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**SUBJECT: ROSAURA REVUELTAS**



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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE  
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
MEXICO CITY

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Date: October 10, 1952  
To: Director, FBI  
From: Legat, Mexico (100-1018)  
Subject: HERBERT BIBERMAN  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Bulet of May 23, 1952 (Bufile 64-31060) to the Department of State in the case entitled [redacted] aka, etal, IS - MEX", set forth that on January 5, 1938, a source of unknown reliability advised that movie director HERBERT BIBERMAN, alleged to be a member of the Communist Party, and [redacted] had visited in Mexico in the home of [redacted] in Mexico City.

The report of SA [redacted] dated August 17, 1942, at Los Angeles, California, entitled [redacted] was, etal, IS - C" reflects that on June 19, 1942, HERBERT BIBERMAN was observed to be in the company of [redacted] (Bufile 100-132399) at the cocktail lounge of the Ching Howe Chinese Restaurant, 11386 Ventura Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

In Bulet to Mexico City dated November 5, 1951, concerning [redacted] and [redacted] (Bufiles 100-306704 and 100-332441) information was set forth to the effect that HERBERT BIBERMAN, described as one of the Hollywood Ten, had been receiving mail from Cuernavaca, Morelos, and Mexico City, Mexico.

At about 8:00 P.M. on October 6, 1952, a telephone call was received at the American Embassy in Mexico and the caller was referred to the Office of the Legal Attache. The caller thereupon identified himself as [redacted] and requested that someone contact him concerning a matter of interest to the United States Government. RECORDED

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On the afternoon of October 7, 1952, [redacted] was contacted by a representative of this office at [redacted]

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Re: Herbert Biberman  
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✓ his home located at [redacted]  
[redacted] telephone number [redacted]

✓ [redacted] stated that he desired to furnish information to a representative of the U. S. Embassy, but only on the condition that his name would be maintained in absolute confidence. He was assured by SA [redacted], who interviewed him, that this would be done.

✓ [redacted] explained that he is a [redacted] Hollywood, California. He advised that the [redacted] Company is a well-known theatrical agency in Hollywood.

[redacted] a five page memorandum setting forth his comments concerning a new movie production entitled "Salt of the Earth" by Michael Wilson. [redacted] said that HERBERT BIBERMAN plans to be the producer of this movie and that BIBERMAN would probably contact [redacted] during the latter part of September, 1952. As of October 7, 1952, BIBERMAN had not arrived in Mexico, to the best of [redacted] knowledge.

[redacted] explained in his letter that MICHAEL WILSON had been the winner of this year's Academy Award and Screen-writers Guild Award for the best screenplay of the year, namely "A Place in the Sun".

[redacted] revealed that the production "Salt of the Earth" would be filmed on location in a small mining town of New Mexico. Expenses incurred in the production will be underwritten by the Mine, Mill and Smelter International Union. He added that technical assistance would be furnished by Hollywood, and that it was anticipated that the preliminary location work on the film would begin approximately October 1, 1952.

[redacted] set forth that the lesser parts in the film would be portrayed by the actual miners and their families in the New Mexico town, otherwise not identified. He said that the theme of the movie would consist of depicting so-called

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"second class" citizenship of the Mexican-American miners and that the movie would carry out the further theme of social justice. He further explained that the background of the story would be a strike of the miners and that a "mature love affair" would be depicted.

[redacted] closed his letter by asking [redacted] to be on the alert for any possible artists to play the male and female leads in the production since only Mexican-American artists would be utilized.

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During the first week of September, 1952, [redacted] [redacted] He claimed to have told him that the entire plot of the proposed production seemed to exude Communism and that the only person he could think of at the moment who could portray the female lead was ROSAURA REVUELTAS but that he would under no circumstances recommend her since she was known in the movie colony of Mexico City as being an avowed Communist. [redacted] further stated that he has heard [redacted] however it is his understanding that the latter is now in Europe.

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[redacted] said that he was quite surprised to see in the local press that ROSAURA REVUELTAS had given a press interview saying she intends to go to Hollywood on or about October 3, 1952. "Excelsior," Mexico City daily newspaper, in its issue of October 3, 1952, stated that ROSAURA REVUELTAS planned to go to Hollywood and that the movie in which she would take part had aroused interest in Mexico since it would deal with the life of Mexicans who live in New Mexico and work in the mines of that state. It was further related that because of censorship in the United States, the movie would not be shown in that country.

[redacted] further pointed out that ROSAURA REVUELTAS is the [redacted] whom he described as a [redacted] [redacted] He also advised that [redacted] ROSAURA, publish a pro-Communist type magazine in Mexico which is known as "Cuadernos de America."

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The files of the Visa Section, American Embassy, Mexico, D. F., reflect that ROSAURA REVUELTAS DE BODENSTEDT application for a visitor's visa to proceed to the United States for a period of two months. She applied on September 25,

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1952, and the visa was issued the same date. Her application reflects that she was born on August 6, 1910, at Lerdo, Durango, Mexico. She listed her local address as Avenida Insurgentes #1877, Mexico, D. F., and said her nearest relative is WALTER BODENSTEDT, same address as above, but otherwise not identified. She stated that the purpose of her trip was for a two months pleasure trip and to "fulfill contract". She said she could be reached at Bayard, New Mexico, address unknown. Files of the Visa Section further reflect that [redacted] well-known Mexican movie actor, had directed a letter to Ambassador WILLIAM O'DWYER requesting that the issuance of the visa be expedited.

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The report of [redacted] dated April 2, 1947, at Mexico City in the case entitled "SODAC - MEXICO; SECURITY MATTER-R," on Page 28, sets forth data relative to one [redacted] identified by Source [redacted] as [redacted] an [redacted]. On Page 29 of the same report, one ROSAURA REVUELTAS is identified as a friend of [redacted].

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Legat files, Mexico City, contain numerous references to [redacted] reflecting upon his Communist activities and associates, the one of the most recent date being a clipping from the Mexico City daily newspaper "Novedades," dated July 24, 1952, wherein [redacted] was listed as one of the guests at a reception held at the Polish Legation in Mexico City on July 23, 1952.

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A case file is being opened in the Mexico City office on Herbert BIBERMAN. No information has been received by this office, other than that furnished by [redacted] as set forth above, showing his intention to come to Mexico. In the event any information is secured by the Bureau in this regard, it is requested that the Mexico City office be advised since it is quite possible that his activities could be covered by [redacted].

Extra copies of this communication are forwarded herewith in the event the Bureau desires to furnish same to the Los Angeles and Albuquerque offices.

Since the subject is reportedly in the United States, and in view of the fact that information concerning

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ROSAURA REVUELTAS' intended departure for the United States has appeared in the local press, no local dissemination is considered necessary.

The newspaper article of "Excelsior" of October 3, 1952, which carries a picture of ROSAURA REVUELTAS and which is referred to previously in this communication, is forwarded herewith to the Bureau.

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SAC, Albuquerque

November 14, 1952

Director, FBI

ROSAURA REVELTAS, nee  
Rosauro Reveltas de Bodenstedt  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MEXICO

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There is enclosed herewith one copy of the letter dated October 10, 1952, from the Legal Attache, Mexico City, captioned "Herbert Biberian, Security Matter - C." This letter contains information received by the Legal Attache from [redacted]

[redacted] (whose identity should be protected by a T symbol) stating the subject is presently in New Mexico, where she has the lead in the movie "Salt of the Earth." [redacted] further stated the subject was a Communist and associated with [redacted] in publishing a "pro-Communist type magazine" in Mexico known as "Cuadernos de America."

There is also enclosed herewith one copy of a blank memorandum dated November 14, 1952, reflecting the results of the review of Bureau files on the subject. The memorandum also contains information on one [redacted] who may possibly be identical with [redacted]

You are instructed to conduct appropriate investigation to determine the subject's contacts and activities and to determine if she has engaged in Communist activities since arriving in the United States. The results of your investigation should be submitted in report form suitable for dissemination.

Copies of this letter and one copy of the above referred to blank memorandum are being forwarded to the Los Angeles Office and the Legal Attache, Mexico City. The Los Angeles Office was furnished a copy of the letter of October 10, 1952, from the Legal Attache, Mexico City, by routing slip on October 28, 1952. The Los Angeles Office is instructed to check its indices on [redacted] of [redacted] and to discreetly determine, through established sources, if he has been engaged in subversive activities.

Attachment

cc - 2 - Los Angeles (Attachment)

cc - 2 - Legal Attache (100-1018) (Attachment)  
Mexico City, Mexico (SECRET AIR COURIER)

cc - 1 - Foreign Service Desk

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activities. The Los Angeles Office is further instructed to set forth in its report a short summary of any known Communist activities of Herbert Sternman, who was stated to be the producer of the movie "Salt of the Earth," in the letter from the Legal Attache, Mexico City.

The Legal Attache, Mexico City, is instructed to, through established sources, develop further background information and determine the extent of any Communist activities on the part of the subject.

This matter should receive prompt attention.

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November 14, 1952

RE: ROSAURA REVUELTAS, wa  
Rosaura Revueltas de Hedenstedt - *Summary*

Information has been received from a source of unknown reliability that the subject was recommended to [redacted] a well-known theatrical agency located at [redacted] Hollywood, California, for the feminine lead in the movie "Salt of the Earth." According to the source, the script for "Salt of the Earth" was written by Michael Wilson, winner of the 1952 Academy Award and Screen Writer's Guild Award for the best screen play of the year; namely "A Place in the Sun." It was the source's understanding that the movie "Salt of the Earth" would be filmed on location in a small unidentified mining town in New Mexico. Further, the expenses incurred in the production will be underwritten by the Mine, Mill and Smelter International Union, with technical assistance furnished by Hollywood. The preliminary location work on the film was scheduled to begin approximately October 1, 1952. It was also indicated that Herbert Biberman would be the producer of the movie. It is to be noted Biberman was sentenced on June 29, 1950, by the District Court at Washington, D. C., to serve six months in jail and to pay a fine of \$1000 as the result of his conviction for contempt of Congress and was commonly referred to as one of the "Hollywood Ten." (100-24499,508)(u)

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Continuing, the source stated the theme of the movie centers around depicting so-called "second class" citizenship of the Mexican - American miners and would carry out the further theme of social justice. The background of the story would be a strike by miners with a "love affair" involved. It was also stated the lesser parts in the film would be portrayed by miners and their families in an unidentified New Mexico town. The leads would also be portrayed by Mexican - American artists.(u)

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According to the source, Rosaura Revueltas is known among the movie colony in Mexico City as an "avowed Communist"

[redacted] also stated to be a member of the Mexican Communist Party. The source stated [redacted]

[redacted] a "pro-Communist type magazine" in Mexico known as "Cuadernos de America." The October 9, 1952, issue of the Mexico City daily newspaper "Excelsior" carried an article wherein it was stated the subject planned to go to Hollywood and the movie in which she would take part had aroused interest in Mexico since it dealt with the lives of Mexicans who live in New Mexico and work in the mines in that state. The article further stated that because of censorship in the United States the movie would not be shown in this country. (u)

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Information has been received indicating that Rosaura Revueltas de Bodenstedt applied at the Visa Section of the American Embassy, Mexico City, on September 25, 1952, for a visitor's visa to proceed to the United States for a period of two months and received a visa on the same date. Her application reflected she was born August 6, 1910, at Lerdo, Durango, Mexico, and her residence address was given as Avenida Insurgentes #1877, Mexico, D. F. Her nearest relative was listed as Walter Bodenstedt, same address as above, but not otherwise identified. The purpose of her trip was indicated as a two-month pleasure trip and to "fulfill contract." She indicated she could be reached at Bayard, New Mexico, address unknown. (u)

The files of this Bureau reflect that on January 9, 1941, Walter Frederick Bodenstedt arrived in New York City from Mexico City. On being interviewed Bodenstedt advised he was born in Berlin, Germany, on July 24, 1898. After service in the German Army during World War I he left Germany in 1920 and went to Barcelona, Spain, and later to Madrid. He entered Mexico in 1926 and secured employment at the Banco Germanico de la America del Sud, Mexico City. In 1941 Bodenstedt was Assistant Cashier and head of the Collection Department of the latter-mentioned bank. He stated in 1930 he married Rosaura Revueltas and thereafter became a Mexican citizen, in October, 1932. (65-32919-22) (u)

A source of unknown reliability advised in early 1947 that one Rosaura Revueltas was reportedly a friend of one [redacted] (u)

(Bureau Source [redacted]) (u)

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(S)(CIS) [Redacted] (100-24499-1-8;  
64-211-221-341)

There is set forth hereinafter information regarding one [Redacted] who may possibly be identical with the [Redacted]

In 1943, information was received from a source considered reliable that [Redacted] was in Mexico City. The source stated [Redacted] was previously associated with [Redacted]. Continuing, the source stated [Redacted] Hollywood, California, to introduce to him a [Redacted]. [Redacted] informed the source that [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Latin-American parentage in the United States. [Redacted] was described as [Redacted]

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The source added that [Redacted] then residing in [Redacted] had contacted [Redacted] and urged them to pay the necessary courtesies to [Redacted] and introduce him to members of the League of American Writers.<sup>1(u)</sup>

In 1948, a reliable source advised [Redacted] was a member of Branch G of the Northwest Section of the Communist Party in Los Angeles, known as the Writer's Branch.<sup>2</sup> (100-380520-14)(u)

In January, 1944, information was received from a source of unknown reliability that the Mexican Communist Party had split wide open over a dispute on the advisability of liquidating the Party, since the Communist International had been disbanded, and organizing a broad popular party as had been done in Costa Rica. The source stated [Redacted] had opposed the plan and [Redacted]

1. Source [Redacted] in report of SA [Redacted] dated 11/4/43, at Los Angeles, in case entitled [Redacted] was., et al, Security Matter - C.<sup>(u)</sup>
2. Source [Redacted] in report of SA [Redacted] dated 11/4/43, at Los Angeles, case [Redacted] was., et al, SM-C.<sup>(u)</sup>

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including [redacted] It was stated the expelled Communists were accused by the Communist Party as being Nazis, Trotskyites, and Bukharinites and they planned to organize a broad popular party with [redacted] of the Mexican Communist Party until expelled in 1936) and others, based on Marxist principles but not called a Communist Party (Sources [redacted] not otherwise identified.) (u)

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A source considered to be reliable advised in the latter part of January, 1944, that temporary headquarters had been established by this group at Rosales #23, Mexico City, and a small publication, "El Partido," was then published weekly. This source stated [redacted] was then reportedly in Chile for the purpose of seeking support in that and other South American countries. Continuing, the source stated this movement was seeking the unification of "leftist individuals" into a strong popular front party which would eliminate the opposition engendered by the name "Communist" and which would grow into a party strong enough to have influence in the national elections in Mexico. The source added the group expected to completely absorb the old Communist Party with the exception of a few reactionary leaders such as [redacted]. According to the source, this group was headed by [redacted] and included [redacted]

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[redacted] (CI [redacted]) (64-2701-1026; 64-200-221-109) (u)

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On June 23, 1944, information was received from a source of unknown reliability that [redacted] of the Peruvian Communist Party, had received copies of a Mexican periodical entitled "El Partido," [redacted], which represented the Newspapermen's Cell and which apparently consisted of individuals expelled from the Mexican Communist Party. (Source not identified) (u) (64-200-225-51) (u)

On July 29, 1944, a usually reliable source advised that on August 6, 1944, a new "leftist political party" was to be formed in Mexico, bearing the name "Liga de Unificación" (u)

Revolucionaria" or "Coalicion de Partidos de Izquierda."  
It was stated this party would be based upon the unification  
of all existing "leftist groups" in Mexico, including the  
Communist Party of Mexico. [redacted] was named as one  
who would give support and backing to the party. (Source not  
identified.) (64-200-221-128X 26) (u)

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The source also stated [redacted] who was then  
identified with a "new leftist group" being formed in Mexico,  
had left Mexico for Peru in December, 1943, as a member of a  
Mexican scientific expedition. The source stated it was believed  
[redacted] mission was actually to seek international connections  
with the new Mexican leftist movement in Peru, Bolivia and Chile.  
The source added on the basis of the possibility that the split  
in the Mexican Communist Party and the subsequent establishment  
of the above-mentioned "leftist group" might have been related  
to the reported instructions [redacted]

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In October, 1947, a source considered to be reliable  
made available a list of Polish Communists active at that time  
in the United States, Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Brazil,  
Canada, Chile, Mexico and Uruguay. Included on this list was the  
name of one [redacted] not otherwise identified, as being  
active in Mexico City. (CI [redacted]) (64-200-221-140) (u)

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In June, 1945, a reliable source advised that between  
the period of 1935 and 1939 the JSUM (Juventudes Socialistas  
Unificados de Mexico - Unified Socialist Youth of Mexico) was  
under the control of some of the "staunchest Communist ever  
known" in Mexico and one of these individuals was [redacted]  
(CI [redacted]) (100-341919-1) (u)

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In June, 1946, a source considered reliable advised [redacted] was then submitting special articles to "El Popular," the propaganda medium of [redacted]. According to the source, [redacted] was reportedly expelled from the Mexican Communist Party in 1943, and was then one of the recognized leaders of the Marxist group "El Insurgente" along with [redacted]. It was further alleged [redacted] was then negotiating with [redacted] of the Mexican Communist Party, for possible reinstatement into the Party. (CI [redacted]) (64-31-301-16, pages 4 & 5)(u)

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In January, 1947, a reliable source advised that during that month [redacted] had been active in working toward the formation of a new political party to be comprised of Marxists and labor elements. The source stated a series of round table discussions was started on January 13, 1947, in Mexico City, and was extended to January 23, 1947. [redacted] attended these discussions representing the Marxist group "El Insurgente." According to the source, the various delegates attending the discussions were unanimous in declaring the need for a new political party having as its mission the application of Marxist principles to a successful realization of the objectives of the Mexican Revolution. It was further stated by the source that [redacted]

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Continuing, the source stated speeches were made by [redacted] then one of the leaders of the Mexican Communist Party, [redacted], and [redacted] (the latter two were previously expelled from the Mexican Communist Party). According to the source, their speeches were unanimous in denouncing the so-called "Layton Plan" and "Truman Plan." They further declared the necessity of forming a Mexican Marxist Worker's Party to lead the Mexican proletariat in its struggle against "imperialism," and further emphasized the necessity of aiding the Soviet Union in its struggle to preserve peace in the face of imperialistic attempts to instigate another war. (Source not stated but contained in letter of Legal Attache, Mexico City, dated 1-23-47, captioned [redacted])

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In October, 1949, another government agency advised [REDACTED] "Indicatos de Trabajadores de la Produccion Cinematografica (STPC). [REDACTED] was described by the source as a "well-known Communist in Mexico, expelled by the Communist Party Central Committee in 1943, at which time [REDACTED]. The source added [REDACTED] was then no less a Communist because of this expulsion and had retained his "Marxist principles" and was reportedly active in anti-Escena Communist circles. It was also stated he had been engaged since [REDACTED]

(Department of State) (64-2701-1585)

A reliable source advised in June, 1950, that at a meeting of the Movimiento De Revolucionacion Del Partido Comunista Mexicano (Revindication Movement of the Mexican Communist Party), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] announced that the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was leaving the group. [REDACTED] stated this was unfortunate but that [REDACTED] would continue to be a good Marxist and contact would be maintained with him (U) (CI [REDACTED]) (100-370051-2)

In the July 4, 1950, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 7, appeared an article by A. B. Magil entitled "Mexicans Tell Scientists - Serve Peace, Not A-War." The article listed a group of "noted Mexicans" who had signed the Stockholm Peace Petition to outlaw the atomic bomb. The list included the name of Jose Revueltas. (100-3-81)

In July, 1950, a reliable source advised [REDACTED] was a member of the Executive Committee [REDACTED] of the Mexican Peace Committee (U) (CI [REDACTED]) (100-56103-135)

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A source of unknown reliability advised a meeting of the Friends of the USSR was held at the Teatro Arben, Mexico City, on June 2, 1951. According to the source, the meeting was attended by a group of well-known Mexican Communists who held a separate meeting later as a "sort of committee." The source stated [redacted] was among this group of Communists. [redacted] Potential CI of San Antonio Office) (100-256015-148) (u)

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The July 24, 1952, issue of the Mexico City newspaper "Novedades" listed Jose Revueltas as one of the guests attending a reception held at the Polish Legation in Mexico City on July 29, 1952. (100-24431-8) (u)

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Assistant Attorney General  
Charles B. Murray

November 14, 1952

Director, FBI

~~ROSAURA REVUELTAS, wa.~~  
Rosaura Revueeltas de Bodenstedt  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MEXICO

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There are enclosed herewith the original and one copy of a memorandum containing information received by the Bureau wherein it is alleged the subject is a Communist and is presently in the United States to make a movie entitled "Salt of the Earth." The memorandum contains a review of the files of this Bureau on the subject and also information on one [redacted] who may possibly be identical with the [redacted] who was stated to be a "Mexican Communist."

The enclosed is submitted to you in view of the subject's alien status.

A copy of this letter and the memorandum has been furnished to the Immigration and Naturalization Service and that Service is requested to make no further dissemination of the information contained in the memorandum.

The information has also been furnished to the Department of State and the [redacted]

An investigation is presently being conducted by this Bureau to ascertain the contacts and activities of the subject while in the United States. You will be furnished with the results of our investigation.

Attachment

cc - 1 - The Commissioner (Attachment)  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: November 14, 1952

To:

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Division of Security  
U. S. Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

From:

John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subjects:

ROSAURA REVUELTAS, w/o  
Rosaura Revueltas de Bedenstedt  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MEXICO

There is enclosed herewith one copy of a memorandum containing information received by this Bureau wherein it is alleged the subject, a Mexican citizen, is a Communist and is presently in the United States to make a movie entitled "Salt of the Earth." The memorandum also contains the results of review of the files of this Bureau on the subject and on one [Redacted] who may possibly be identical with the [Redacted]

The contents of the enclosed memorandum are submitted to you confidentially and are not intended for further dissemination.

An investigation is presently being conducted by this Bureau to determine the contacts and activities of the subject while in the United States and you will be furnished with the results of same.

Attachment

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (100-1348)

SUBJECT: ROSAURA BEVUELTAS, wa  
Rosaura Revueltas de Bodenstedt  
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ReBulet November 14, 1952, this is to advise that investigation has been conducted in the vicinity of Bayard, New Mexico, for any information concerning subject and/or her appearance in that area, which investigation has met with negative results as to subject. Considerable information, however, has been developed concerning the general project of filming a movie in and around the mining towns in Grant County, New Mexico, which movie would depict the Mexican miners in southern New Mexico, and their social and economic conditions.

Since no information concerning the subject's presence in New Mexico has been established at this time no report is being submitted; however, other information, which, it is believed, concerns the same general project is submitted in this letter.

Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] dated December 9, 1952, at Los Angeles, California, entitled "FREEDOM STAGE, INCORPORATED"; INTERNAL SECURITY - C." The matter set forth in that report undoubtedly refers to the action contemplated by that organization in filming a picture on location near Bayard, New Mexico.

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HERBERT BIBERMAN, one of the Hollywood Ten, has been to Baird, New Mexico, in this respect. *Calif.*

The "Union Worker" for August, 1952, which is the official organ of the Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers, carries the following article which appears to be a letter to the International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers from HERBERT BIBERMAN:

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Brothers and Sisters,

"As your President has said, 'We are about to undertake an adventure.' The adventure is a patriotic one. A large group of Mexican-American working people are preparing to film the story of their lives and struggles. You are undertaking this adventure in order to make a gift of your achievements

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to the entire American working class and to the whole of their countrymen and women, in the name of unity, friendship and progress.

"This gift of yourselves is a very real gift. You are a body of people who have been matured in a long historic struggle--every second of which has been to realize the American ideal of equality. You have turned an ideal into a beginning of reality. Your struggles have--created a unity within your union--within the ranks of your families--between men and women unequalled in our country. Against the most terrible odds you have maintained your cultural heritage and dignity, the great strength of your class traditions and the most open hearts toward all other oppressed minorities. Because you have done so--you have survived and inspired many oppressed peoples and the working people of the entire world.

"Your International Union deeply appreciative of the courage, the beauty and the significance of your lives is unwilling to allow the meaning of your struggles to be forgotten. Believing it to be worthy of permanent record, it has determined that you must be available as an example and as an inspiration in all places and for all time. And especially is this true of the noble and heroic women who have shown that they are not only the equal of men, but that their own equality means double strength to the working people and to the advancement of the struggle toward economic and political struggle for equality of all minority groups, of the entire working people.

"For me and my co-workers, the honor of being allowed to serve such an important educational and cultural purpose of your members and your union, is one of the greatest of our lives. We will bring to the high purpose of this adventure our humble but passionate devotion.

"It is high time our national groups and the working class began to speak out for the working class, began to speak out for themselves against the rotten falsehoods of our commercial press and media of communications. What you are prepared to do will show the way to other unions, other national and minority groups. And following your leadership the American people of decency, Negro, Mexican-American and Anglo will bring about a realization of the most American and human dream--and end discrimination, second-class citizenship and economic subjugation. Yes, an America free of the poison of hatred for profit--An America of free, friendly, united people--beloved of each other and of all humanity.

"I congratulate you for understanding this adventure--and thanks to

you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me a part in it.

Fraternally,  
HERBERT BIBERMAN"

By letter dated October 4, 1952, [redacted] a confidential source at Central, New Mexico, advised that on that date a man and woman made arrangements to room and were hunting for more rooms for about 30 people in connection with the motion picture crew that was making a picture for the Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers. This letter stated the date is sometime in December, and people claim they are going to re-enact the strike line at Empire Zink's strike which occurred at Hanover, New Mexico, last year. This source added that he wondered if they were not figuring to pull a general shut-down in this district with trouble at all of these mines; then be there on the spot to make a motion picture of all the trouble.

[redacted] Confidential Source of [redacted] advised that he was first introduced to HERBERT BIBERMAN around April of 1952. He was introduced to him by [redacted] and [redacted]. He stated BIBERMAN was in the general mining area in Grant County for several days. He spent practically all of his time with [redacted].

[redacted] informed that BIBERMAN made some mention of making a movie about the daily life of the Mexican-American miners in that area and their troubles when they have a strike. [redacted] stated that they were planning on enacting the striking conditions that existed during the recent Empire Zink strike at Hanover, New Mexico.

[redacted] advised that he next saw BIBERMAN in a bar at Bayard, New Mexico, sometime during the latter part of September or early part of October. BIBERMAN was at a table with [redacted] and two or three other persons who said they were from Hollywood. [redacted] walked over to the table and BIBERMAN embraced him, stating he was so glad to see him and wanted to have a "man-to-man" talk with him before he left. He stated he wanted to make a movie star out of him in connection with the picture they were still going to film in Grant County.

[redacted] advised that he did not see BIBERMAN thereafter, but that recent conversation with [redacted] indicated that the movie producers were supposed to have come to Grant County around the first of December,

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but that it had been postponed.

Former Security Informant [redacted] now [redacted] furnished information [redacted] which information was to the effect that [redacted] and [redacted] were members of the Communist Party in New Mexico. This Informant has also advised that [redacted] [redacted] from the Communist Party [redacted]

[redacted] advised that sometime during the latter part of September or early part of October, 1952, she was contacted by one [redacted], concerning the [redacted] [redacted] was informed that several people connected with the movie industry were coming to Grant County, New Mexico, to film a picture dealing with the Mexican-Americans, particularly the laborers in the mines, and their troubles when connected with strikes.

[redacted] stated that she had heard nothing more from these individuals since that contact; however, it was her understanding that the [redacted]

[redacted] had been contacted by these same individuals and they desired [redacted] [redacted] for the same purpose. [redacted] informed that around the first of December, the [redacted] had secured a letter from [redacted] which was on the letterhead of Independence Production Corporation, 3332 Deronda Drive, Hollywood 28, California, and stated that the company has had to change plans to January 3, 1953. The letter indicated that the people will be in Grant County on January 3, and indicated that the people making the arrangements would come a few days earlier.

[redacted] advised that she is [redacted]; however, she understood that a movie outfit from Hollywood desired [redacted] [redacted] She informed that the [redacted] had originally told them [redacted]

[redacted] She stated it was her understanding that the [redacted] had received a communication from these people stating they would be in the area soon after the first of January.

Concerning ROSAURA REVUELTAS, the subject of this letter, this Office



will continue to be on the alert for any indication of her presence in this area and connection with this project.

In connection with the general project, it appears that it may be the activity of the corporation, Freedom Stage, Incorporated (LA File 100-4251; AQ File 100-1296); yet the letter from [redacted] is from the Independence Production Corporation. It is suggested that the Bureau give a code title to this project. This Office desires to follow this project, but as of this time, no title other than Freedom Stage, Incorporated, is appropriate in this Office.

The Bureau and the Los Angeles Office will be kept advised of all developments.

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Date: January 16, 1953

To: Legal Attache  
Mexico City

From: Director, FBI

Subject: ROSARIO de VUELTAZ, wa  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MEXICO

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Bulet of October 10, 1952, captioned "Herbert  
Biberman, Security Matter - C," wherein it was reflected  
the subject was issued a visitor's visa by the Visa Sec-  
tion of the American Embassy, Mexico City, on September 25,  
1952, to proceed to the United States where she could be  
reached at Bayard, New Mexico. Further reference is made  
to Bulet of November 14, 1952, in instant matter.

There is enclosed herewith one copy of a letter  
dated December 23, 1952, from the Albuquerque Office  
wherein it is stated the investigation to date has failed  
to locate the subject in the New Mexico area. You are  
instructed to advise if the subject is still in the United  
States and if so, endeavor to obtain her address. If she  
has returned to Mexico, you should endeavor to determine  
if she plans to again visit the United States in the near  
future. This matter should receive prompt attention.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the  
Los Angeles Office. The Los Angeles Office is instructed  
to ascertain if the subject is presently in that area and  
if so, conduct appropriate investigation to determine her  
contacts, activities and any indication of Communist  
activity. The Los Angeles Office is instructed to give  
this matter prompt attention.

Enclosure

cc - Los Angeles

cc - Albuquerque (100-1148)

cc - Foreign Service Desk

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To: Director, FBI  
From: Legat, Mexico (100-1018)  
Subject: ~~HERBERT BILBERMAN~~  
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Re Mexico City letter dated October 10, 1952.

There is transmitted herewith one copy of the photograph of ROSAURA REVUELTA DE BODENSTEDT, Mexican movie actress, who is referred to in referenced communication. The original of this photograph appears on her application for a visa to visit the United States, which application was completed on September 25, 1952.

If the information is readily available, it is requested that the Mexico City office be advised as to the present whereabouts of the subject and whether there is any indication that he has recently travelled to Mexico or intends to do so in the immediate future.

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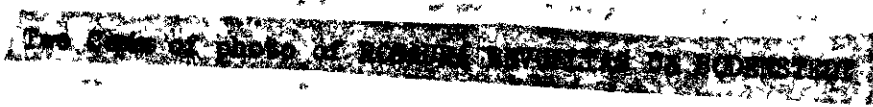
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*Consul*

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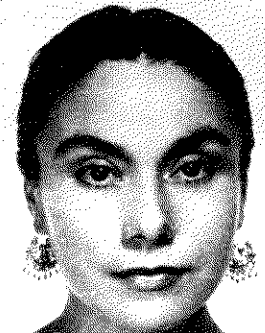
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