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| 1      | 1-30-50                            | NK Report to HQ<br>CAPTION: JOEL BARR                         | 1/13         | 0        | See HQ File 65-59453-35  |      |
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| NR     | 2-20-50                            | SL Report to HQ & Copy of<br>Cover page<br>CAPTION: JOEL BARR | 1/7          | 0        | referred to another agency<br>290-9/25/78 10-26-78 Bjk                     |      |
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| 2      | 6- <del>30</del> <sup>29</sup> -50 | NK Teletype to HQ, AL, NY                                     | 1            | 1        |  |      |
| 3      | 6-28-50                            | AL Teletype to HQ, NY, NK, MM                                 | 3            | 3        |  |      |
| 4      | 6-29-50                            | AL letter to HQ with<br>Enclosed report & 1 copy              | 1/54         | 0        | Referred to other Gov't agency   |      |
| 5      | 6-30-50                            | SF letter to HQ   | 1            | 1        |  |      |
| NR     | 6-22-50                            | SF Report to HQ<br>Caption: Joel Barr                         | 6            | 0        | See HQ FILE 65-58286 -<br>NR after 52                                      |      |
| 6      | 7-10-50                            | MI Report to HQ<br>& Copy of Cover page                       | 3/1          | 3/1      |  | 1    |
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| TITLE<br><b>JOEL BARR</b>         |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>   |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE

Bureau teletype, 12/22/49.  
Report of SA John R. Lyons, 1/30/50, Newark. (u)

DETAILS:

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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Reference Newark report reveals that an extensive and exhaustive search was made of the records of the Western Electric Company at Kearny, New Jersey, by that office. (u)

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Concerning ALFRED SARANT, referenced Newark report indicates that SARANT was born September 26, 1918, in New York City, and attended Cooper Union from September 1936 to June 1941. It is also noted that SARANT was employed by the Western Electric Company at Kearny for the first time on June 16, 1941, and resigned on September 20, 1941. From September 22, 1941, to September 5, 1942, SARANT was employed at the Signal Corps Laboratories, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He was dismissed at that time and returned to Western Electric Company on September 30, 1942, and was transferred to the Bell Telephone Laboratories, West Street, New York City, where he was carried on the payroll of the Western Electric Company. Investigation conducted by the New York Office at the Bell Telephone Laboratories indicates that SARANT resigned on September 11, 1946, to enter the teaching profession. (u)

Investigation conducted by the New York Office at the Marriage License Bureau, City of New York, reflects that SARANT was married on July 3, 1945, in New York City to LOUISE J. ROSS of 60 Morton Street, New York City. This certificate indicates that LOUISE ROSS was born April 2, 1923, at New York City, and that this was the first marriage for both. (u)

Investigation at the 65 Morton Street Realty Company located at 310 East 55 Street, New York, reflects that SARANT gave up his apartment at 65 Morton Street as of January 26, 1950. The letterhead on the communication from SARANT notifying the realty company of the above reads as follows: "ALFRED SARANT, General Contractor, Cayuga Heights Road, Ithaca, New York." (u)



Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, stated on June 8, 1944, that AL SURANT, 46 Monroe (?) Street, New York, was transferred in December 1943 from Branch 16B of the Industrial Division of the Communist Party to the Village Club of the 1st Assembly District Section of Manhattan, Transfer No. 12348. (u)

It is noted that on this same date this Informant advised that JOEL BARR, 241 West 97 Street, New York, was transferred in February 1944 from Branch 16B of the Industrial Division of the Communist Party to the 9th Assembly District Club of the 9th Assembly District Section of the Communist Party of Manhattan./.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, stated that he had no information concerning ALFRED SARANT. (u)

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Concerning Point 5 relative to employment at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, BARR more closely fits this particular piece of information, as BARR worked at Fort Monmouth for a period just under two years, whereas SARANT was employed there for a period of one year. (u)

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Points 11 and 12 do not fit either BARR or SARANT. (u)

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, N.Y.

Will conduct appropriate investigation into the background of ALFRED SARANT to determine his activities and associations while he was a resident of New York City. (u)

ALBANY

At Ithaca, N.Y.

Will conduct appropriate and discreet investigation concerning the present activities of SARANT at Ithaca, New York. (u)

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA Richard E. Brennan dated February 14, 1950 at New York, are identified as follows:

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New York file 100-89652 containing information relating to the CPa, New York City, as supplied by Informants

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DIRECTOR AND SAC-S, ALBANY AND NEW YORK

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ALBANY TEL JUNE 28 LAST AND REPORT SA PETER F. MAXON DATED MAY 2, 1950 AT ALBANY ENTITLED QUOTE JOEL BARR, ESPIONAGE R. UNQUOTE BURDICK REFERS TO ROLAND BURDICK, 1201 12TH STREET, FAIRLAWN, NJ. CREDIT REPORT INDICATES BURDICK MARRIED WITH ONE CHILD, WIFE MARY. HAS RESIDED AT 1201 12TH STREET FOR ABOUT FOUR YEARS AND PREVIOUSLY THERETO AT 65 MORTON STREET, NEW YORK CITY. EMPLOYED SALES MANAGER SINCE OCTOBER 1946 BY OXFORD BOOK CO., 222 4TH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, AND PRIOR THERETO WAS IN ARMED SERVICES. HE WAS EMPLOYED PREVIOUS TO ARMED SERVICE AT CORNELL MARITIME PRESS, 241 WEST 23RD STREET, NEW YORK CITY, AS AN EDITOR FROM 1943. HE OWNS A ONE FAMILY HOME AT 1201 12TH STREET, FAIRLAWN. IS ABOUT 36 YEARS OF AGE. NEWARK INDICES NEGATIVE. SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORD AT TRENTON NEGATIVE. PD AT FAIRLAWN HAS NO RECORD. NEW YORK WILL CHECK BACKGROUND OF BURDICK AND IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT HE RESIDED AT THE SAME ADDRESS AS SARANT AT 65 MORTON STREET, NEW YORK CITY. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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cc: Mr. Langphere

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DEGREE IN SEPTEMBER, FIFTY. DAYTON HAS BEEN FREQUENT CONTACT OF DR. BERNARD PETERS, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR PHYSICS; UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK AND SUBJECT OF CASE ENTITLED QUOTE BERNARD PIETROWSKI, WA., DR. BERNARD PETERS, INTERNAL SECURITY, R UNQUOTE, BUFFALO ORIGIN, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE NINE NAUGHT SIX TWO FIVE. FOLLOWING LEADS SET OUT FOR OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE. NEW YORK - IDENTIFY AND FURNISH ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION RE FOLLOWING FROM WHOM SARANT HAS RECEIVED MAIL. CONTEMPORARY FILMS, INC., EIGHT NAUGHT, FIFTH AVE., NYC - NATHAN ACKERMAN, MD, FORTY-THREE EAST SEVENTYEIGHTH STREET, NYC - SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, TWENTY-FOUR WEST FORTIETH STREET, NYC - UNITED NATIONS WORLD, FIVE ONE NAUGHT MADISON AVENUE, NYC - AND FRANK SHATTUCK COMPANY, SIX TWO FIVE MADISON AVENUE, NYC. IDENTIFY AND FURNISH ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION RE SUBSCRIBERS TO FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS, ALL NYC, WITH WHICH SARANT HAS BEEN IN CONTACT. CIRCLE FIVE EIGHT NINE NAUGHT NAUGHT - OREGON FOUR NAUGHT EIGHT NAUGHT TWO - PLAZA SEVEN THREE SIX THREE THREE, BELIEVED LISTED TO INSTITUTIONAL CINEMA SERVICE - OREGON FIVE THREE THREE FOUR NAUGHT, BELIEVED LISTED TO CONTEMPORARY FILMS - BUCKINGHAM FOUR FOUR ONE FOUR FIVE, A PERSON TO PERSON CALL TO BETTY SANDERS - OREGON FIVE NINE FOUR TWO ONE, A COLLECT CALL FROM LOUISE SARANT - BUTTERFIELD EIGHT ONE FIVE EIGHT NAUGHT, BELIEVED LISTED TO NATHAN ACKERMAN - OREGON THREE SIX SIX SEVEN SIX, PERSON TO PERSON TO LEAH LEVINGER, ONE EIGHT TWO AVENUE A - AND RHINELANDER FOUR NAUGHT THREE FOUR EIGHT, PERSON TO PERSON TO DR. NATHAN ACKERMAN. FURNISH SUMMARY OF INFORMATION RE MAX ELITCHER AND JULIUS ROSENBERG. NEWARK - IDENTIFY AND FURNISH ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING BURDICK, ONE TWO NAUGHT ONE TWELFTH STREET, FAIR LAWN, NJ. BUFFALO - IDENTIFY AND FURNISH ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION RE SUBSCRIBERS TO FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS, ALL ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, WITH WHICH SARANT HAS BEEN IN CONECT. MONROE SEVEN TWO ONE FIVE, PERSON TO PERSON TO DR. S.S. FELDMAN - AND GENESEE NAUGHT ONE SEVEN NINE, PERSON TO PERSON TO DR. HANNAH PETERS. FURNISH ANY INFORMATION RE DR. BERNARD PETERS NOT PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO ALBANY, CHECK PETERS TOLL CALLS AND PLACE MAIL COVER ON PETERS, IF ONE NOT ALREADY PLACED.

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## Office Memorandum • UNIT

GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: ALFRED SARANT  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 30, 1950

Re Albany teletype dated 6/28/50 re ALFRED SARANT in which San Francisco was requested to conduct appropriate investigation of WELDON BRUCE DAYTON. (u)

It is pointed out that all known information re WELDON BRUCE DAYTON was set out in report of Special Agent CHARLES F. BRUSCH dated 6/22/50 at San Francisco re JOEL BARR, Espionage - R. This investigation is RUC. (u)

A copy of the above report is being furnished the Los Angeles Office as they have been requested to conduct investigation regarding WELDON BRUCE DAYTON. (u)

RUC.

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The Progressive is a Madison, Wisconsin publication founded in 1909 by the late Senator R. M. LA FOLLETTE of Wisconsin, was controlled by LA FOLLETTE family and the Progressive Party of Wisconsin until the Progressive Party merged with the regular Republican Party in 1946. Progressive then reorganized as monthly publication and now issued by Progressive Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin. MORRIS H. RUBIN continued as editor and business manager is GORDON SINYKIN who is law partner of ex-governor PHILIP LA FOLLETTE, Madison, Wisconsin. The Progressive has general reputation as liberal and possibly Socialist publication. No derogatory information available.

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No derogatory information concerning the Progressive or the above mentioned staff members was found in the Milwaukee files.

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Office of Scientific Research Development, which was known as Physics Number 3. Employment on this Project commenced on August 7, 1944, and the record reflected that he was terminated on October 31, 1945.

The following information is taken from a personnel statement contained in the file which was dated July 3, 1944: residence address, 404 Panoramic Way, Berkeley. A later notation indicated that DAYTON then resided at 2355 Monterey Road, San Marino, California.

Under education the following details were set forth: Grammar School at Sacramento, California; Grant High School, Sacramento, California; Sacramento Junior College at Sacramento, California. Then he indicated that he attended the University of California at Berkeley, California, graduating in May of 1939. A further note indicated that he remained at that institution, taking graduate work and ultimately left in May, 1941. With regard to his education, DAYTON had noted that he had done graduate work under J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER and E. O. LAWRENCE.

Under employment, DAYTON indicated that he was then employed at the Mare Island Navy Yard at San Francisco, California, and had been so employed since June 2, 1941. The file indicated that he was employed at the Navy Yard on what was known as the Degaussing Project. Antecedent employment was shown as from January to May of 1941, Teaching Assistant, Physics Department, University of California, Berkeley, California; from May to October of 1940, University of California Exhibit at Golden Gate Exposition, San Francisco. Prior to this time DAYTON listed numerous employments but it was noted that these all entailed odd jobs of carpentering and such work.

It was noted by the reviewing Agent that the aforementioned form asked the question as to whether the signee had ever been a member of the Communist Party, the German-American Bund, and any organization which advocated the overthrow of the Government by force, etc. In answer to this question, DAYTON indicated his answer was "no." This form further reflected that DAYTON's father was born in Minnesota and his mother was born in Washington. His wife was listed as CAROL, age 27, and daughter, DARIEN, age 2. Under organizations DAYTON listed the St. Bernard Club of the Pacific Coast, San Francisco, California.

In the space provided, DAYTON indicated that among friends who were then at the California Institute of Technology was Dr. J. HAROLD WAYLAND. The following references were listed by DAYTON: Dr. NICHOLAS A. BERNETTI, Assistant Industrial Manager, USN, Ferry Building, San Francisco, California; Mr. EDWIN L. GOLDWASSER, Assistant Industrial Manager, USN, Ferry Building, San Francisco, California; Mr. HAROLD R. JARVIS, 35 Chesley Street, San Francisco, California; Mr. WARREN GAYMAN, Sacramento Junior

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College, Sacramento, California; Lt. B. H. ~~ARMSTRONG~~, Naval Supply Depot, Mechanicsville, Pennsylvania; Mr. ~~EDWIN JOFGREN~~, Physics Department, University of California, Berkeley, California.

Also noted in the file was the personal history statement which DAYTON had completed on an 11th Naval District form. This form, which was dated August 14, 1944, contained essentially the same information except as noted hereinafter. Residence address was then given as 314 South Hill, Pasadena, California. Additionally it was noted that the complete maiden name of DAYTON's mother was given, which was indicated to be VEDA F. ~~CARNAHAN~~. On this form, DAYTON listed an additional reference not previously mentioned, as Captain ~~LEONARD B. LOEB~~, USN, Ferry Building, San Francisco, California.

A further review of the file reflected that contained therein there were letters of recommendation written in answer to requests sent by the Personnel Department of the California Institute of Technology from the following individuals. RAY T. BIRGE, Chairman of the Department of Physics, University of California at Berkeley; a letter on a Naval form from Captain ~~LEONARD B. LOEB~~. It was noted on this form it was stated "would rehire? Yes." "In personal loyalty to superiors only fair. Inclined to act on own initiative and assume responsibilities on his own even though he could get it by asking permission." Dr. ~~NICHOLAS A. BENNETTI~~, on this letter it was noted that ~~BENNETTI~~ highly recommended DAYTON and stated that he had been previously recommended to the U. S. Navy by Dr. H. H. ~~MATT-SMITH~~ of the University of California.

Contained also in DAYTON's file was a letter from the Navy Department, Ferry Building in San Francisco, California, which was written just prior to DAYTON's employment at the California Institute of Technology. This letter in substance highly praised DAYTON as being a capable Physicist and loyal worker. The letter went on to state that it was DAYTON's desire to leave the Navy Project in that the Degaussing Project had passed out of the research stage and that he felt that his talents as a Physicist could be more adequately used elsewhere.

Dr. ~~WILLIAM R. SEYTHE~~ of the Physics Department, California Institute of Technology, was interviewed at his office on the campus. ~~SEYTHE~~ related the following information with regard to DAYTON. DAYTON was employed on an OSRD Project which was then known as Physics Number 3. A segment of this Project was concerned with research in the field of spinner rockets and was headed by ~~SEYTHE~~.

DAYTON came to work on the Project in August of 1944, at about the time when the Project was making rapid advancements in the research on problems attendant to spinner rockets. DAYTON was characterized as

having an extremely keen sense of physical insight. This was typified by the fact that in the course of his work on the Project he was largely instrumental in solving particularly large research problems. One of these entailed a type of formula with regard to the trajectory behavior of spinner rockets and another problem of this nature was the design and fabrication of a dynamic balancer which was a very critical part of the launching technique for this missile.

During the time that DAYTON was employed on this Project because of his integral part of the research, all the then knowledge of the research being done in the field of spinner rockets was known to him. The information accumulated in the course of this research has since been declassified, according to SMYTHE.

As part of the same Physics Project Number 3, there was taking place at the same time some very highly confidential work in the field of atomic fission. The department in which DAYTON was employed was considerably isolated from that in which the atomic research was taking place. SMYTHE advised that he personally had a good deal of more latitude to move from department to department and that during this time he learned only in a general way as to what was taking place in the atomic section. According to SMYTHE, it is highly unlikely that DAYTON would have come into possession of any information concerning the atomic research and that he had never noted any indication that DAYTON was concerned with anything other than his own research problem on spinner rockets.

SMYTHE described DAYTON as a "conservative individual." He said that he had nothing particular to base this statement on other than the fact that he believed that DAYTON was a man of means. He said that as a matter of actual fact he did not recall ever having had any political discussions with DAYTON, nor did he note that DAYTON ever engaged in them with others at the laboratory.

SMYTHE stated that he knew that DAYTON was an ardent admirer of Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, who prior to the war had headed the Physics Department at the University of California at Berkeley. He stated that DAYTON's admiration for OPPENHEIMER was almost an obsession and stated that in his opinion DAYTON decided not to return to the University of California after the war because he felt that inasmuch as OPPENHEIMER was no longer there that he did not wish to further pursue his studies at that institute.

SMYTHE stated that he has long regarded J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER and his brother, FRANK, as being "pinkish" stating, however, that he had nothing very specific to base this on. SMYTHE stated that he had no knowledge of DAYTON's associates while he was at the University of California.

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but speculated that they probably entailed the same circle of friends in which J. ROBERT and FRANK OPPENHEIMER moved. In this regard SMYTHE stated "judging from what I know about ROBERT and FRANK, it was probably a pinkish group." SMYTHE stated that the foregoing was entirely speculation on his part and that he had no direct knowledge which would cause him to believe that the OPPENHEIMER brothers were as he termed it "pinkish."

Dr. ROBERT F. BACHER, Chairman of the Department of Physics and ex-member of the Atomic Energy Commission, advised the reporting Agent that he knew DAYTON while the latter was a graduate student at Cornell University. BACHER said that his relations with DAYTON were entirely that of Professor and student and as such he had no knowledge concerning him other than an appraisal of technical ability. BACHER stated further that it was impossible for him to assess any possible political ideologies on the part of DAYTON inasmuch as their relationship was such that he was never given any insight into DAYTON's beliefs.

It is noted that on one of the forms contained in DAYTON's personnel file at the Institute, there appeared thereon a notation "friend now at California Institute of Technology, J. HAROLD WAYLAND."

The files of this Office reflect that this and other offices conducted an Atomic Energy Act - Applicant investigation with regard to JAMES HAROLD WAYLAND - IN - 605 (Los Angeles file 116-10073), who appears to be identical with WAYLAND noted hereinbefore. In the course of this investigation no derogatory information concerning WAYLAND was developed.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the San Francisco and Washington Field Offices, pursuant to previous Bureau instructions in this matter.

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