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550	9/11/52	AT let HQ	1	1	
551	10/9/52	NY let HQ	1	1	
552	10/10/52	AT let HQ	1	1	
553	10/17/52	AT let HQ	2/3	2/3	
554	10/21/52	AT let HQ	1/3	1/3	
555	10/31/52	Lab rept AT	1	1	
556	11/7/52	AT let HQ	1	1	
NR	9/25/52	Lee memo Branigan	1	1	
557	3/26/53	LI let HQ	3	3	b7c
558	6/12/53	HQ let I+N	1	1	
558	5/21/53	I+N let HQ	1	0	1 refer INS
NR	11/15/53	Nichols memo Tolson	2	2	b7c

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559	11/4/53	142 let NY	1	1	
560	11/4/53	NY Herald Tribune	2	2	
560	11/5/53	Ladd memo director	2	2	
560	11/5/53	Belmont memo Ladd	4	4	
561	11/4/53	NY let HQ	1	1	
561	11/4/53	NY let HQ	1	1	
562	11/7/53	Smith memo Belmont	2	2	
563	12/11/53	NY let HQ	1	1	
564	12/15/53	Canter memo Nichols	3	3	
565	12/11/53	Wash city news service	1	1	
565	11/6/53	Ladd memo director	2	2	
566	11/10/53	Ladd memo director	2	2	b7c

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NR	11/12/53	Ladd memo director	1	1	
567	12/15/53	Belmont memo Ladd	3	3	not written pursuant of FOIA
NR	12/15/53	HQ let NY	1	1	"
568	2/15/54	NY rept	3	3	b7cD
568	2/15/54	NY let HQ	1	1	
569	7/1/54	Parsons memo Nichols	1	1	
NR	7/20/54	NY let HQ	1	1	
570	12/10/54	HQ let NY	1	1	b1
571	1/17/55	NY AT HQ	1	1	
572	1/31/55	NY let HQ	2	2	
573	3/4/55	PH let HQ	1	1	
574	3/14/55	HQ let NY	1	1	

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574	3/14/55	HQ let AAG	1	1	
575	4/29/55	NY rept	4	4	
576	4/27/55	NY rept	1	1	
577	8/1/55	NY let HQ	4	4	b2 b7D b1
578	10/18/55	HQ let AAG	1	1	
579	10/17/55	Branigan memo Belmont	3	3	b2 b7D
579	10/21/55	HQ let AAG	2	2	
580	7/26/56	NY rept	34	34	b2 b7C D
NR	6/20/59	HQ let PH	2	2	b1
581	6/26/59	NY rept	3	3	b2 b7D
NR	2/24/58	Lee memo Branigan	1	1	
NR	6/18/58	HQ let PH	5	5	

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NR	7/1/58	NY let HQ	5	5	
582	6/30/58	NY rept	3	3	
583	6/30/58	NY let HQ	3	3	b2 b7D
584	6/27/58	PH let HQ	5	5	
NR	7/21/58	NR let HQ	1	1	
585	7/30/58	PH let HQ	3	3	
NR	9/17/58	See memo Branigan	1	1	
586	9/29/58	PH let HQ	2	2	
NR	4/29/59	Lat memo McAnis	1	1	
NR	4/29/59	Lat memo McAnis	1	1	
587	6/30/59	NY rept	7	7	b2 b7C D
NR	8-20/59	NY let HQ	1	1	

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NK	10/5/59	Lee memo Branigan	1	1	
588	2/23/60	Lat memo McQuinn	1	1	
588	3/10/60	Lee memo Branigan	2	2	
589	6/28/60	NY rpt	7	7	b2 b7cD
NK	9/28/60	Lee memo Branigan	1	1	
590	7/21/61	NY let HQ	1	1	b7cD
591	9/12/61	MC let HQ	2	2	b7cDE
592	9/26/61	NY rpt	8	8	b2 b7cDE
593	9/28/61	NY let HQ	2	2	
594	10/2/61	NK let HQ	1	1	b7cE
595	10/18/61	NK let HQ	1	1	
NK	12/1/61	HQ let NK	1	1	

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596	12/4/41	NK let HQ	1	1	b2 b7D
NR	2/23/42	NK let HQ	1	1	
597	3/24/42	NK let HQ	1	1	
598	3/21/42	NK let HQ	1/3	1/3	b2 b7C b1
599	5/11/42	NK AT HQ	4	4	b7C D b2
600	10/5/42	NK rept	9	9	b7C DE b2
601	11/23/42	WF let HQ	1	1	b7C
602	11/30/42	NK rept	8	8	b7C D
NR	11/30/42	NK let HQ	1	1	
603	12/19/42	NK rept	5	5	b7C b2
604	7/15/43	PG let HQ	2	2	b7C D
604	7/30/43	HQ let PG	2	2	b1 b7C D

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L05	8/27/63	HQ let NYC and encl.	1/3	1/0	3 refer Passport
L06	9/3/63	WFO AT HQ	3	1	2 refer Passport b7c
L07	9/26/63	NK let HQ	1	1	b7c
L08	9/16/63	HQ let CIA	2	2	b1
L08	10/14/63	Bonn let HQ	1	1	b1
L09	10/17/63	London let HQ	1	1	b1
L10	10/17/63	Bonn let HQ	1	1	b1
L11	10/24/63	NK let HQ	1	1	b7cD
L12	11/7/63	NK let HQ	2	2	b1 b7cD b2
NK	12/2/63	State department	1	0	1 refer to Passport
NK	4/23/64	NK LHM	1	1	
NK	12/22/64	NK LHM	1	1	

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			Actual	Released	
NK	12/22/64	NK let HQ	1	1	
613	12/18/64	NK let HQ	4	4	b7CDE b2
614	12/17/65	NK let HQ	3	3	b2 b7CDE
615	1/5/66	HQ let NK	1	1	b1
615	12/13/65	AAG let HQ	1	1	
616	2/4/66	NK let HQ	2	2	
617	6/20/66	WFO let HQ	4	4	b7CD
NK	12/2/66	NK let HQ	1	1	
NK	11/20/67	State department	1	0	1 refer to Passport
NK	12/20/67	NY let HQ	5	5	b1 b2 b7D
618	12/20/67	NK let HQ	4	4	b7CD b2
619	2/6/68	NY let HQ	8	8	b2 b7CD

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620	2/15/68	NK let HQ	2	2	b2 b7CD
621	2/27/68	NK let HQ	1	1	
NK	3/26/68	Bum let HQ	1	1	b1
NK	3/29/68	NY let HQ	1	1	b2 b7D
NK	5/28/68	NK let HQ	1	1	b2 b7CD
NK	7/19/68	NK let HQ	1	1	b2 b7CD
NK	12/17/68	State department	1	0	1 refer to Passport
NK	12/19/68	NY let HQ	4	4	b1 b2 b7D
NK	2/20/69	NK let HQ	2	2	b1 b2 b7CD
NK	2/4/69	NY let HQ	2	2	b2 b7D
NK		NK let HQ	2	2	b1
NK		NY let HQ	3	3	b1

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			Actual	Released	
NR	12/15/69	NY let HQ	1	1	b1
622	1/8/70	NK let HQ	1	1	b1
623	3/8/72	NK let HQ	2	2	
NR	3/20/73	writing slip	1	1	
NR	10/11/73	NK let HQ	4	2	b7C b2 2 super visor b7D
NR	10/12/73	NK let HQ	3	2	b2 b7C 1 super visor b1
NR	11/27/73	NK let HQ	2	2	b2 b7C D
NR	1/14/74	NK let HQ	4	4	b1 b7C D b2
NR	2/18/74	Alman let Kelley	1	1	
NR	3/11/74	Kelley let Alman	2	2	
NR	5/30/75	Shapiro let Kelley	1/7	1/2	dispo in Rosenberg LS-58236-2515
NR	2/20/75	meecopol let Kelley	4	-	dispo in Rosenberg LS-58236-2497
NR	3/13/73	Kelley let meecopol	1	-	dispo in Rosenberg LS-58236-2497

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-365040)
FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (65-1351)

DATE: September 11

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
ESPIONAGE - R
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Mr. W. H. HIATT, Warden, U.S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, has informed that BROTHMAN is scheduled for release on 10-5-52. However, he has a ten thousand dollar fine committed which he has made no effort to pay. Warden HIATT speculated that BROTHMAN would be held until 11-5-52 and then discharged by the U.S. Commissioner on a Poor Convict's Oath.

Any additional information concerning the release of BROTHMAN will be promptly reported to the Bureau and New York City.

CC: NEW YORK (100-95068)

KW:pfh

No action necessary
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TO : Director, FBI (100-365040)
FROM : SAC, New York (100-95068)

DATE: 10/9/52

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
ESPIONAGE - R
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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Re Atlanta let to Bureau 9/11/52.

10/5/52 Re let reflects that BROTHMAN was scheduled for release on 10/5/52 but was probably to be held until 11/5/52 and then be discharged on a Poor Convict's Oath. On 10/6/52 AUSA ETHEL DAVIDSON, SDNY, advised that BROTHMAN was taking a Poor Convict's Oath on 10/6/52 and was then to be released. It is noted that the US Attorney's Office has requested the NYO to conduct an investigation of the financial ability of the subject to pay his fine.

The Atlanta Office is requested to ascertain if BROTHMAN has been released.

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DATE: 10/10/52

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-365040)
 FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (65-1351)
 SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

ESPIONAGE - R
 OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
 INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Attached is photostatic copy of a letter written by ABRAHAM BROTHMAN to his wife, NAOMI BROTHMAN, Long Island City, New York, dated October 5, 1952, beginning "Dear NAOMI, This will be a letter given to 'odds and ends' for two reasons:", etc. (u)

This photostat was furnished to Special Agent GEORGE H. TREADWELL by Associate Warden EUGENE GOODWYN. Mr. GOODWYN stated that he personally did not think anything of particular interest in the letter, but stated it appeared to him to be capable of several instances of double meaning. He therefore referred the letter for the attention of this Bureau. It is suggested that the Bureau consider the letter, and, if deemed of sufficient importance, that the letter be referred to the FBI Laboratory, Script Analysis Section, for study. (u)

Mr. GOODWYN stated that there has been no change in the plans to release BROTHMAN November 5, 1952. (u)

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cc: New York (100-95068)

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DATE: 10-18-52

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Atlanta
 SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
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 OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
 INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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Re Atlanta letter to New York dated 8-8-52 which is the last communication in file pertaining to BROTHMAN's correspondence with Reverend B. B. NIELSEN, 8703 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn 9, New York.

Associate Warden EUGENE GOODWYN furnished to SA GEORGE H. TREADWELL of this office a photostatic copy of a letter from NIELSEN to BROTHMAN dated October 7, 1952. Mr. GOODWYN expressed the belief that the Bureau would possibly be interested in this letter due to the fact that NIELSEN informed BROTHMAN that he is considering accepting a position as Chaplain in an institution in the State of Texas and that he would possibly arrange to be in Atlanta to contact him on November 4, 1952, which NIELSEN believes is the correct release date for BROTHMAN. For the information of the New York Division and Bureau, BROTHMAN is scheduled for release on November 5, 1952.

Mr. GOODWYN particularly made reference to the statement in the letter as follows "I know I will see you as soon as you come to New York but will it have value to you if this plan materializes. Think it over and let me know." The last mentioned remark has reference to NIELSEN's visit to Atlanta and/or his visit to Texas.

As has been previously set forth in the correspondence to New York and Bureau, Mr. GOODWYN is of the opinion that NIELSEN is a Communist or Communist sympathizer. He bases this fact upon the continued correspondence with and reference to NIELSEN in ABRAHAM BROTHMAN's correspondence record. Mr. GOODWYN further pointed out that in monitoring BROTHMAN's correspondence it appears that NIELSEN has been in very frequent contact with BROTHMAN's wife since BROTHMAN's incarceration. Mr. GOODWYN added that Mrs. NAOMI BROTHMAN, wife of subject, when visiting subject at the U. S. Penitentiary Atlanta, has indicated that she makes these visits from New York via commercial airlines. She has also indicated in correspondence that her children attended private summer camps and otherwise indicates that she has been provided with income of and above the \$30 a week she informed

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100-36504
ENCLOSURE

To: Abraham Brothman
PMB 71641, Atlanta, Ga

From: Ch. Byam B. Mills
8103 3rd Ave
Brooklyn 9, N.Y.
Dec 1, 1952

Dear friend, etc:

Last week, I attended a conference for Chap. Linn
We met in a comfortable camp near Round
Brook, N.Y. This was in a beautiful place and
in a rich forest. Since I enjoy such a setting,
I really had a refreshing time. While we were
together with chaplains from coast to coast,
we learned about many new openings for
chaplains in various institutions. A friend of
mine who is now in Texas wanted me to
come to that state and take a position, so that
we could be neighbors. To be neighbors in Texas
may mean many miles apart. My work at
Bellevue terminates about May 1st, 1953, so
I really must begin to look around to find
a permanent place to work for some years to
come. My reply to my friend in Texas was
that I had to take a trip to the state and
look at the institution, or meet the repre-
sentative. This was agreed upon. Now, if I
travel down south this fall, it may be pos-
sible I could swing by Atlanta the day
of your visit, Nov. 4. You may correct me or
instruct if I am mistaken. I know I will
be in New York B.

might as well have met in person as this means nothing. I
think it over a bit but I don't know.

As you may know I spent an evening with your
family. Your daughter is growing in stature as well
as maturity. They are such happy children and I am
sure you will enjoy them more than ever. As
for me, it was good to say to see and talk
to them. It removed some of the loneliness
I have for my own daughter. who is enjoying
her school and home in Wisconsin. She wants
me to come out and see her during her Christ-
mas vacation.

I spoke to your friend, Chaplain Fred Hollender
yesterday and asked me to remember you from
him. I am wondering how your "Heart-
Lover" is reacting within you. There must be
many mixed feelings about getting free and
coming home to your family and society
again. I am very anxious to have some long chats
with you. I do feel very guilty about my fail-
ure as your corresponding friend, but we will
talk about that when we meet. Now, I am
only hoping you will find the kind of work
of the creative nature, peace, love and joy so
much. I wish more that your wife and children
can live with you in happiness and security.

Looking forward to see you, etc.
Ch. Barn B. Nielsen as always, your friend, Bryan
187-03 3rd Ave.
Brooklyn 9, 1952

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-365040)

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 1952

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (65-1351)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was "Abe"
ESPIONAGE - R
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re Atlanta letter to Director 10/17/52 transmitting a photostatic copy of a letter from NIELSEN to BROTHMAN. (u)

Associate Warden EUGENE GOODWIN, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, has furnished SA GEORGE H. TREADWELL with a photostatic copy of BROTHMAN's reply to above mentioned letter dated October 16, 1952. It will be noted that BROTHMAN requested that NIELSEN meet him at 9:00 A.M., November 5, 1952 at the United States Commissioner's Office, Atlanta, Georgia, at which time he will be released. (u)

It should be noted that in previous correspondence NIELSEN stated to BROTHMAN that he was going to Texas to seek a position and that it might be to BROTHMAN's interest to accompany him. It is therefore possible that BROTHMAN may continue on to Texas with NIELSEN. (u)

EXPEDITE

For the information of the San Antonio Office the NIELSEN referred to is B. B. NIELSEN, a Lutheran minister who was formerly a chaplain at the Federal House of Detention, New York City. He has subsequently ceased this position and is now intending to seek employment in Texas, place or nature unknown. NIELSEN has corresponded frequently with BROTHMAN during his incarceration and Penitentiary officials are of the opinion that NIELSEN is a Communist or a Communist Sympathizer. (u)

The photostatic copy furnished by Mr. GOODWIN is forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure to this letter. As no additional copies are available for the New York and San Antonio Divisions, the Bureau may desire to have copies made to furnish these offices. (u)

San Antonio is being apprised of this matter contemplating that the Bureau or New York Division may determine it expedient to have further investigation conducted in Texas concerning the activities of NIELSEN and BROTHMAN. (u)

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cc: New York
San Antonio

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Dear Sir,

Yesterday I received your letter of the 1st inst. regarding the matter of the Southside. The project of the day is to go to the Southside and to see the old from the North to find out the reason for the failure of the project. And for this reason, I am not going to go to the Southside.

On Nov 5, I will be "downed" and then I will be taking the train to the Commission at the Hotel Building in New York. I will be there on the 5th.

1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

From a tall, straight, slender figure, with a face
fair as paper, and a smile that was like the
glow of a sunset, he looked like a young man
of twenty, and yet he was nearly fifty. He was
a Quaker, and his dress was simple and plain,
but it was a plainness that was not
domed with a bonnet, for the Quakers were
not a people that were fond of a show of
riches, and a person that it was not a Quaker.

In former years, the place was called "Tahiti". I have
 seen it called so by the natives, but the English have
 chosen to call it that it is a pretty name, and it is a pretty place,

REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

October 11, 1952

To: SAC, Atlanta

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on October 16, 1952.

Re: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
ESPIONAGE - R
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 65-1351
FBI FILE NO. 100-365010
LAB. NO. 62-10771 ED

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter dated 10-10-52

Examination requested: Cryptanalysis

Specimens: Qc25 Photostatic copy of letter dated Oct. 5, 1952, from ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, PMB 71647, Atlanta, Ga. to Mrs. NAHMI BROTHMAN, Long Island City 4, New York.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

No code, cipher, or double meaning messages were found in Qc25.

The photostatic copy, designated Qc25 above, is being returned herewith.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-365040)

DATE: 11/7/52

FROM: *W* SAC, Atlanta (65-1351)SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, Was;
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OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950 *Brothman*

The following information was received from Warden W. H. HIATT of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, by letter dated 11/6/52:

BROTHMAN was released from the institution on 11/5/52 after having been held thirty days solely for non-payment of a \$10,000.00 committed fine. He was brought before the U. S. Commissioner in Atlanta on 11/6/52 and released on poor convicts oath. He will not be under supervision as he was discharged by expiration of minimum sentence.

He apparently expects to return to the home of his wife, Mrs. NAOMI BROTHMAN, at 4108-42nd Street, Long Island City, N. Y. *MRS. ABRAHAM BROTHMAN*

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cc: New York (100-95068)

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TO : W. A. Branigan
FROM: J.P. Lee

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ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
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Captioned case has been reviewed and careful consideration given to the advisability of any re-interviews, interviews or other action which may now appear warranted. In the event such now appears desirable, necessary action is being initiated.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: March 26, 1953

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (65-1718)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
ESPIONAGE - R

On February 25, 1943, one RAY SCHLOSSMAN, 630 Gholson Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, appeared at the Cincinnati Office and advised that during 1950 and 1952, he was incarcerated in the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. He stated that during his incarceration he became acquainted with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, EUGENE DENNIS, JOHN GATES and ALFRED DEAN SLACK. (u)

SCHLOSSMAN advised that since his return to Cincinnati from prison, he has been discharged from one job after another due to being "blackballed" by a local private detective agency. He stated that he had gained certain information and had made friends with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and was now in a position to use this information for his own good, or, as he termed it, "his ace in the hole." (u)

He stated that he became acquainted with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN at the Jewish services at the Penitentiary and through his work in the prison library he was able to assist BROTHMAN in obtaining various pieces of literature to which they were supposedly not entitled. He stated he recalled giving BROTHMAN copies of "The Compass," which was subscribed to by another inmate by the name of JOE FISHER. (u)

During the interview SCHLOSSMAN jumped from point to point and from various pieces of information to various other pieces of information and it was difficult to keep him on one bit of information any length of time. SCHLOSSMAN stated that during his stay in the prison he had been under the treatment of a psychiatrist and readily admitted that he was very nervous. (u)

SCHLOSSMAN stated that he did know that BROTHMAN offered to help ALFRED DEAN SLACK in obtaining a new trial and that he, SCHLOSSMAN, acted as the third man between BROTHMAN and SLACK at Atlanta. BROTHMAN wanted to supplement SLACK'S brief in order to interject the ROSENBERG case into SLACK'S brief. (u)

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RE: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
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SCHLOSSMAN pointed out that generally SLACK was considered a "rat" by BROTHMAN, EUGENE DENNIS and GATES. However, BROTHMAN saw an opportunity to aid the ROSENBERGS by helping SLACK. (u)

SCHLOSSMAN stated that he had information that BROTHMAN, FRANK ~~SCSTELLO~~ and one JACK ~~FREDERS~~, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, were the owners of the Teleking Television Corporation. SCHLOSSMAN did not elaborate further on this or give any details regarding it. (u)

He also pointed out that he had ascertained from BROTHMAN that BROTHMAN had set up in business the Terry Studio, Bronx, New York, while in Detention Headquarters, New York City. (u)

SCHLOSSMAN reported that he was acquainted with one Dr. ⁷¹¹⁵ ~~NATHAN RAPAPORTE~~, New York City, whose wife was a collector for the Communist Party by his own admission. He stated that Dr. RAPAPORTE was presently in Miami Beach, Florida, residing at 1123 Euclid Avenue. He stated that he knew RAPAPORTE had trouble regarding income tax evasion and had a collection of postage stamps valued at approximately \$75,000, which he was hiding from the Government. (u)

SCHLOSSMAN stated that during his incarceration in Atlanta, he had played handball with GATES and also had some conversation with EUGENE DENNIS. (u)

SCHLOSSMAN was interviewed at length to ascertain whether he had any information concerning missing Communist fugitives. However, he stated he had no information regarding them. (u)

SCHLOSSMAN advised that due to the fact he was unable to obtain employment in Cincinnati, he was considering going to work for BROTHMAN and would do so if the Bureau desired. He was advised that the Bureau was interested in obtaining any information which he may have. However, no recommendation was being made as to where he should seek employment. (u)

SCHLOSSMAN pointed out that he had other documentary information in the form of letters in his room and stated that he would bring the letters in to substantiate his statements. (u)

RE: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
ESPIONAGE - R

In order that this office could more intelligently interview SCHLOSSMAN, at his suggestion, he was to return. It was contemplated that prior to his return a file review would be made regarding BROTHMAN in order that information in SCHLOSSMAN'S possession could be correlated more intelligently. However, SCHLOSSMAN did not return and on March 14, 1953, SCHLOSSMAN telephonically contacted this office from New York, stating that he had contacted the New York Office and that they were not aware that he had made information available to this office. (u)

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This office does not consider SCHLOSSMAN as a possible Security Informant due to his criminal record and due to the fact that he originally stated that the information he had was being used by him as his "ace in the hole" or in order to forward himself in any manner possible. (u)

As previously pointed out, this office advised SCHLOSSMAN that we were interested in obtaining all the information he had in his possession; however, the FBI was not in a position to clear his name or obtain employment for him. (u)

It is suggested that possibly the New York Office may desire to interview SCHLOSSMAN at length regarding his knowledge of BROTHMAN, which he may have obtained while in Atlanta. (u)

It was noted in a file review by this office that subject has a sister, JEANNETTE MAGID, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York; brother, JACK SCHLOSSMAN, Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York; brother, MURRAY SCHLOSSMAN, 1592 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York; wife, SHIRLEY SHERMAN. (u)

~~MRS. SCHLOSSMAN~~
~~MRS. RAPHAEL DAVID SCHLOSSMAN~~

Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service

June 12, 1953

Director, FBI

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

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Reference is made to the communication of May 21, 1953, from Mr. Raymond P. Parrell, Assistant Commissioner, which contained a request for information as to the citizenship status of the captioned individual, your file 3-56324/454. (u)

G.I.R.-5

A review of the records of this Bureau has disclosed that Abraham Brothman was born on August 15, 1918, in New York City. An extensive investigation of a security nature was conducted of this individual which was placed in a closed status on January 29, 1952, but in view of the fact that he is a native-born citizen, the results of the investigation are not being furnished to you at this time. (u)

Attached hereto is your form G-59. (u)

This is the result of a request for an FBI file check and is not to be considered as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. It is for your confidential use only and is not to be disseminated to unauthorized individuals or agencies. (a)

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(The office of origin was NYC and the case was supervised in the Espionage Section. The investigation of Brothman failed to substantiate the original allegation made by Harry Gold and Elizabeth Bentley that Brothman was cooperating in furnishing information to the Soviets. The facts in the case were presented to the Department and prosecution under the Federal Espionage Statute was declined. As a result of the investigation, however, Brothman and his business partner were prosecuted on the charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice. Both were convicted and on November 28, 1950, were sentenced to serve 2 years in the penitentiary and pay a fine of \$10,000. In addition, Brothman was sentenced to serve 5 years and pay a fine of \$5,000 for a violation of the substantive offense of obstruction of justice. He appealed and the conspiracy conviction was upheld but the conviction on the substantive offense was reversed.) (u)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT

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DATE Nov 12 1953

Mr. Tolson

Mr. Nichols

SUBJECT

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Roy Cohn advised me last night in confidence of the following:

The McCarthy group has now concluded that they will apply for a court order to secure a writ requiring Greenglass's appearance in New York to give testimony.

He stated they had Abraham Brothman in on Wednesday afternoon. Brothman invoked the Fifth Amendment. The owner of the electronic concern for whom Brothman works sent a car and chauffeur to Atlanta for Brothman when Brothman was released from the Penitentiary. This electronic firm has 50% of its work in Government contracts and the Senate Investigating Committee is going to inquire into the terms of the contract with regard to security clearance and then ask for an explanation as to why the contract has not been canceled.

Roy further stated that Senator McCarthy was losing his patience with the Department. He told me in the strictest of confidence

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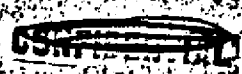
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November 4, 1953

SAC, New York

Director, FBI

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
ESPIONAGE - R
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
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MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ
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OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
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You are instructed to submit investigative reports promptly in the above-captioned cases, including therein the present residences and employments of the subjects.

You are also instructed to submit immediately recommendations for the inclusion of these subjects on the Security Index.

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Spy Case Man in Radar Job, McCarthy Reports

By Walter P. Reuther

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy said yesterday that Abraham Brothman, linked to the Julius Rosenberg spy ring, is out of Federal prison and working in "a radar plant" at Port Jervis, N. Y.

The Wisconsin Republican said he had summoned Brothman for questioning this morning at closed hearings of the Senate Permanent Investigations subcommittee in the United States Court House at Foley Square. The Senator has been investigating an alleged spy ring at the radar labora-

tories at Fort Monmouth, N. J. Brothman, now thirty-nine, was linked to the spy ring by Harry Gold, courier for Dr. Klaus Fuchs and other Red espionage agents, now serving a term in Federal prison. Brothman was convicted of obstructing justice and jailed for two years in 1951.

"The moment we heard that Brothman was free and working in a radar plant, we called the plant," Sen. McCarthy said yesterday. "It is the Techniflex Co., and one of his superiors said that the Brothman employed in the plant was the same Brothman who had served a sentence on a conspiracy charge."

We immediately issued a subpoena ordering Brothman to appear in closed session before us tomorrow."

A Techniflex Corp., listed in Poor's Register of Directors at 85 Jersey Ave., Port Jervis, has as its principal products vibration eliminators, door gaskets, night glasses, driers, check valves, sponge rubber tubing and machine parts for aircraft and air conditioners. Officials of the corporation could not be reached last night.

Sen. McCarthy also announced that he had changed his plans on the New York questioning of David Greenglass, confessed atomic spy, now serving a fifteen-year term. Instead of bringing Greenglass to the Federal Building, Mr. McCarthy said, he would go to the Federal penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pa. and question him in private.

The Senator gave several reasons for his change. One was

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that he had received two letters "tipping us off that Greenglass' life might be in danger and he would be open to possible pot shots while en route here."

The Senator said the other reason was that Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. had told him it would require a court order to get Greenglass up to New York and "advised" him to go to the prison instead. Sen. McCarthy said that Greenglass could give vital information about the Rosenberg spy ring at Fort Monmouth, N. J. Greenglass had testified against his sister, Ethel Rosenberg, and his brother-in-law, Julius, and both were executed on June 19.

Challenge by Rogge

The Senator's claim was challenged by O. John Rogge, Greenglass' attorney. Mr. Rogge accompanied subcommittee investigators to the prison last week and was present when they questioned Greenglass. He said his client had given no important "new" information on espionage.

Gold had testified against Brothman at the latter's trial, and last week, during the visit to Greenglass, Senate investiga-

tors got a new statement from him in which he swore that Brothman was his "contact." Brothman, who lived at 41-08 42d St., Sunnyside, Queens, and Miss Moskowitz, of 151 Eighth Ave., were charged with conspiring to concoct a story to throw the F. B. I. "off the track" and defeat justice in the spy investigation.

Sen. McCarthy's sessions closed to the press, have always been open to his friends and relatives as observers. Yesterday's guest "observer" during the questioning of eight witnesses, including several Signal Corps employees who invoked the Fifth Amendment, was Tom Driberg, a Labor member of the British Parliament from Malden, Essex. Mr. Driberg said he was "much interested in the Fifth Amendment, because we have no such thing, not having a written constitution."

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: November 8, 1953

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
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In connection with an article in the New York Herald Tribune dated November 4, 1953, it was stated that representatives of the McCarthy Committee had obtained a new statement from Harry Gold in which Gold stated that Abraham Brothman "was his contact." The article also set forth that Brothman and Miriam Moskowitz were charged with conspiring to concoct a story to throw the FBI "off the track" and defeat justice in the espionage investigation. You asked for the facts concerning this matter. (u)

Elizabeth Bentley in the Fall of 1945, informed us that Abraham Brothman had been turned over to her in 1940 for handling by Jacob Golos, her Soviet superior. Brothman was furnishing data on industrial projects. After a short period, Brothman was turned over to another Soviet superior and Bentley lost contact with him. Brothman was interviewed by Bureau agents on May 29, 1947, and after first denying he knew Golos or Bentley, he later admitted knowing them and furnishing blueprints to Golos through Bentley and later Harry Gold. Brothman alleged Gold was a representative of Golos. On July 22, 1947, Brothman was called before a Federal grand jury in New York City where he testified to substantially the same information. Gold was also interviewed by us at that time and substantiated the statements made by Brothman. (u)

On May 22, 1950, Harry Gold admitted that he was the Soviet superior of Abraham Brothman but that his previous statements to the agents were false in that his contacts with Brothman were at the direction of a Soviet official, Semen M. Semenov. Gold furnished detailed information concerning his relationship with both Brothman and Semenov. Gold admitted that at the request of Brothman and Miriam Moskowitz, he had testified to the false story in 1947 before a grand jury. (u)

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On November 4, 1953, the Bureau received a copy of a report from the Warden of Lewisburg setting forth his recollection of Gold's interview by McCarthy Committee investigators and enclosing copies of two affidavits submitted by Gold to them. The warden advised that Gold was requested by Roy Cohn to submit an affidavit for Senator Jenner concerning his knowledge of one Shura Swan (also known as Alexander Svenchansky), who had been dismissed from the United Nations. Gold submitted two affidavits concerning Swan pointing out he heard of this individual through Abraham Brothman. Gold identified Brothman as "one of my sources of information for the Soviet espionage organization of which I was a courier." The interview of Gold by McCarthy Committee investigators did not exceed fifteen or twenty minutes. (X)

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D. M. Ladd

November 5, 1953

A. H. Belmont

ALEXANDER SVENCHANSKY, with aliases
Alexander Svintchansky; Alex Suenchansky;
Alexander Suen; Samra Swan
SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS:

In a "Washington Evening Star" article dated 11-3-53, information was set out that Robert Morris of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee stated that his Committee had a sworn affidavit from Harry Gold in which Gold stated he had once interceded for Suenchansky with his superiors in a Russian spy ring. The Director inquired whether this was new information. It is not new. (u)

Harry Gold advised on interview on 8-2-50, and 8-9-50, that on two occasions (1942 and 1946) Abraham Brothman complained to him because Suenchansky had been fired by Amtorg. In 1942 Brothman wanted Gold to get Suenchansky his job back for him and Gold said he would see what he could do. Gold later mentioned this matter to his Soviet superior, Semen M. Semenov, and was told to mind his own business. Gold during 1942 was contacting Brothman at the instruction of Semen M. Semenov. (u)

Gold said he got the impression from Brothman that Suenchansky had first introduced Brothman to an Amtorg employee to do industrial espionage. Brothman on interview 5-29-47, stated Jacob Golos originally came to him in 1938 or 1939 for blueprints. Gold on interview 5-22-50, advised he believed Golos was Brothman's first contact with the Soviets. Suenchansky on interview on 11-16-50, and before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on 10-29-53, denied introducing Brothman into Russian espionage. Suenchansky employed at Amtorg in New York City from 1932 to 1942; from 1942 to 1945, he was in the U.S. Army; from 1946 to 1952, he was employed by the U.S. Investigation of Suenchansky failed to establish that he was engaged in Soviet espionage. He is on the Security Index. Sworn affidavits of Gold in this matter dated 10-29-53, and 10-30-53, set out information. (u)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information. (u)

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DETAILS:

Reference is made to the article captioned "Greenpeace' Lawyer Denies McCarthy Got New Radar Spy Data" in 11-3-53, edition of the "Washington Evening Star." The following paragraph is quoted from the above article:

"Robert Morris, counsel for this group, (Senate Internal Security Subcommittee) quoted the imprisoned atom spy Harry Gold as saying in his second sworn affidavit in four days that he once interceded for Svenchansky with superiors in a Russian spy ring." (u)

The Director inquired as to whether this was new information. It is not new. (u)

During interviews of Harry Gold on 8-2-50, and 8-3-50, he advised that in March, 1942, he had a conversation with Abraham Brothman in New York City. At this time Brothman advised Gold that his friend, Shura Swan, subsequently identified as Alexander Svenchansky, had worked for the Soviet Union and had been laid off recently by them. Gold said he got the impression from Brothman that Swan had worked for Amtorg and that Swan was the man who first introduced Brothman to another Amtorg employee who then induced Brothman to engage in industrial espionage. At this time Brothman asked Gold to see what, if anything, he could do to get Swan's job back for him at Amtorg. Gold said he told Brothman he would do what he could in this respect, but at the time he said he had no intention of doing anything about this since Brothman's story about Swan and his discharge did not ring true. Gold explained that the part that did not sound accurate was principally Brothman's request for Gold, a mere underling, to see what he could do for Swan when Swan undoubtedly should have been able to help himself had he been the individual who was responsible for securing and developing Brothman for the Soviets as Brothman claims Swan did. Gold said that later on he had mentioned this matter to his Soviet superior, Semen M. Semenov, and was told by Semenov in so many words to mind his own business and to tell Brothman that Semenov said for him to get a job in the United States Rubber Company. In late 1942 or early 1943 Gold, during a meeting with Brothman at which Swan was mentioned, conveyed Semenov's message to Brothman.

In June, 1946, Brothman told Gold that Swan had been "kicked out on his ear" by Antorg on at least two occasions. It should be noted that during 1942 Gold was contacting Brothman at the instructions of his Soviet superior, Semen M. Suenchov. (u)

On interview on 4-29-57, Brothman advised Bureau agents that Jacob Golos originally came to his office in 1938 or 1939 and requested blueprints of certain products on which Brothman was then working. Thereafter, Brothman turned over various blueprints to Elizabeth Bentley and Harry Gold. Gold on interview on 3-22-50, advised that to the best of his knowledge, Golos was Brothman's first contact with the Soviets. Suenchansky on interview on 11-16-50, admitted acquaintance with Brothman, but denied introducing him into Russian espionage. Suenchansky was called before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on 10-29-53, and denied introducing Brothman to anyone for espionage purposes. (u)

Suenchansky was born in Russia in 1909. He entered the United States in 1929 and was naturalized in 1929. He was employed by the Antorg Trading Corporation in New York City from 1932 to April, 1942, and from May to December, 1942, by the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in Washington, D. C. He served in the United States Army from December, 1942 to September, 1945. He was employed by the United Nations in New York City from October, 1946 to December, 1952, when his employment was terminated after his refusal to answer questions on Communism before an earlier Senate inquiry. Investigation of Suenchansky was initiated in late 1949 because of his pro-Russian and pro-Communist attitude. Investigation failed to reveal that Suenchansky was engaged in espionage, but informants alleged he was pre-Soviet and pre-Communist. Suenchansky is on the Security Index. (u)

Gold's sworn affidavit furnished to McCarthy Committee investigators regarding the captioned subject and dated 10-29-53, reads as follows:

Harry Gold, being duly sworn, states:

I heard of Shura Swan from a man called Abraham Brothman. Brothman was one of my sources of information for the Soviet espionage organization, of which I was a courier. I met Brothman in September of 1941. About one half year after that Brothman first mentioned Shura Swan. Brothman said that it was Shura Swan who had introduced him to Soviet espionage work. At a somewhat later date Brothman complained to me of the base ingratitude of the Soviet (u)

espionage setup. He said that during a slack period, Swan, who was working for Amtorg, had been laid off. On a third occasion Brothman told me that he had met Swan through his wife (Brothman's wife) Naomi.

Signed

Harry Gold

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October 1953.
G. W. Humphrey, Warden, Lewisburg Prison. (u)

Gold's sworn affidavit furnished to McCarthy Committee investigators regarding the captioned subject and dated 10-30-53, reads as follows:

Harry Gold, being duly sworn, says:

This is the fourth occasion on which I heard of Shura Swan. Sometime in either 1942 or 1943 Abe Brothman asked me to request of my Soviet superior that a job be obtained at Amtorg for Shura Swan; this man who was my "boss" at that time I knew only as "Sam" but I have since identified him as Semen Markovich Semenov, an employee of Amtorg and also an espionage agent. I told Sam of Brothman's request--the Russian flew into a rage and said: "Tell Brothman to keep his nose out of other people's business! And as for you, you mind yours too! We know all about this Shura Swan." (u)

Thus chastised I was only too happy to let go of the subject. However, in telling Brothman of Sam's refusal, I softened the blow by saying merely that nothing was available at that time--for I had to keep in Abe's good graces so as to continue obtaining information from him. (u)

At the time of asking me to intercede for Shura Swan, Abe told me that while Shura, who was loyal to the Soviet Union, had been laid off at Amtorg, there were others (presumably Americans employed at Amtorg) who secretly ridiculed the USSR, but who had been retained.

Signed

Harry Gold

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of October, 1953, at the U.S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania,
G. W. Humphrey, Warden. (u)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-365040)

DATE: 11/14/53

FROM SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, Was
ESP-R (100-95068)
ASCERTAINING FINANCIAL ABILITY (93-576)

Attached hereto is FD-122 which recommends that an S.I. card be replaced on the above named subject. It is noted that BROTHMAN was previously carried as an S.I. subject but was cancelled at the time of his incarceration.

While there is no information concerning current subversive activity, the above recommendation is based upon BROTHMAN'S past activities and associations and the fact of his conviction for obstruction of justice in connection with the HARRY GOLD matter.

As previously reported, BROTHMAN is continuing his monthly payments of \$60.00 or more on his fine to the SDNY.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-365040)

DATE: 11/1/53

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-95068)

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X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual. The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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DATE OF BIRTH AUGUST 15, 1913 PLACE OF BIRTH NEW YORK, N.Y.

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

TECHNIFLEX CORP., 55 JERSEY AVENUE, PORT JERVIS, N.Y.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 80 KINGSTON AVENUE, PORT JERVIS, N.Y.

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TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: November 7, 1953

FROM : R. W. Smith

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
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At 11:20 A.M., on this date, Special Agent Howard Gillespie, supervisor on duty at the New York office, telephonically contacted the writer stating that Ben Collins, a representative of the "Times Herald" newspaper, Middletown, New York, had called the New York office at approximately 11 A.M., this date. Collins had allegedly been in contact with Norman Gaboriault of the Techni-Flex Corporation, Port Jervis, New York, the employer of Abraham Brothman, and Gaboriault had allegedly informed Collins that FBI agents were aware of Brothman's employment at this plant and the agents saw no reason why Gaboriault couldn't hire Brothman. In addition, Gaboriault allegedly told Collins that Brothman had been recommended to him for employment at Techni-Flex by an unidentified investor in the firm who was on trial for income tax evasion at the same time that Brothman was on trial for obstruction of justice. Collins solicited the comment of the New York office in regard to this matter and specifically requested the name of the unidentified investor in Techni-Flex who had recommended Brothman for employment. (u)

Supervisor Gillespie of the New York office stated that McAndrews, also of that office, recommended no comment with the exception of stating that the Bureau has nothing to do with where a man is employed. (u)

This matter was brought to the attention of Mr. Belmont who recommended that it be called to the attention of Mr. Nichols or Mr. McGuire. Mr. Nichols instructed the writer to contact the New York office and advise them to definitely identify the agents who had contacted Gaboriault and to make certain that they had not made any statement to the effect that they knew no reason why Gaboriault couldn't hire Brothman. Mr. Nichols instructed that no reaction be given to Collins' inquiry until the New York office had established the requested facts. (u)

At 11:50 A.M. Gillespie of the New York office was advised of Mr. Nichols' instructions. (u) 100-365040-562

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RECOMMENDATION:

None; this is for your information. (u)

ADDENDUM:

SA Gillespie of the New York office called back and advised that Resident Agent W. F. Norton, who covered Port Jervis, had contacted Mr. Gaboriault alone in regard to the ascertaining financial ability matter involving Abraham Brothman and that approximately one year ago Agent Norton, accompanied by Agent John Harrington of the New York office, contacted Mr. Gaboriault regarding an unidentified matter. According to Gillespie, SA Norton states that the question of the propriety of Brothman's employment by Gaboriault did not come up. Gillespie advised that Harrington had not been contacted inasmuch as the later interview was undoubtedly the one in question. (u)

At 3:35 P.M., in accordance with Mr. Nichols' instructions, SA Gillespie was advised that we could make no comment regarding the identification of the investor connected with Techni-Flex who had allegedly recommended Brothman's employment by that concern. In regard to the statement that Bureau representatives had passed on the propriety of Brothman's employment, Gillespie was instructed to state that this was not true as the FBI does not make recommendations for employment or give clearances for employment. (u)

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Right. *[Signature]*

TO: Director, FBI (100-365040)
 FROM: SAC, New York (100-95068)
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RebuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R". *ru*

Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files. *(ru)*

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages, 130, 137 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264). *(ru)*

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TO : MR. NICHOLS

DATE: 12/15/53

FROM : W. G. EAMES

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER
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BUFILE 65-56402ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

RE: INDEXING PROCEDURES - MAJOR CASES

There is attached, the result of a serial by serial review of the first 4017 serials in this case. This review was made for the purpose of identifying serials wherein each of 49 principal subjects are mentioned. No attempt has been made to eliminate duplicate information. (u)

A summary type card has been prepared for the general indices, reflecting that the attached listing of serials appears as serial 4039 of this file. An original and two copies will be filed in this case file. A copy of the listing for each of the 49 subjects will be serialized into each main file and this fact will also appear on the same summary card. Copies are being made available to the Espionage Section and other copies will be used in this section, in order to further evaluate this method of improving our indexing procedures in major cases. (u)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That this memorandum be approved for filing as serial 4039 of the Silvermaster case. (u)

2. That copies of this memorandum be filed in each of the main files of the 49 subjects mentioned on attached list. (u)

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(MCCARTHY)
 NEW YORK--SEN. JOSEPH R. MCCARTHY PLANNED TO QUESTION EIGHT WITNESSES TODAY AT A CLOSED SESSION OF HIS PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATING SECURITY LEAKS IN THE ARMY'S RADAR PROGRAM. MCCARTHY, WHO DID NOT IDENTIFY THE WITNESSES IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING, SAID THE (10:30 A.M. EST) SESSION TODAY WOULD BE THE LAST THIS WEEK.
 AT SESSIONS YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT WITNESSES INCLUDED ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, WHO SERVED A PRISON TERM FOR CONSPIRING TO OBSTRUCT JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, AND NORMAN GABORIAULT, A PORT JERVIS, N.Y., MANUFACTURER WHO HIRED BROTHMAN AFTER HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON. MCCARTHY SAID BROTHMAN REFUSED TO ANSWER ALMOST ALL QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM AT THE SECRET SESSION, INCLUDING WHETHER HE IS ENGAGING IN ESPIONAGE.
 GABORIAULT, PRESIDENT OF THE TECHNIFLEX CORP., TOLD MCCARTHY HE HIRED BROTHMAN AS A CHEMICAL ENGINEER IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RELEASE FROM THE ATLANTA, GA., FEDERAL PENITENTIARY. THE MANUFACTURER SAID HE "DIDN'T THINK IT PROPER TO ASK HIM IF HE IS AN ESPIONAGE AGENT," ACCORDING TO MCCARTHY.
 GABORIAULT SAID HIS FIRM GETS ABOUT HALF ITS INCOME FROM GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND MANUFACTURES PARTS FOR RADAR SETS. MCCARTHY QUOTED HIM AS SAYING NONE OF THE WORK WAS "CLASSIFIED" AS FAR AS HE KNEW.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: November 6, 1953

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
ESPIONAGE - R
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Bufile 100-365040)

Washington City News Service of November 4, 1953, reported that Brothman and Norman Gaboriault, President of Techni-Flex Corporation, present employer of Brothman, had testified before the McCarthy Committee November 3, 1953. In answer to your inquiry as to what our files show on Gaboriault, the following is set forth: (u)

After the conviction of Brothman in November, 1950, and while he was confined to the Federal Detention Headquarters, New York City, awaiting the outcome of his appeal, information was obtained from a confidential source in April, 1951, that Brothman's appeal was being financed by Jacob Friedus, wealthy New York businessman, also confined to the Federal Detentions Headquarters, New York City, on an income tax charge. Friedus was interviewed and advised he became acquainted with Brothman in jail and from discussions with him considered him to be a brilliant scientist. Friedus agreed to help Brothman upon his release and entered into a tentative agreement with Brothman, giving Friedus an option on several chemical patents owned by Brothman. Friedus authorized Norman Gaboriault, President of Techni-Flex, which company is owned by the Friedus family, to pay \$5,000 to Brothman's lawyer to handle the appeal and \$100 a week to Naomi Brothman, subject's wife, for living expenses. Also, upon Brothman's release, he would go to work for Techni-Flex. Brothman was released from Atlanta Penitentiary November 5, 1952. The Bureau conducted an investigation of Brothman upon his release to determine his financial ability to pay a \$10,000 fine which was part of his original sentence. During this investigation Gaboriault

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was interviewed by Bureau agents in April, 1953, and he confirmed Friedus' story of the agreement between Techni-Flex and the subject. On February 18, 1953, information was received that Brothman was working at Techni-Flex, Port Jervis, New York, at a salary of \$175 a week. Subject has entered into an agreement with the Government to make payments of \$60 per month on this fine. (u)

Bufiles contain no identifiable, derogatory information on Gaboriault. Techni-Flex is not a key facility designated by the Department of Defense and is not an atomic energy facility. The Bureau has no record that this company holds classified contacts with any branch of the armed service. (u)

ACTION

None. For your information. (u)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: November 10, 1952

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was.
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You inquired as to whether we knew that Norman Gaboriault and Jacob Friedus had driven to Atlanta Penitentiary to pick up Brothman upon his release and drove him back to New York. Our files do not reflect this information. Our files do reflect that the Warden of Atlanta Penitentiary had advised our Atlanta Office by letter of November 6, 1952, that Brothman was released on November 5, 1952, after having been held thirty days for nonpayment of his \$10,000 fine; that Brothman was brought before the United States Commissioner in Atlanta on November 6, 1952, and released on Poor Convicts Oath. (u)

You also inquired as to why wouldn't we open investigations on Friedus and Gaboriault. Upon receipt of the information that Brothman was being given financial assistance by Friedus, we checked into the background of Friedus and ascertained he had numerous business ventures and owned considerable property in New York. Included among his ventures were the Techni-Flex Corporation and the Starrett Television Corporation. Through a confidential informant in the Federal Detention Headquarters, we were able to keep informed of the relation between Brothman and Friedus which appeared to be strictly a business relationship. Friedus admitted in his interview on November 4, 1952, that he was desirous of exploiting Brothman's engineering talents since he considered Brothman a brilliant engineer. Gaboriault on his interview in April, 1953, stated his interest in Brothman arose when Friedus suggested that Techni-Flex give financial help to Brothman and his wife in return for the use of Brothman's patents and services upon his release. (u)

Inasmuch as there is no indication that the relationship between Friedus and Gaboriault with Brothman was other than of a business nature and in the absence of information

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to the contrary, no security or espionage type investigation
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THE DIRECTOR

MR. J. E. LADD

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Reference is made to my memorandum of November 10, 1953, concerning Herman Gaboriault of the Techni-Flex Corporation, employer of Brothman, on which you notes "You had better read the testimony Gaboriault, et al, given before the McCarthy Com."

We do not have the transcript of the testimony given by Gaboriault and Brothman before the McCarthy Committee on November 8, 1953.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Mr. Nichols make arrangements to secure copies of the transcript of the testimony given Brothman and Gaboriault before the McCarthy Committee on November 8, 1953. Upon receipt of the transcript, the testimony of these individuals will be analyzed to determine whether active investigation should be undertaken of Gaboriault.

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TO : D. M. Ladd *DL*DATE: December 15, 1953 *15*FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, with aliases
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SYNOPSIS:

Testimony of Brothman and his present employer, Norman Gaboriault, President of Techni-Flex Corp., before McCarthy Committee 11-4-53, reviewed pursuant to the Director's request. Testimony reflects Brothman refused to answer questions concerning employment, espionage or Communist activities claiming privilege of 5th Amendment.

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Reuben referred to above is believed identical with William A. Reuben who authored series of articles concerning Rosenberg case appearing in "National Guardian," a pro-Communist publication, in 1951, claiming Rosenberg convictions a political frame-up. Bureau investigation of Reuben showed him to be sympathetic to Communism, but no proof of Communist Party membership. He is on Security Index. *(u)*

RECOMMENDATION:

Attached for approval is a letter to NYO requesting security investigation of Gaboriault to determine his activities and the extent of his association with Brothman and Reuben. *(u)*

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DETAILS:


As you are aware, Abraham Brothman was convicted in November, 1950, for obstruction of justice in connection with the appearance of Harry Gold before a Federal Grand Jury in 1947. He originally received a sentence of seven years, but on appeal the conviction on one of the counts of the indictment was reversed and his sentence was reduced to two years. Brothman was released from Federal penitentiary at Atlanta on 11-5-52. He is presently employed as an engineer by the Techni-Flex Corporation, Port Jervis, New York. (u)

On 11-4-53, Brothman and Norman Gaboriault, President of Techni-Flex, testified before the McCarthy Committee in executive session in New York City. (u)

Newspaper accounts of Gaboriault's testimony reflected that upon Brothman's release from the penitentiary, Gaboriault had sent an automobile to Atlanta to have Brothman picked up and brought back to New York. (u)

The Director requested to know what our files showed on Gaboriault. A memorandum from Mr. Ladd to the Director dated 11-6-53, reported that our files contain no identifiable derogatory information on Gaboriault. Gaboriault had been interviewed by Bureau agents in April, 1953, and pointed out he had hired Brothman on the recommendation of Jacob Friedus. The Director then inquired as to why wouldn't we open investigation on Friedus and Gaboriault. By memorandum dated 11-10-53, from Mr. Ladd to the Director it was pointed out that inasmuch as there was no indication that the relationship between Friedus and Gaboriault with Brothman was other than that of a business nature, no security type investigation was opened on these individuals. The Director noted on this memorandum "You had better read the testimony Gaboriault, et al, given before the McCarthy Com." (u)

The testimony of Brothman and Gaboriault given before the McCarthy Committee 11-4-53, has been obtained and reviewed. This review reflects that Brothman refused to answer any questions concerning his employment, espionage or Communist activities he might have been engaged in claiming his privilege under the 5th Amendment against self-incrimination. He also refused to identify Gaboriault who was at the hearing. (u) not within review



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Bill Ruben mentioned above is probably identical with William A. Reuben, who authored a series of articles concerning the Rosenberg case which appeared in the "National Guardian," a pro-Communist publication, in 1951 and labelled the case a political frame-up. Reuben gave speeches throughout the country about this case and in a speech at Portland, Oregon, on 5-1-52, he viciously attacked the FBI and the Director. Investigation was instituted on Reuben in May, 1952. The investigation shows that Reuben has been sympathetic to the cause of Communism, but we have no proof of his actual Communist Party membership. Reuben is on the Security Index. (u)

A review of the Gaboriault testimony reflects that the relationship existing between Gaboriault and Brothman probably is that of a business nature. Bufiles do not contain any identifiable derogatory information on Gaboriault. (u)

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SAC, New York

December 15, 1953

Director, FBI

NORMAN GABORIAULT
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

not with review
You are aware that Gaboriault, President of Techni-Fax corporation, and present employer of Abraham Brothman, testified before the McCarthy Committee on November 4, 1953. The Bureau obtained a transcript of Gaboriault's testimony on a confidential basis.

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In connection with Rubin mentioned above, it is believed that this individual is identical with William A. Ruben, a Security Index subject of your office, who authored a series of articles concerning the Rosenberg case which appeared in the "National Guardian." (u)

It is requested that an immediate discreet investigation be instituted on Gaboriault, captioned as above, in an effort to determine his complete background, contacts and associates. It should be particularly determined the extent of his association with Brothman and Ruben. (u)

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 2/5/54.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/7; 12/28/53; 2/2, 3/54.	REPORT MADE BY LOUIS M. LUEDERS
TITLE ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides Kingston Avenue, Port Jervis, NY. Employed Techniflex Corporation, Port Jervis, NY. Subject imprisoned in US Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, 8/28/51 to 11/6/52. No information on any espionage Communist activity on part of subject since his release from prison. (u)

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DETAILS: RESIDENCE

T-1, of known reliability, advised on November 7, 1953, that the subject is presently residing at 80 Kingston Avenue, Port Jervis, New York. (u)

EMPLOYMENT

T-1 also advised that the subject is employed by the Techniflex Corporation, 55 Jersey Avenue, Port Jervis, New York. (u)

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On July 26, 1951, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in a decision by Chief Judge THOMAS SWAN, with Judge LEARNED HAND and AUGUSTUS N. HAND concurring, confirmed the conviction of the subject with for conspiracy to obstruct justice. The records maintained by the United States Marshal in the Southern District of New York,

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reflect the subject was removed from the Federal Detention Headquarters, New York City, and transferred on August 28, 1951, to the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. (u)

T-2, of known reliability, advised on November 6, 1952, that the subject was released from the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on November 6, 1952, after having been held thirty days solely for non-payment of a \$10,000.00 committance fine. The subject was brought before the United States Commissioner in Atlanta on November 6, 1952, and released on a poor convicts oath. T-2 advised that the subject would not be under supervision, as he was discharged by expiration of minimum sentence. T-2 also advised that when the subject was released, he intended to return to the home of his wife, Mrs. NAOMI BROTHMAN, at 41-05 42nd Street, Long Island City, New York. No information has been received by this office concerning any espionage or Communist Party activity on the part of the subject since his release from prison in 1952. (u)

Mrs. Abraham Brothman

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T-2 Warden W.H. HIATT, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia	Subject's release from Penitentiary	11/6/52	Unknown	100-95068- 790

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York, 11/4/53.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: February 5, 1954

TO : Director, FBI (100-365040)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-95068)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was
ESPIONAGE - R;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950.

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report of SA
LOUIS M. LUEDERS, dated February 5, 1954, at New York. (u)

Inasmuch as no information has been received regarding
any espionage or Communist Party activity on the part of the
subject since his release from prison in 1952, this case is being
considered closed by this office. (u)

The subject is presently being carried on a security
index and his residence and employment will be checked in
accordance with current Bureau instructions. (u)

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TO : L. B. NICHOLS

DATE: 7-1-54

FROM : ~~SECRETARY~~ D. J. PARSONS

SUBJECT: Abraham Brothman
Espionage- R
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TO : Director, FBI (100-365040)

DATE: 7/20/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-95068)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was.
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December 10, 1954

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ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was,
ESPIONAGE - R
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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The subject is now in the Special Section, Espionage, of the Security Index. The Espionage Tapping is being deleted from the Security Index card, pertaining to the subject. Amended cards will be forwarded to your office by separate cover, placing the subject in the regular section of the Security Index. (u)

NOTE:

Brothman was identified by Harry Gold and Elizabeth Bentley as furnishing info to the Soviets.

Brothman was convicted of conspiracy to obstruct justice in influencing the testimony of Harry Gold before a Federal Grand Jury. He has completed his sentence and is now employed as an engineer by Techni-Flex Corporation, Port Jervis, NY.

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Transmit the following teletype message to: BUREAU

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, WAS; ESPIONAGE-R; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

GEORGE BAILEY, AUSA, SDNY, ADVISED BY TELEPHONE HE WISHED TO TALK SOME TIME THIS WEEK TO AGENT FAMILIAR WITH CAPTIONED CASE. AUSA BAILEY SAID CASE WAS ASSIGNED TO HIM BECAUSE ONE COUNT OF ORIGINAL INDICTMENT AGAINST BROTHMAN REMAINS ON DOCKET. SAID COUNT CHARGED OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE AND CONVICTION, THEREFORE, WAS REVERSED ON APPEAL BECAUSE VENUE WAS NOT ESTABLISHED. AUSA BAILEY SAID COUNT MUST EITHER BE PROSECUTED OR A NOLLE PROSEQUI ENTERED. PRIOR TO MAKING ANY OF ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS OR REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION, SUCH AS RE-INTERVIEW OF HARRY GOLD TO ESTABLISH IF VENUE MIGHT BE IN SDNY, BAILEY DESIRED TO DISCUSS FACTS OF CASE WITH AGENT. SA AND SUPERVISOR WILL CONSULT WITH AUSA BAILEY AS REQUESTED, BUT OF COURSE WILL NOT RENDER ANY OPINIONS AS TO FURTHER ACTION. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-365040)

DATE: 1/26/55

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-95068)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
ESPIONAGE - R
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950.

ReNYairtel to Bureau, 1/17/55, re conference desired by USA, SDNY, concerning second count of indictment which is still carried on docket. (u)

SAS FRANCIS W. ZANGLE and WALTER C. ROETTING, JR. of this Office, conferred with AUSAS GEORGE BAILEY and JUDSON A. PARSONS, JR., 1/19/55. They advised that it is the present opinion of the USA's Office, SDNY, that the outstanding count should be nolle-prossed in any event. However, they pointed out that technically BROTHMAN could be brought to trial on this count if it could be proved that any of the conversations in which BROTHMAN tried to induce HARRY GOLD to testify falsely, before the Grand Jury occurred in the SDNY. They therefore, requested that HARRY GOLD be interviewed to determine the place or places where these conversations took place. Both BAILEY and PARSONS stated that the USA's Office is not insisting that GOLD be interviewed but is requesting that this be done if there is no reason why the Bureau feels that GOLD should not be interviewed at this time. (u)

PARSONS pointed out that the questioning of GOLD should be restricted to the period from 7/28/47, the date GOLD received the subpoena, to 7/31/47, the date GOLD testified before the Grand Jury. PARSONS requested that the entire four day period be covered but that emphasis should be placed on the night of July 30 and the early morning of July 31st. PARSONS stated that it is clear from GOLD'S testimony and his statements to the FBI that most of GOLD'S conversations with BROTHMAN during the four day period took place in Queens County (EDNY). However, he stated that there is some question about the exact locations where the conversations of July 30 and July 31st took place. GOLD'S testimony reflected that he, MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ and BROTHMAN departed from BROTHMAN'S Office in the EDNY on 7/30/54 and after picking up PHIL LEVINE, drove MOSKOWITZ home to 8th Ave. (SDNY). (u)

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The three men then drove around for about four hours during which time LEVINE was apparently dropped off some place. BROTHMAN and GOLD finally arrived at BROTHMAN'S home (EDNY), and during an ensuing walk up and down SKILLMAN Ave., (EDNY), they discussed GOLD'S proposed testimony before the Grand Jury. PARSONS stated that he is particularly interested in whether the proposed testimony of GOLD was discussed during this ride and while the parties were in the SDNY. (u)

The Philadelphia Office is requested to interview GOLD at the Lewisburg Penitentiary in accordance with the request of the USA'S office SDNY. (u)

The attention of the Philadelphia Office is directed to pages 60-63 of NY Summary report dated 8/15/50, and to pages 7 and 8 of NY report dated 12/29/50 wherein GOLD'S statements concerning his conversations with BROTHMAN during the pertinent period are set forth. In order to assist Philadelphia in conducting this interview it is noted that the following counties comprise the SDNY:

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Bronx
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Dutchess
Columbia
Rockland

Ulster.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-365040)

DATE 3/4/55

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (65-4318)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
ESPIONAGE - R
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re New York letter to Bureau dated 1/31/55 (u)

HARRY GOLD, admitted former Soviet espionage agent, presently an inmate at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., was interviewed on February 25, 1955, in regard to his conversations with subject in reference to GOLD's testimony before the Federal Grand Jury, New York City, in 1947. GOLD advised that he does not recall the date when he received the subpoena or the date he testified before the Federal Grand Jury in 1947. He stated if he testified on July 31, 1947, he is positive that he received the subpoena on July 29, 1947, rather than on July 28, 1947. He stated to the best of his recollection, all of his conversation with subject in reference to his testimony before the Federal Grand Jury, wherein subject instructed him to give false information to the Federal Grand Jury, occurred in the Eastern District of New York. He stated in regard to the nights of July 30 and July 31, 1947, that he, LEVINE, and subject were never out of Queens with the exception of the time when MOSKOWITZ was driven home. He stated LEVINE was later dropped off at his home which was located in the Eastern District of New York. He recalled that he and subject did not discuss his proposed testimony until after they had returned to subject's home. RUC. (u) ME

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cc - Belmont

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ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
ESPIONAGE - R
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re Philadelphia letter dated March 4,
1955, furnishing the results of the reinterview
of Harry Gold.

The information set forth in referenced
letter should be furnished to the United States
Attorney, Southern District of New York. You should
follow and obtain the final disposition of the out-
standing count against the subject and submit in
report form the final action taken by the United
States Attorney, Southern District of New York, in
this matter.

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Assistant Attorney General (orig. and 1)
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March 14, 1955

Director, FBI

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
ESPIONAGE - R
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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You will recall the above-captioned subject was convicted in the Southern District of New York on November 22, 1950, as a result of an indictment consisting of two counts. One count charged obstruction of justice and the second charged conspiracy to obstruct justice with Miriam Moskowitz, his partner, by reason of their having persuaded Harry Gold, admitted Soviet espionage agent, to testify falsely before a Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York, on July 31, 1947. (u)

Brothman was sentenced to five years and fined five thousand dollars on the first count and was sentenced to two years and fined ten thousand dollars on the second count. His conviction on the count charging obstruction of justice was reversed on appeal because venue was not established. (u)

Assistant United States Attorneys George Bailey and Judson A. Parsons, Jr., of the Southern District of New York, advised that the obstruction of justice count remains on the docket and it must be prosecuted or a nolle prosequi entered. They stated it is the opinion of the Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, a nolle prosequi should be entered but before taking such action, they requested a reinterview of Harry Gold to determine if any of the conversations in which Brothman tried to induce Gold to testify falsely occurred in the Southern District of New York. They requested emphasis be placed on the activities of Gold and Brothman on the night of July 30-31, 1947. (u)

Gold has been reinterviewed and advised to the best of his recollection all of the conversations with Brothman wherein Brothman instructed him to testify falsely occurred in the Eastern District of New York. He stated that during the night of July 30-31, 1947, he and Brothman were never out of the Eastern District of New York except for the time when Miriam Moskowitz was driven to her home and no discussion was had of the testimony until after Brothman and Gold returned to Brothman's home in the Eastern District of New York. (u)

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 4/29/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/17, 19; 2/25; 3/31; 4/12, 19, 25/55	REPORT MADE BY WALTER C. ROETTING, JR.
TITLE ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">AUSA, SDNY advised one count of original indictment of subject pertaining to Obstruction of Justice still outstanding. Requested re-interview of HARRY GOLD to determine whether any conversation between GOLD and BROTHMAN pertaining to GOLD'S testimony before the grand jury, took place in SDNY. HARRY GOLD, in interview, advised all conversations in question took place in EDNY and none in SDNY. Facts presented to AUSA and he advises he intends to enter nolle prosequi. (u)</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>- P -</p> </div>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">Assistant United States Attorneys GEORGE BAILEY and JUDSON A. PARSONS, Jr., Southern District of New York, advised SAs FRANCIS W. ZANGLE and WALTER C. ROETTING on PM 19, 1955, that one count of the original indictment against the subject was still outstanding. Said count charged Obstruction of Justice. The subject was convicted on that count at the trial, but the conviction was reversed on appeal because venue was not established at the trial. (u)</p>			
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Messrs. BAILEY and PARSONS requested that HARRY GOLD be re-interviewed concerning his conversations with BROTHMAN during the period July 28, 1947 through July 31, 1947, to determine whether any of the conversations relating to GOLD'S testimony before the Federal Grand Jury occurred in the Southern District of New York. (u)

PARSONS stated that it was clear from GOLD'S testimony at the trial that most of the conversations took place in Queens County, which is in the Eastern District of New York. However, there was some question about the exact locations where the conversations of July 30 and 31, 1947 took place. GOLD'S testimony reflected that he, MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ and BROTHMAN departed from BROTHMAN'S office in the Eastern District of New York on July 30, 1947, and after picking up PHIL LEVINE, drove MOSKOWITZ home to 8th Avenue, New York City (Southern District of New York). The three men then drove around for about four hours, during which time LEVINE was apparently dropped off some place. BROTHMAN and GOLD finally arrived at BROTHMAN'S home in Queens (Eastern District of New York). During an ensuing walk up and down Skillman Avenue, near BROTHMAN'S home, they discussed GOLD'S proposed testimony before the Grand Jury. PARSONS stated that he was particularly interested in whether the proposed testimony of GOLD was discussed during the ride and while the parties were in the Southern District of New York. (u)

At Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

HARRY GOLD, United States Penitentiary, was interviewed on February 25, 1955, by SA WAYNE G. HUNT. GOLD advised that he did not recall the date when he received the subpoena, or the date he testified before the Federal Grand Jury in 1947. He stated if he testified on July 31, 1947,

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he is positive that he received the subpoena on July 29, 1947, rather than on July 28, 1947. He stated that to the best of his recollection, all of his conversation with the subject in reference to his (GOLD'S) testimony before the Federal Grand Jury, wherein the subject instructed him to give false information to the Federal Grand Jury, occurred in the Eastern District of New York. (u)

He stated that in regard to the nights of July 30 and 31, 1947, he, LEVINE and the subject were never out of Queens County, with the exception of the time when MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ was driven home. He stated LEVINE was later dropped off at his home which was located in the Eastern District of New York. He recalled that he and the subject did not discuss his (GOLD'S) proposed testimony until after they had returned to the subject's home. (u)

The information given by GOLD was orally furnished to Assistant United States Attorney GEORGE BAILEY on March 31, 1955, by SA WALTER C. ROETTING. He advised that in view of the fact that none of the conversations between GOLD and BROTHMAN concerning GOLD'S proposed testimony before the Federal Grand Jury took place in the Southern District of New York, he intended to enter a nolle prosequi of the outstanding count of the indictment. (u)

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At New York, New York

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Will check the docket of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, to determine the date when the nolle prosequi is entered. (u)

REFERENCES:

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Philadelphia letter to Bureau and New York, 3/14/55.

New York letter to Philadelphia, 1/31/55. (u)

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 6/27/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/29, 5/27, 6/20/55	REPORT MADE BY WALTER C. ROETTING, JR.
TITLE ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE-R OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **NOLLE PROSEQUI** filed by USA, SDNY, 4/29/55, against second count of subject's indictment and approved by judge same date. (u)

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DETAILS

Assistant United States Attorney **GEORGE BAILEY**, Southern District of New York, telephonically advised that a nolle prosequi of outstanding count of the **ABRAHAM BROTHMAN** indictment was filed on April 29, 1955, and was approved by Federal Judge **GREGORY NOONAN**. Mr. BAILEY stated that the United States Attorney's file on the subject was being closed. (u)

The records of the Clerk of the Federal District Court, Southern District of New York, Criminal Docket #C 633-106 were examined on May 27, 1955, and were found to contain an entry dated April 29, 1955, reflecting the approval by Judge NOONAN of the nolle prosequi filed against the second count of the subject's indictment. (u)

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TO : Director, FBI (100-365040) ~~TOP SECRET~~

DATE: 8/1/55

FROM : SAC, NY (100-95068)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was.
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OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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AND FIELD OFFICES

Reference: SAC letter 55-30, 4/12/55

ADVISED BY SLIP(S)

DATE 6/5/78

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE:A. Background:

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was born on August 15, 1913 in New York City. He married NAOMI METT and they have two children. BROTHMAN received a BA degree in 1931 and a degree in Chemical Engineering in 1933 from Columbia University. In 1944 he organized the firm known as ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and Associates. In 1950 BROTHMAN and his business associate MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ were convicted in Federal Court for conspiracy to obstruct justice. He was sentenced to serve two years in prison and was fined \$10,000. BROTHMAN was released from prison on 11/5/52. He is presently employed by the TECHNIFLEX CORP., Port Jervis, N.Y., and resides at 80 Kingston St., Port Jervis.

B. Communist Activities:

BROTHMAN has admitted in interviews that he distributed literature for the American League for Peace and Democracy (designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450) from 1935 to 1939. He admitted that he was a member of the Young Communist League (designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450) in 1933 when he attended Columbia University. In an interview on May 16, 1950, he admitted that subsequent to 1931 and up to the date of the interview, he had been, "on the fringes" of the Communist Party. (Designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450)

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, a confessed former Soviet espionage agent, has advised that her Soviet espionage superior, JACOB GOLOS, told her in the early 1940's that BROTHMAN was a member of the Communist Party. Although she was somewhat hazy in her recollection, BENTLEY expressed the belief that GOLOS had ordered BROTHMAN to withdraw from the Communist Party at the time of BROTHMAN's recruitment (into Soviet espionage). BENTLEY has also stated that she knew BROTHMAN was

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a member of the Communist Party (in the early 1940's) because she collected his dues. (u)

HARRY GOLD, a confessed and convicted Soviet espionage agent, who acted as BROTHMAN's espionage contact, characterized BROTHMAN as a Communist. GOLD advised that shortly before May 1946, he was present at a dinner attended by BROTHMAN and some of his associates and learned from their conversation that BROTHMAN had been before a disciplinary committee of the Communist Party. (u)

Photographs of 1943 Communist Party Nominating Petitions were obtained from the Election Commissioner's Office, New York City. On July 21, 1943, ABRAHAM and NAOMI BROTHMAN, 41-08 42 Street, Queens County, signed one of these petitions. (The subject and his wife resided at 41-08 42 Street.) (u)

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[REDACTED] BROTHMAN appeared and pleaded with BERNIE CHESTER (aka BERNARD SCHUSTER), the un-announced Treasurer of the New York State Communist Party, to go to BROTHMAN's home to settle BROTHMAN's differences with the Communist Party. After some hesitation, CHESTER agreed to go.

[REDACTED] BROTHMAN was not in a branch but was a Communist Party member at large. BROTHMAN was responsible to BERNIE CHESTER during the war years and subsequently to ERE MILLER, former Organizational Secretary of the New York State Communist Party. At a 1948 meeting of the Chelsea Branch of the Party, BROTHMAN attacked the Party and defended EARL BROWDER. BROTHMAN was one of the top plastic chemists in this country and had helped the Communist movement considerably. BROTHMAN had previously contributed funds to the Party and had indicated that after returning from a trip to Switzerland he would make a substantial contribution to the Party. (u)

ROBERT KEITH TOWNSEND, GERHARD NORVAL WOLLAN, SIDNEY M. FELDMAN, or associated with BROTHMAN during the mid 1940's, advised in effect that BROTHMAN had revealed to them by his conversations that he was either a Communist Party member or a Communist sympathizer. TOWNSEND advised that he had observed BROTHMAN in possession of tickets to Communist Party rallies or Communist front organization rallies. GERHARD WOLLAN advised that in about 1945 he had a very heated argument with BROTHMAN regarding EARL BROWDER who was then head of the Communist Political Association. WOLLAN stated that he favored BROWDER and BROTHMAN favored the expulsion of BROWDER and the election of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER to head the Communist Party. WOLLAN said that it was difficult for BROTHMAN to have any associates who did not believe in Communism as BROTHMAN did. BERNARD

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MISHKIN advised that he noticed (during the period from 1946 to the winter of 1947-1948) that BROTHMAN used to read the Daily Worker (an East Coast Communist newspaper) every day. (u)

C. Espionage:

Both HARRY GOLD and ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY have advised that in the early 1940's they acted as Soviet espionage contacts of BROTHMAN and that he turned over to them material consisting mainly of blueprints. Both advised that BROTHMAN knew that the information he turned over to them was being passed along to the Russians. (u)

BROTHMAN has admitted in interviews that he turned over blueprints to ELIZABETH BENTLEY and HARRY GOLD although he denied that these acts constituted espionage. (u)

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past but has a questionable background, advised he was told by OSCAR VAGO (a former business associate of BROTHMAN) that all of the material furnished by EMIL KLAUS FUCHS (a confessed Soviet espionage agent) to the Russians was submitted to BROTHMAN for his examination and verification of the accuracy of the material. (u) b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that BROTHMAN had told him that he had written the paper on thermal diffusion of a liquid state and that he had given it to YAKOVLEV (ANATOLI A. YAKOVLEV identified by HARRY GOLD as one of his espionage superiors). Former NY [redacted] advised that JULIUS ROSENBERG told him that this paper was to be used by the U. S. Government in the preparation of the hydrogen bomb. (u)

[redacted] advised that when Brothman and JULIUS ROSENBERG (the convicted and executed Soviet espionage agent) were incarcerated at the Federal House of Detention in New York City, they were quite friendly and on one occasion conferred together concerning the structure of the organization (espionage apparatus), the manner of and the reason for its crumbling since the arrest of FUCHS, and its future potential. The informant also stated that BROTHMAN and ROSENBERG planned to edit, publish and distribute a newsletter of counter-propaganda to be known as "RETORT." (u)

RECOMMENDATION:

Retain subject in Security Index. There is no evidence that the subject (1) has been a member of a basic revolutionary group within the past five years (2) has been a member of, and active in, a front organization within the past three years (3) has exhibited anarchistic tendencies during the past three years. However, his past close ties with the

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Communist Party, his past activities in Soviet-espionage, his apparent unrepentant attitude, and the fact that he is a well educated and highly intelligent individual, indicates that he would be a dangerous individual in a time of national emergency. (u)

DETCOM TABBING:

1. Subject is tabbed. (u)
2. Subject not tabbed under criteria SAC letter 55-12. S. I. card bearing stamp "DETCOM" has not been received from Bureau. (u)
3. It is recommended that Detcom tabbing be continued. The subject's past close ties with the Communist Party, his past activities in Soviet espionage, his unrepentant attitude, and his intelligence indicates the strong possibility that he might again engage in espionage activities in the event of a national emergency. (u)

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In addition to the above, Brothman was referred to in information from [REDACTED] (TS) 61

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Assistant Attorney General (orig. & 1)
William F. Tompkins

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Director, FBI

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
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There is enclosed herewith one photostat of a 39-page document written by Raphael David Schlossman, an inmate of the Ohio State Penitentiary. Schlossman stated to have been friendly with Abraham Brothman while in prison and has prepared the enclosed document with a view to publishing it. The original of this document is in the possession of Oliver Brown, reporter, "Dayton Daily News." (u)

You will note Schlossman has made allegations that a guard at the Federal House of Detention, New York City, was given a television set for mailing out a propaganda item for Brothman. Further inquiries are being made concerning this allegation. (u)

This is furnished to you for your information. (u)

Enclosed
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CC: 1 - 62-101955 (Schlossman)

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TO : **H. H. Belmont**

FROM : **S. A. Brantigan**

SUBJECT: **ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
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DATE: **October 17, 1955**

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SYNOPSIS: Cincinnati forwarded by attached letter of 9/27/55 a 39-page document written by Raphael David Schlossman who was in prison with Abraham Brothman, Alfred Dean Slack and Eugene Dennis. Apparently Schlossman is attempting to exploit news value of his story as document made available to Cincinnati office by newspaperman for information purposes. Schlossman claims to be anti-Communist but carried favor with Brothman to get a job on release. He mentions others who helped Brothman and names one Jerry who, for his services, was set up in a photography studio. This refers to Jerome Tartakow, former NY 645-S, who furnished information to the NY office concerning Julius Rosenberg. Tartakow's identity as an informant has not been made public. No information in Bufiles that Tartakow was paid by Brothman. Also alleges a guard in the Federal House of Detention, NYC, was given a television set for helping Brothman mail a propaganda sheet out of the prison. Also claims he received money from Mrs. Brothman to buy his way close to the Rosenbergs in the death house at Sing Sing. Schlossman states he visited Cincinnati office in Feb. 1953 and claimed he lost jobs due to Cal Crim Detective Agency wanted to furnish Brothman information in exchange for FBI asking Cal Crim to leave him alone. States he was told FBI makes no deals or promises. Also said he could get job with Brothman and would do so if the Bureau desired. Was told no recommendations would be made concerning his employment. Schlossman now serving prison term, Ohio State Penitentiary, for vehicular homicide. (u)

ACTION: 1) There is attached a letter to AAG Tompkins forwarding him a Photostat of the 39-page document written by Schlossman. (u) RECORDED - 64 100-365040-579

2) The allegation that a guard in the Federal House of Detention, NYC, was given a TV set for assisting Brothman is being handled separately as a possible bribery violation. (u)

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~DETAILS:

By attached letter 9/27/55 captioned "Raphael David Schlossman, was., Information Concerning, Security Matter - C," the Cincinnati office furnished an Autostat of a 39-page type-written document prepared by Schlossman. This document was furnished to the Cincinnati office by Oliver Brown, reporter, "Dayton Daily News," who received it from one Helen Birkner who wanted an evaluation of it made to determine its use as a story. (X)

This document relates Schlossman's experiences in the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. He tells of his knowing Brothman, Alfred Dean Slack, Eugene Dennis and others. Brothman was at that time serving a sentence for obstruction of justice in connection with the grand jury testimony of Harry Gold. Slack was serving a 15-year term for espionage in connection with furnishing information to Harry Gold. Schlossman states he deliberately cultivated Brothman in order to obtain a job after his release from prison. He claims he did contact Brothman after his release and, although he was unable to get a job, he did borrow money from Brothman. Schlossman tells of other persons who helped Brothman and his friends in the Federal House of Detention, NYC, and mentions in particular one "Jerry," who, for his services, was set up in a photography studio with his sister in the Bronx. This undoubtedly refers to Jerome Eugene Tartakow, former [redacted] who developed the confidence of Julius Rosenberg and acted as an informant of the NY office. Tartakow was a photographer prior to his incarceration and returned to this business upon his release. No information was received that he was paid by Brothman or his friends or was helped to set up a photography business. Tartakow's identity as informant has not been made public. (M) b2 b7D

Schlossman also states Brothman was successful in having a propaganda sheet mailed out of the Federal House of Detention by one of the guards who was given a Tele-King television set for his assistance. Schlossman also claims he was transferred from Atlanta to Sing Sing prison in New York and states he was successful in passing encouraging words to Julius Rosenberg through the prison grapevine. He claims he attempted to pass a message through the prison rabbi and shocked the rabbi by his suggestion. He also states Brothman assisted Slack in preparing his, Slack's, motion for a new trial and inserted therein material attacking the Bureau.

The balance of this story relates Schlossman's life after getting out of prison and his unsuccessful attempts to establish himself in business. He is now incarcerated at the Ohio State Penitentiary serving a term for vehicular homicide. He blames his drinking for his trouble and ends his story on an optimistic note, telling of his cure of alcoholism through the Alcoholics Anonymous. (u)

Schlossman visited the Cincinnati office in February, 1953, and furnished information about Brothman, stating he was planning to go to work for him and would do so if the Bureau so desired. No recommendations were made to him concerning his employment. He also blamed Cal Crim Detective Agency for causing him to lose his jobs. He states he wanted, in exchange for the information, to have the FBI ask Cal Crim to leave him alone and was told the FBI makes no deals or promises to anyone. Schlossman also contacted the Cincinnati office by letter dated 1/17/55, written from the Ohio State Penitentiary, and requested a letter confirming the fact he had visited the Cincinnati office in 1953. No acknowledgement was made to this letter. (u)

This document appears to be an attempt on the part of Schlossman to cash in on his friendship with Brothman and other Communists while in prison. He condemns Communism and claims he studied it in order to ingratiate himself with Brothman. He describes Brothman as "a wealthy industrialist." Since he was unable to obtain a job with Brothman's employer, Techniflex Corporation, upon release from prison, this is undoubtedly his next attempt to make money based on his experiences. The rest of his story dealing with his personal problems appears to be a play for sympathy on the part of Schlossman. W

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Raphael David Schlossman, an inmate of the Ohio State Penitentiary has prepared a 39-page document in which he tells of his relations with Abraham Brothman while both were incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. Brothman was convicted of obstruction of justice in connection with the testimony of Harry Gold, admitted espionage agent, before a Federal grand jury in 1947. Schlossman apparently is attempting to exploit this relationship since the original of this document is in the possession of Oliver Brown, reporter, "Dayton Daily News." (u)

In this document Schlossman relates that Brothman prepared a propaganda sheet while he was in the Federal House of Detention, New York City, and this propaganda sheet was put into the mail "via one of the guards at West Street who was given a Tele-King TV set for his trouble." (u)

Since Brothman was transferred from the Federal House of Detention, New York City, on August 28, 1951, to the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, it appears that the Statute of Limitations would preclude prosecutive action even if a criminal violation were determined. In view of this fact, no criminal investigation is being undertaken in the absence of a specific request from the Department. (u)

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**Letter to Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III**

*Just necessary
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an inquiry
JGJ (u)*

If an administrative inquiry is desired relative to the conduct of the unknown guard at the Federal House of Detention, New York City, you are requested to advise this Bureau. (u)

cc - 1 - Mr. S. A. Andretta
Administrative Assistant Attorney General

cc - 1 - Mr. James V. Bennett
Director, Bureau of Prisons

cc - 1 - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

NOTE: It appears the Statute of Limitations has run and bars prosecution against this guard at the Federal House of Detention. The Statute of Limitations for such crimes occurring before Sept 1, 1951, is three years, after that date 5 years. Since Brothman was transferred before Sept 1, 1951, the three year Statute of Limitations governs. (u)

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TITLE ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was, Aka Brothman, "Pa." The Penguin		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R; OBSTRUCT OF JUSTICE; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	
SUMMARY REPORT		ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 7/14/89 BY 5042/202	

SYNOPSIS: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was born 8/15/13 at New York City, NY. He received a B.A. degree in 1931 from Columbia College and a professional degree in Chemical Engineering from Columbia University School of Engineering, New York City, in June, 1933. Subject married NAOMI NETT, 6/15/37 at New York City. Identification record set out. Subject employed by Techniflex Corp., Port Jervis, New York. Subject resides at 80 Kingston Ave., Port Jervis, New York. BROTHMAN signed 1943 CP Nominating Petition in New York City. Subject appeared before a disciplinary committee of the CP about 1946. Former business associates advised they considered subject a Communist. JOHN LAUTNER, former CP member for over 20 years, stated subject, in approximately 1948, made a speech at a meeting of the Hetti Lapatine Club of the CP. When interviewed in May, 1947, subject admitted membership in YCL while a student at Columbia University. BROTHMAN, on numerous occasions in 1940, gave blueprints to ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, an admitted former Soviet courier. Subject was an associate of HARRY GOLD, a self-admitted Soviet espionage agent. On 11/22/50, Trial Jury, Southern District of New York, found subject guilty of Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice and Intimidation of a Government Witness. On 11/28/50, subject

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sentenced to five years imprisonment and \$5,000 fine on count charging Intimidation of a Government Witness, and two years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine on charge of Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice. On 7/26/51, the United States Court of Appeals, Second District, affirmed the conviction of subject on the Conspiracy count, but reversed conviction on the count charging Intimidation of a Government Witness, because of venue. Subject confined U.S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, 8/28/51 to 11/5/52. Subject released from prison on 11/5/52. Various confidential informants of the New York City area were contacted and they advised they could furnish no information concerning subject. BROTHMAN presently making payments on fine. Description set forth. (u)

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Birth Data

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 10, 1950, that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was born on August 15, 1913, at New York City, New York. (u)

B. Education

On October 10, 1950, T-1, previously described, further advised that BROTHMAN was educated at John Winthrop Experimental School and De Witt Clinton High School, both in New York City. He received a Bachelor or Arts degree in June, 1931, from Columbia College and a professional degree in Chemical Engineering from Columbia University School of Engineering, New York City, in June, 1933. (u)

C. Marital Status

T-1 also advised on October 10, 1950, that BROTHMAN was married to NAOMI METT on June 15, 1937, at New York City, New York. (u)

D. Identification Record

The following is the Identification Record of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN under FBI Number 481995A, as furnished by the Identification Division:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE DISPOSITION
USM, New York, N.Y.	Abraham Brothman #C-1057-50	7/31/50	Conspiracy to Pending defraud US Govt. and in- fluencing a witness. Sec. 88 T 18-1946 Edition, Sec. 241 T-18-1946 Edition

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Fed Det Hdqtrs NY NY	Abraham Brothman #60256	7/29/50	Conspiracy obstruct justice	9/1/50 on bail
Fed Det Hdqtrs NY NY	Abraham Brothman #60736	11/8/50	Consp to obstruct justice	8/28/51 transf to USP Atlanta
USP Atlanta Ga	Abraham Brothman #71647	9/11/51	Obstruction of justice, false test.	2 yrs. 11/5/52 min exp on chg of influence a witness
BFD, New York, N.Y.	Abraham Brothman	7/29/50	Conspiracy to obstruct justice	11/28/50 5 yrs and \$5000 fine on Ct II of indictment, 2 yrs and \$10,000 fine on Ct I to begin after completion of sent on Ct II on charge of obstruction of Justice

E. Employment

Ansbacher Siegle Corporation
Chestnut Avenue
Rosbank, Staten Island, New York
(December 10, 1936-July 15, 1937)

On January 20, 1953, Mr. J. L. MC CUE, Office Manager, advised SA E. THEODORE WEBB that information from his personnel records indicated that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was employed as a junior chemist on December 10, 1936, and was "let go," no reason listed, on July 15, 1937. The subject's Social Security Number was listed in these records as 068-10-2150. (u)

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Republic Chemical Machinery Company
114 East 32nd Street
New York City
(to 1938 or 1939)

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was interviewed at the New York Office by SA's JOHN M. COLLINS and JOHN R. MURPHY, JR. on May 15, 1950, at which time he stated that he had been employed at the above-mentioned company until about 1938 or 1939, at which time that Company was taken over by the Hendrick Manufacturing Company. (u)

Hendrick Manufacturing Company
30 Church Street
New York City
(About 1938 or 1939 to about
middle of 1942)

The subject, when interviewed on May 15, 1950, advised he was employed by the above Company from about 1938 or 1939 to the middle of 1942. (u)

On June 8, 1950, Mr. D. L. BASSETT, Secretary, Hendrick Manufacturing Company, Carbondale, Pennsylvania, advised SA JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT that BROTHMAN was never actually employed by Hendrick Manufacturing Company although he did act to a certain extent as a representative of the Company. According to BASSETT, BROTHMAN was not paid a salary such as is paid to regular employees but was paid royalties and expenses in accordance with an agreement with the Republic Chemical Machinery Company, New York City, in which BROTHMAN was a partner. (u)

Chemurgy Design Corporation
420 Lexington Avenue
New York City
(Middle of 1942 to about
August, 1944)

On May 15, 1950, the subject advised that he was employed as indicated above. (u)

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On October 10, 1950, T-1, previously described, advised that the subject was employed as set forth above. (u)

Regal Chemical Company
115 Dobbins Street
Brooklyn, New York
(October to December, 1943;
March to June, 1944)

THEODORE HEILIG, President of Regal Chemical Company, was interviewed by SA THOMAS H. ZOELLER in the Fall of 1950. During this interview, HEILIG advised that BROTHMAN was paid \$600 in salary during the fourth quarter of 1943 by the Regal Chemical Company. BROTHMAN was also employed on a salary basis from March, 1944, to June, 1944, by the above-mentioned Company. (u)

Tedlee Chemical Corporation
109-117 Dobbins Street
Brooklyn, New York
(January-September 30, 1944)

THEODORE HEILIG, previously described, further stated that BROTHMAN was employed on a salary basis from January, 1944, to September 30, 1944, at the above Corporation. (u)

Abraham Brothman and Associates
(A. Brothman and Associates)
Offices: Room 1606, 114 East 32nd Street,
New York City; 2928 41st Avenue,
Long Island City, New York;
Laboratory: 8503 57th Avenue,
Elmhurst, Long Island, New York
(About August, 1944, to August, 1950)

When the subject was interviewed on May 15, 1950, he stated that he was employed by his own firm, as indicated above, from about August, 1944. (u)

In the Fall of 1950, WALTER BODE of the firm of Hosinger and Bode, 2928 41st Avenue, Long Island City, New York, advised SA JOHN M. COLLINS that the firm of A. Brothman and Associates closed their office at this address as of August 31, 1950. (u)

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The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as furnished to SE DONALD C. STRELETZKY by EVELYN SBARRA on November 10, 1955, reflected in a report dated March 12, 1946, that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN is one of the principals in A. Brothman and Associates, 114 East 32nd Street, New York City, operating as consulting engineers in the chemical field. (u)

Techniflex Corporation
55 Jersey Avenue
Port Jervis, New York
(present employment)

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 7, 1953, that the subject is employed by the Techniflex Corporation, 55 Jersey Avenue, Port Jervis, New York, as of that date. (u)

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, previously mentioned, indicated that in March, 1955, BROTHMAN was employed by the above Corporation. (u)

On December 27, 1955, and July 12, 1956, Chief EDWARD CULINAN, Port Jervis, New York, Police Department, advised SA LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN is employed by the above-mentioned Corporation. (u)

F. Residences

272 Grand Concourse
Bronx, New York

On January 20, 1953, Mr. J. L. MC CUE, previously identified, advised SA E. THEODORE WEBB that personnel records indicated ABRAHAM BROTHMAN noted that he resided at 272 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, approximately December 10, 1936. (u)

4108 42nd Street
Long Island City, New York
(to November, 1950)

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, in a report dated March 12, 1946, indicated that (u)

BROTHMAN resided at the above address, Apartment 5F, for approximately three years prior to the date of the report (March 12, 1946). (u)

T-1, previously described, advised on October 10, 1950, that the subject was residing at the above address on June 26, 1943. (u)

During an examination in Supplementary Proceedings conducted on December 7, 1950, by VINCENT PAUL RAO, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, ABRAHAM BROTHMAN testified that he resided in a three and one-half room apartment at the above address. (u)

80 Kingston Avenue
Port Jervis, New York
(present residence)

T-2, previously described, advised on November 7, 1953, that the subject on that date was residing at 80 Kingston Avenue, Port Jervis, New York. (u)

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York reflected that as of March, 1955, the subject was a resident at the address listed above. (u)

On December 27, 1955, and July 12, 1956, Chief EDWARD CULINAN, Port Jervis, New York, Police Department, advised SA LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN resides at the above address. (u)

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE CP AND FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

A. Signed 1943 CP Nominating Petition

On November 27, 1943, Election Commissioner's office, 400 Broome Street, New York City, made available to SA's C. O. BLAISDELL, R. W. MOLLOY and M. D. KENNEDY information which reflected that one of the signers of the 1943 Communist Party (CP) Nominating Petition in New York City was ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, 4108 42nd Street, Long Island City, New York. (u)

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The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (u)

B. Subject Appeared Before CP Disciplinary Committee in 1946

On October 18, 1950, HARRY GOLD, a self-admitted Soviet espionage agent, advised SA ROBERT G. JENSEN that shortly after he (GOLD) arrived at BROTHMAN's place of business in May, 1946, he learned that BROTHMAN had appeared before a disciplinary committee of the CP. (u)

GOLD said that he learned this one night while having dinner at Carney's Restaurant, New York City, with MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ, JULES KORCHEEN, OSCAR JOHN VAGO and the subject. At this dinner, a discussion of what had gone on before a disciplinary committee of the CP took place. GOLD stated he was of the impression that KORCHEEN and BROTHMAN and possibly VAGO had just returned from this CP disciplinary meeting prior to dinner. GOLD advised he was of the opinion that BROTHMAN had called him at the BROTHMAN office and asked him to come to dinner. At this meeting, in the restaurant, GOLD said he learned that BROTHMAN and KORCHEEN had also been called before the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians (FAECT), the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), a short time before GOLD began working for BROTHMAN. GOLD further stated that he was of the opinion that BROTHMAN and KORCHEEN had been brought before the FAECT by Dr. MILTON YUSEM, who was a former employee of BROTHMAN's. GOLD said that this came about because YUSEM insisted on BROTHMAN giving pay for overtime. As a result of this, GOLD stated that BROTHMAN and YUSEM had a violent argument and YUSEM was fired. (u)

GOLD further advised that he had no direct knowledge of this incident, but it is based upon what he heard at the dinner at Carney's. During the discussion at Carney's, GOLD said he was of the opinion that there were two separate

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and distinct meetings, the meeting before the CP disciplinary committee and the meeting before the FAECT. GOLD noted that he was of the impression that at the CP disciplinary committee meeting YUSEM claimed that BROTHMAN used his manufacturing ideas and methods without paying for or giving credit for same. During the course of this dinner, KORCHIEN said that he would like to punch YUSEM in the face. (u)

GOLD also stated that after some lengthy and violent discussion as to what had gone on at the CP disciplinary meeting, JULES KORCHIEN, at this dinner, said they should not get stirred up about it but he, KORCHIEN, would take the matter up with "CHESTER." GOLD further advised that he, himself, expressed no interest concerning "CHESTER," and pretended that he knew "CHESTER." However, GOLD related that he does not know, nor has he ever met "CHESTER." (u)

GOLD stated that in the following week, probably on Tuesday, about 6:00 or 6:30 p.m., he walked into the office of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN. According to GOLD, KORCHIEN and the subject were in the midst of a conversation but continued talking on GOLD's entry. KORCHIEN was saying, according to GOLD, that he had discussed the entire matter with "CHESTER" and there would be no more complaints before the disciplinary committee. KORCHIEN said that "CHESTER" told him that he would straighten the whole matter out. (u)

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in March and April, 1946, that JULES KORCHIEN was a member of the CP, USA, in 1943, having had CP, USA, membership book number 9262, issued in New York City. (u)

HARRY GOLD, in a signed statement dated October 2, 1950, advised SA's ROBERT G. JENSEN and RALPH J. T. CARTER, JR. that he first met OSCAR JOHN VAGO in May of 1946 on the morning that he came to work for A. Brothman and Associates. According to GOLD, VAGO was a partner in this firm and was also a design engineer and the chief draftsman. GOLD stated that many times in the ensuing months VAGO would spend a great deal of time in the subject's (u)

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office on 32nd Street, New York City, in discussing such matters as what had transpired in his own particular "Communist Party club" the night before. According to GOLD, BROTHMAN described VAGO as a sincere and convinced Communist. (u)

MILTON YUSEM was interviewed on February 4, 1954, by SA's WILLIAM F. THOMPSON and DONALD W. AARON. YUSEM stated that he had been employed by Abraham Brothman and Associates at 8503 57th Avenue, Elmhurst, Long Island, New York, from June to September, 1945. YUSEM stated that he did not get along with BROTHMAN and this was the main reason for his leaving that employment. (u)

The following information was taken from pages 264 and 265 of "The Story of the CIO" by BENJAMIN STOLBERG: (u)

"The FAECT was organized in 1944 mainly from the technical staff in the WPA. From the very beginning, the Federation has been under Stalinist leadership and its rank and file are chiefly CP followers." (u)

The "New York Times" of March 24, 1946, page 26, column 4, contained the information that the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians of the CIO had merged into the United Office and Professional Workers of America (UOPWA). (u)

The "CIO News," issue of February 20, 1950, on page 6, column 1, contained an article reflecting that the CIO Executive Board had voted to expel the UOPWA from the CIO, effective March 1, 1950. The Board acted, according to the article, on a report filed by the Trial Committee appointed to hear the charges against the UOPWA. (u)

The Committee found, "The policies and activities of the UOPWA followed and continue to follow exactly, without deviation, the program of the CP. Never in the history of the UOPWA has any policy ever been adopted which in any way was counter to the policies of the CP or to the interests of the Soviet Union, as these interests are reflected in the program of the CP." (u)

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C. Subject Reportedly A Communist

ROLF SIDNEY WOLLAN was interviewed on May 29, 1950, at Glenwood, Minnesota, by SA's MARTIN J. LUKOSKIE and ROY O. STUART: (u)

WOLLAN advised that his brother, GERHARD WOLLAN, got him a job in December, 1945, with Abraham Brothman and Associates at their laboratory, 8503 57th Avenue, Elmhurst, Long Island, New York. At this time, Brothman and Associates' office was in Manhattan but later it was moved to 2928 41st Avenue, Long Island City, New York. WOLLAN was employed as a Laboratory Technician until the middle of June, 1947, when he left. (u)

ROLF WOLLAN also advised that his brother, GERHARD WOLLAN, was in charge of the laboratory and was a partner in Abraham Brothman and Associates. (u)

ROLF WOLLAN stated that on several occasions he had played handball with his fellow employees and the subject and after finishing they would usually go someplace to eat. At this time, a discussion usually took place and this would concern Communism and Soviet Russia. ROLF WOLLAN stated that almost all of the fellows employed by Brothman and Associates were Communists, and ROLF believed that to be an associate in Brothman and Associates one would have to be a Communist. ROLF stated that he knew his brother, GERHARD WOLLAN, was a Communist during the late 1930's and up until about 1945. ROLF further stated that GERHARD was a follower of EARL BROWDER and when BROWDER was expelled from the CP GERHARD discontinued going to any of the CP meetings. (u)

On October 12, 1950, ROLF WOLLAN advised SA's LESTER G. DAVIS and GEORGE P. DILLARD that he was first employed by A. Brothman and Associates in the middle of December, 1945, and left in the middle of June, 1947. ROLF WOLLAN stated that the members of A. Brothman and Associates were Communists although he did not know whether they were actual members of the CP. He stated, however, that from (u)

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his observation and from their conversations he believed ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, HARRY GOLD and MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ to be Communists. He recalled that in 1945 there was considerable discussion at A. Brothman and Associates regarding the ouster of EARL BROWDER (former General Secretary of the CP, USA); that BROTHMAN and MOSKOWITZ opposed EARL BROWDER; that they felt that he (BROWDER) let the Party down during the war and should be ousted. (u)

GERHARD NORVAL WOLLAN, when interviewed at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, in October, 1950, furnished the following information to SA's LESTER G. DAVIS and GEORGE P. DILLARD: (u)

While employed by A. Brothman and Associates, he had a very heated argument with the subject, which he believed occurred in 1945, regarding EARL BROWDER. BROTHMAN, according to WOLLAN, favored the expulsion of BROWDER and the election of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER to head the CP, as he felt the aims of the CP could not be reached unless the Party stayed together as an organization. WOLLAN, on the other hand, agreed with BROWDER that the goals and aims of the Party could best be achieved by the Party losing its identity as such. (u)

According to GERHARD WOLLAN, MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ agreed with BROTHMAN and although WOLLAN did not have too much discussion with her he recalled that she too favored the expulsion of FOSTER. Browder. (u)

WOLLAN further stated that the general atmosphere at BROTHMAN's firm was pro-Communist and pro-Soviet Russia. He noted that it was difficult for BROTHMAN to have any associates who did not believe in Communism as BROTHMAN did; however, BROTHMAN did have some business associates who did not agree with his Communist views. (u)

On October 24, 1950, ROBERT KEITH TOWNSEND, 42 Prospect Avenue, Seacliff, Long Island, New York, was interviewed by SA JOSEPH J. PALGUTA at his place of employment, the Sperry Gyroscope Company, Lake Success, New York. TOWNSEND (u)

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stated he was employed from sometime in 1941 until the early part of 1942 by the Hendrick Manufacturing Company in New York City under the subject who was Chief Chemical Engineer. (u)

TOWNSEND further stated that in October, 1945, upon being released from the Armed Services, he again went to work for BROTHMAN and his associates at their 32nd Street, New York City, office. TOWNSEND advised that he worked for BROTHMAN at the above address for six to eight months as a draftsman and that he had no connection with BROTHMAN's laboratory in Elmhurst, Long Island, New York. TOWNSEND advised he was unable to furnish any information concerning the activities of BROTHMAN and OSCAR VAGO, one of the subject's associates, other than that he, TOWNSEND, was of the opinion that both BROTHMAN and VAGO were CP members or CP sympathizers. TOWNSEND based the above opinion on having heard BROTHMAN and VAGO on numerous occasions discuss various CP rallies or CP front organization rallies which were being held in New York City. TOWNSEND also stated that he had observed both the subject and VAGO with tickets to these rallies. (u)

D. BROTHMAN Made Speech at CP Club Meeting in Approximately 1948

On September 27, 1950, and October 3, 1950, JOHN LAUTNER, a CP member for over 20 years, who at the time of his expulsion from the CP in January, 1950, was Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, furnished SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR and JOHN M. COLLINS information. This information was obtained from BERNIE CHESTER (also known as BERNARD SCHUSTER), who, according to LAUTNER, was the unannounced Treasurer of the New York State CP at that time. (u)

In approximately 1948, MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ and GERTRUDE KOGAN, both of whom were active in the Hettl Lapatine Club of the CP, Chelsea area, New York City, invited ABRAHAM BROTHMAN to a meeting of the Club. During the meeting, subject made a speech in which he attacked the Party leaders and defended EARL BROWDER. (u)

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It is to be noted that HARRY GOLD advised SA's JOHN M. COLLINS and THOMAS H. ZOELLER on November 1-4, 1950, that in 1948 the subject followed the principles of one FRANCIS FRANKLIN, who, about that time, had been expelled by the CP. The subject was continually speaking in favor of the papers FRANKLIN was publishing at this time and tried to influence GOLD and everyone else connected with the subject's firm into following and agreeing with the FRANKLIN line of thought. GOLD stated MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ was also in favor of the principles espoused by FRANKLIN, which was quite natural for her, as she adopted the subject's viewpoint on everything. (u)

It is to be noted also that the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, issue of March 24, 1948, contained an article stating that FRANCIS FRANKLIN had been expelled from the CP. The article stated that it was charged that FRANKLIN had, for a considerable period of time, in his club, section and place of employment and through other channels, worked to undermine the discipline, unity and authority of the Party; that he had been the center of a sectional group in the Party seeking to split the organization. (u)

JOHN LAUTNER further stated on September 27, 1950, and October 3, 1950, that at a Chelsea Section Convention of the CP in June or July, 1948, a resolution was endorsed which was critical of the Party leadership. According to LAUTNER, this resolution was endorsed by MOSKOWITZ and KOGAN. He recalled that MOSKOWITZ and KOGAN lived in the same apartment and were also in difficulty with the Party because they refused to contribute to the Party fund drive. (u)

LAUTNER further advised that as a consequence, in the Spring of 1949, MOSKOWITZ and KOGAN were refused registration in the CP and BROTHMAN, thereupon, took steps to compose his difficulties with the Party. (u)

The subject sent an emissary to confer with BERNIE CHESTER and plead with CHESTER to come to his (the emissary's) home and talk to BROTHMAN so that BROTHMAN could settle his difficulties with the Party. (u)

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ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN was also present and urged CHESTER to speak with BROTHMAN. (u)

According to LAUTNER, CHESTER was very reluctant to do so but finally agreed. LAUTNER stated he did not know whether MOSKOWITZ and KOGAN were received back into the Party; however, he knew that no further action was taken against the subject. (u)

LAUTNER stated that BROTHMAN was not a member of any CP branch but was a member-at-large. He further noted that during the war years (World War II) BROTHMAN was responsible to BERNIE CHESTER and must have been held in high regard by the Party. CHESTER told LAUTNER that BROTHMAN was one of the top Communists in the country and that he (the subject) had helped the movement a lot. (u)

CHESTER indicated to LAUTNER that BROTHMAN wanted to straighten out his difficulties with the Party before he left for Switzerland in 1949. CHESTER further told LAUTNER that when BROTHMAN returned from his trip to Switzerland he, the subject, would make a substantial contribution to the Party. (u)

T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October, 1953, that ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, an attorney at 165 Broadway, New York City, is a suspected Soviet espionage agent. Informant also advised that NEEDLEMAN had been an attorney for the Amtorg Trading Corporation, the registered Russian trade agency in the United States. (u)

E. Member of the Young Communist League

On May 29, 1947, the subject, when interviewed by SA's DONALD E. SHANNON and FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN, has admitted membership in the Young Communist League (YCL) while he was a student at Columbia University. (u)

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III. SUBJECT'S CONTACTS WITH ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY,
HARRY GOLD AND MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ

A. Subject's Interview, May 29, 1947

On May 29, 1947, ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was interviewed in his office, Room 1212, 2948 41st Avenue, Long Island City, New York, by SA's DONALD E. SHANNON and FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN. BROTHMAN was first questioned regarding his submitting information or furnishing blueprints to any individuals who might have connections with a foreign government. BROTHMAN stated that he had furnished blueprints to a number of individuals and it was a common practice in the engineering field to submit blueprints to certain individuals who might possibly be in a position to obtain contracts for a firm. (u)

BROTHMAN was then specifically questioned as to whether or not he had been acquainted with an individual by the name of JACOB GOLOS. The subject stated that he could not recall this name. A picture of GOLOS was exhibited to him. BROTHMAN denied knowing GOLOS at this time. Thereupon, a picture of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY was exhibited to BROTHMAN. The subject identified BENTLEY as an individual whom he knew as "HELEN." The subject was therupon questioned as to his acquaintanceship with HELEN. BROTHMAN then admitted that he did recognize the photograph of GOLOS but was unable to state the name of this individual. BROTHMAN then related the following concerning his knowledge of JACOB GOLOS and "HELEN." (u)

According to the subject, sometime in 1938 or 1939, an individual came to him at his office at 114 East 32nd Street, New York City, at which time BROTHMAN was operating a firm under the name of the Republic Chemical Machinery Company, which Company was associated with the Hendrick Manufacturing Company at Carbondale, Pennsylvania. This individual told BROTHMAN that he had contacts with the Russian Government and that he was in a position to get contracts from the Russian Government for BROTHMAN, if (u)

the subject would turn over to him blueprints of certain projects the subject was working on at that time. BROTHMAN stated that the blueprints were his own property and they were for the most part blueprints of shafts, vats and other equipment necessary in the operation of a plant manufacturing chemicals. (u)

According to BROTHMAN, GOLOS visited his office on several occasions and some time following the original visit he (GOLOS) introduced the subject to an individual known only as HELEN. BROTHMAN stated that he was under the impression that HELEN was the secretary to GOLOS. GOLOS advised BROTHMAN that HELEN would, in the future, obtain blueprints which he had been accustomed to turn over to GOLOS. (u)

According to BROTHMAN, HELEN visited the subject's office over a dozen times during 1938-1940 and sometime in 1940 HELEN stopped coming to his office and another individual named HARRY GOLD came to the subject's office and said he represented GOLOS, the individual BROTHMAN had already identified as the man who made the original contact with him. GOLD visited BROTHMAN's office on a number of occasions during 1940 and 1941. The subject stated that GOLD, at that time, was living in Philadelphia and used to make a trip to New York approximately every three weeks and obtain these blueprints from BROTHMAN. The subject said that to the best of his recollection the last time GOLD picked up the blueprints was late in 1941 or early in 1942. (u)

BROTHMAN emphatically stated that GOLD was the last individual to pick up any blueprints or material which was to be furnished to GOLOS. The subject also stated that he did not know the present whereabouts of GOLOS and denied that he was ever contacted by any other individual other than HELEN and GOLD as individuals who represented GOLOS. (u)

BROTHMAN was questioned as to the nature of the blueprints that he had turned over to GOLOS, at which time he displayed the blueprints, copies of which he still had in his offices. (u)

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The subject stated that some of the blueprints which he turned over to GOLOS and HELEN as well as to GOLD were returned to him but others were retained by them. The subject emphatically denied that he had ever turned over any blueprints which were of a restricted or secret nature pertaining to the war effort of the United States or any plans which the United States might be concerned with at that time. (u)

The following is a copy of a signed statement which was obtained from BROTHMAN:

"New York, N.Y.
May 29, 1947 (u)

"I, Abraham Brothman, make the following voluntary statement to Donald E. Shannon and Francis D. O'Brien, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises of any nature were made to me to make this statement. I know that what I say may be used against me at any time in a court of law. (u)

"In 1938 or 1939 a man whose name I do not recall but whose picture was shown to me today by Mr. Shannon & Mr. O'Brien, came into my office at 114 E. 32 St. where I owned and operated the Republic Chemical Machinery Co. which was associated by contract with Hendrick Manufacturing Co. This man said he had contacts with the Russian government and he could get me contracts with the Russian government. I turned over several blue prints to him; these blue prints were my own for the most part and the purpose of turning them over to him was to obtain contracts. Shortly after this man came to my office a woman by the name of Helen came to my office and said she represented this man, whose picture I have identified; I believed that this woman was the secretary of the man whose picture I identified. I have identified Helen as the girl whose picture Mr. Shannon & (u)

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Mr. O'Brien have shown to me. This Helen came to my office over a dozen times during 1938, 1939 & 1940. Then around 1940 another man whose name is Harry Gold came to my office and he said he too represented the man whose picture I identified. Both Helen and Harry Gold would pick up blue prints from me for this man whose picture I have identified. Harry Gold is now employed by me as a chemist. The blue prints were sometimes returned by Helen and Harry Gold but not all of them. I still have the original of most of the blue prints that I turned over to them. Harry Gold made his last pick up of blue prints late in 1941 or early in 1942. (u)

"Sometime in 1938 or 1939 I became associated with Hendricks Machinery Co. and did work with them until 1942. The blue prints were my own and not Hendricks. (u)

"I once contacted the man whose picture I have identified at a phone listed to a Mr. Chester and the telephone exchange was Watkins to the best of my recollection. I often met this man and Helen, his Secretary at various restaurants in the mid-town area in New York City. (u)

"I have not seen this man whose pictured I identified since 1941 or 1942. (u)

"I have read the above three page statement and it is true to the best of my recollection. I have read and signed page 1 and it is true to the best of my recollection. I have read and signed p. 2 and it is true to the best of my recollection. I now sign p. 3 and it is true to the best of my recollection. (u)

/s/ Abraham Brothman (u)

"Witnessed

Donald E. Shannon, Special Agent, F.B.I. NY City

Francis D. O'Brien, Special Agent, F.B.I. N.Y. City" (u)

B. Information From ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, an admitted former Soviet espionage courier, was interviewed on June 15, 1950, by (u)

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SA's ROBERT M. KANE and JOHN R. MURPHY, JR. BENTLEY advised that she had handled BROTHMAN for a period of several months in either 1940 or 1941 but was unable to fix a specific date. She related that it was her recollection that JACOB GOLOS (a known Soviet agent) had recruited BROTHMAN as an espionage agent through his membership in the FAECT, of which BROTHMAN was a member and of which JULES KORCHEN was a leading figure. BENTLEY stated that she recalled that GOLOS had told her that BROTHMAN was a member of the CP and that GOLOS had ordered him (the subject) to withdraw from the CP at the time of his recruitment. BENTLEY emphasized that this account by GOLOS was hazy in her recollection and that it might not have occurred in that exact manner. (u)

BENTLEY further related that she had been introduced to the subject by GOLOS and had seen the subject regularly subsequent to their meeting, on which occasions BROTHMAN furnished to her blueprints and drawings. BENTLEY stated that she examined these blueprints at the time that she received them from the subject and stated that on every occasion the blueprints dealt with commercial kettles which, she understood, pertained to some type of a commercial vat. She stated that on each of the drawings there appeared the name of a factory and also the name of the Republic Chemical Engineering Company. (u)

BENTLEY stated that she was unable to recall the exact number of times that she had met the subject, but stated that at each of their meetings a subsequent meeting was arranged. She stated that GOLOS also continued to contact BROTHMAN during the same period and she was unable to recall the number of such contacts by GOLOS. She further stated that any information which she secured from BROTHMAN was given to GOLOS to be forwarded to the Russians through "channels." (u)

BENTLEY further stated that after some months of contacting BROTHMAN in this manner, the exact date of which she was unable to recall, GOLOS advised her that BROTHMAN was to be turned over to a new contact. She stated (u)

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that upon informing BROTHMAN of this, he became extremely agitated and appeared to be terrified at the prospect of being handled by a new contact. BENTLEY stated that it was her opinion that BROTHMAN had previously felt that he was dealing with representatives of the CP and was frightened at the prospect of dealing directly with Russian representatives. BENTLEY told the subject that the change was being made in order to furnish him with a contact who would be able to talk his language in the chemical field. BENTLEY related that the subject had first refused to comply with her instructions so that it was necessary for her to arrange a later meeting at which she, the subject and GOLOS were present. At this meeting, she said BROTHMAN agreed to accede to their orders. (u)

BENTLEY further advised that during the Fall of 1940 GOLOS claimed to have become disgusted with the subject and told BENTLEY that he was turning him over to someone else. BENTLEY stated that she never learned from GOLOS or anyone else to whom BROTHMAN was then directed. (u)

C. Information From THOMAS L. BLACK

At the request of United States Attorney IRVING SAYPOL, THOMAS L. BLACK, who admitted furnishing information to the Soviets from approximately 1935 to the middle of the 1940's, was interviewed by SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE on November 15, 1950, and furnished the following: (u)

BLACK stated that sometime in 1942 or 1943 he received a telephone call from HARRY GOLD. BLACK advised that at that time BLACK was living in Newark, New Jersey. BLACK related that GOLD stated that he had to see BLACK on a very urgent matter and as a result an appointment was made. During the meeting, GOLD told BLACK that he was about to be inducted into the Army, and that, as a matter of fact, GOLD had received his notice to take his pre-induction physical examination. GOLD said that he had been handling a contact who in the past had provided him with extremely valuable technical information for the Soviet Union who could still provide much more similar information. GOLD went on to say that this contact had been very badly handled before he had been turned over to GOLD, badly handled in the (u)

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sense that the contact was rather temperamental and in order to get information from the contact he could not be handled brusquely, but had to be handled with extreme tact, flattery, etc. GOLD added, according to BLACK, that this contact was so valuable he didn't want to see just anyone handle him and, therefore, he had recommended or was going to recommend to his Soviet superiors that BLACK be assigned that task. (u)

BLACK further advised that GOLD told him that this contact was a brilliant chemical engineer and among other things an expert on the design of mixing equipment for the chemical industry. BLACK told GOLD that it would be foolish to turn this contact over to him because he too expected to be inducted. (u)

BLACK noted that GOLD did not mention the contact's name at the time and it was some years later before he found out that this contact was ABRAHAM BROTHMAN. BLACK stated that the first time he found out that this contact was ABRAHAM BROTHMAN occurred at the time that BLACK first met the subject. BLACK related that GOLD asked him to go to BROTHMAN's laboratory because BROTHMAN needed some technical information or some ideas on technical matters which GOLD believed BLACK would be able to supply from experience. BLACK advised that HARRY GOLD was still working at the Pennsylvania Sugar Company at this time. On the trip to New York to meet BROTHMAN, GOLD told BLACK a little bit about the person BLACK was to meet. GOLD said that BROTHMAN was a chemical engineer in the consulting business and that currently he was working on the process to obviate the Dupont and Rhom and Hass patents on Methyl Methacrylate (Plexiglass). GOLD mentioned also that BROTHMAN was an expert on chemical mixing equipment and it was then that BLACK asked GOLD if BROTHMAN was the contact he had wanted BLACK to handle if GOLD were inducted. BLACK related that GOLD answered in the affirmative. (u)

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BLACK advised that he met BROTHMAN at the subway in Queens and that the subject drove BLACK and GOLD to the subject's laboratory in his own car. BLACK noted that while he was in the subject's car he noticed a current issue of the "Daily Worker," previously described. BLACK further stated that during this meeting the subject asked him a great many questions on the general topic of sulfonation which seemed to have been the step in the subject's process for making Plexiglass with which the subject was having difficulties. (u)

BLACK stated that he had met the subject on about two other occasions. BLACK said that he had received a telephone call in Philadelphia from HARRY GOLD who was at that time an employee of BROTHMAN. GOLD asked BLACK if he would do him a special favor by picking up a sample of material at the Rhom and Hass plant in Bristol, Pennsylvania, and bring it to BROTHMAN's office. GOLD stated, according to BLACK, that the sample had been arranged for by telephone and that it would be waiting for BLACK, but that they must have it in a hurry and that was the reason they asked BLACK to pick it up. BLACK related that he picked up the sample and delivered it to BROTHMAN's office that evening. Present were GOLD, BROTHMAN and MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ. BLACK stated that the subject took them all out to dinner and during the conversation he recalled that the chief topic discussed was the Chinese Communist movement. BLACK recalled "nothing specific but I came away with the impression that BROTHMAN, MOSKOWITZ and GOLD were favorable to the Communist regime in China and appeared to follow the Party line in this country." (u)

BLACK also said, "From my conversations with HARRY GOLD, there was no doubt in my mind that BROTHMAN had been sympathetic to the Communist movement and to the Soviet Union for many years." (u)

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BLACK related that on another occasion, which he believed was the first meeting with BROTHMAN, he was introduced to Dr. YUSSEM, then an employee of the subject. BROTHMAN at this time was very dissatisfied with YUSSEM and the subject was thinking about discharging YUSSEM. On still another occasion, GOLD told BLACK that in discharging YUSSEM, subject had been brought before the appropriate committee of the CP to explain the alleged unfair treatment of YUSSEM and that this committee had instructed the subject to pay YUSSEM \$600. (u)

D. Information From HARRY GOLD

HARRY GOLD, on July 11, 1950, furnished two signed statements to SA's T. SCOTT MILLER and RICHARD E. BRENNAN concerning his knowledge of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN. GOLD related that he met BROTHMAN at the direction of GOLD's Soviet espionage superior, SEMEN SEMENOV, in 1941. According to GOLD, BROTHMAN stated that he did not get along with GOLD's predecessor, "HELEN" (ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY). GOLD related that he used the alias of FRANK KESSLER in meeting BROTHMAN. During early 1942, BROTHMAN furnished complete and detailed information on Buna-S material to GOLD for transmission to the Soviets. GOLD received instructions from SEMENOV to congratulate and praise the subject for turning over this Buna-S material. According to GOLD, in late 1942, the subject delivered to GOLD information in great detail concerning mixing equipment for transmittal to the Soviets. BROTHMAN also furnished material concerning an Aerosol dispenser and magnesium powder to GOLD for transmittal to the Soviets. According to GOLD, this material was not turned over to SEMENOV. GOLD further stated that BROTHMAN never received any remuneration for his work for the Soviets. However, GOLD advised that in connection with the Buna-S material the subject did receive money for blueprinting expenses. (u)

GOLD further related that the subject was interested in receiving Soviet financial backing for work on various chemical processes. (u)

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GOLD, in another signed statement, furnished on February 11, 1950, advised that at the subject's bidding he (GOLD) told an untrue story to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Grand Jury in New York City in the Summer of 1947 concerning his initial meeting and association with BROTHMAN. GOLD also noted that BROTHMAN did not know his true name until GOLD became employed by BROTHMAN in 1946. (u)

IV. PROSECUTIVE ACTION

On July 29, 1950, a Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York, handed up an indictment to Judge SIDNEY SUGARMAN charging ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ with conspiracy to obstruct justice in that they together with HARRY GOLD, a co-conspirator but not a defendant, agreed on fictitious explanations of their associations with each other and divers other persons in violation of Title 18, Section 88, (1946 Edition), United States Code. This indictment contained a second count charging BROTHMAN with wilfully influencing GOLD to give false testimony before a Grand Jury on July 31, 1947, in violation of Title 18, Section 241, (1946 Edition), United States Code. (u)

On November 22, 1950, the trial jury, Southern District of New York, returned a verdict finding BROTHMAN guilty of conspiracy to obstruct justice, and intimidation of a government witness. MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ was found guilty of conspiracy to obstruct justice. Inasmuch as BROTHMAN and MOSKOWITZ had been remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal at the start of their trial, they were continued in his custody. (u)

On November 28, 1950, Judge IRVING R. KAUFMAN, Southern District of New York, sentenced BROTHMAN to five years imprisonment and \$5,000.00 fine on the count charging intimidation of a government witness, and two years (u)

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imprisonment and \$10,000.00 fine on charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice. MOSKOWITZ was sentenced to two years imprisonment and \$10,000.00 fine. Both defendants were to be committed until all fines were paid. (u)

V. APPEAL ACTION AND CONFINEMENT

On July 26, 1951, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in a decision by Chief Judge THOMAS SWAN, with Judges LEARNED HAND and AUGUSTUS N. HAND concurring, affirmed the conviction of BROTHMAN and MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ on the conspiracy to obstruct justice count but reversed the conviction of BROTHMAN on the count in the indictment which charged BROTHMAN with attempting to persuade HARRY GOLD to give false testimony before a Federal Grand Jury in 1947. (u)

The Circuit Court held that a motion for acquittal made at the conclusion of all the evidence properly raised the question of venue in the court below, and that such a motion need not specify the grounds therefore. Accordingly, it reversed BROTHMAN's conviction on the count in the indictment which charged BROTHMAN with attempting to persuade HARRY GOLD to give false testimony before a Federal Grand Jury in 1947. (u)

The records maintained by the United States Marshal in the Southern District of New York, as reviewed by SA LOUIS M. LUEDERS at the end of 1953, reflected that the subject was removed from the Federal Detention Headquarters, New York City, and transferred on August 28, 1951, to the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. (u)

Warden W.H. HIATT, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on November 6, 1952 advised the Atlanta Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the subject was released from the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on November 5, 1952. The subject was (u)

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brought before the United States Commissioner in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 5, 1952, and released on a poor convict's oath. Warden HIATT also advised that the subject would not be under supervision, as he was discharged by expiration of minimum sentence. (u)

The records of the Clerk of the Federal District Court, Southern District of New York, under Docket Number C - 633 -106, were examined on May 27, 1955, by SA WALTER C. ROETTING, JR. and found to contain an entry dated April 29, 1955, reflecting the approval by Judge NOONAN of the nolle prosequi filed against the count in the indictment which charged BROTHMAN with attempting to persuade HARRY GOLD to give false testimony before a Federal Grand Jury in 1947. (u)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Records of BSS, NYCPD

The files of the Bureau of Special Services (BSS), as furnished to SA AUGUST J. MICEK on July 13, 1956, contain the following information concerning the subject: (u)

One of the signers of the 1943 CP Nominating Petition in New York City was ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, 4108 42nd Street, Long Island City, New York. (u)

The remainder of the files of the above organization consisted of various newspaper clippings pertaining to the subject's trial and conviction which has been previously set out in instant report. (u)

B. Credit Record

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as furnished to SE DONALD C. STRELETZKY by Miss EVELYN SBARRA on November 10, 1955, contained the following information concerning ABRAHAM BROTHMAN: (u)

These records reflected that in a report dated March 12, 1946, ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, who was listed as a resident at 4108 42nd Street, Long Island City, New York, was married to NAOMI BROTHMAN, residing at the same address. The records further indicated that BROTHMAN had two dependent children. BROTHMAN, according to these records, resided at the above address in Apartment 5F for the past three years (March 12, 1946). He was listed as one of the principals in A. Brothman and Associates, 114 East 32nd Street, New York City, operating as a consulting engineer. (u)

It was determined from an inquiry on March 7, 1955, that the subject and his wife resided at 80 Kingston Avenue, Port Jervis, New York. It was also determined that the subject was employed on that date by the Techniflex Corporation, 55 Jersey Avenue, Port Jervis, New York. (u)

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These records contained a newspaper clipping concerning the subject's arrest, which information previously has been set out in instant report. (u)

C. Informants

Confidential informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, and who are familiar with CP and related activities in the New York City area, were contacted in April and May, 1956, and shown photographs of the subject. These informants advised that the subject was unknown to them. (u)

D. Subject Making Payments on Fine

The records of the Clerk of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, under Docket Number C-133-106, were reviewed by SA FRANCIS J. BEZDEK on January 19, 1956, and reflected that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN paid \$1,153.60 from November 18, 1954, through January 19, 1956. The last payment was made on December 21, 1955. The unpaid balance of BROTHMAN's fine was reduced from \$8,238.13 to \$7,084.53. (u)

VII. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following is a physical description of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, as obtained from T-1 on October 10, 1950; records of the Identification Division; and observation and interrogation by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, previously mentioned in instant report:

Name	ABRAHAM BROTHMAN - Summary
Aliases	ABE BROTHMAN, "PA" "The Penguin"
Age	42 (born August 15, 1913)
Place of Birth	New York City, New York
Weight	185 pounds - 190 pounds
Height	5'7" 80 Kilograms A.C.
Eyes	Brown, shifty
Hair	Black, combed straight back
Peculiarities	Never wears hat; has waddling walk; paunchy; pasty complexion; has high blood pressure; boastful, conceited individual; claims to be a good handball player

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Occupation
Marital Status
Wife

Chemist
Married
NAOMI

Two children, ages 9 and 5
(in June, 1950)

Business Address

Techniflex Corporation,
55 Jersey Avenue,
Port Jervis, New York
80 Kingston Avenue,
Port Jervis, New York

Home Address

Education

Received a professional degree
in Chemical Engineering from
Columbia University School
of Engineering, New York, City,
1933

Speech

No accent, well modulated

Social Security
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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to Whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number Where Located</u>
T-1 Selective Service System Local Board #245, 43-01 46th St., Long Island City, NY	Subject's background info	10/10/50	SA THOMAS H. ZOELLER	100-95068-1B62
T-2 [REDACTED]	Subject's employment and residence	11/7/53	SA WILLIAM F. NORTON, JR.	100-95068-810
T-3 [REDACTED]	Used to document JULES KORCHIEN	March and April, 1946		
T-4 [REDACTED]	Used to document ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN	October, 1953		

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

The confidential informants mentioned in instant report, who advised that the subject was unknown to them, are as follows:

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INFORMANTS (CONTINUED)

Informant

Date Contacted

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SA ARTHUR P. HEALY
SA RICHARD H. BLASSER
SA RICHARD H. BLASSER
SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON
SA ARTHUR P. HEALY
SA ROBERT L. STEVENSON,
SA WILLIAM A. FLYNN, JR.
SA WILLIAM A. FLYNN, JR.
SA GEORGE R. MASSET
SA WILLIAM A. FLYNN, JR.

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The subject is presently on the Security Index. Data appearing on Security Index card is current. Instant case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria set out in 87D7b, and continues to fall within such criteria. (u)

REFERENCE

Prosecutive Summary Report of SA JOHN M. COLLINS, New York, 8/15/50. (u)

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Director, FBI (105-33901)

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VITALI GREGORIEVICH PAVLOV, aka.
Vitali Grigorovich Pavlov
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Abraham Brothman

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Philadelphia Office is a copy of NYlet dated 6-8-57 relative to the captioned individual. Enclosed also is a copy of the report of SA Philly G. Hogen dated 6-8-57 concerning Pavlov. (u)

The attention of the Philadelphia Office is directed to information appearing on pages two and three of the enclosed NYlet as it pertains to information furnished by Harry Gold concerning Pavlov. (u)

You will note that paragraph two of the NYlet refers to the identification by Harry Gold of a photograph of Pavlov as resembling an individual to whom he turned over information in Buffalo, New York, in 1941. This information appears in the [redacted] NYlet further refers to the fact that Gold stated there were four individuals whom he met in the Buffalo, Syracuse and Rochester areas during the period between 1941 and 1943; that one of these individuals has been identified as Alfred Dean Black, the subject of a separate espionage investigation, and that Gold has stated that the other three individuals were non-existent and figments of his imagination.

The Bureau desires that Harry Gold be reinterviewed regarding his knowledge of Pavlov and Pavlov's activities. A report reflecting the results of this reinterview should be prepared in such a manner as will resolve any possible ambiguity in previous information furnished by Gold.

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Date of Declassification Indefinite

In the event that Gold furnishes any additional pertinent information relative to Pavlov, appropriate revisions should be prepared for the [redacted] and any other communications, if necessary.

Enclosures (2)

cc - 1 - New York (info) (105-15958)

cc - 1 - WFO (info) (105-3405)

cc - 1 - 65-57449 (Gold)

cc - 1 - 100-365040 (Brothman)

cc - 1 - 65-59183 (Black)

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SAC, Philadelphia
Re: Vitali Grigorievich Pavlov, aka.;
Vitali Grigorievich Pavlov

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In addition to reporting the interview with Gold in this case, the Philadelphia Office should prepare an up-to-date report in the Gold case which will reflect any pertinent information furnished by him concerning Pavlov. Obviously, this report should be furnished to the New York Office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 6/26/57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/24, 28, 29, 31; 6/17/57
TITLE OF CASE ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was		REPORT MADE BY STEPHEN W. JENNINGS	TYPED BY bbf
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	

SYNOPSIS:

BROTHMAN continues to reside at 80 Kingston Avenue, Port Jervis, New York, and to be employed by the Techniflex Corp., 55 Jersey Avenue, Port Jervis, NY. Various confidential informants of the New York City area were contacted in May, 1957, and they advised that the subject was unknown to them. (u)

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On April 1, 1957, Chief EDWARD CULINAN, Port Jervis, New York, Police Department, advised SA LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was employed by the Techniflex Corporation, 55 Jersey Avenue, Port Jervis, New York, and resides at 80 Kingston Avenue, Port Jervis, New York. (u)

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It is noted that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was found guilty, on November 22, 1950, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to obstruct justice and intimidation of a government witness. On November 28, 1950, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine on the count charging intimidation of a government witness and two years imprisonment and a \$10,000.00 fine on the charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice. (u)

On July 26, 1951, the United States Court of Appeals Second District, affirmed the conspiracy count, but reversed the count charging intimidation of a government witness. He was confined to the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on August 21, 1951 and released on November 5, 1952. (u)

The records of the Clerk of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, under Docket Number C-133-106, were reviewed on May 24, 1957, by SA STEPHEN W. JENNINGS, and reflected that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, 80 Kingston Avenue, Port Jervis, New York, on May 7, 1957, made a payment to the Court in the amount of \$82.40. His unpaid balance was reflected as \$5,766.13. (u)

Confidential informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, and who are familiar with the Communist Party and related activities in the New York City area, were contacted in May, 1957, and they advised that the subject was unknown to them. (u)

The Communist Party has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (u)

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INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the instant report, who advised that the subject was unknown to them are as follows:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Agent</u>
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] 62-67D
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]
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Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed in instant report, and the identities of the sources were not set forth in those instances where the identity of the sources must be concealed. (u)

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Regarding the SI the subject is presently included on the SI. Data appearing on the SI is current. No FD 122 is necessary. Subject continues to fall within the criteria necessary for his inclusion on the SI. A suitable photograph is available. (u)

REFERENCE

New York report of 7/27/56 by SA FRANCIS W. LANGDON. (u)

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2-24-58

TO: W. A. Branigan

FROM: J. P. Lee

Re: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

Captioned case has been reviewed and careful consideration given to the advisability of any reinterviews, interviews or other action which may now appear warranted. In the event such now appears desirable, necessary action is being initiated.

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Re: JOSEPH GUKENBERG
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While Bureau indices are negative on Yette Spigler, the Bureau notes with considerable interest the following information in Bufiles concerning the Emanuel and Jerome (Jerry) Kline who are referred to above and Daniel Kline, son of Emanuel. Daniel Kline is the subject of Philadelphia file 65-4343. It appears that Daniel Kline, who was last known to be employed as an associate professor at Yale University, was known to Harry Gold, convicted Soviet espionage agent. Gold has stated that he furnished Daniel Kline's name to his Soviet principal as a possible recruit into Soviet espionage. Daniel Kline, on interview, denied ever being approached by the Soviets and no evidence was developed to indicate that such an approach was made. Accordingly, the Daniel Kline matter was closed. (U)

It should be noted that Harry Gold, during his espionage activity on behalf of the Soviets, worked for and received intelligence data from Abraham Brothman which material he turned over to his Soviet principal. It is to be noted that during the period of time that Gold was working for Brothman and was receiving intelligence information from him, Daniel Kline's brother, Jerome (Jerry) Kline, was apparently also in contact with Brothman. The following references to Jerome (Jerry) Kline, who is apparently identical with Jerry Kline referred to above, are set forth in the New York report of SA John P. Murphy, Jr., dated 6/30/50 in the Abraham Brothman case: Page 69 reflects a notation that Brothman borrowed \$5,000 from Jerome Kline who obtained the money from Maxwell Levy. Page 74 contains a notation that Brothman owed Jerome Kline \$5,000 as of 3/31/48. On page 87, there is set forth a notation from the 1950 yearbook of Brothman to the effect that on January 15, Jerome Kline was to visit Brothman. Page 123 sets forth information that on 3/23/48, 4/7/48, 4/23/48 and 4/26/48 Brothman obtained loans from Jerome Kline of the Stanton Laboratories of \$1,000, \$1,000, \$1,000 and \$2,000 respectively. Additional references to Jerome Kline appear on pages 88, 90, 91 and 96 of SA Murphy's 6/30/50 report. (U)

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On page two of the report of SA John H. Collins dated 4/24/51 at New York in the Brothman case, information is set forth to the effect that during a 12/7/50 examination in Supplementary Proceedings, Brothman stated he had an agreement with Stanton Laboratories of Philadelphia under which Stanton was to pay him \$100,000 over a five-year period; however, no money was received by Brothman under this agreement. (u)

Report of SA Robert S. Jensen dated 12/4/50 at Philadelphia in the Brothman case sets forth information that Jerome Kline was interviewed on 11/4/50 and stated he was vice president of Stanton Laboratories in Philadelphia when Brothman was employed there. Jerome Kline said he was corresponding with Brothman to reach a settlement about the contract between the Laboratories and Brothman. Kline related that Brothman agreed not to enter into competition with Stanton when he worked there as a chemical engineer. However, Brothman violated the agreement by entering into competition with Stanton after leaving the Laboratories. Kline further said that Brothman claimed, when leaving Stanton, that the firm owed him money and a week before Brothman's arrest, his attorneys dispatched a letter to Stanton attempting to collect money for Brothman. Kline said he replied to this letter after reading of Brothman's arrest and proposed that he meet with Brothman in Philadelphia to settle the matter. He said he received no reply to this letter. (u)

It is not known whether or not Harry Gold was instrumental in placing Jerome Kline in contact with Brothman or whether or not Harry Gold was actually aware of Jerome Kline's association with Brothman. It does appear significant, however, that Gold and Jerome Kline both had dealings with Brothman and that the name of Daniel Kline, Jerome's brother, was furnished by Gold to the Soviets as a possible espionage recruit. (u)

Note further that Harry Gold and Thomas Leasing Black, Soviet espionage agents, were recruited into Soviet espionage by an individual who was known to Gold as Paul Smith. (u)

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and to Black as Paul Petersen. Unsub., was., Paul Smith, et al, was in contact with Harry Gold in Philadelphia from 1934 to 1937. The Bureau notes that the description of unsub, Paul Smith, was., et al, basically fits the description of Joseph Grenberg. Note also that the first trace we have uncovered in this country of Joseph Grenberg was his presence in Philadelphia in 1935 when he applied for a social security card. Bearing in mind Harrison's recollections concerning the relationship of Grenberg to the owners of the premises in Atlantic City it is possible that Grenberg in some fashion may be related to the Klines or to Yetta Spigler, Jerome Kline's mother-in-law and through the Klines or otherwise may have been known to Harry Gold. It is, in fact, possible that he could be identical with the superior of Black and Gold, unsub, was., Paul Smith, et al. (u)

Accordingly, the following investigation is to be immediately conducted by indicated offices. (u)

Philadelphia: Interview Harry Gold and display to him copies of all available photographs of subject Grenberg. Ascertain if Grenberg may be identical with the unsub, referred to above or if Harry Gold has any information concerning him. Specifically determine if Gold can associate subject in any way with Kline or Yetta Spigler. Further interrogate Gold concerning the relationship between Abraham Brothman and Jerome Kline. Develop all data in his possession in this regard. Determine specifically if Gold was in any way instrumental in putting Jerome Kline and/or Stanton Laboratories in touch with Brothman. If such is determined to be the case, ascertain why Gold has not made this known before. Interview of Gold regarding Jerome Kline and Brothman is to be reported under the Brothman caption with copies disseminated to the Bufiles on Grenberg. After interviewing Gold, conduct discreet background inquiry to develop all available identifying data regarding immediate members of the Kline family. (u)

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In this regard, inquiry should cover Emanuel Kline (deceased), Daniel and Jerome Kline and his brothers, sisters and in-laws. It is not desired that any member of the Kline family be interviewed at this time. Conduct inquiry into ownership and activity of Stanton Laboratories. Bureau notes in this regard that this firm is not listed in the current Philadelphia telephone directory. It will be sufficient at this time to determine the identity of the officers and to ascertain in general the nature of the business of this firm. (u)

Newark: Interview Thomas Leeting Black and display to him all available photographs of Grenberg. Ascertain if Black can furnish any information concerning subject and in particular if he can identify him as his former Soviet principal Paul Petersen. At Camden conduct discreet inquiry in an effort to develop all available background and identifying data regarding Yetta Spigler, her husband and her children. (u)

New York: Immediately furnish Newark and Philadelphia with copies of all available photographs of Grenberg. New York refer to page five of Bulet dated 10/30/57. Immediately set forth leads for the display of all available photographs of Grenberg to the various witnesses in the unsub cases designated in relet, as cases numbers 1, 2 and 3. (u)

Extra copies of this letter are furnished to Newark and Philadelphia for inclusion in their files re Abraham Brothman. (u)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-64089)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-27207)
SUBJECT: JOSEPH GREENBERG, was.
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(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNY airtel to Bureau dated 11/5/57, captioned as above, with leads for Philadelphia; Report of SA RALPH J.T. CARTER Jr. dated 1/24/58, at Philadelphia and captioned as above; Philadelphia airtel to the Bureau dated 2/11/58, and captioned as above; Philadelphia airtel to the Bureau dated 6/27/58, and captioned "ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, IS-R." (u)

Based on the results of the exhibition of GREENBERG's photographs to HARRY GOLD, as reported in the referenced 6/27/58, Philadelphia airtel, NY has conducted a review of the subject's file for the purpose of tracing his employment and residence record back through the period 1935 and 1936. This review reflects that according to Baltimore Source 4, GREENBERG, SSN 185-05-5771, resided at 2034 Green St., Philadelphia, Pa., and was employed at the Hotel Barclay, Philadelphia, when he applied for Social Security in 12/36. In addition on 2/3/58, Mr. JAMES CONERFORD, Hub Employment Agency, 80 Warren St., NYC, advised that during the interview he conducted on 2/3/58, concerning the possibility of permanent employment for GREENBERG, the subject advised him (u)

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that in 1931 - 1932, he had been the superintendent of a building (not further identified) in Philadelphia, Pa. (u)

In view of the foregoing and in an effort to resolve the question of GREENBERG being identical with PAUL SMITH, HARRY GOLD's Soviet contact in 1935-1936, the Philadelphia Office is requested to conduct the following additional investigation in accordance with previous Bureau instructions: (u)

LEADS

PHILADELPHIA

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1. Employment (1936)

In connection with GREENBERG's reported employment in 12/36, at the Hotel Barclay, it is requested that management of the Hotel Barclay be recontacted for the purpose of obtaining a list of those waiters, cooks, busboys and other employees, who were working at the Hotel Barclay in 12/36. After obtaining this list and conducting such investigation as is deemed advisable, subject's fellow employees should be interviewed and photographs of subject exhibited to them in order to determine further background information regarding GREENBERG. (u)

It also should be determined from the management of the Hotel Barclay whether the current management was in charge of the hotel in 1936. If not (u)

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not Philadelphia should attempt to ascertain the identities of the former management and conduct appropriate interviews. (U)

A determination should be made as to whether the Hotel Barclay utilized the services of any employment agency or waiters union in order to obtain their hired help. In this connection those waiters unions operating in the Philadelphia area during the appropriate period and prior to 1936, (where there are available established sources) should be contacted in order to ascertain if the subject was listed as a member. Any leads resulting from these contacts should be handled expeditiously. (U)

B. Residence (1936)

In connection with GRANBERG's reported residence at 2034 Green St., Philadelphia, Pa., in 12/36, the Philadelphia Office should attempt to ascertain the identity of the owners of the building located at 2034 Green St. in 1936. Upon obtaining the identities of the owners of this building, Philadelphia is requested, after conducting appropriate background investigation, to contact these individuals in an effort to ascertain if subject resided at this address as reported and obtain all background information in their possession. (U)

C. Selective Service Registration (4/21/42)

RePhila airtel 2/11/58, setting out information that Mrs. GOLDIE BROUGH, clerk, Records Section, Pennsylvania Selective Service Headquarters, (U)

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Harrisburg, Pa., furnished a 1940 registration card for JOSEPH GREENBERG, Hotel King, 11th and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., it is noted that the subject registered at 128, Philadelphia on 4/27/42. Mrs. BROUGH advised that the registration card was only information available as remainder of 1940 SS file destroyed. (u)

It should be determined whether any of the original Selective Service file on GREENBERG was placed on microfilm prior to destruction of the file. Information contained in Selective Service file would of necessity contain details regarding marriage, relatives, and other information of pertinence to investigation. Philadelphia should determine whether any logical leads can be developed through Selective Service registration. (u)

4. Miscellaneous

Philadelphia will review appropriate election records covering all known places of residence for the subject in the Philadelphia area during the period 1930 - 1945 for background information about GREENBERG. (u)

Will also review Philadelphia Telephone Directories and, if available, Philadelphia City Directories for the period 1930-1945 for any listings possibly identical with the subject or his parents, MARTIN and ANNA LAURANCE GREENBERG. (u)

Philadelphia will further consider reviewing the records of any state or municipal agencies (such as relief, welfare, unemployment and etc.) which might contain information concerning subject or his parents. (u)

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Philadelphia's attention is called to the fact that the development of background information re subject is of major importance in this investigation. Any facets noted by Philadelphia in its review of subject's file should be pursued vigorously. (u)

NY is continually reviewing its file for logical leads in this matter and is endeavoring through current investigation of subject, regarding his activities, to definitely tie him with Soviet Intelligence Operations in the US. (u)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 6/30/58	Investigative Period 5/3,7,9,12,15; 6/16,18,20,23/58
TITLE OF CASE ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was.		Report made by WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR.	Typed By: sab
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	

Synopsis:

BROTHMAN resides at 80 Kingston Ave., Port Jervis, NY, and is employed with Techniflex Corporation, 55 Jersey Ave., Port Jervis, NY. Confidential informants familiar with CP activities in greater NY area unable to furnish information concerning the subject (u)

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DETAILSResidence and Employment

Chief EDWARD CULINAN, Port Jervis Police Department (PJPD,) Port Jervis, New York, advised SA LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE on June 20, 1958, that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, who resides at 80 Kingston Avenue, Port Jervis, New York, is employed as a chemist with the Techniflex Corporation, 55 Jersey Avenue, Port Jervis, New York. (u) jf

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Chief CULINAN described the Techniflex Corporation as a producer of flexible pipes and commented that the subject works long hours at the plant. He described the subject as "well-regarded" at the plant and as apparently not concerned with social or civic affairs in the Port Jervis area. (u)

Chief CULINAN advised SA SPILLANE that a review of the criminal records of the PFPD on June 20, 1958, failed to disclose a record for the subject. (u)

Criminal Docket,
Southern District of New York

Mrs. FANNY ABRAMS, Clerk, United States District Court (USDC,) Southern District of New York (SDNY) advised SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, Jr., of the following on June 18, 1958:

The records of the Clerk of the USDC, SDNY, under Docket No. C-133-106, disclosed that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN made a payment in the amount of \$82.40 on May 28, 1958. The unpaid balance of his fine was recorded as \$4,859.73. (u)

It is noted that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was found guilty, on November 22, 1950, in the USDC, SDNY, of conspiracy to obstruct justice and intimidation of a government witness. On November 28, 1950, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine on the count charging intimidation of a government witness and two years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine on the charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice. (u)

On July 26, 1951, the United States Court of Appeals, Second District, affirmed the conspiracy count, but reversed the count charging intimidation of a government witness. He was confined to the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on August 21, 1951, and released on November 5, 1952. (u)

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Miscellaneous

Confidential informants, familiar with Communist Party (CP) activities in the greater New York area, advised during May, 1958, that they were unable to furnish information concerning the subject. (u)

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (u)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-365040)

DATE 6/30/58

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-95068)

SUBJECT:

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was.
ESP - R; OOF; ISA OF 1950

Transmitted herewith are five copies of the report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, Jr., and five copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above. (u)

REFERENCE

Report of SA STEPHEN W. JENNINGS, at NY, 6/26/58. (u) *ser 581*

INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in instant report as being contacted during May, 1958, are as follows:

InformantDate of ContactAgent

[REDACTED]

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) despite his apparent state of inactivity in CP and other subversive activities, there is no reason to believe subject has adopted a cooperative attitude toward this Bureau. On occasions of previous interviews by Bureau Agents, subject has failed to express a willingness to discuss circumstances of his known past activities as a Soviet espionage agent.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of following:

Subject was convicted 11/22/50, of conspiracy to obstruct justice in that he, together with HARRY GOLD, convicted Soviet espionage agent, agreed on fictitious explanations of their associations. Although subject's known activities since his release from prison during November, 1952, do not fall within Security Index criteria, his past activities in Soviet espionage and former close ties with the CP indicate that he would be a dangerous individual in time of national emergency. (u)



United States Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

June 20, 1958

Re: Abraham Brothman, with aliases
Espionage - R;
Obstruction of Justice;
Internal Security Act of 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Walter C. Gutheil, Jr., dated and captioned as above at New York. (u)

All informants mentioned in the above report are informants who have furnished reliable information in the past. (u)

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 SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet 6/18/58 entitled "JOSEPH GRENBURG; IS - R."

On 6/24/58, HARRY GOLD, inmate, U.S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., a convicted espionage agent, furnished the following information to SA THOMAS E. SAUNDERS:

GOLD was exhibited photographs of JOSEPH GRENBURG (GREENBERG), the dates of the photographs being 1919, 1942, 1/57 and 9/57. GOLD stated that the photograph of GRENBURG taken in 1/57 is exactly as he imagined his former Soviet contact of 1935-36 would look like at this time. He stated that his former Soviet contact, known to him as PAUL SMITH, had the same general characteristics of JOSEPH GRENBURG; however, he could not positively state that GRENBURG is identical with the former contact. He said that it is possible, but he doubted that they were identical and would not say so until such time that he can make a positive identification. GOLD stated he is still sure that if he were to observe a photograph of SMITH as he appeared during the period that he had contact with him that he could still, at this date, effect a positive identification and is most anxious to do so.

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GOLD stated that he never knew a person named YETTA SPIGLER and could not associate that name with any of his former acquaintances in the Philadelphia area. He stated that he never met anyone by the name of EMANUEL KLINE. He explained that a DANIEL KLINE of Philadelphia was a former classmate in high school of his brother, JOSEPH GOLD, and through DANIEL KLINE's visits at the GOLD home, he learned that DANIEL's father's name was EMANUEL, that he was a real estate dealer in the South Philadelphia area, and that he was now deceased. (u)

GOLD advised that to his knowledge there was no relationship between YETTA SPIGLER and EMANUEL KLINE and that he was totally unaware of the other members of the KLINE family, other than EMANUEL and DANIEL KLINE, and that he only knew DANIEL KLINE through his visits to the GOLD home in Philadelphia with his, HARRY's, brother, JOSEPH GOLD. (u)

HARRY GOLD advised that as he has previously related to the FBI, the successor of PAUL SMITH, "Little FRED," was pressuring him to obtain a source of information at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. GOLD learned through his conversations with DANIEL KLINE that he was, during that period, employed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and thereafter had suggested his name to "Little FRED" as a possible recruit for Soviet intelligence. He stated that he has often times since regretted having furnished DANIEL's name to "Little FRED" and had furnished the name under pressure as this was a means at that time of getting "Little FRED" off his "neck." GOLD definitely did not approach DANIEL KLINE himself and had no knowledge as to whether any of the Soviets had contacted DANIEL KLINE. He never received any information or indication from DANIEL KLINE that he was ever contacted by the Soviets and to his knowledge he may be "OK," but he pointed out that it is very unlikely that any of his Soviet superiors would have informed him of the fact that DANIEL KLINE had been recruited, if such had been the case. (u)

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When first questioned as to his knowledge of JERRY or JEROME KLINE, GOLD stated that he seemed to recall that such a person existed; however, he could not recall ever meeting him or talking to him and could not recall where he was employed, or if he was any relation to DANIEL KLINE. (u)

GOLD recalled that he had worked for ABRAHAM BROTHMAN at New York City during the period 5/46 to 6/48 at his own laboratory and that BROTHMAN operated a consulting engineering firm. He stated that it was prior to this time that BROTHMAN had been giving information to GOLD to pass on to his Soviet superiors, roughly the period 10/41 to 1943. GOLD further remarked that this was one of the unfortunate situations that had developed, that is, his going to work for BROTHMAN after the previous relationship with him. GOLD stated that BROTHMAN in the fall of 1947 and continuing on through 1948, had done some work for Mr. MIKE STANTON of Stanton Laboratories, Philadelphia, Pa. He explained that his old friend, THOMAS BLACK, at that time an employee of CHARLES BERG, had recommended to STANTON that BROTHMAN's firm might be able to be of assistance to STANTON. He explained that STANTON was involved in the manufacture of thioglycollic acid, an acid used in cold wave preparations and in high demand at that time. He stated that BLACK knew that GOLD was at that time associated with BROTHMAN and since STANTON needed a new plant design to manufacture his product, BLACK, out of loyalty to GOLD, had suggested BROTHMAN's firm to STANTON. He stated that so far as he knew, STANTON's association with BLACK was purely a business association, as was STANTON's association with BROTHMAN and that to his knowledge, STANTON was perfectly "all right." (u)

GOLD recalled that during the period 1948, BROTHMAN was desperate for money. He stated that about 6/48, he, himself and other employees of BROTHMAN quit the firm over a wage dispute, and that he personally had been under the impression that he was an associate of BROTHMAN in the business. He stated that the only time he was an "associate" was when business was bad, but (u)

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when business was good, he was merely an "employee." (u)

GOLD advised that shortly after he had terminated his association with BROTHMAN in 6/48, MIKE STANTON had called him to his house and asked GOLD as to whether he thought he should continue his association with BROTHMAN in the re-designing of his factory. GOLD stated that as he recalled he had advised STANTON that he had so much money invested in BROTHMAN at that time that he might as well continue with him and see if he couldn't recover as much as possible. He stated it was at this time that he now recalls that STANTON had complained to him regarding the large sums of money that he had loaned to BROTHMAN. GOLD at this point stated that he now thinks that it was at this time that he first heard the name of JEROME or JERRY KLINE mentioned, and that it had been JERRY KLINE who was instrumental in BROTHMAN obtaining the loan from Stanton Laboratories; however, he did not at that time associate JERRY KLINE with DANIEL KLINE mentioned above. GOLD pointed out that the KLINE name is a common name in the Philadelphia area, and he never gave the matter any thought that JERRY KLINE and DANIEL KLINE could be related. (u)

GOLD stated that he has never known anyone by the name of JOSEPH GRENBURG, and as previously indicated, cannot positively state that the photographs of GRENBURG are identical with the person he knew as PAUL SMITH, his former Soviet contact. He stated further that he has absolutely no knowledge of the association between BROTHMAN and JEROME KLINE and that he definitely did not place JEROME KLINE in contact with BROTHMAN. (u)

GOLD stated that he wished to comment that his former Soviet contact, known to him as PAUL SMITH, impressed him as being the person responsible for setting up industrial espionage in the United States during that period. He stated that SMITH did not impress him as the type of person that would be engaged in a menial job as a cover to his true occupation and he based this on the fact that SMITH was always well dressed, well rested, very smooth and polished, and to GOLD's knowledge, this person's only (u)

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contact was Amtorg. As previously indicated, GOLD stated that he is still confident that he will be able to positively identify a photograph of his first contact, if shown one, even at this late date. (u)

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Will question THOMAS BLACK about GOLD's statement that BLACK put Stanton Laboratories in touch with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN. Point of inquiry is to determine relationship between ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and JEROME KLINE, who was Vice President of Stanton Laboratories. Background on this situation is contained in rebulet 6/18/58, captioned "JOSEPH GRENBURG; IS-R," copy of which was furnished Newark. (u)

Will especially question BLACK re his knowledge of BROTHMAN's association with JEROME KLINE; his knowledge of JEROME KLINE's brother, DANIEL KLINE, whose name was submitted by GOLD to the Soviets as a possible recruit; his knowledge of EMANUEL KLINE and whether he knows YETTA SPIGLER. (u)

PHILADELPHIA

Will interview HARRY GOLD's brother, JOSEPH GOLD, re his knowledge of DANIEL, JEROME and EMANUEL KLINE, and YETTA SPIGLER, JEROME KLINE's mother-in-law. (u)

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Re NK Airtel to Bureau, 7/2/58, and PE Airtel to Bureau,
6/17/58, in case entitled "ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, ESPIONAGE-R." (u)

THOMAS L. BLACK was reinterviewed by SAs FREDERICK C.
KINCK and ROBERT G. OSBORN on 7/21/58, and all photographs of
subject in Newark's possession, including those forwarded by Miami,
were exhibited to BLACK. Again BLACK stated the photographs of
GREENBERG were not identical to PAUL PETERSEN. (u)

BLACK advised he met ABRAHAM BROTHMAN through HARRY GOLD
in approximately 1944 or 1945, when GOLD was employed by BROTHMAN's
firm. BLACK stated he became acquainted with STANTON LABORATORIES
in connection with business since both STANTON and HERS LABORATORIES,
BLACK's employer, were interested in the manufacture of thioglycolic
acid. BLACK advised he contacted STANTON LABORATORIES in the course
of business and observed the equipment used to manufacture
thioglycolic acid was in poor condition and suggested in an off-hand
manner that Stanton's equipment could stand redesigning. In this
connection, he mentioned BROTHMAN's firm as being able to do the job.
BLACK stated Stanton on his own initiative located BROTHMAN and had
his equipment redesigned. BLACK learned of this approximately 2-4
months later from HARRY GOLD. He stated that in no way had he made
any contact or arrangement between STANTON and BROTHMAN. (u)

BLACK again stated he never met JERRY KLINE and only heard
of him through GOLD. He believes KLINE was a stockholder in STANTON
Labs and had about \$5000 invested in the business. He knows of
nothing regarding KLINE's and BROTHMAN's relationship. As previously
reported, BLACK advised he had no knowledge of SAMUEL KLINE, EMANUEL
KLINE or YETTA SPICER. (u)

BLACK will be reinterviewed according to Bufile to NY 7/15/58
as soon as info re subject is received from NYO. (u)

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TO : Director, FBI (100-365040)

DATE: 7/30/58

FROM *PEM* SAC, Philadelphia (65-4318)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
ESPIONAGE - R

DM ReBulet 6/18/58 entitled "JOSEPH GRENBURG, IS-R" and
PH airtel 6/27/58 captioned "ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, ESPIONAGE - R." (u)

ReBulet instructed that HARRY GOLD be interviewed and that photographs of subject JOSEPH GRENBURG be exhibited to him. Also, GOLD was to be questioned regarding YETTA SPIGLER, a widow who owned the Bertlunel Apartments, Virginia Avenue, Atlantic City, N.J. Reportedly, the family of JOSEPH GRENBURG's wife owned the Bertlunel Apartments. It was set forth that the property, instead of being owned by YETTA SPIGLER, was actually owned by EMANUEL KLINE, South Philadelphia real estate dealer, and managed by his son, JERRY KLINE. YETTA SPIGLER was reportedly the mother-in-law of JERRY KLINE. GOLD previously had furnished the name of JERRY KLINE's brother, DANIEL KLINE, to the Soviets for possible recruitment. HARRY GOLD had met DANIEL KLINE through his brother, JOSEPH GOLD, who was a classmate of DANIEL KLINE. It was also mentioned that JERRY KLINE had been associated with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN in connection with the operation of the Stanton Laboratories. (u)

Re Philadelphia airtel 6/27/58 set forth the results of the interview of HARRY GOLD. Reairtel also mentioned that Philadelphia would interview HARRY GOLD's brother, JOSEPH GOLD, re his knowledge of DANIEL, JEROME and EMANUEL KLINE, and YETTA SPIGLER, JEROME KLINE's mother-in-law. (u)

JOSEPH GOLD, 6823 Kindred Street, Philadelphia, Pa., brother of HARRY GOLD, was contacted by SA CHARLES SILVERTHORN on 7/28/58. He advised he was in the same class at South Philadelphia High School with DANIEL KLINE. He also believes he attended junior

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high school with DANIEL KLINE. This was during the approximate period 1929 to 1934 inasmuch as JOSEPH GOLD was graduated from high school in 1934. DANIEL KLINE was a member of a social group with which JOSEPH GOLD associated. GOLD recalls possibly he may have visited KLINE a few times at his home in South Philadelphia. The GOLDS subsequently moved to North Philadelphia and GOLD gradually lost contact with KLINE. GOLD subsequently heard that the KLINE family moved to West Oak Lane, Philadelphia. (u)

JOSEPH GOLD recalls that the father of DANIEL KLINE was named EMANUEL KLINE, a well-known real estate dealer in South Philadelphia. He could not recall the names of DANIEL KLINE's brothers or sisters. When the name JERRY KLINE was mentioned, GOLD stated the name sounded familiar but he could recall nothing further regarding a JERRY KLINE. (u)

The name YETTA SPIGLER was also not familiar to JOSEPH GOLD. He had no knowledge whether the KLINE family ever owned property in Atlantic City. (u)

JOSEPH GOLD was familiar with the name ABRAHAM BROTHMAN through the newspaper accounts of BROTHMAN's trial and also because HARRY GOLD, his brother, was formerly associated with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN. JOSEPH GOLD has no specific knowledge of BROTHMAN other than from the aforementioned association. (u)

The name Stanton Laboratories was not familiar to JOSEPH GOLD. (u)

Regarding the fact that HARRY GOLD submitted DANIEL KLINE's name to the Soviets for possible recruitment, JOSEPH GOLD mentioned he presumed that HARRY GOLD knew DANIEL KLINE inasmuch as DANIEL KLINE came to the GOLD house on several occasions. However, JOSEPH GOLD stated he could not recall that his brother HARRY GOLD and DANIEL KLINE ever were in contact with each other outside of the GOLD home. (u)

In conclusion, JOSEPH GOLD stated his recollection of the KLINE family is very vague inasmuch as the association occurred over twenty-five years ago. He has no knowledge of what became of DANIEL KLINE, and he has no information on any of the KLINE family since his association with DANIEL KLINE. (u)

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Photographs of JOSEPH GRENBERG were exhibited to JOSEPH GOLD, but GOLD failed to recognize this individual as anyone he has ever seen. (u)

ReBulet 6/18/58 instructed that the interview of HARRY GOLD regarding JEROME KLINE and BROTHMAN is to be reported under the BROTHMAN caption, with copies disseminated to Bufile on GRENBERG. This procedure has been followed in setting forth the results of interview of JOSEPH GOLD. It is contemplated that a report will be submitted reflecting the interviews of HARRY and JOSEPH GOLD in the near future. (u)

TO:

W. A. Branigan

Date

9/17/58

FROM:

J. P. LEE

Subject:

Abraham Brothman

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E. M. Gregg
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Captioned case has been reviewed and careful consideration given to the advisability of any reinterviews, interviews or other action which may now appear warranted. In the event such now appears desirable, necessary action is being initiated. (U)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-365040)

FROM : *CEM*
R SAC, PHILADELPHIA (65-4318)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
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DATE: 9/29/58

Rebuletts 6/18/58 and 7/15/58, entitled "JOSEPH GRENBORG; IS-R," and Philadelphia airtel, 6/27/58, and Philadelphia letter, 7/30/58, in captioned matter. (u)

Rebulet 6/18/58, instructed that HARRY GOLD, convicted Soviet agent, be interviewed regarding ~~YETTA~~ SPIGLER, owner of the Bertlunel Apartments, Atlantic City, N.J., since reportedly the family of JOSEPH GRENBORG's wife owned the Bertlunel Apartments. It was determined that the property was actually owned by EMANUEL KLINE, South Philadelphia real estate dealer, and managed by his son, JERRY KLINE. YETTA SPIGLER was reportedly the mother-in-law of JERRY KLINE. GOLD previously had furnished the name of JERRY KLINE's brother, DANIEL KLINE, to the Soviets for possible recruitment. HARRY GOLD had met DANIEL KLINE through his brother, JOSEPH GOLD, who was a classmate of DANIEL KLINE. It was also mentioned that JERRY KLINE had been associated with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN in connection with the operation of the Stanton Laboratories. (u)

Re Philadelphia communications set forth the results of the interview of HARRY GOLD and his brother, JOSEPH GOLD, regarding the aforementioned persons. (u)

Rebulet 7/15/58, instructed that the results of the interview of GOLD should be reported under the GRENBORG caption rather than under the BROTHMAN caption. (u)

This information was subsequently set forth in the report of SA RALPH J. T. CARTER, JR., dated 9/5/58, at Philadelphia, captioned "JOSEPH GRENBORG, was.; IS-R." Specifically, background information concerning the KLINE family and the interview of HARRY and JOSEPH GOLD is set forth on pages 14 through 32 of the report of SA CARTER. (u)

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Inasmuch as the interview of HARRY and JOSEPH GOLD has already been reported under the GRENBERG caption, it is not contemplated that the same information will be reported under the BROTHMAN caption since no pertinent information has been developed to date which would involve BROTHMAN. In the absence of more pertinent information regarding BROTHMAN, this case is considered RUC'd. (u)

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TO : MR. ~~W. H. C. WILSON~~

FROM : L. E. ~~SHORT~~

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was.
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[Signature]
J. W. MARSHALL

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TO : MR. MCINTIRE

FROM : L. E. SHORT

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, Was
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: APR 29 1959

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
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Bulky Exhibit File Number: 100-365040-490

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RECOMMENDATION:

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 6/30/59	Investigative Period 4/23/59 - 6/22/59
TITLE OF CASE ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, aka.		Report made by SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL	Type caa
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950	

REFERENCE:

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Report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, dated 6/30/58,
at NY. (a)

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INFORMANTS:

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INFORMANTS CONT'd

Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and a T symbol was utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed. (u)

Confidential informants mentioned in attached report as being contacted during June, 1959, are as follows:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 6267 D	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]

(u)

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) despite his apparent state of inactivity in CP and other subversive activities, there is no reason to believe subject has adopted a cooperative attitude toward this Bureau. On occasions of previous interviews by Bureau Agents, subject has failed to express a willingness to discuss circumstances of his known past activities as a Soviet espionage agent. (u)
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of following: Subject was convicted 11/22/50, of conspiracy to obstruct justice in that he, together with HARRY GOLD, convicted Soviet espionage agent, agreed on fictitious explanations of their associations. Although subject's known activities since his release from prison during November, 1952, do not fall within Security Index criteria, his past activities in Soviet espionage and former close ties with the CP indicate that he would be a dangerous individual in time of national emergency. (u)
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ His activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL Office: New York
Date: 6/30/59
File Number: New York 100-95068 Bureau 100-365040
Title: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

Character: ESPIONAGE - R;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE,
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 80 Kingston Ave., Pt. Jervis, NY, and continues to be employed with Techniflex Corp., 55 Jersey Ave., Pt. Jervis, NY. Confidential informants familiar with CP activities in the greater NY area and informant familiar with certain phases of Communist activities in area of subject's residence and employment unable to furnish information concerning the subject. (u)

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DETAILS:

Residence and Employment

Chief EDWARD CULLINAN, Pt. Jervis, Police Department, Pt. Jervis, New York, advised SA LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE on June 11, 1959 that the subject, who resides at 80 Kingston Avenue, Pt. Jervis, New York, is employed as a chemist with the Techniflex Corporation, 55 Jersey Avenue, Pt. Jervis, New York. Chief CULLINAN described the Techniflex Corporation as not having classified contracts or United States Government contracts of any kind as a result of which the subject does not have access to classified or restricted material. The subject was described as "well regarded" at the Techniflex plant and is not apparently concerned with social or political affairs in the Pt. Jervis area. Chief CULLINAN stated that no information of a derogatory or otherwise unfavorable nature had been brought to his attention concerning the subject. (u) 670

NY T-1, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (u)

Confidential informants, familiar with Communist Party (CP) activities in the greater New York area advised during June, 1959 that they were unable to furnish information concerning the subject. (u)

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (u)

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Current Status of Subject's Fine
Outstanding at United States District
Court, Southern District of New York

Mrs. RENEE ULINSKY, Clerk, United States District Court, Southern District of New York (USDC, SDNY), advised SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL of the following on June 11, 1959:

The records of the Clerk, USDC, SDNY, under Packet Number C133-106, disclosed that the subject made a payment in the amount of \$100 on May 15, 1959. The unpaid balance of the subject's fine was listed as \$4,265.33. (u)

It is noted that the subject was found guilty on November 22, 1950, in the USDC, SDNY, of conspiracy to obstruct justice and intimidation of a government witness. On November 28, 1950, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine on the count charging intimidations of a government witness and two years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine on the charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice. (u)

On July 26, 1951, the United States Court of Appeals, Second District, affirmed the conspiracy count, but reversed the count charging intimidation of a government witness. He was confined to the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on August 21, 1951, and released on November 5, 1952. (u)

Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

June 30, 1959

Re: Abraham Brothman
Espionage - R,
Obstruction of Justice,
Internal Security Act, 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Walter C. Guthell, dated and captioned as above, at New York. (u)

All informants mentioned in referenced report are informants who have furnished reliable information in the past. (u)

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TO : Director, FBI (100-365040)

DATE: 8/20/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-95068)

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, aka
SM-C

Cards UTD
Cards Sent 00
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☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows. (specify change only):

Name		
Aliases		
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) ADD Chemist		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility
Interested Agencies		
Residence Address		

WCG:mg

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TO : W. A. ^BAntigan
FROM : J. P. ^LLeff
SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
Esp - R

DATE:

10/5/59

E. ^WGregg
Room 1501

Captioned case has been reviewed and careful consideration given to the advisability of any reinterviews, interviews or other action which may now appear warranted. In the event such now appears desirable, necessary action is being initiated.

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TO : MR. MOYER

DATE: FEB 23 1960

FROM : L. E. SMITH

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, aka
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Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
McGuire _____
Mohr _____
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QWM: LLS

Laboratory has no objection to destruction
of bulky exhibit. 3/17/60

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ENCLOSURE

100-365040-588
L. E. Smith

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : W. A. Branigan

DATE: March 10, 1960

FROM : J. P. Lee

1 - Mr. Branigan

1 - Mr. Lee

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
SECURITY MATTER -

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DATE 8-6-82 BY SP4 JLS/caldem

To recommend destruction of certain bulky exhibits in this case.

Brothman was born 8/15/13 in New York City and is a chemical engineer. Elizabeth Bentley and Harry Gold, admitted Soviet agents, advised they acted as espionage contacts of Brothman, picking up blueprints for delivery to their Soviet superiors. Brothman was convicted of obstruction of justice in 1950 and served a 2-year sentence in U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta.

An examination of the bulky exhibit 100-365040-569 shows it consists mainly of Photostats of handwriting of Brothman and Miriam Moskowitz, Brothman's partner, and copies of Laboratory reports. The originals have been returned to the field office.

This exhibit includes results of examinations of the following items:

(1) Business card on reverse side of which Harry Gold wrote his instructions for meeting Brothman. The Laboratory was requested to determine the age of the card and identify the writing as that of Harry Gold. The card was returned to the field.

(2) Photostats of material found in the search of Gold's house which allegedly included Brothman's handwriting was examined and no conclusion was reached.

(3) Photostats of handprinting of Brothman and Moskowitz from registration cards of hotels in Europe. Positive identifications were made and Photostats returned to the field.

(4) Documents received from Rufert Chemical Company, Connecticut, which contained the handwriting of subject. Photographs were made and the originals returned to the field.

Done 3/21/60
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ENCLOSURE

JPL:gdeg

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Re: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN
100-365040

(5) Copies of the letters the subject wrote from prison which were submitted for cryptanalytic examination with negative results. (u)

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that the attached are Photostats and copies of Laboratory reports and the originals have been returned to the field and, further, since Brothman has served his time in the penitentiary and these exhibits would be of no assistance in the prosecution of any other subject, it is recommended that these bulky exhibits be destroyed. (u)

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No objection by Lab.
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