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508	1.6.51	RPT. from AL	33	0	PRESUMPTIVE TO BUFILE #65-59242
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510	1.11.51	LTR. HQ to NY	1	0	PRESUMPTIVE TO BUFILE #65-59242
510	1.11.51	SAME AS ABOVE	1	0	SAME AS ABOVE
511	1.13.51	TT NY to AL	1	0	PRESUMPTIVE TO NEW YORK #65-15360
511	1.13.51	SAME AS ABOVE	1	0	SAME AS ABOVE
512	1.13.51	LTR. HQ to AL	1	0	PRESUMPTIVE TO BUFILE #65-59242
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513	1.12.51	LTR. SAN JUAN to HQ	1	0	PRESUMPTIVE TO BUFILE #65-59242
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515	1.15.51	TT AL to HQ, PK	1	0	# 65-59242
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515	1.15.51	SAME AS ABOVE (2 COPIES)	2	0	SAME AS ABOVE
516	1.15.51	TT NY TO NO	1	0	SEE NY 65-15360
517	1.16.51	LTR. - HQ to DL	1	0	PRESUMPTIVE TO BUFILE # 65-59242
517	1.16.51	SAME AS ABOVE	1	0	SAME AS ABOVE
518	1.19.51	SA MEMO TO AL	1	1	
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519	1.17.51	RPT. from CG	3	0	# 65-59242
519	1.17.51	SAME AS ABOVE / 2 COPIES	6	0	SAME AS ABOVE
520	1.22.51	LTR. AL to KX	1	1	
521	1.19.51	LTR. LS to AL	1	1	
521	1.19.51	SAME AS ABOVE	1	D	1 Pg Dup

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523	1-22-51	LTR. NY to HQ	4	0	PRESUMPTIVE TO BUFILE #65-59242
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524	1-22-51	LTR. NY to HQ	5	0	PRESUMPTIVE TO BUFILE #65-59242
524	1-22-51	SAME AS ABOVE	5	0	SAME AS ABOVE
525	1-23-51	LTR. NO to AL	1	1	
525	1-23-51	SAME AS ABOVE	1	0	1 Pg dup!
526	1-23-51	RPT. from BUFFALO	3	0	PRESUMPTIVE TO BUFILE #65-59242
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527	1-27-51	TT DN to HQ, AL, NY	1	0	PRESUMPTIVE TO BUFILE #65-59242
527	1-27-51	SAME AS ABOVE	11	0	SAME AS ABOVE

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529	1.30.51	LTR. AL to LS Typed copy	2	2	PRESUMPTIVE TO BUFILE
530	1.29.51	TT AL to HQ, PX TRANSMITTAL COPY	1	0	# 65-59242
530	1.29.51	SAME AS ABOVE / 2 copies	2	0	SAME AS ABOVE
531	1.31.51	TT PX to HQ, AL	1	0	PRESUMPTIVE TO BUFILE # 65-59242
531	1.31.51	SAME AS ABOVE	1	0	SAME AS ABOVE
532	1.27.51	LTR. KX to AL COPY	1	0	Referred
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ESPIONAGE - R

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Paul R. Bibler, SA

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ESPIONAGE - R

A mail cover on VICTOR K.D. ROSS, Ithaca, New York, subject's father-in-law, reflects that he received a letter postmarked December 14, 1950, with the return address, 203 Cambridge Hall, Oakridge, Tennessee.

Since subject is a suspected member of the JULIUS ROSENBERG espionage network, it is requested that the occupant at this address be identified.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

FROM : SAC, Louisville

SUBJECT: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT
ESPIONAGE - R
(Albany File #65-1664)

DATE: January 19, 1951

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The Louisville Office has no prior information regarding the "JULIUS ROSENBERG Espionage Apparatus," or of SARANT's function in that apparatus. Unless the office of origin feels that the interview of ANDERSON may be satisfactorily conducted without further information regarding this apparatus and SARANT's part in it, it is requested that the background information considered necessary to the proper handling of this lead be furnished Louisville. This case will be carried in a pending inactive status in this office until the Albany Office replies.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

FROM : SAC, New Orleans

SUBJECT: ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 23, 1951

Re report of SA PETER F. MAXSON at Albany dated 1/6/51, wherein the New Orleans Office and several other offices are requested to maintain appropriate stops at all port of entry offices of I. & N. S. and Bureau of Customs against the subject and CAROL DAYTON. It is my understanding that such stops are usually placed on a nationwide basis through the Washington Field Office by contact with the headquarters of I. & N. S. and the Customs Service. It is suggested that the stops along the gulf area and Mexican border be handled the same way, in the absence of circumstances indicating a necessity for action on the part of the individual field offices. This lead is therefore being held in abeyance by this office pending an explanation by the Albany office.

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SAC, Albany

January 23, 1951

SAC, New Orleans

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ESPIONAGE - R

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SAC, Louisville

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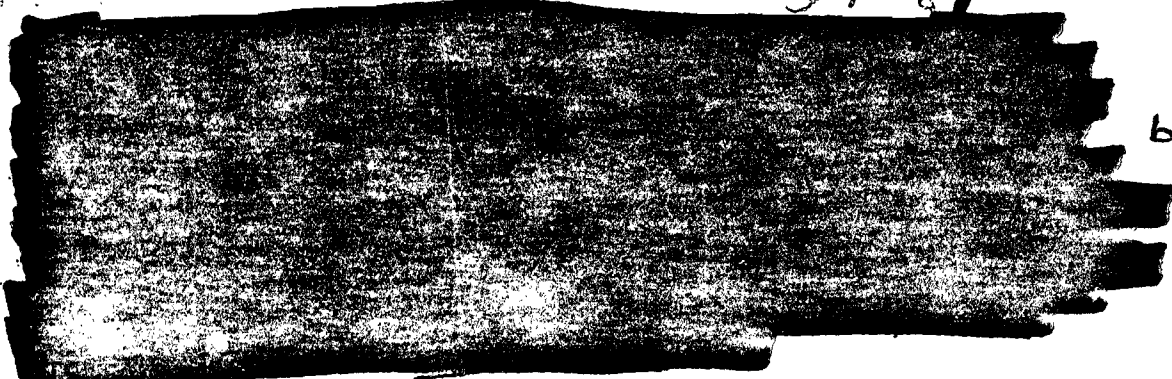
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SAC, Albany

ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
(Your file 65-738)

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Reurlet dated January 19, 1951.



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SARANT resided in an apartment at 65 Morton Street (Greenwich Village), New York City, from 1943 to September, 1946. A close associate during this time was one JOEL BARR, who has also been identified as a Russian agent and who is now believed to be in Russia. SARANT moved to Ithaca, New York in September, 1946, but paid the rent on the above apartment until January, 1950. It is believed that this apartment was used by ROSENBERG for his espionage activities. U

SARANT in several interviews in July, 1950 denied any espionage activities, supplying only vague and indefinite information to the interviewing agents. He left Ithaca for a week's vacation in the New York City area on July 26, 1950. He was met in New York City by CAROL DAYTON, the wife of his next door neighbor in Ithaca. On August 4, 1950, he and DAROL DAYTON left New York and arrived in Tucson, Arizona on August 7. There SARANT sold his automobile, and on August 9 entered Mexico with DAYTON. His present whereabouts are unknown. U

SARANT was employed as an electrical engineer by the Western Electric Company both at their 11th Avenue and 42nd Street Plants, in New York City, from 1943 to 1945. LOUIS LAWRENCE ANDERSON was reportedly a supervisor and associate during part of this period. There is no

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J.B.
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SAC, Louisville

January 30, 1951

Re: 65-1664

indication that ANDERSON was ever engaged in any activities of an espionage nature. It is always possible that any associate of a subject in any type of case may himself be implicated with the subject, this being the reason for the statement appearing in report of Special Agent JAMES H. HIGDON, JR. dated September 12, 1950 at Newark. U

It is requested that ANDERSON be interviewed concerning his knowledge of subject's activities during the period of his acquaintance with him. U

SAC, New Orleans (AIR MAIL)

February 2, 1951

SAC, Albany

ALFRED EPAMINONDAS SARANT, Was.
ESPIONAGE - R

Reurlet dated 1/23/51, and report of SA PETER F. MAXSON, dated 1/6/51.

Referenced report reflects that stop and lookout notices have been placed on a nationwide basis with the Collector of Customs and INS by the Bureau. In addition, by letter dated 9/1/50, the Bureau advised all field offices covering border offices and offices covering ports of entry from Mexico, of both of these services, that such stops had been placed.

The leads set forth in referenced report augment the request contained in above-mentioned Bureau letter by furnishing copies of photographs of subject and CAROL DAYTON for appropriate distribution. This office has been advised that in order to place an efficacious stop with local offices of Customs and INS, photographs and descriptions should be made available to these offices for their individual use.

It is therefore requested that the leads set forth in referenced report be complied with.

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5/17/77
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To: SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI

MICHAEL MEEROPOL, et al.
v. GRIFFIN B. BELL, et al.
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 75-1121

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

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

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

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Re: MICHAEL MEEROPOL, et al.
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be maintained until further notice.

To insure that no files are destroyed concerning this Court Order, you should immediately prepare a search slip on all of the names mentioned in all of the referenced communications (including all serial references) and place a copy of this communication as the top serial in each of the applicable files. A stamp should be placed on this serial to read "THIS FILE IS NOT TO BE DESTROYED UNLESS ADVISED BY THE BUREAU KEEP AS TOP SERIAL."