of conclusions and made its entire appeal in a speech to the court. This more dramatic method was sure to get more publicity for the Stalinist anti-Trotskyists' slanders which flowed from the attorney's mouth for the greater part of his five-hour summation.

During the year of trial investigation, when evidence could have been presented, the defense never attempted to prove that Trotsky was a saboteur. The only mention of this charge was in the two Jackson "confessions." There is not a word in the court record about the Minneapolis trial or about Trotskyists in other lands. But during his summary—in which the rules of evidence do not apply—Jackson's attorney tried to prop up the Jackson-GPU lie that Trotsky had wanted to send him to the Soviet Union. Here is a sample:

"Mornard [Jackson] says: 'He proposed to me that I go to Russia to commit acts of sabotage.' Is this an absurd proposition from Trotsky's point of view? Were there not Trotskyists in China, Manchukuo, in 1940 trying to enter Russia to commit acts of sabotage? . . .

"Several of the persons who have filed through this trial, such as Jake Cooper, Albert Goldman, etc., many days before the events of Pearl Harbor in the United States were summoned to court to answer charges of two crimes: one of conspiracy, and the other of crimes of sabotage and treason . . ."

The political motivation of these and many other similar statements could not be clearer. In a document presented to the court by Natalia Trotsky in answer to the summation for Jackson she sums up its Stalinist character as follows:

"Of all the evidence that the murder of Trotsky was organized and executed by agents of Stalin's GPU, the defense speech made by Octavio Medellin Ostos is, perhaps, the most convincing."

"The defense of Trotsky's murderer has rested its case in a very real and legal sense on the usual Stalinist slanders against Trotsky. . . . It is implicit in its content that the entire alibi stands or falls on the truthfulness or falseness of the Moscow Trial lies about Trotsky, the 'saboteur.' For, says Jackson's defense, the murderer was provoked by Trotsky who tried to threaten him into going to the Soviet Union to commit acts of sabotage and to kill Stalin. If, as Stalin says, Trotsky was a saboteur, then the story is credible; if, as every section of the working class movement except the Stalinists says, Trotsky was not a saboteur, then Jackson's entire story is absolutely and completely impossible. The political nature of the crime could not be posed more sharply than it has been posed by the defense."

The Verdict of the Penal Court

In their lengthy written verdict, the judges rejected following lies of Jackson's defense:

1. Jackson's story that he was sent by a "member of Fourth International" from Paris to serve Trotsky as a tary and was in his confidences. This was the keystone of Jackson's defense, designed to make the killing appear an "in job" and thus absolve the GPU of responsibility for the murder.

The evidence, on the contrary, demonstrated irrefutably that Trotsky had seen Jackson only a few times—and only alone prior to the assassination—and only as the new husband of a friend of the household, Sylvia Ageloff. Refuting the assassin's claim of intimacy, the verdict states:

"That affirmation is inadmissible, for it is illogical an individual like Mornard [one of Jackson's aliases] according to his own confession took part in no activity of party, who did not even belong to it, who [alleged] was as a sports writer living a life of luxury and who had given trifling financial assistance to the party and together with [his wife] Sylvia Ageloff, was sent to be a aide of the chief of this party and even more inadmissible his statement that he should be held in such confidence. Trotsky would entrust him with tasks of notorious consequences in the political activity of that same political party and that without a background in the work of the party should be at the side of the persecuted politician."

2. Jackson's pretense that he became a "disillusioned Trotskyist" in Mexico and therefore killed Trotsky under a provocation.

On the contrary, states the verdict, Jackson deliberately went to Mexico to murder Trotsky:

"Mornard's attitude since he undertakes his trip to Mexico until he succeeds in establishing contact with Trotsky afterward, is one of falseness and artifice. [His actions] are clear proof that he did not come to carry out the mission of secretary or of aide to Trotsky nor of any other comm near him [Trotsky]; rather he came for a different and confessable mission that became known when he perpetrated the homicide."

And again on the same subject the verdict states:

"From the trial record and from all the confessions Mornard, we know that his trip to Mexico had no other than to establish contact with the one who was later to be victim. The court must . . . declare that the trip of Jackson or Jacques Mornard to Mexico was undertaken with sole object of killing Trotsky."

3. Jackson's attempt to retract his earlier statement describing the cowardly manner in which he struck down Trotsky from behind; and his "new version" that Trotsky provoked him with threats and tried to draw his gun before Jackson struck.

The verdict, in great detail, shows how Jackson made attempt for 13 months to change his original story, and the court refutes point by point the "new version."

4. The slanderous attacks made by Jackson's attorney against Trotsky and his guards in an attempt to discredit their statements.

The court, by implication, rejected these attacks, citing very statements involved as part of its proof against Jackson.

The Limitations of the Verdict

If any honest analyst takes these four major points to heart he has a clear picture of the GPU's responsibility for the murder. This could have been demonstrated even more definitively if the judges and the prosecutor not avoided two important points of investigation.

One of these is Jackson's source of funds. Jackson has

all the comforts and services that money could buy. Stories of celebrations held in his cell, which officials of the prison participated have already been reported in our press. He has been interviewed by various newspaper reporters, who all return with similar stories of exceptional comforts in his cell, a library, special foods, etc. Then there are the heavy costs of the case, already three years old, and which will continue probably for another eighteen months. Jacson pretends he is paying for all this from a bank account in which he deposited five thousand dollars received from his "mother." There is no doubt that Jacson's lawyer could clear up the question of who pays him, since the original five thousand has obviously long been exhausted. Natalia Trotsky denounced the lawyer in the press as the intermediary between the GPU and his client. He magnanimously took a "benevolent" attitude toward her, saying he would not accuse her of libel in court. Had he done so, of course, he would be forced to submit to some embarrassing questions. Jacson's generous "mother" is supposed to be in occupied Belgium from which no funds could have been sent since war began in September 1939; during the first year and more of the trial-investigation Mexico was still at peace with Germany and the authorities could have checked up on the "mother" and her funds. But neither the prosecutor nor the investigating judge sought to examine this important question.

The prosecutor and judge did trace Jacson's false passport, and found it to be a Canadian one originally issued to Tony Babich, who died in Spain as a member of the Stalinist-controlled International Brigade. At this point, however, the inquiry into the passport ceased, and the verdict evades commenting on the significance of such a passport. Yet it is a notorious fact that the GPU collected passports of members of the International Brigade and used them for GPU agents.

By giving no consideration to Jacson's source of funds and his passport, the verdict evaded drawing the clear conclusion that Jacson is a GPU agent. It was erroneously reported in the *New Leader* by Victor Serge that the court described Jacson as a "Communist agent." The fact is, however, that the verdict, while mentioning the accusation of Trotsky's widow and friends, evades the issue. It justifies this evasion primarily on the basis that the prosecuting attorney had failed to make the accusation:

"This court does not intend to evaluate those statements which are not included in the accusation [of the prosecuting attorney] and, desiring that this sentence be the result only of the most implacable logic and absolutely founded in legal precepts, thus avoiding all prejudice, without making any statement on the question, limits itself to declaring that, until today, there do not exist proofs that carry legal conviction of the situation or facts described many times by these persons."

As we have seen, however, the court was able to limit itself thus only by failing to investigate Jacson's funds and passport. Thus it evaded not only questions of interpretation but also definite fields of investigation. This constitutes the weak point in the verdict and it is foolish to pretend otherwise. One must add that it was too much to expect that a court of Mexico, member of the "United Nations" and ally of Stalin, would have dotted the i's and crossed the t's to prove that the assassin of Trotsky was Stalin's hireling.

How Some of Our Opponents Behave

Even though diplomatic considerations prevented the court from drawing the clear conclusion, it provided sufficient materials for the conclusion. The most important victory was the court's rejection of the GPU's claim that Jacson was a close friend or secretary of Trotsky. Thereby it destroyed in the eyes of all honest people the attempt of the GPU to divert attention away from its apparatus of assassination. All those who are

seriously interested in fighting against the gangster GPU must give full publicity to this essential verdict.

Unfortunately, however, the Stalinists are not ones who have spoken of the close relations existing between Trotsky and his murderer and of the easy access to the house which Jacson and other Stalinist agents enjoyed. Johnson, in his scurrilous article in the *September International*, attributed the assassin's success to Trotsky's failure to understand men and his willingness to accept a profession of political agreement from anyone. Johnson refuted Johnson's allegations, proving that, far from "politics" with the assassin for six months—so Johnson asserted—Trotsky had seen him only as the husband of Ageloff, for a few visits lasting a few minutes each. Johnson had been so carried away by your factionalism that he had lost your moral equilibrium," Natalia warned Johnson. This warning was lost on him and his kind, including Gorkin and Victor Serge here in Mexico, who made statements at a public meeting.

Gorkin made statements tending to identify the assassin as Bob Harte as a Stalinist agent. Gorkin stated that his father had declared to the Mexican police that he had a picture of Stalin in his room in New York in order to be able to serve Trotsky as a secretary-guard. Gorkin had had a copy of the elder Harte's statement. When called to produce it, he could not. Bob's father had made no statement to the Mexican police. On the contrary, this appeared in the Mexican press as a dispatch from New York after Mr. Harte, who had been in Mexico, had returned to the United States. Trotsky wired him and inquired as to his activity. Harte wired back immediately that it was false. This was explained in the *Fourth International* three years ago. Gorkin, like Johnson before him, is blinded by his hostility to Trotskyism.

During the same speech, Gorkin said that Jacson had a "great facility" in seeing Trotsky whenever he wished. Trotsky would not receive honorable and known members of the revolutionary movement (read Gorkin) because of their political adversaries. Besides showing that this was a lie, the skyists present at the meeting indicated that these lies were made in the moments when the summaries were being read for the final hearing of Jacson's trial, could only be based on the basis of Jacson's defense. Gorkin, Serge and co. were very much shocked by the suggestion that they were Stalinist lies and assumed a morally indignant attitude. They still pretend that it is merely a question of their holding a different opinion from the Trotskyists, but it is clear that the opinions expressed in public, together with an increase in the use of false rumors as proof, in reality play into the GPU's hands. Men with their experience and knowledge of the GPU's methods ought to know how to be more responsible. They can only conclude that their desire to show that Trotsky was a "Stalinist hireling" would receive anyone who pretended to be a Trotskyist, politically, and no one who refused to submit to their lead them into very dubious moral channels.

The GPU's Problem

As long as he is alive, in jail, Jacson necessarily presents a problem for the GPU. There is always the possibility that he may reveal his identity if he becomes desperate in his imprisonment, particularly when the international situation changes and a Mexican government unfriendly to

for its own purposes, seek to probe further into the crime. Moreover, for a GPU agent to remain hopelessly in jail is dangerous for the morale of its other agents. It is obvious that the GPU must attempt to get him out or to silence him forever. Mexico has just renewed its relations with the USSR and Konstantin Oumansky is the first ambassador. This sinister figure is well known as an organizer of the GPU.

Recently there have been several cases of "suicides" com-

mitted by murderers in their cells. It is said that the prisoners are reviving in this form the "ley fuga," the custom of times of announcing that a prisoner had been shot while trying to escape. Will the GPU liquidate its problem by arranging a "suicide" by Jackson in his cell? Or does it depend, for present, on some new legal maneuvers, with the help of Siro's "documents," when the appeal is heard October 5? Mexico, D. F.

The CIO Answer to the Anti-Labor Drive

By FELIX MORROW

The CIO executive board met July 7-9, in what it termed "extraordinary session," to take action against the rising cost of living, wage-freezing, unfair taxation of workers, and anti-labor legislation. In a formula which attributed these evils to Congress alone, the board adopted a program "to convert the present anti-labor Congress into a pro-labor win-the-war-Congress." The program is to be popularized in the unions during the July 9-September 14 recess of Congress, so that when it reconvenes Congress will behave differently than in the session just closed.

This CIO program includes no new legislation or economic demands. In fact, as we shall see, all of it was insisted upon in the early days of the last session of Congress. In analyzing its effectiveness, therefore, the obvious question is posed: why did Congress ride roughshod over the desires of the CIO, and why should the mere repetition of the same desires get any further in the next session of the same Congress?

The answer to this question might conceivably be that the CIO leadership was caught unawares by the anti-labor drive in Congress and did not campaign for its program. But such an answer is refuted by the facts. The Boston convention of the CIO, held in November after the Congressional elections, resounded with warnings that an anti-labor drive would be launched in the new Congress. Then, early in the Congressional session, the CIO executive board's meeting of February 4-6 launched a legislative campaign.

Nor was that merely a CIO campaign. At the end of the first day of that executive board meeting, President Philip Murray called in the press and announced an agreement on joint legislative activity by the CIO, AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods and the National Farmers Union. "This is the first time in the history of the labor movement that such a coalition has been formed," Murray said, pointing out that it would bring the program "of 13 million organized people to Congress." A headline in the February 8 *CIO News* called it a "Labor-Farmer People's Lobby." Presumably that lobby functioned throughout the session of Congress.

The February Program of the CIO

Among the demands launched by that February meeting of the CIO executive board were:

1. "Higher wages to meet rising costs." "Allowance must be made for wage adjustments due to the increased cost of living which has resulted since May, 1942," the date used by the Little Steel formula.

2. Real price control and rationing: "the immediate application of an over-all democratic system of rationing of all foods and other necessities. Black markets must be eliminated through an effective enforcement of price ceilings."

3. Tax on ability to pay: "The 16 billion dollars asked by

the President . . . must cut sharply into those income brackets in which cuts can be made without endangering the health and productivity of the civilian population. . . . Tax exemption \$1,500 for married couples, \$800 for single persons and for dependents." Pay-as-you-go-taxes, but not the Ruml grab for the rich."

The CIO executive board also launched the slogan: "Keep your eye on Congress." Each week under this slogan the *News* listed pending bills, their effect on labor, and what unions should do about it—usually, "wire your Representative."

That campaign was defeated on all three main issues. Instead of higher wages, came wage-freezing. Instead of real control and rationing, came accelerated price rises and shortages uncontrolled by rationing—the largest cattle herd in history but workers unable to get meat for their ration coupons. Instead of taxes on ability to pay, the 20 per cent tax on masses and the Ruml 75 per cent tax grab for the rich.

For, while the CIO leadership urged the workers to "keep your eye on Congress," the unwatched Roosevelt administration dealt the blows. Wages were frozen by the Roosevelt-controlled War Labor Board. Prices were permitted to rise and food shortages developed by the Roosevelt-controlled OPA and War Administration. And whatever differences there were between Congress and the Roosevelt administration concerning them, they saw eye to eye on the 20 per cent tax on all wages—\$12 a week for single workers and \$24 a week for married couples. There were sharp differences between Roosevelt and Congress, but they were united in their joint assault on workers' standard of living.

Roosevelt would have dealt these blows against workers in any event, for a capitalist regime can conduct war by throwing the burden of the cost upon the workers. Roosevelt's reactionary task was made quite easy by the support he received from the AFL and CIO top leaders, who gave him their no-strike pledge which, so far as the workers observed it, left them without their principal weapon of defense; and whenever the workers did resort to strikes, the union leaders joined in treating them as outlaws and howling them back to work. Likewise the union officialdom surrendered double-time pay for Sundays and holidays. By accepting membership in the War Labor Board, the AFL and CIO gave it an authority and prestige which no law could give and then, as accomplices within the board, they did all in their power to cover up the fact that the fundamental policy assigned to the board by Roosevelt was wage-freezing. They pretended to find a non-existent distinction between Roosevelt's policies for the OPA and the War Food Administration, the way in which those policies were carried out by Roosevelt appointees. In short, the principal reason for the failure of the program enunciated by the CIO executive

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SAC, NEW YORK

March 30, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DR. EDWARD K. BARSKY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There are attached five photostatic copies of material recently received by the Bureau from the Office of Censorship relating to the efforts on the part of Jesus Hernandez Tomas and his party to obtain a transit visa to pass through the United States on their way from Russia to Mexico.

This material is furnished for your information in connection with your investigation of the individuals named in the censorship material. You will note that sufficient copies of the material have been submitted so one copy might be placed in the individual case files on Dr. Barsky, Professor Rautenstrauch, Muriel Draper, Pauline Fleishman, and Ieland Stowe. Two copies have also been transmitted to the Portland Office for its information in connection with Leo Lavenson.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, Houston
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SUBJECT: FRANK JACSON, was.;
SYLVIA ZAGELOFF, wa.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
Bureau File 65-29162

DATE 5-31-44

Reference is made to Bureau letter to the New York Office dated September 18, 1940, copies of which were furnished to Houston. With this letter forwarded to interested offices for their assistance in investigation were copies of statements made by the subjects, copies of a strictly confidential dispatch from the American Consulate in Mexico and copies of a summarized translation of three newspaper clippings pertaining to the assault of LEON TROTSKY.

This matter was RUC'd to the New York Office by the report of Special Agent J. A. WALTER, dated Houston, Texas, December 4, 1940. Inasmuch as the enclosures above referred to apparently are of no further value to this office, and copies thereof are, apparently, in the possession of the Bureau and the office of origin, they will be destroyed by the Houston Office unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau prior to July 1, 1944.

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OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP
WASHINGTON

June 8, 1944.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Attention: Mr. W. J. Powell.

I enclose a copy of submission slip SA-FIN-3960 which
concerns Sr. David Alfaro Siqueiros. It is believed that this
individual may be identical to Jose Alfaro [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sincerely yours, &

J. P. Wolgemuth,
Executive Liaison Officer.

Enclosure:
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COMMENT

PARISH WOMAN, WRITER, AMT. OF SPAIN, 1943

Writer states she had not written as she had hoped to do. She states that she left Spain ten months ago, going from Cuba to the U.S. She spent seven trying months, then procured passage for herself and three children, Alberto, Juan Nelson and Sandra on the ship "Albatross".

Writer says that Francisco Miquel was killed by the Fascists. That those six years in Fascist Spain were cruel and hard.

Writer asks about Cuba. Says her father was a Cuban and she has relatives that her brother is in Guanabacoa. Writer says she is in the magazine America containing an article she wrote. "I believe we would all do as that poor soldier did."

Writer gives her address as 1115 North 4th St.

EXAMINER'S NOTES:

There is a Jose Alfaro (signature) who is in Cuba.

Enclosures: None.

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New York, N. Y.
June 28, 1944

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Director, FBI

Re: ALTO CASE;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
CENSORSHIP MATTERS

Re: FRANK JACSON, with aliases:
Jacques Harnard Van Dendreschd,
Jacques Harnard Van Dendreschd,
Frank Jackson, Jack Monard,
Jacques Monard, Jack Morton,
Carl Andress, Carl Andreas

Dear Sir:

As has been previously pointed out in investigation, the ALTO CASE apparently concerns attempts to free FRANK JACSON from jail in Mexico City. If this is true, then it would appear pertinent to ascertain the true identity of JACSON if possible. A thorough review of the New York files concerning JACSON (Bureau File 65-29162), as well as the ALTO CASE, does not reflect that JACSON'S true identity has ever been established. The establishment of his identity might produce considerable information concerning previous contacts and activities of both himself and various associates in New York, Canada, and Mexico.

On Page 11 of the report of Special Agent GEORGE J. STARR in the JACSON CASE, dated September 3, 1940 at New York City investigative results from Ellis Island are reflected. This reflected that JACSON arrived in New York on the ILIE DE FRANCE on September 9, 1939, having sailed from Southampton on September 3, 1939. JACSON'S occupation was indicated as engineer, and he was able to read and write English. The records showed Great Britain under the heading "Nationality", but then it went on to state that the man is a Serbian, born at Lovinak, Yugoslavia and that he was permitted to enter the United States through what is known as an "Executive Order", this apparently meaning that he was cleared "on order from the headquarters of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Washington, D. C." Two last residences were shown, one being given as Montreal, Canada, and the other as 47 Rue des Acacias,

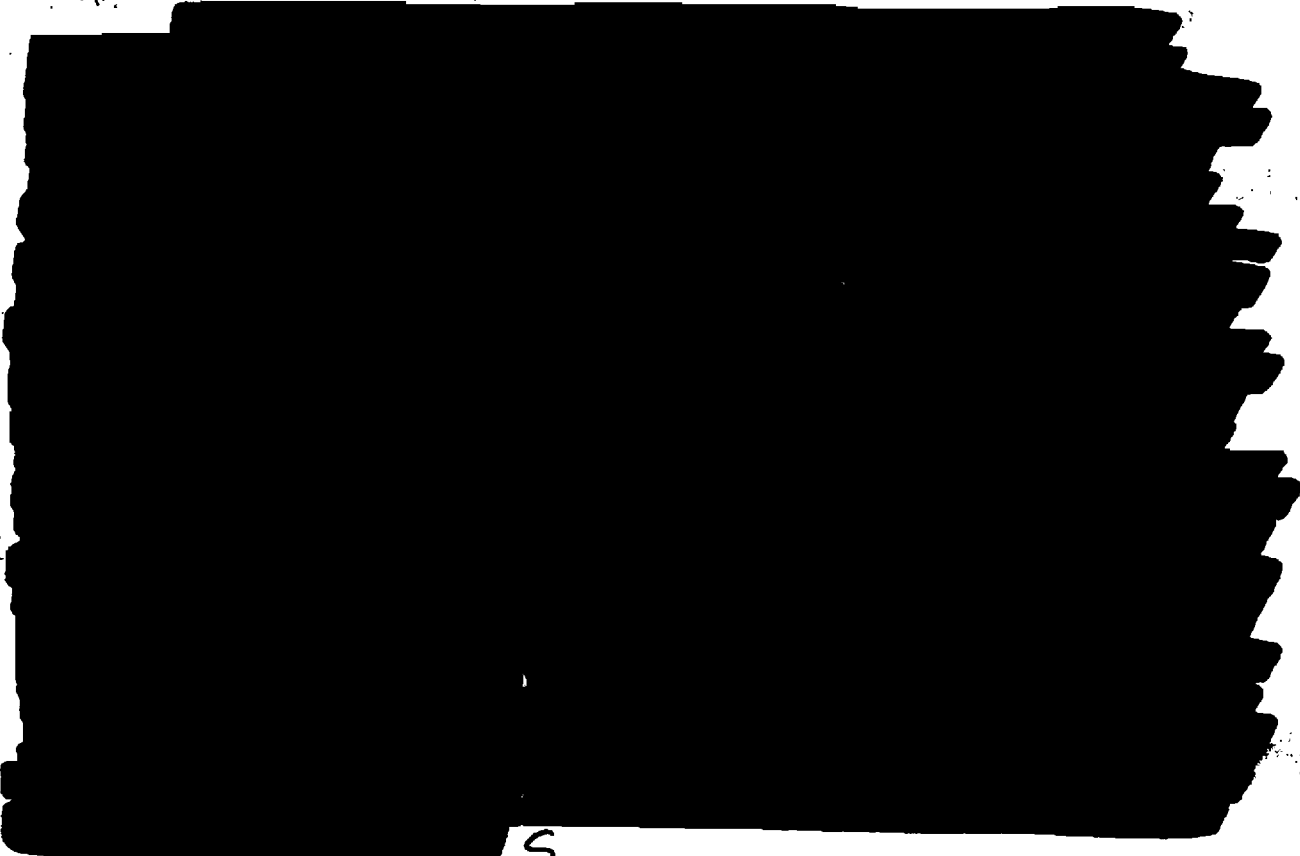
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Paris. His destination on arrival was given as Canada, arriving at Rouse's Point, New York. The records likewise disclosed that the man had been in the United States previously in 1939 and left on August 3, 1939 to go to his home at 63 Rue Notre Dame de L'Oest, Montreal, Canada.



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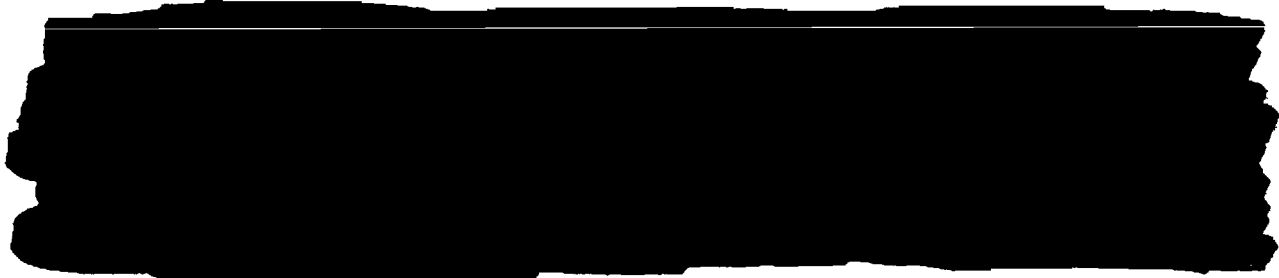
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In the report of Special Agent F. C. WOOD dated September 16, 1940 at Albany, New York it is indicated that WOOD sought to establish the whereabouts of 163 Rue Notre Dame L'Oest. He stated that there is no such address in Montreal as 163 Rue Notre Dame East, while 163 Rue Notre Dame West is covered by the Aldrich Building; further that "L'Oest" is not the way streets are designated east or west in Montreal, but that they are designated as "Est" and "Oest".

In this same report on Page 6 further information is set forth concerning the fact that FRANK JACSON, 1651 St. Dominique Street, Montreal was issued Naturalization Certificate 14506, Series E. The report indicated that the address 1651 St. Dominique Street is in the center of the Red Light District in Montreal and that investigation there as to a trace of JACSON was negative. The renting agent at this address for the past five years had no record of JACSON. It was noted, however, that a Belgian named KYACINTE DOREJO resided at 1653 St. Dominique Street and that DOREJO would probably know the Jewish family who had last held the property at 1651 St. Dominique Street before the present property agent obtained it. It was not considered worthwhile to contact either the Belgian DOREJO or the Jewish family.

Mr. FOXNORTH of the Bureau telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge B. E. SACKETT at 5:40 PM on August 21, 1940, the day after the assassination of TROTSKY by JACSON, that JACSON refused to discuss his activities or travels in the United States or any associates or contacts here. Mr. FOXNORTH indicated that JACSON used the alias JACK MORDON in New York.

By letter to the New York office dated November 28, 1940 the Bureau indicated that JACSON'S fictitious naturalization in Canada, as well as his false passport, may have been obtained through the assistance of ROBERT BADER, GUSTAVE SCHIEMAN, HAROLD VAN RIFER, and BENNY SCHERMAN, a notorious ring of forgers operating in Canada and New York.



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The Washington Field Division is requested to refer to the reference above as JACSON was admitted to the United States on September 9, 1939 when he arrived on the ILLE DE FRANCE by means of an "Executive Order" from the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization in Washington apparently. If this matter can be checked in Washington it is requested that it be done, but in the event that the above information really referred to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Philadelphia the Washington Field Division should disregard this lead and so advise the Philadelphia Field Division, to which copies of this letter have been designated. In that event the Philadelphia Field Office is requested to make this check.

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Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
SAC

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SAC, New York City

August 27, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO CASE

Investigation regarding the bank account from which Octavio R. Jackson receives funds for the conduct of Jackson's affairs is presently being conducted in Mexico City.

An attempt is being made to identify Evelyn Andreas and E. A. Schultz, who were Jackson's references in Mexico City for a transit certificate in 1940. The attention of the Bureau's representatives has been directed to the various items of possible interest which were found in the trunk of Frank Jackson. An attempt is being made to identify the telephone numbers appearing therein.

With reference to the list of books found in Jackson's trunk, as set forth on pages twelve and thirteen of the report of Special Agent George J. Starr dated at New York City, September 3, 1940, in this case, a laboratory report on this matter will be furnished to you separately in the future.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
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AIR COURIER

Date: July 19, 1944

To: Mr. Birch D. O'Neal
The American Embassy
Mexico, D. F.

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: "Alto" Case; Mexico Espionage - R

Information developed concerning Frank Jackson reflects that he drove a Buick Sedan bearing Mexican license plates D-2147. The automobile apparently had previously carried Canadian plates when Jackson first drove it to Mexico, according to a report received on August 28, 1940. The numbers of the Canadian license plates were not reported. It is requested that discreet investigation be conducted by your office with a view to ascertaining all available information concerning the ownership and registration of the Buick automobile and the Canadian and Mexican license plates.

It is reported that when Frank Jackson applied for a transit certificate before the American Consulate at Mexico City on June 12, 1940, for travel to Canada, he gave as references: Evelyn Andreas, Ramon Guzman 6, Mexico, D. F. and H. A. Schultz, Hotel Canada, Mexico City. A confidential informant of the New York Office has stated his belief that one of the aliases used by Jackson was that of Karl (or Carl) Andreas. It is requested that discreet investigation be conducted to ascertain the identities, contacts and present whereabouts of Evelyn Andreas and H. A. Schultz, together with all information available to indicate the connection of these individuals with this case.

It is reported that among the effects found in a trunk belonging to Frank Jackson were the following:

- (1) The billboard of a firm in Mexico City called "El Incendio."
- (2) A notation of a business address, "General Service Company, 342a R. L. Segurario, Autorizado Buick."
- (3) "Rafael Martinez Gerente, Av. Morelos 9."

COMMUNIST, 35, 1-3-38, Mexico, D. F."

and the numerals "48249" and "448."

It is suggested that they be considered by you as of possible interest in connection with the activities of Jackson. It is requested that an attempt be made to ascertain the significance of the Mexico City telephone numbers in connection with the activities of Jackson.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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New York 7, N. Y.
June 27, 1944

Director, FBI

RE: ALTO CASE
FRANK JACSON

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

The FRANK JACSON case, Bureau File #65-29162, has recently been reviewed in the New York Office with a view to ascertaining the real identity of JACSON, to determine his connections with and associates in the ALTO CASE, and to determine any other matters of an intelligence nature, which may be helpful generally in following the operation of the Communists in the Western Hemisphere.

The following information was gleaned from this review and is being furnished the Bureau for its consideration as to any active investigation that should be conducted:

Interview not
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3. Reference is made to Bureau Letter to New York dated May 20, 1944 in the ALTO CASE, which reflects that JACSON's Attorney, OCTAVIO MEDALLIN OSJOS, contacts JACSON several times a week and apparently is in charge

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of all JACSON's affairs. In the past it has been noted that JACSON was supposed to live well in prison, on a scale that would cost considerable sums of money and that the source of these funds apparently came through Attorney OSTOS. It is suggested that the Bureau ascertain through its contacts in Mexico City, if possible, information concerning OSTOS' bank account and financial transactions concerning JACSON. In this connection, the development of a highly confidential source of information as to OSTOS' personal possessions might be desirable.

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5. Reference is made to New York letter to the Bureau dated August 30, 1940 in the FRANK JACSON case, which forwarded to the Bureau three photostatic copies, each of the front and back of the postcard which was in JACSON's trunk and also three copies of the top of a billhead of a firm in Mexico City "El Incendio" and the reverse side of a business card which bore on the face of it the business address of:

"General Service Company
S.de R.L. Servercio
Autorizado Buick"

and in the lower left hand corner:

"Rafael Martinez-
Gerente Av. Morelos 9"

"Tels: 8-52-38, L-37-38, Mexico, D.F."

Also indistinct: "Victoria 95" and numeral "48249" and another numeral which appeared to be 448.

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A review of the FRANK JACSON file does not reflect that the registration of these telephone numbers in Mexico City was ever ascertained. It is suggested that the Bureau consider the possibility of requesting its Confidential Sources in Mexico City to ascertain something concerning these telephone numbers. In the report of Special Agent Tracy R. Osborne, Jr., New York City, dated November 19, 1942 on page 5 it appears that one TRONCOSO on May 31, 1942 wired the word "Felicidad" (Happiness) to RAFAEL TRUJILLO MARTINEZ, C.D. TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic. On page 6 of this same report is reflected the fact that the informant, #1, who furnished the preceding cable information further stated that RAFAEL APARICIO MARTINEZ of 4AYSA Adnanas, Barranquilla, is mentioned in their records as being a Nazi-residing in Barranquilla, Colombia. It is not known whether the RAFAEL MARTINEZ on the card found in JACSON's trunk is identical with the above.

6. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent George J. Starr dated at New York City, September 3, 1940 in the FRANK JACSON case, on Page 12 and 13, which pages reflect a number of books found in JACSON's trunk when it was looked into in New York City. It is suggested that consideration be given to the possibility that some of these books in JACSON's trunk might be used as key books in the ALTO secret writing letters.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY, SAC

Director, FBI

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MEXICO CITY, MEXICO
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NAME: JACQUES MORNARD VAN DENBROECK, with aliases: Frank Jackson, Frank Jackson.

ADDRESS: Federal Penitentiary, Mexico, D. F.

ALLEGATION: This individual is the convicted assassin of LEON TROTSKY and is probably identical with the Russian agent "RITA" who is mentioned in secret writing letters of the Russian agent JACOB EPSTEIN.

PHOTOGRAPH: None furnished to Bureau.

SPECIMENS: No typewriting, handprinting or handwriting specimens furnished to Bureau.

WATCH LIST: He is not on the censorship watch list. It is recommended that he be immediately placed thereon.

STATUS: Pending.

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New York 7, New York

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Director, FBI

RE: ALTO CASE
JACQUES MONARD, with aliases

Dear Sir:

It will be recalled that for sometime the Bureau has been attempting to ascertain the true identity of JACQUES MONARD, who assassinated LEON TROTSKY in Mexico City in 1940. In this connection it is noted that it has been previously reported that MONARD arrived in New York City on September 9, 1939 aboard the S. S. ILE DE FRANCE, which left Le Havre, France September 2, 1939. His manifest number was 13767 and his class "second cabin". For purposes of this trip, he enrolled his name FRANK JACKSON, indicated his occupation was that of engineer, citizen of Great Britain, Serbian race, and born in Lovinak, Yugoslavia. He also indicated that his last permanent address was Montreal, Canada.

Under the question "Name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came:", he stated the following: "Residence: 47 Rue des Acacias, Paris, France". He indicated that he was going "home" to 63 Rue Notre Dame de Louest, Montreal, Canada, and that his purpose in coming to the United States was "transit".

The Bureau will recall that this Montreal, Canada address is not only non-existent, but that the term "Louest" is not the way east or west is indicated in Montreal. FRANK JACKSON indicated the following description when he arrived in New York in 1940:

Age:
Marital Status:
Height:
Complexion:
Hair:
Eyes:
Health:
Scars & Marks:
Education:

34
Single
5' 7"
Fair
Brown
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At Ellis Island, New York it was also ascertained that on April 21, 1930 an individual named FRANK JACKSON arrived in New York City aboard the S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON from Southampton, England, which he left April 12, 1930. His manifest number is located at Ellis Island, volume number 10257, page 28912. He indicated that his last permanent address was Baltimore, Maryland, and that his destination was Baltimore. He stated he had previously been in Baltimore for a period of five years and was going to visit a friend, Tenterberg, 217 Cleveland Avenue, Baltimore. The length of his intended stay in the United States was indicated as permanent. His class of immigration visa was quota, No. 48194, issued at Southampton, England February 17, 1930. The following was his description:

Height:	5' 5 1/2"
Complexion:	Fair
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Scars & Marks:	None
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	Machineist
Education:	Able to read and write
Citizen:	England
Race:	English
Born:	High Leigh, England
Age:	26
Mother:	Mrs. JACKSON, High Leigh, Cheshire, England

There appears to be the slight possibility that JACKSON, with alias Frank Jackson and FRANK JACKSON, mentioned above, are identical. It is noted, however, that there is a 1 1/2 inch discrepancy in their height and that the eyes of FRANK JACKSON are indicated as brown, while those of FRANK JACKSON are indicated as blue.

The Baltimore Field Division is requested to locate FRANK JACKSON, who arrived in New York April 21, 1930, in order that he may be identified with FRANK JACKSON or eliminated from consideration.

The Philadelphia Field Division is requested to make a check at the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization Service in order to

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ascertain whether or not the FRANK JACKSON and FRANK JACKSON mentioned in this letter are identical.

The Bureau is requested to have its confidential sources in Paris, France make a check at 47 Rue des Agencies in an attempt to ascertain information concerning JACQUES MORHARD, with alias Frank Jackson, at which address MORHARD apparently resided sometime during 1939.

Very truly yours,

E. P. CONROY, SAC

2 CC Baltimore
2 CC Philadelphia

Baltimore - 3, Maryland
November 11, 1944

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

RE: ALTO CASE
JACQUES MORNARD, was.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the New York letter to the Director dated October 18, 1944, in the above-captioned case, Bureau file #100-31551.

Investigation conducted by the Baltimore Field Division on October 26, 1944, indicates that FRANK JACKSON, who arrived in New York on April 21, 1930, is not identical with FRANK JACKSON, an alias used by JACQUES MORNARD.

A review of the Petition for Naturalization records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Baltimore, Maryland, indicated the following information:

On November 21, 1941, FRANK JACKSON, residing 3408 East Lombard Street, Baltimore, Maryland (formerly 217 Cleveland Avenue, Dundalk, Maryland) made a petition for naturalization. This individual was born on February 27, 1903, in Cheshire, England. He was described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Height	5'5"
Weight	145 pounds

He married his wife, MARY, on September 2, 1939, at Baltimore, Maryland. He last lived in Southampton, England, and entered the United States at New York, New York, under the name FRANK JACKSON on April 21, 1930, on the SS George Washington. In his petition

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he stated that he had resided in the United States continuously since his arrival here. His two witnesses were WILLIAM ZANIER, JR., 154 North Lakewood Avenue, and GEORGE WENZER, 617 South Bowditch Street, both Baltimore, Maryland. These witnesses advised that they had known the petitioner since 1933, that he worked with him regularly and that he had not been absent from the United States to their knowledge. He was admitted as a citizen of the United States on January 12, 1942.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service contained a copy of the subject's Alien Registration Form which was completed at Baltimore, Maryland, on December 7, 1940.

An examination of the records of the Court of Common Pleas, Baltimore, Maryland, indicated that FRANK JACKSON applied for a marriage license on August 26, 1939, in Baltimore, Maryland. He was married on September 2, 1939, in Baltimore, Maryland, to MARY C. THEIS. JACKSON in this document was described as age 36, single, a machinist and a native of England.

It is noted that the referenced letter indicated that JACKSON NORMAND, using the alias FRANK JACKSON, departed from Le Havre, France, on September 2, 1939, aboard the SS Ile de France, and arrived at New York City on September 9, 1939.

[REDACTED], Gamse Lithographing Company, 419 East Lombard Street, advised that FRANK JACKSON had been employed by that company for the last twelve or fifteen years. During the early 1930's JACKSON made a trip to England, his native land, for a short visit to his parents. Since that time he had worked regularly at the Gamse Lithographing Company and had been absent from work only for short intervals. [REDACTED] felt certain that JACKSON had not been out of the United States since his return from England.

[REDACTED] Gamse Lithographing Company, advised that the subject had been regularly employed by the Gamse Lithographing Company since the early 1930's. He was paid a regular salary and consequently no record was ever kept of any absences from his work.

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From his personal knowledge, [REDACTED] advised that FRANK JACKSON had returned to England in the early 1930's. Since then he had been absent from his work a few days at a time on infrequent occasions. [REDACTED] felt certain that JACKSON had not been absent from the United States since his return from England.

A copy of this letter is being designated for the Philadelphia Field Division. The referenced letter had previously requested the Philadelphia Field Division to check the records of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization Service. As is indicated above, the records of this service regarding JACKSON's naturalization have already been checked in Baltimore.

Very truly yours,

J. W. VINCENT, SAC

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SUBJECT NARCISO BASOLIS ARRIVED LAREDO, TEXAS JUNE 25 LAST EN ROUTE
TO MOSCOW VIA NEW YORK. TRAVELING ON MEXICAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT
NO. 216 ISSUED MEXICO, D. F. JUNE 21, 1945 AND U.S. DIPLOMATIC TRANS-
IT VISA NO. 559 ISSUED MEXICO, D. F. JUNE 22, 1945 VALID FOR SIXTY
DAYS. ONLY NEW YORK ADDRESS CARE OF MEXICAN CONSULATE. HE IS
MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA. DESCRIBED BORN OCTOBER 22, 1897 AT
TENANGO, MEXICO, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BLACK
HAIR, BROWN EYES. WIFE CLEMENTINA BATALLA DE BASOLS NOT ACCOMPANY-
ING HIM. PREVIOUSLY ENTERED U.S. AT LAREDO ON NOVEMBER 30, 1944,
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VICENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO, FIDEL VELAZQUEZ and
DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS

It is noted that according to an announcement appearing in the January 6, 1946, issue of the Mexican Communist newspaper "La Voz de Mexico", a campaign has been initiated by the National Committee of the Mexican Communist Party to raise \$125,000.00 Mexican to finance the Communist newspaper.

It was further announced that Vicente Lombardo Toledano, Fidel Velasquez and David Alfaro Siqueiros had agreed to serve on the "Patrons Committee" as sponsors for the campaign to raise \$125,000.00.

Action

The purpose of this memorandum is to place on record the information indicating pro-Communist activity on the part of three individuals in Mexico whose exact connection with the Communist Party of Mexico has been a question for some time.

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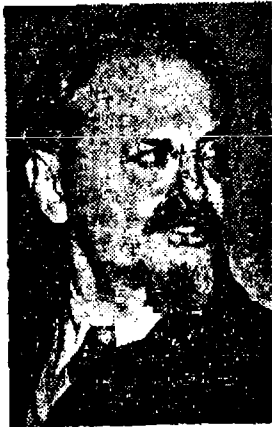
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Books of the Times

By ORVILLE PRESCOTT

SIX years ago Leon Trotsky was murdered in Coyoacan, Mexico, by an unknown assassin who plunged a pickaxe into his skull. At that time Trotsky had completed and thoroughly revised the first seven chapters of his biography of Stalin. Among his notes was enough material for five more chapters and several supplements. These have been edited and expanded with



Leon Trotsky

clarifying interpolations by Charles Malamuth, who is also the translator of Trotsky's "Stalin," which is published today. This book was manufactured and distributed to reviewers more than four years ago. But it was withdrawn from publication at the last moment by its publishers, who felt the time hardly propitious for the appearance in America of a biography of the head of the Soviet state by his bitterest personal enemy. Whether the present moment is any more suitable is problematical.

Leon Trotsky was one of the great figures of twentieth century history. An orator, writer, theorist of revolution, soldier and fanatical polemicist, he was second only to Lenin among the leaders of the Communist revolution. He had already written a history of that revolution, a book on Lenin, an autobiography. It was inevitable that he should also write of the Soviet ruler who succeeded Lenin and forced his own exile. Because of his intimate participation in the events which he describes Trotsky's writings are always historically important. But how authentic is such a biography as this is impossible to determine.

Trotsky denied that he hated Stalin. This was ridiculous, for Trotsky was a magnificent hater. How much, then, can we believe of this book? Few men are left alive who are competent to judge. Parts of it are based upon documentary sources, reminiscences of old Bolsheviks written both before and after Stalin came to power, minutes of meetings, official telegrams, etc. Parts of it are Trotsky's personal memories. Parts are rumors, theories and suppositions. Every page is colored by Trotsky's determination to prove Stalin's comparative unimportance and the minor role he played until his final political triumph. And in addition to Trotsky's personal, political feud with Stalin was another factor which contributed to his bias, his intellectual scorn for a badly educated man of action who was neither an orator, a writer nor a Marxist scholar.

Joseph Vissarionovitch Djughashvili (known as

Koba or Stalin) was born in 1879 in the Georgian village of Gori. His father was a drunken shoemaker. He spent nine years in ecclesiastical schools but left without becoming a priest. He became a "professional revolutionist" at 22, rather, says Trotsky, out of hatred of the powers that be than from love of the oppressed. He took little part in the revolution of 1905. At various times he was imprisoned in Baku, Batum and St. Petersburg and he was exiled four times, twice to Northern European Russia and twice to Siberia. In all he spent eight years either in prison or in exile. He traveled briefly to London, Stockholm and Vienna on party business. He was a mediocre editor of Pravda, according to Trotsky. His part in the Revolution and in the Civil Wars has been grossly exaggerated, according to Trotsky.

This book, which goes only up to about 1923, is filled with detailed accounts of intramural ideological squabbles between Mensheviks and Bolsheviks, with party intrigues and jockeying for place, with discussions of the proper historical explanation of events according to Trotsky's interpretation of the class struggle. All this is dreary reading indeed. Some of it is nearly unreadable. But out of all the bickering and pamphleteering does emerge a portrait of Stalin as Trotsky saw him.

The portrait is painted in shades of black and gray for the most part, but it is not entirely unfavorable. Trotsky praises Stalin's courage, determination, will power, practical organizing ability and craft. "Prison, exile, sacrifice, privations did not frighten him. He knew how to look danger straight in the eye." But Stalin's shortcomings far outnumber these merits, according to Trotsky. He is rude, stupid, vulgar, touchy, capricious, coarse, calculating, vengeful, treacherous, malevolent, cruel, envious and deceitful. Stalin never forgives anything. His ambition and love of power are immeasurable. He is completely ruthless. "One is forced to pause in sheer amazement before the cold, patient and at the same time cruel persistence directed toward one invariably personal goal."

Trotsky believed that Stalin was an empiricist and an opportunist incapable of broad vision. Since he did not bring "Stalin" up to date, he did not include any discussion of Stalin's importance as the instigator of the various five-year plans and of the Soviet's foreign policy. He did not analyze the great purges, although he frequently referred to them with contemptuous scorn. Perhaps the most sensational charge made by Trotsky is that Stalin through his evil henchman Yagoda poisoned Lenin. Trotsky says that Lenin in his illness suffered such pain that he once asked for poison with which to commit suicide. He believes that Stalin took steps to see that the poison was supplied and to see that Lenin took it.

"Stalin" will be consulted and torn apart, praised and condemned for many years to come. But it will be read chiefly by students, historians and special pleaders. It isn't sufficiently well written or well organized to attract ordinary readers.

STALIN, by Leon Trotsky. Edited and translated by Charles Malamuth. 312 pages. Harper, \$5.

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Mexican Reds Readmit Painter

By Wirelss to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

MEXICO CITY, June 5—The Communist party announced this morning that it had accepted the application for reinstatement of the noted painter David Alfaro Siqueiros that had been made jointly with Diego Rivera three weeks ago. It was said that action in Señor Rivera's case was pending. Previously the party said Señor Rivera would not be readmitted unless he put the application in writing, which he apparently had failed to do.

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Date: June 14, 1946

To: Civil Attache
Mexico, D.F.

From: Director, FBI

Subject: David Alfaro Siqueiros; Diego Rivera; Security Matter - C

The New York Times for June 6, 1946, carried an article with a Mexico City date line of June 5, 1946, stating that the Mexican Communist Party announced on the latter date that it had accepted the application for reinstatement of David Alfaro Siqueiros which had been jointly submitted with Diego Rivera three weeks previously. It was also said that no action had as yet been taken with regard to Rivera's application for reinstatement in the Communist Party because the application had not been filed in writing.

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It is desired that investigation be conducted to ascertain whether the news report is reliable, and the Bureau should be furnished all details available regarding the reentry of these two individuals into the Mexican Communist Party. Information regarding Siqueiros in this regard will also be of interest in connection with the Alto Case in which he has figured.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

AUGUST 19, 1946

Transmit the following message to:

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LONDON, ENGLAND

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LEON TROTSKY IS QUOTE LIFE OF STALIN UNQUOTE IN ONE VOLUME. NO RECORD
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PLEASE FORWARD BOOK ENTITLED MEMOIRS OF LEON TROTSKY IN FOUR
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TO : R. T. HARBO

FROM : H. B. LONG

SUBJECT: Jacques Mornard Van Denreschd,
with aliases; Et al;
Espionage
Bureau file 65-29162

DATE: 10-23-46

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

NOVEMBER 15, 1946

Transmit the following message to:

CIVIL ATTACHE
MEXICO, D. F.URGENT CABLEGRAM
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"1946" MAGAZINE. A REPORT DATED OCTOBER 31, 1946, IN THIS CASE STATES GENARO GARNERO CHECA SENT BY DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS ON SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR TO ESTABLISH AGENCIES FOR SUBJECT PUBLICATION AND TO APPOINT CORRESPONDENTS FOR THIS MAGAZINE AS WELL AS TO MAKE ANALYSIS OF POLITICAL SITUATION IN EACH COUNTRY. REPORT INDICATES PERU TO BE FIRST STOP IN CHECA'S TRIP. IN VIEW OF SIQUEIROS' BACKGROUND AND CHECA'S COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO ASCERTAIN CHECA'S ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS WHILE ON THIS TRIP. PLEASE FURNISH BUREAU DATE OF CHECA'S DEPARTURE FROM MEXICO AND ADVISE LIMA OF DEPARTURE DATE AND MODE OF TRAVEL TOGETHER WITH ANTICIPATED ITINERARY AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING CHECA, HIS SPONSOR AND PURPOSE OF TRIP.

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Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn
Criminal Division

April 1, 1948

Director, FBI

65-21162-185
UNITED STATES vs. ERNESTINA G. FLEISCHMAN
FBI file #100-7061.

Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 22, 1948, enclosing a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York City, March 27, 1948, captioned "Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee." This report contained the results of interviews with [redacted] and [redacted] as requested by you in your memorandum of March 25, 1948.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the report of Agent [redacted] dated at New York City, March 28, 1948, captioned "Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee." This report contains the results of interviews with [redacted] and [redacted].

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 3/30/48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/29,30/48	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE, aka. Spanish Refugee Appeal of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>[REDACTED] N.Y.C. advises that she became Executive Board Member of JAFRC about September 1945 and attended several meetings of the Board. She recalled that she saw ERNESTINA G. FLEISCHMAN at "a couple" meetings but did not recall if they were before or after April 4, 1946; that she, [REDACTED], was in the office of BENEDICT WOLF, JAFRC attorney, shortly before April 4, 1946 to get advice after receiving a subpoena and it was her, [REDACTED], impression that FLEISCHMAN was in WOLF'S office on that occasion; that she, [REDACTED], saw FLEISCHMAN in Washington, D. C. in an anteroom of the House Committee On Un-American Activities. [REDACTED], N.Y.C. advises that while he was member of JAFRC Executive Board from its inception, he attended meetings irregularly and did not attend Executive Board meetings during 1945 and 1946; that he had known FLEISCHMAN since 1942 and had seen her at the JAFRC office and assumed she was on Executive Board due to her presence in Washington. [REDACTED] N.Y.C. recalled FLEISCHMAN as Executive Board member. She said she knew FLEISCHMAN for about five years first meeting her at an Executive Board meeting; that as she, [REDACTED], didn't attend Executive Board meetings in 1945 or 1946 she did not know whether FLEISCHMAN attended during that period. She recalled being present in WOLF'S office on April 1, 1946 and receiving advice from [REDACTED]</p>			
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Synopsis cont'd: him but does not recall whether FLEISCHMAN was present; that she saw FLEISCHMAN at the hearing in Washington.

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Reference:

Bureau file #100-7061
Bureau telephone call to NY 3/25/48
Report of SA. [REDACTED] 3/27/48 at NY.

Details:

The interviews reported herein were conducted as a result of reference telephone call from the Bureau on March 25, 1948, in which a request was made for interviews with the following individuals:

[REDACTED]
New York City

[REDACTED]
New York City

[REDACTED]
New York City

[REDACTED]
New York City

[REDACTED]
New York City

The Bureau advised as to specific questions to be asked of these persons. Those questions are set forth in the report of reference and concern certain activities and associations of ERNESTINA GONZALEZ FLEISCHMAN in connection with the JAFRC. The report of reference reflects the results of interviews with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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On March 29, 1948, [redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted] of the New York office and stated that she had conferred with her attorney, [redacted] New York City, who had instructed her to answer any questions that might be propounded to her by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Accordingly, [redacted] was reinterviewed at her residence, [redacted] during the afternoon of March 29, 1948 by SAs [redacted] and [redacted].

With reference to meetings of the Executive Board of the JOINT ANTI FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE during the years 1945 and 1946, up to April 4, 1946, [redacted] stated that she herself had not been elected to the board until September or October, 1945. She at first stated that she had attended "only a couple of meetings" of the board during the period that she was a member of it. She later stated that she had attended "several meetings" of the board and recalled that she had seen Mrs. ERNESTINA G. FLEISCHMAN at "a couple" meetings but said that she definitely could not state whether those occasions were before or after April 4, 1946.

With respect to the visit of the board members to the office of Attorney BENEDICT WOLF in New York City on or about April 1, 1946, [redacted] stated that on the evening of the Monday preceding the hearing before the House Committee on un-American Activities, April 4, 1946, she had gone to the office of BENEDICT WOLF, accompanied by her husband, [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] added that she had not previously been acquainted with Mr. BENEDICT WOLF; that when she was served with a subpoena to appear before the House Committee on Un-American activities, she immediately telephonically contacted Miss HELEN BRYAN at the headquarters of the JOINT ANTI FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE. [redacted] stated that she informed Miss BRYAN that she had been served with a subpoena and asked what she should do. Miss BRYAN informed her that their lawyer was Mr. BENEDICT WOLF and he would advise her; that she should go to his office a few days before the hearing and he would tell her what to do.

[redacted] stated that when she arrived at Mr. WOLF's office, she showed the subpoena to Mr. WOLF and he stated to her that she would have to go to Washington and go before the Committee. She then inquired "about the books". According to [redacted] Mr. WOLF then asked of her if she had any books or records in her possession, to which she replied "No, nor have I ever seen any". [redacted] then stated Mr. WOLF's reply was "Well then, how can you produce any". Later, Mr. WOLF handed her a statement which he said she could read to the Committee. [redacted] stated that this prepared statement covered substantially her conversation with Mr. WOLF with respect to the books and records of the JOINT ANTI FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE.

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██████████ said that there were a number of people present that evening in Mr. WOLF's office, and that as far as she could determine, they consisted solely of members of the Executive Board of the JOINT ANTI FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE, members of the families of various board members, and individuals connected with Mr. WOLF's office. ██████████ stated that it was her impression that Mrs. FLEISCHMAN was in Mr. WOLF's office that evening.

██████████ stated that she herself traveled from New York to Washington to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in a compartment in the company of her husband, ██████████, and ██████████. She said that she did not see Mrs. FLEISCHMAN on the train but did recall seeing her in the ante room of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C.

With respect to conferences or interviews with the other members of the Board or with Mr. WOLF or other attorneys in regard to the position to be taken by the board members in their appearance before the Congressional Committee, at which Mrs. FLEISCHMAN might have been present or in which she might have participated, ██████████ did not recall Mrs. FLEISCHMAN taking part in any board meetings or interviews at which such discussions took place. She stated that she did recall that in February, 1946, there was a board meeting at which it was voted to transfer the custody of the records of the JOINT ANTI FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE from Miss HELEN BRYAN to Dr. EDWARD K. BARSKY. ██████████ stated, however, that she was not present at this meeting but it is her recollection that she was telephonically contacted by Miss HELEN BRYAN and given the above information over the telephone and was requested to indicate her vote, which she did over the phone. ██████████ could not recall the exact date this occurred, nor was she able to state who attended this board meeting and therefore did not know whether Mrs. FLEISCHMAN was present.

Concerning a meeting of the Executive Board on or about December 14, 1945, with respect to instructions by the Executive Board to Dr. BARSKY and Miss BRYAN to consult counsel in regard to answering the Congressional subpoenas, ██████████ stated that she remembered being at a meeting in December, 1945 (the exact date of which she could not recall), at which time Miss BRYAN stated that she had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. ██████████ said that some of the board members suggested to Miss BRYAN that she hire a lawyer and consult with him and act within the law. ██████████ stated she is not certain whether Mrs. FLEISCHMAN was present at this meeting. She further stated that the above suggestion, that is to hire a lawyer, was not directed to Dr. BARSKY for, as she recalled, he had not been subpoenaed at the time. She further indicated that no official action of the board was taken by vote on this recommendation; that it was merely a casual suggestion by one or more of the board members.

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It is to be noted from the foregoing that [REDACTED] said that she was present at a meeting in December, 1945, whereas on the occasion of the previous interview on March 27, 1948, [REDACTED] had stated that she had not been present at a meeting of the Executive Board of the JOINT ANTI FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE on or about December 14, 1945.

[REDACTED] stated that she had no way of knowing whether Mrs. FLEISCHMAN took part in the determination of the Executive Board not to produce its records before the Congressional Committee. She added that it is her recollection that the February meeting referred to above, at which time she was called over the telephone, was the meeting where this discussion probably took place but she was not present and not able to state whether Mrs. FLEISCHMAN was present at that time.

[REDACTED] said that she did not wish to furnish a signed statement embodying the foregoing, indicating that she had been specifically instructed by her attorney not to sign anything.

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[redacted] was interviewed on March 26, 1948, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at his office located at [redacted] New York City. At this time [redacted] asked permission to consult his attorney before he answered any questions, with the idea in mind that, as a citizen, he wanted to know exactly what he should do in this matter. He based his opinion upon the fact that he had just received a subpoena to appear in Washington D.C. on April 5th in the matter of the U. S. vs. MRS. ERNESTINA G. FLEISCHMAN. However, [redacted] subsequently telephonically advised that he was unable to contact his attorney, [redacted] New York City, but would take it upon himself to answer any questions suggested to him.

As a result, [redacted] was interviewed on March 29, 1948, at which time he advised he had consulted with [redacted] and [redacted] and had learned that they had been advised by their respective attorneys to answer any questions put to them by Agents of this Bureau.

When questioned as to the identity of the members of the Executive Board of the JAFRC, [redacted] advised that he desired to preface any statement that he had to make subsequently with the information that he had not attended any Executive Board meetings of the JAFRC during the years 1945 and 1946, up until the time the subpoenas were issued for the records of the JAFRC to be produced before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He stated that although he had been a member of the Executive Board from the inception of the JAFRC, he attended meetings irregularly.

[redacted] stated definitely that DR. EDWARD K. BARSKY was Chairman of the Executive Board of the JAFRC and was known to him as such. He had no memory of JACOB AUSLANDER being a member of the Executive Board or present at any meetings. He believed that LYMAN R. BRADLEY was Treasurer of the JAFRC. He assumed that MRS. MARJORIE CHODOROV was a member of the Executive Board, basing his assumption upon the fact that she was present at the trial of the Executive Board in Washington D.C., at which time he met her. Prior to this he did not know her at all. He did not know whether HOWARD FAST was a member of the Executive Board. He knew MRS. FLEISCHMAN to be a Spanish woman interested in refugees, but her official status was not known to him. He stated he had seen her around the office of the JAFRC and also assumed she was on the Executive Committee since she was in Washington for the trial. He also assumed that LEVERETT GLEASON, HARRY M. JUSTIZ and LOUISE A. KAMSLY were members of the Board for the above reason. He recalled that RUTH LEIDER was a lawyer for the Committee, but did not know anything else about her. [redacted] stated he never met JAMES LUSTIG or MANUEL MAGANA before the trial and could not recall JOHN T. McMANUS being at any meetings of the Board. He recalled DR. LOUIS MILLER as being a member of the Executive Board from its inception, and he never saw or had any previous knowledge of HERMAN SHUMLIN or CHARLOTTE STERN at a Board meeting. MRS.

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BOBBIE WEINSTEIN was known to [REDACTED] as being a fund raiser and very active around the Committee, but her status was unknown to him.

[REDACTED] advised that he had known MRS. ERNESTINA G. FLEISCHMAN since 1942, having seen her around the offices of the JAFRC. He had no other association with MRS. FLEISCHMAN other than that at the offices of the JAFRC.

[REDACTED] advised that he was not in a position to state whether MRS. FLEISCHMAN attended meetings of the Executive Board during the years 1945 and 1946, inasmuch as he, himself did not attend any meetings of the Board during that particular period.

According to [REDACTED] he went alone to the office of attorney BENEDICT WOLFE in New York City on or about April 1, 1946, and he could not recall whether MRS. FLEISCHMAN was at the office at that particular time. He had no idea whether she secured a written statement from attorney WOLFE to be given to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. However, he stated that he, himself, did secure a statement as to what he was able to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee. He stated that although there were other people there from the JAFRC, he was so confused and frightened that he was unable to recall the identities of any of them. He stated that, as a matter of fact, he did not even recall leaving the office himself.

[REDACTED] advised that he traveled from New York to Washington with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in a compartment they had secured, and he did not see MRS. FLEISCHMAN, nor did he know how she proceeded to Washington.

[REDACTED] stated that he was not in a position to state whether or not MRS. FLEISCHMAN participated in any conference or interview with other members of the Executive Board of the JAFRC, or with MR. WOLFE or any other attorney in regard to the position to be taken by the members of the Executive Board before the Congressional Committee, because he did not attend any of those meetings himself. [REDACTED] declared that all the members of the Board conferred with attorney WOLFE concerning what they were to do, but he could not recall MRS. FLEISCHMAN attending this particular meeting.

Inasmuch as he was not present at the meeting of the Executive Board on or about December 14, 1945, [REDACTED] was unable to state whether MRS. FLEISCHMAN attended this meeting.

[REDACTED] had no knowledge of the extent MRS. FLEISCHMAN took part in the determination of the Board not to produce its records before the Congressional Committee, inasmuch as he did not take an active part in the Executive Board, as stated previously.

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It was [REDACTED] contention that all the answers he gave were honest answers, but that he would not sign any statement setting forth his answers inasmuch as he was unwilling to disturb his attorney, who was on vacation, in order to ask him whether he should or should not sign a statement. However, he stated he would be willing to testify to the facts set forth and that he desired to cooperate with the Government.

[REDACTED]
New York City, was interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].
She related the names of the members of the Executive Committee as she recalled them. They are listed below:

DR. EDWARD BARSKY
JACOB AUSLANDER
LYMAN BRADLEY
MARJORIE CHODOROV
HOWARD FAST
MRS. ERNESTINA G. FLEISCHMAN
LEVERETT GLEASON
HARRY JUSTIZ
LOUISE A. KAMSLY
RUTH LEIDER
JAMES LOSTIG
MANUEL MAGANA
DR. LOUIS MILLER
HERMAN SHUMLIN
CHARLOTTE STERN
JESSE TOIMACH
MRS. BOBBIE WEINSTEIN

With respect to JOHN T. McMANUS, [REDACTED] remembered that the court had indicated that McMANUS was not on the board but as she recalled it, Mr. McMANUS actually was a member of the Executive Board.

She stated that she knew MRS. ERNESTINA G. FLEISCHMAN for about five years. She first met her at one of the Executive Committee meetings but never met her socially outside of the functions having to do with the work of the JAFRC.

[REDACTED] stated that she did not attend any Executive Board meetings during 1943 and 1946 and could not state therefore, whether or not MRS. FLEISCHMAN was at those meetings. She added that she was not contacted in any way either personally or by telephone, to vote on any questions of the board during those years. [REDACTED] stated that she would assume, however, that MRS. FLEISCHMAN did attend meetings during that time.

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[redacted] stated that when she received a subpoena to appear before the House Committee, she noticed that she was listed as an Executive Board member. Therefore, she telephoned the office of the JAFRC to question this title and at that time spoke with attorney BENEDICT WOLFE who was at the office at that time. She stated WOLFE, in response to her inquiry, asked her to come to his office on the following Monday evening, April 1, 1946. She went to WOLFE'S office on that date at about 8:30 P.M., accompanied by her husband. She stayed at the office for about one hour and left at about 9:30 P.M.

During the time she was in WOLFE'S office she did remember others of the Executive Committee being at the office and recalled definitely that [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] were there. She stated that there possibly were others there but she could not recall them at this time. At no time during the time she was in WOLFE'S office did MR. WOLFE address the group or conduct a conference among them collectively. She consulted him concerning the subpoena she received. MR. WOLFE had prepared a statement for her which she read before leaving the office. He instructed her that when she was called for testimony she should read this prepared statement. She does not recall specifically what the statement set out but it was this statement which she took with her to present to the committee hearing. She could not state but would assume that the others who came to MR. WOLFE'S office that evening were counselled in the same manner.

With respect to travelling to Washington, D.C., [redacted] stated that she and her husband engaged a compartment on the Washington train and travelled in that manner. During the trip she did talk to [redacted] and [redacted] and she remembers vaguely talking to [redacted]. These were the only ones whom she could remember on the train going to Washington. She stated that there was no plan as to how all of them should travel to Washington. She stated that MRS. FLEISCHMAN was not seen by her until they arrived in Washington when she remembered seeing her at the committee hearing.

[redacted] stated that she was unable to state whether or not MRS. FLEISCHMAN participated in any conference or interview with the other members of the Board or with MR. WOLFE or any other attorney in regard to the position to be taken by the members of the Board in their appearance before the Congressional Committee. She could not furnish any information in this respect because she was never present at any meetings during the period of 1945-1946.

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The only time that she was present or sought any advice was on April 1, 1946 when she went to MR. WOLFE'S office. She stated that she imagined that MRS. FLEISCHMAN went to MR. WOLFE'S office for the same purpose that she, [REDACTED] did and picked up the prepared statement for herself. She was unable to state what advice WOLFE had given to MRS. FLEISCHMAN. Inasmuch as [REDACTED] was in one of the smaller offices she believes that the other members were in similar offices. Therefore, MRS. FLEISCHMAN could very well have been in some other office and would not be seen by her.

[REDACTED] was asked if MRS. FLEISCHMAN had attended in particular the meeting of the Executive Board on or about December 14, 1945 which resulted in instructions by the Executive Board to DR. BARSKY and MR. BRYAN to consult counsel in regard to answering the Congressional subpoenas. [REDACTED] could not furnish any information concerning this meeting inasmuch as she was not present.

[REDACTED] was asked as to what extent MRS. FLEISCHMAN took part in the determination of the Board not to produce its records before the Congressional Committee. She stated that she was never a part of any policy making group and did not know to what extent MRS. FLEISCHMAN participated in matters of policy.

[REDACTED] stated that she, in the company of [REDACTED] had consulted attorney [REDACTED], New York City on March 29, 1948. [REDACTED] is the attorney for [REDACTED]. She stated that following this conference with [REDACTED] she was willing to answer any questions by the interviewing agents. She did, however, decline to furnish a signed statement with respect to the information furnished.

During the interview with the agents, [REDACTED] appeared cooperative, was very pleasant and while she is quite upset at having been involved in this matter, she is quite resigned to testify in this case.

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At New York, N. Y. will continue investigation of leads as set forth in report of SA. [REDACTED], August 13, 1947 at New York, N. Y., in the captioned matter.

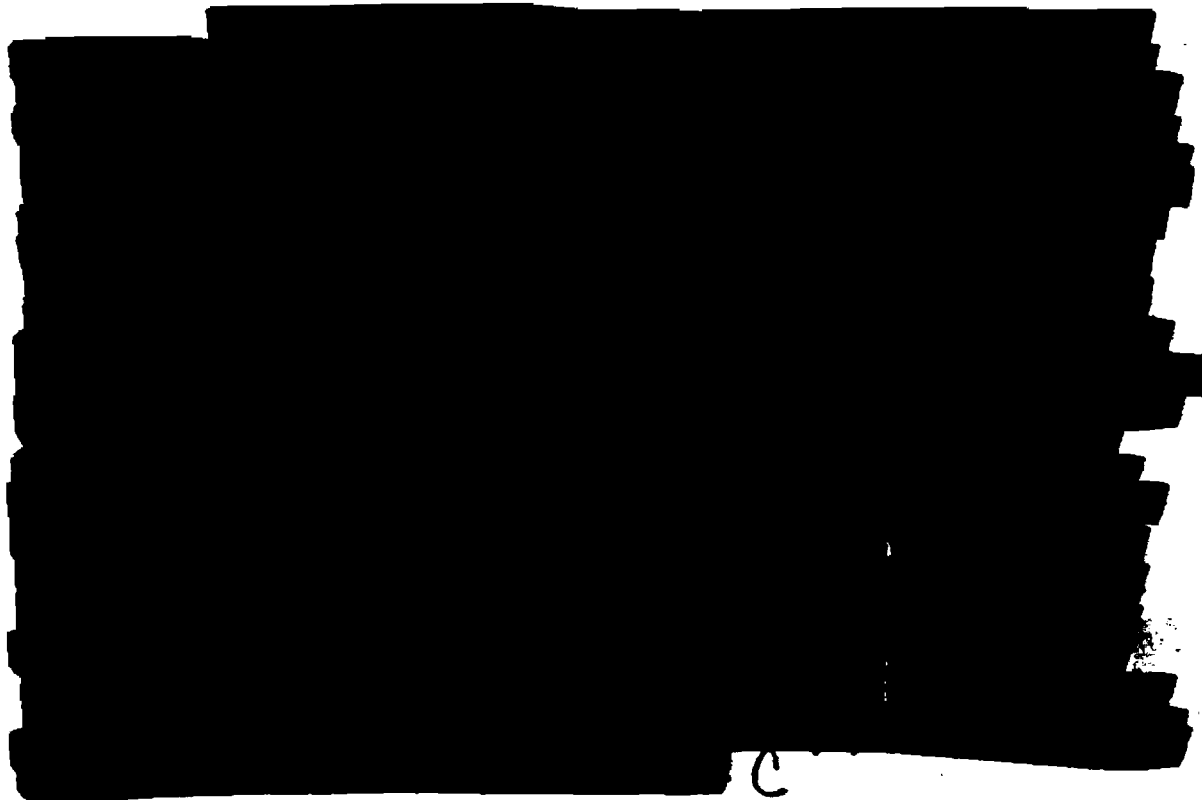
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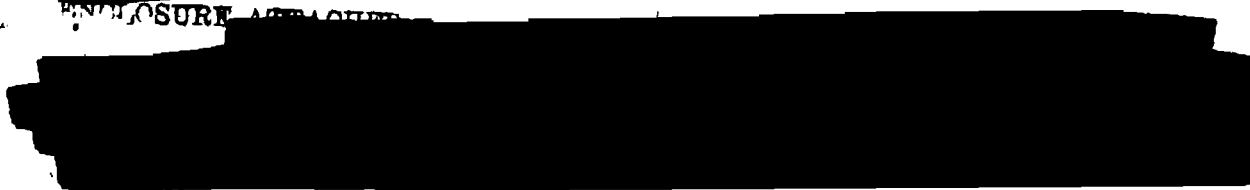
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Subject: THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL
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Reference is made to my letter of June 15 last
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This file will be maintained open for a reasonable time in the future in order to report further developments pertaining to the possible release of MORWARD.

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Date: June 15, 1950

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2210 E Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C. Attention: Colonel Robert A. Schow

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JACQUES MARNEAU VAN DEN DRESCHD, was.
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The above referred to source advised of interviewing Sylvia or Silvia Ageleff on August 20, 1940. At that time she stated she first met Hornard in France in 1938. She stated she was formerly engaged in social service work in New York City and was affiliated with the Socialist Workers Party. At that time she had met a Ruby Weill, who was also engaged in social service work in New York.

and she and Miss Weill became affiliated with the Fourth Internationale. She stated they both visited France in June, 1938, where she was introduced to Mornard by Miss Weill. She stated she knew the subject in France under the name of Jacques Mornard. Mornard informed her that he was a Belgian subject and she recalls seeing a French registration card indicating he was registered in France as a Belgian. Miss Ageloff further stated that Mornard informed her while in France that the source of funds on which he was living were supplied him by an individual named Marcel Godefroy, who resided in Brussels, Belgium.

Miss Ageloff stated she was in Mexico in January and February (1940) and resided with Mornard in an apartment on Humboldt. She further stated that in this apartment she had seen on several occasions the Alpine ax with which the crime was committed. She claimed to know nothing concerning Mornard's purpose in committing the crime nor why he had gone to Mexico City. She stated she had been with him at the Piedmont Hotel in New York and that he had made reservations in her presence with the Eastern Airlines to fly to New Orleans on June 20, 1940. She further stated that during the first week in August, 1940, Mornard had appealed to her to come to Mexico City as he was ill. She stated she made the trip via Pan American Airlines on August 7, 1940, arriving in Mexico City on August 8, 1940, and registered at the Montejo Hotel where she was joined by Mornard and they lived there as man and wife until the crime was committed.

(65-29162-15 p.647)

On August 28, 1940, the above referred to source advised that during another interview with Sylvia Ageloff she stated Mornard had informed her that his boss, Peter Lubecik or Lubek, had an office at 820 Edificio "Irrita" located in Tacubaya, a suburb of Mexico City. She also stated that she had visited this building and found it to be only six stories high and there was no room 820 in the building. She also stated that during her trip to Mexico her sister, Wilda, had at her request made a check of the building and ascertained from a Mexican boy on the sixth floor that a man by the name of Jackson was known there but was not in the building at that time. The source stated that during this interview with Miss Ageloff she claimed to have had no idea that Mornard intended to commit the crime which he did. She also disclaimed any knowledge of any accomplices Mornard might have had. Miss Ageloff expressed the further belief that Mornard was an agent of the Stalinist group and that he had used her as a "cat's paw" to obtain entry into the Trotsky home. She was unable to furnish any information as to suspicious associates of Mornard since he had come to the United States in September, 1939. She was likewise unable to recall the names of any persons with whom he associated. She stated that she being a Trotskyite and a member of the Fourth Internationale had only introduced Mornard to her friends and associates who were followers of Trotsky and members of the Fourth Internationale. She further stated that on the day the crime was committed she and Mornard were in downtown Mexico City where they met Otto Schlusser, one of the

guards at the Trotsky home. She stated they all had lunch together at which time Hornard told her ^{she} had been to the American Embassy two or three times in order to obtain a visa so that the two of them could return to New York City. He further stated that on that day he had a date at the American Embassy to complete arrangements for his visa. As soon as they had completed their luncheon Hornard left indicating he was going to the American Embassy. (65-29162-15 p.6, 20 p.13)

The information contained herein is furnished to you confidentially (Confidential Informant 65-29162-149) and is not intended for further dissemination. C

It would be appreciated if you would inform this Bureau when this subject is paroled as well as the results of any investigation conducted by your Agency. C

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, New York
SUBJECT: JACQUES MARNARD VAN DENDRESCHD, was. ET AL
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(Bureau file 65-29162)

DATE: April 14, 1950

It has come to the attention of this office that the book "Aisin Fut Assassine Trotsky" by GENERAL SANCHEZ SALAZAR and JULIAN GORKIN is presently available in a FRENCH edition (Editions Self, Paris, 1948).

General SALAZAR was head of the Mexican Secret Service at the time of the attacks on LEON TROTSKY in Mexico in 1940 and was in personal charge of the investigations. JULIAN GORKIN, as you will recall, is an old socialist revolutionary and former leader of P.O.U.M. in Spain and Mexico.

The book begins with the attack on TROTSKY 5/23/40 and the subsequent investigation and denouement of those involved, including the Arenal brothers and DAVID ALFARO SIQUEIROS who is described as the principal organizer and director of the attack under direction of the G.P.U.

The investigation and discovery of the murder of ROBERT SHELDON HARTE, bodyguard of TROTSKY and apparently a GPU agent, is also covered.

The subsequent and fatal attack on TROTSKY 8-20-40, the interrogation of FRANK JACSON and the investigation relating thereto is then told. It is stated that JACSON in reality is the son of CARIDAD MERCADER, a Catalan who was active in the Spanish Civil War and who, with her sons, was drawn into the ranks of the NKVD. One son worked as an agent in France.

The chapter "Agent of the Guepeon written by GORKIN is interesting as a description of the type of individuals used by the GPU, as well as the analysis of the letter (denouncing TROTSKY as a destroyer of the working class and setting forth his reasons for assassinating TROTSKY) carried by JACSON reflecting it was written by the GPU itself.

This book is being called to the attention of the Bureau in the event the Bureau has not previously seen it.

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