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SUBJECT **ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY**

FILE NO. **134-435**

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NR	1/12/54	NEWS ARTICLE	1	1	
NR	11/20/53	LETTER FROM THIRD PARTY	1	1	
NR	11/27/53	LETTER SIZOO TO BELMONT	1	1	
NR	12/30/53	LETTER NK TO HQ - 3rd. PARTY	1	1	
NR	4/22/55	LETTER BOACH TO BELMONT	2	2	
NR	4/28/55	LETTER HQ. TO AG	1	1	
199	10/12/55	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
200	10/12/55	LETTER BELMONT TO BOARDMAN	2	2	
201	10/19/55	AIRTEL NO TO HQ	1	1	
202	10/24/55	AIRTEL NO TO HQ	1	1	
NR	10/31/55	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	5	0	Referred
NR	11/7/55	LETTER HQ TO ALBANY	4	2	

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203	11/14/55	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
204	11/9/55	LETTER HQ TO NO	1	1	
205	11/23/55	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
206	11/23/55	BOARDMAN LETTER BELMONT TO	1	1	
207	11/28/55	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
208	12/9/55	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
209	12/9/55	LETTER HQ TO BENTLEY	1	1	
209	12/4/55	W/ENCL. LETTER BENTLEY TO HQ	2	2	
NR	1/3/56	LETTER HQ TO AG	2	2	
NR	12/30/55	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
210	1/16/56	W/ENCL. LETTER NO TO HQ	2	2	
NR	1/20/56	REPORT NY TO HQ	12	0	Referred

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211	1/27/56	W/ENCL AIRTEL HQ TO NO	2	2	
212	1/31/56	AIRTEL NO TO HQ	1	1	
213	6/5/56	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
214	6/18/56	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
NR	7/20/56	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
NR	8/1/56	FD-192 - BULIKY	1	1	
NR	8/8/56	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	2	2	
NR	9/7/56	LETTER HQ TO ALBANY	2	2	
215	9/21/56	LETTER HQ TO NH	1	1	
NR	12/26/56	LETTER HQ TO NY	2	1	
216	10/3/56	LETTER NH TO HQ	1	1	
NR	1/15/57	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	

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NR	2/26/57	LETTER HQ TO ALBANY	2	2	
217	5/16/57	LETTER 3RD PARTY TO HQ	2	2	
217(OUT.)	5/23/57	LETTER HQ TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
218	7/8/57	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
219	7/12/57	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
NR	7/26/57	TELETYPE NK TO HQ	2	2	
NR	7/26/57	TELETYPE NY TO HQ	1	1	
NR	7/27/57	TELETYPE NK TO HQ	1	1	
NR	9/5/57	LETTER HQ TO ALBANY	1	1	
NR	11/8/57	LETTER NY TO HQ	4	4	
NR	12/26/57	LETTER NH TO HQ	1	1	
NR	3/21/58	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	

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220	3/25/58	LETTER NH TO HQ	2	2	
221	5/15/58	LETTER NH TO HQ	2	1	
NR	5/20/58	AIRTEL NY TO HQ	1	1	
NR	4/29/58	AIRTEL NY TO HQ	1	1	
222 inc	5/29/58	LETTER NH TO HQ	2	2	
222 out	6/16/58	LETTER HQ TO NH	2	2	
223	9/19/58	LETTER NEASE TO TOLSON	1	1	
224	2/2/59	LETTER N.H. TO HQ	1	1	
224	2/25/59	LETTER HQ TO N.H.	1	1	
225	2/19/59	LETTER BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	2	2	
NR	3/26/59	LETTER HQ TO ALBANY	3	3	
NR	5/13/59	LETTER HQ TO ALBANY	2	2	

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226	4/30/59	LETTER N.H. TO HQ	2	2	
226	5/18/59	LETTER HQ. TO NH	1	1	
227	5/14/59	LETTER BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	2	2	
228	8/13/59	LETTER " " "	2	2	
229	8/10/59	LETTER SUBJECT TO HQ	1	1	
229	8/13/59	LETTER HQ TO SUBJECT	1	1	
230	9/25/59	LETTER NH TO HQ	1	1	
231	11/11/59	W/NOTE LETTER SUBJECT TO HQ	1 1/2	4	
231(OUT.)	11/19/59	LETTER HQ TO SUBJECT	1	1	
NR	2/12/60	LETTER STANLEY TO ROSEN	2	2	
NR	5/12/60	LETTER HQ TO NY	2	2	
NR	12/6/60	AIRTEL HQ TO NH	1	1	

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NR	12/27/61	LETTER HQ TO NY	2	2	
NR	7/11/60	LETTER NH TO HQ	2	2	
"	7/22/60	LETTER HQ TO NH	4	1	
232	5/31/61	LETTER SUBJECT TO HQ	1	1	
232	6/7/61	LETTER HQ TO SUBJECT	2	2	
233	9/18/62	w/1 COPY LETTER SUBJECT TO HQ	3	3	
NR	11/23/62	LETTER AVERG TO BRANNIGAN	1	1	
234	12/3/63	RADIOGRAM NH TO HQ	2	2	
235	12/3/63	LETTER BRANNIGAN TO SULLIVAN	1	1	
236	12/6/63	w/ENCL. AIRTEL NH TO HQ	2	2	
236	12/9/63	AIRTEL HQ TO NH	2	2	
237	12/11/63	AIRTEL S.F. TO HQ	1	1	

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Miss Bentley Refuses To Talk of Testimony Against White

By the Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 12.—

Miss Elizabeth Bentley, an admitted former Soviet agent, refuses to discuss testimony in which she told a congressional committee that the late Harry Dexter White was a member of the Communist background.

Now a teacher at the College of the Sacred Heart at Grand Coteau, La., Miss Bentley came here last night to attend a lecture by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, who converted her to Catholicism after her testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee on July 31, 1948.

Miss Bentley told a reporter that since the renewed publicity on her testimony, the press had beaten a path to her door at Grand Coteau, about 130 miles west of here.

The reporter asked her to comment on her testimony.

"I don't want to get into this," she said. "I'd rather you read the record. The testimony of a witness before a body is worth more than an off-hand statement."

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Date: _____

RICHARD ENGLISH

November 20, 1953

Mr. Louis Nichols,
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Lou:

Thank you for your nice letter. I followed your advice and wrote Bill Nichols and have already had a very nice letter back from him. I am going to see him when I am in New York next week.

I am flying East tonight and will be at the Waldorf Astoria (probably in a broom closet) for five or six days while I tape Oksana Kasenkina and perhaps Bella Dodd for future shows. Mr. Brownell suggested Dodd to me, and I think she might be a very good subject. There is also a wonderful story in John Lautner if I can locate him when I get to Washington.

I imagine I will be in Washington around Thanksgiving time and will stay at the Statler there.

The show is really catching on now. That is one of the reasons for my trip. It's about time NBC came up with a sponsor.

I have enclosed the scripts for the Fred Beal, Elizabeth Bentley and Lou Rosser shows.

Best wishes,

RICHARD ENGLISH

AIRMAIL
RE: DB
ENCLOSURES (3)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: 11-27-53

FROM : MR. J. A. SIZOO

SUBJECT: RADIO PROGRAM "LAST MAN OUT"

A review was made of the script entitled "Fred Beal" and the script entitled "Lou Rosser" in the Internal Security Section. These scripts were not found to be defective in any substantial way although it was pointed out that Rosser testified in Smith Act trials in both Los Angeles and New York and both cases are now pending on appeal, and it might not be advantageous to the appeal of these cases to have Rosser publicized in such an article. Departmental clearance might be desirable under the circumstances.

Supervisor Whitson, of the Espionage Section read the script concerning Elizabeth Bentley. He pointed out that it appeared to be highly fictionalized and the names of the individuals referred to have been changed. However, he indicated there is a grave error in the script in which Bentley is shown to have been at work for the FBI as a "double agent" from August, 1943. This is a serious error because Elizabeth Bentley did not act as a "double agent" for the FBI beginning August, 1943. Jacob Golos, her superior and with whom she was intimate, did not die until November 27, 1943. Elizabeth Bentley admitted her espionage activities to the Bureau in November, 1945. She could have been considered acting as a "double agent" thereafter until December 7, 1945, when her Soviet superior, Anatoli Gromov, left for Moscow only by stretching the term "double agent" to include a person who meets with a foreign principal but receives no espionage assignment.

He also pointed out that the setting of August, 1943, as a date on which Bentley became a "double agent" for the FBI might confuse the Soviets but also confuses the record.

JAS:mrn

CC: Mr. Nichols

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LOUIS ADAMS
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 INTERNAL SEC ACT OF 1950

ReBuairtel 10/26/53, case entitled, "HARRY DIXON
 WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R" and New York letter to Newark dated 12/14/53.

A comparison was made of information re captioned
 subject found on page 137 of ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out
 of Bondage", with information furnished the Bureau by Miss
 Bentley as reflected in subject's file.

The information appearing in Miss Bentley's book
 does not materially add to or differ from material previously
 furnished to the Bureau. Report of SA ROBERT C. BLOOM
 dated 9/9/49, at New York sets out and attributes to Miss
 BENTLEY substantially the same information that appears in her
 book, "Out of Bondage." TUC.

cc: New York (100-41117)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: April 22, 1955

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS EMPLOYEES
LOYALTY BOARD (UNITED NATIONS LOYALTY BOARD)

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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Miss Gandy _____

On April 20, 1955, Liaison Agent Bates called on Judge Henry B. Waldman, who is Chairman of the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board (IOELB). Inquiry was made of Judge Waldman as to whether there were any questions he might have involving the Bureau and its responsibilities under the United Nations program. Judge Waldman replied that there were no problems and that he was most appreciative of the excellent manner in which the Bureau has assisted the Board in the past. He stated he was most appreciative of the opportunity to talk with the Director on March 10, 1955, shortly after he had assumed the Chairmanship of the Board.

Judge Waldman then commented concerning the William Henry Taylor case in view of the recent newspaper publicity regarding it. Taylor is an employee of the International Monetary Fund and was identified by Elizabeth Bentley as being a member of the Silvermaster group. The Board has been considering this case for over a year and has held numerous hearings. Recently Taylor and his attorney, Byron Scott, appeared before the Board and presented a brief which, according to Judge Waldman, was a diabolically clever attack on Miss Bentley and the Government's loyalty program as a whole.

Judge Waldman felt that regardless of the decision rendered by the Board in the Taylor case, there would be attacks by outside sources on the Board itself and Bentley in particular. Judge Waldman stated he was afraid this attack might be directed against the Bureau and he wanted the Bureau to know that he felt such attack would be unwarranted and he would do all he could to counter such attacks.

Bates informed Judge Waldman that the Bureau had been unjustly attacked in the past and that we did not hesitate to

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- 1 - Mr. Clegg
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- 1 - Miss Gandy

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Memo to Mr. Belmont
from Mr. Roach

fight such attacks and would continue to do so in the future. Judge Waldman pointed out that the brief submitted by Taylor and Scott was of such a diabolical nature that he felt it should be brought to the attention of the Director and the Attorney General. He concluded by saying the Board would not be influenced in its decision on the Taylor case by these attacks and that even though their decision might be unpopular, it would be made based on sound judgment. Judge Waldman again expressed his sincere appreciation for the assistance the Bureau has rendered and stated he was available to assist the Bureau in any way possible.

Bates checked with the Executive Secretary of the Board and it was found that the Washington Field Office received a copy of this brief on the morning of April 20, 1955. The Field Office had been requested to obtain this by the Bureau.

ACTION:

This is submitted for your information.

The brief of over 100 pages has been received and an analysis is being made of it by the Espionage Section on a point-by-point basis. Each item is being carefully checked.

✓
Sends memo D.D. 9
Replies re above 9
q

John

KS

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1 - Rogers

1 - Nelson

1 - Mr. Tolson

1 - Mr. E. A. Tamm

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

April 28, 1955

DIRECTOR, FBI

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
EMPLOYEES LOYALTY BOARD

The following information was received by a representative of this Bureau from Judge Henry S. Waldman, who is Chairman of the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board. Judge Waldman referred to recent newspaper publicity regarding the William Henry Taylor case. Taylor is an employee of the International Monetary Fund and was identified by Miss Elizabeth Bentley as being a member of the Silvermaster group. The International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board has been considering this case for over a year and has held several hearings.

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The above comments by Judge Waldman are being furnished for your information.

1 - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

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October 11, 1955

Director, FBI (134-435)

ELIZABETH T. DENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Reurair-tel 10-7-55 captioned "Isidore Gibby
Needleman, was., Internal Security - R; Internal Security
Act of 1950."

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An extra copy of this letter is being furnished
for your file 100-48746.

cc 100-341652 (Needleman)
40-41121 (Hagelberg)

NOTE: A cover memo from Belmont to Boardman was prepared
by RGJ:rmp on 10-11-55 in connection with the outgoing mail.

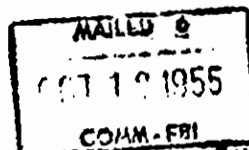
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: OCT. 12, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BEARD

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SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
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Bentley has advised that her firm the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation on 11-1-46 received a cable from Intourist advising the Amalgamated Bank of New York was to be the successor to her firm in forwarding parcels to Russia. Bentley in her statement (11-30-45) furnished no information regarding any contacts with Needleman or with Amtorg. It might be noted Bentley publicly testified in the Summer of 1948 and it is unlikely Needleman had contacts, if any, with her after that date as he claims. Bentley has advised her firm began operating in about April, 1941, and was organized on the basis of talks between Jacob Golos and Earl Browder. An anonymous source which had access to records of Bentley's firm in 1941 showed that her firm acted as exclusive agent for Intourist. According to "Who's Who" (1952-53) Harriman was not Ambassador to the USSR until 1943-46. This period is subsequent to the time that Bentley's firm began operating and had dealings with Intourist.

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Memorandum Belmont to Boardman

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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(2) ASAC Simon (NY office) was telephonically contacted 10-11-55 regarding the delay in reporting the data received from the informant on 6-22-55 and not submitted to the Bureau until 10-7-55. ASAC Simon advised he is securing explanations for this delay and will submit these as well as the recommendations for administrative action. J

(3) Attached letter to New York requesting investigation be instituted to develop information about book being prepared by Hagelberg be approved and forwarded. J

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, NEW ORLEANS (134-89) 10/19/55

DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435) AIRMAIL

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Reurairtel, 10/12/55.

BENTLEY is in process of moving and unavailable for interview due to other commitments. She will be interviewed as soon as residence established, which will be in week of 10/24/55 and Bureau will be promptly advised.

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Mr. Belmont

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Special Agent in Charge

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AIR TEL

Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ message to:

FBI, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)

10/24/55

DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

AIR TEL

AIR MAIL

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Reurairtel October 12, 1955.

On October 22, 1955, BENTLEY advised at Grand Coteau, La., that she had no dealings with Amtorg or Isidore Gibby Needleman, except for conversation (telephonic) with someone at Amtorg in 1941, who was possibly NEEDLEMAN, when Amtorg was trying to get her company, U. S. Service and Shipping Corp., to handle their business through Amtorg. She stated she mentioned the conversation to her superior, JACOB NATHAN GOLLOS, and heard nothing else from Amtorg. She stated the setting up of U. S. Service and Shipping Corp. was handled by GOLLOS who was then president of World Tourist, which then became a sub-agent of her company; that GOLLOS set up her company on behalf of Russian Secret Police and arranged for contract with Intourist; that she does not know AVERELL HARRIMAN personally, has never talked to him, and, so far as she knows, he had nothing to do with procurement of contract between her company and Intourist; that the law firm of Clark, Carr and Ellis, 120 Broadway, did some legal work for her company in the way of obtaining licenses and insurance and it is her understanding this firm also represented AVERELL HARRIMAN. She stated she knew who NEEDLEMAN was from GOLLOS; however, aside from telephone call referred to above, she never had any contact with him at any time. She stated that after GOLLOS died Intourist lost interest in her company and the contract was cancelled; that although NEEDLEMAN probably had something to do with cancellation, she did not know it to be a fact. She stated that she knew of no American, who helped her company get the contract with Intourist; that contract worked out by GOLLOS.

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Mr. Belmont

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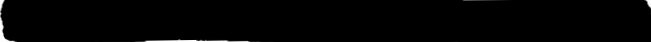
November 7, 1955

File Director, FBI (66-18772)

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AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION)

ReBulet 8-18-55.

The following changes should be made concerning
individuals previously included in this program:

 referred (b)(7)(D)
to in SAC Letter 53-61, has not been in contact with
Czech matters in recent years and should be deleted.

Elizabeth Bentley, referred to in Bulet dated
6-3-55 and in prior communications, has now returned to
College of the Sacred Heart at Grand Coteau, Louisiana.
Leads to contact her should be directed to the New Orleans
office.

cc - 2 - Albuquerque	cc - 2 - Houston	cc - 2 - Oklahoma City
Anchorage	Indianapolis	Omaha
Atlanta	Kansas City	Philadelphia
Baltimore	Knoxville	Phoenix
Birmingham	Little Rock	Pittsburgh
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Letter to SAC, Albany

In view of present physical condition of Whittaker Chambers, referred to in Bulet 3-21-55 and prior communications, he should be deleted.

(b)(7)(D)
[redacted] referred to in SAC Letter 54-1 and Bureau memorandum of 8-18-55 has been discontinued as a source of information and should be deleted.

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[redacted] referred to in SAC Letter 54-1, has been discontinued and should be deleted.

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Information obtained from [redacted] referred to in No Number SAC Letter dated 5-4-50 and Bulets dated 5-16-55 and 6-3-55, may now be credited to him by name.

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[redacted] referred to in SAC Letter 54-28, is now available as a witness. His identity need not be protected.

(b)(7)(D)
Information received from [redacted] referred to in SAC Letter 54-1 and Bureau memorandum of 5-16-55, can now be credited to him by name. He is available as a witness.

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Contact with [redacted] referred to in SAC Letters 53-61, 54-63 and Bureau memoranda of 3-21-55 and 8-18-55, has been discontinued and he should be deleted.

If prepared, index cards concerning the above-mentioned individuals should be amended accordingly.

The following additional confidential informants and sources of information are set forth for your information and utilization:

Letter to SAC, Albany

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Letter to SAC, Albany

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: November 14, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
Elizabeth T. Bentley

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
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Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
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Sizoo	✓
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Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
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On the night of November 14, 1955, I received calls from both Robert Morris and Elizabeth Bentley. Bentley called Morris and subsequently called me. She was pretty much agitated. Two months have elapsed and she has heard nothing of the offer of compromise on her income tax matter. I told her that I had assumed it had all been taken care of and I had heard nothing further. I inquired if she had been in touch with her attorney, Godfrey Schmitt. She said she had heard nothing from him for a month and a half. She had an intuition that something was wrong. She had just learned that Coleman Andrews had left Internal Revenue. I told her to see Schmitt. I told her we had heard nothing here. She was leaving on November 15 to go to Dallas to make some lectures and would be back this weekend. She was almost afraid to leave for fear Internal Revenue would start another action against her. I told her I thought she was being unduly concerned.

Morris told me that the problem was that there had been an offer of compromise; it has been accepted but the money has not been paid and he was going to talk to Godfrey Schmitt on November 15 and see what could be worked out.

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
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Office Memorandum • UNITED

GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (134-435)
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (134-89)
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

DATE: November 23, 1955

ReBulet 11/9/55.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY was contacted at Grand Couteau, Louisiana, on November 21, 1955. She said she has seen JAY LOVESTONE on only one occasion. This was in 1948, at Washington, D.C., while the House Committee on Un-American Activities was holding some of its hearings. She does not recall just how the meeting was arranged, but she believes LOVESTONE was also a witness at some of these hearings. He evidently expressed his desire to meet her to one of the Committee members.

One of the committee members whose name she does not recall brought LOVESTONE over to the Congressional Hotel where she was staying to see her. She said the main thing that impressed her about LOVESTONE was the fact that he completely dominated the conversation. She does not recall specifically what they discussed, but she does remember that LOVESTONE expressed the opinion that the Communists of that period were "soft" and were a great deal different from the "rough and tumble" type he used to know.

Miss BENTLEY said she has had no further contact with LOVESTONE. RUC.

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: 11-23-55

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

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Mr. Nichols by memo 11-14-55 advised that on night of 11-14 he received calls from Robert Morris and Bentley. Bentley had called Morris and subsequently called Mr. Nichols. Bentley was agitated and indicated two months had elapsed and she had heard nothing of offer of compromise on her tax problem. Mr. Nichols told her to call her attorney, Godfrey Schmidt. Bentley was told she appeared unduly concerned.

Since Bentley was told to see her attorney, it^{is} not believed the New York office should contact Schmidt.

RECOMMENDATION:

The attached letter to New York requesting no contact be made with Schmidt, Bentley's attorney, be approved and forwarded.

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Director, FBI (134-435)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

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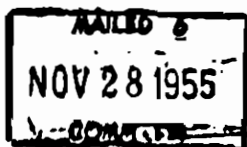
For your information, Elizabeth T. Bentley called the Bureau on 11-14-55. During this call it was suggested to Bentley that she see her attorney, Godfrey Schmidt, regarding her income tax matter. Therefore, no contact should be made by your office with Schmidt regarding Bentley's tax problem.

cc - 2 - New Orleans (134-89)

cc - 1 - 65-57905

NOTE: A cover memo from Belmont to Boardman was prepared by RGJ:rmp on 11-23-55 in connection with the outgoing mail.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V*

DATE: December 9, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

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Elizabeth Bentley called me two weeks ago on Sunday night quite distraught over her tax situation claiming she had not heard from Godfrey Schmidt. Bob Morris has talked to Schmidt and Schmidt tells him that all that remains is for her to pay the \$1,000. Morris also told me that Hennessey, the Internal Revenue Agent who handled this matter, contacted him last week to advise that the Treasury was awaiting word from Bentley. Morris informed me today that he had received a copy of Bentley's ultimatum to Schmidt. Morris has talked to Schmidt and has told him he must write Bentley.

I, accordingly, think that I should acknowledge her letter pointing out that it was my understanding that all that remained was for her to pay up her tax liabilities.

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

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December 9, 1955

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Miss Elizabeth Bentley
College of the Sacred Heart
Grand Coteau, Louisiana

Dear Miss Bentley:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of December 4, 1955, enclosing your communication to Mr. Godfrey Schmidt.

Following your telephone call a couple weeks ago, I made inquiries and I would have assumed that you were aware of the situation by now. While I have the report second-hand, it appears that all that remains is to perfect the agreement that was worked out by making arrangements to pay the stipulated sum on your tax obligation. I certainly hope that for your own peace of mind the matter can be adjusted amicably in the near future.

With every good wish and the season's greetings,

Sincerely yours,

L. B. Nichols

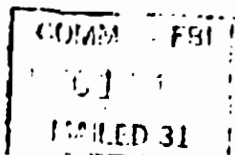
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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

COVER MEMO to Mr. Tolson from Mr. Nichols dated 12-9-55; LBN:gjm

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Elizabeth Bentley
College of the Sacred Heart
Grand Coteau, Louisiana

December 4, 1955

Mr. Louis Nichols
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Avenue and 9th Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Lou:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter, written to my attorney, Godfrey Schmidt, in reference to the affair of my 1951 income tax.

As you know, I have been anxious to settle up this matter for some time but for some reason that I do not understand things have dragged on for over six months. None of this is any of my doing and I am getting a little weary of waiting patiently. It may very well be that my attorney is doing the best he can for me and is not writing because he has run into difficulties, but at least he owes me a report on the matter. Should the U.S. Treasury, particularly in its present peculiar mood, pull another "fast one", it would be legally I who would be responsible for the long inactivity and not my lawyer, even though like most laymen I am completely dependent on someone who does know law. Therefore, I feel justified in issuing this ultimatum to him.

I am letting you know about my action in this matter because it is obvious that this affair of mine with the U.S. Treasury is not a question of an individual U.S. citizen getting into difficulties with the government over mistakes in an income tax but because at present I seem to be Target No. 1 for my "old friends". Therefore this is a matter which equally concerns the F.B.I. or any other agency which is fighting subversion.

Probably there is nothing that you or anyone else in the Bureau can do about this matter and I wouldn't expect that you could. However, if you do know anyone in authority in the Internal Revenue Bureau who not only puts the interests of his country ~~above~~ the interests of his politics and who in addition is sufficiently intelligent about international affairs to realize the implications of an affair such as this, I wish that you would let me know. I want no special favors from the government; what I do want is a chance to settle this matter up equitably without giving further ammunition to the enemy.

A very Merry Christmas and my best wishes for the best next year yet.
And more power to the F.B.I.!!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bentley
Elizabeth Bentley

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December 4, 1955

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Mr. Godfrey P. Schmidt
12 East 41st Street
New York City, N.Y.

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Dear Godfrey:

SCHMIDT

Well over two months have passed and still I have had no word from you regarding the final settlement of my 1951 income tax, which has now been in the works for more than six months. As all of the conditions prescribed by the Treasury Department have long since been met by me, I can see no reason for such delay, and hence I can only assume that either the matter has been satisfactorily adjusted and you have not found time to write me, or that unexpected difficulties have arisen about which you have not informed me.

In either case, I believe that, as my attorney, you have the obligation to give me a complete report on the situation and I shall expect one from you by December 20th, at the latest. If, for any reason, you feel that you can no longer represent me in this matter, please enclose with your report the papers and documents which pertain to my case.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth T. Bentley

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

January 3, 1956

DIRECTOR, FBI

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I thought that you might be interested in the following incident which has been called to the Bureau's attention on a very personal and confidential basis.

It is reported that on August 22, 1955, Mr. Ben Ginsburg of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights upbraided a member of the clerical staff of this committee by the name of Miss Simmons. Miss Elisabeth J. Hand interceded on behalf of Miss Simmons who apparently was a subordinate of Miss Hand. It is reported that Miss Simmons was shocked at the manner in which Mr. Ginsburg spoke to her, and Miss Hand interceded and suggested to Mr. Ginsburg that he had said enough. At this point, Mr. Ginsburg rushed at Miss Hand. It is reported that his arms were raised and Miss Hand was terrified at the expression on his face and in a hysterical manner asked Ginsburg if he were going to hit her. At this point, Mr. Lon Hocker, the Counsel for the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, apparently attracted by the commotion, left the office of Mr. Marshall MacDuffie, a former Counsel, and entered the room where the fracas was taking place and is reported to have observed Ginsburg shouting at Miss Hand, forcing her back in between two desks. It is further stated that Ginsburg took the position that either Miss Hand had to be fired or he would leave the committee. Accordingly on the evening of August 22, 1955, Miss Hand was informed by Marshall MacDuffie that he was discharging her from her position on the committee at the direction of Mr. Lon Hocker.

It is reported that Miss Hand is very much disturbed over the manner in which she was discharged from the committee and has attempted to work out some kind of arrangement whereby she could return to the committee and then terminate her services without having a notation of being discharged on her record. Apparently the staff has been unwilling to do this, and there is some indication that Miss Hand might seek redress from other members of the Senate. It certainly seems rather shocking that this committee will tolerate such high-handed actions and, at the same time, be sitting in judgment on the Federal Employees Security Program.

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In connection with the work of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, we have been further informed Mr. Langdon West,

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Administrative Assistant to Senator Hennings, is still trying to find some way whereby the committee could subject Elizabeth Bentley to investigation. You will recall that William Henry Taylor and his Counsel have been seeking an investigation of Miss Bentley for an extended period of time. Mr. Ginsburg is reported to have been actively engaged in investigating Miss Bentley. In the past Ginsburg, according to reports, has been in frequent contact with the Fund for the Republic staff in New York.

cc: Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: Dec. 30, 1955

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Irving Ferman has confidentially given me a copy of a letter addressed to Lon Hocker of the Hennings Subcommittee dated August 30, 1955, by Elisabeth J. Hand. The letter points out that she had been discharged unjustifiably by the Subcommittee; that on one occasion Ben Ginzburg rushed at her with his arms raised and a wild look on his face. She was terrified and asked Ginzburg if he was going to hit her. The letter points out to Hocker that Hocker came out of the office of Marshall MacDuffie in time to see Ginzburg still hemming her in between the two desks and shouting at her. Miss Hand then pleads for another chance, and it really is quite a letter describing a sordid situation in a committee which purports to set itself up as a monitor of the Federal Employee Security Program.

Ferman told me in confidence that he is trying to get Miss Hand to talk to some friendly newspaperman and bring this out into the open. If she won't do this, then he will try to get her to talk to Senator O'Mahoney, whom he thinks will intervene--in any event, he is trying to get this out in the open.

Ferman further told me that Langdon West, Senator Hennings' Administrative Assistant, was still trying to find out some way to investigate Elizabeth Bentley.

Ferman stated he had talked to Max Rabb in the White House about the Fund for the Republic and Rabb agrees something should be done about the Fund and Rabb is suspicious of the Paul Hoffman tie-in.

cc: Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
 CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

DATE: 1/16/56

For the Bureau's information, on the night of January 7, 1956, Miss BENTLEY telephonically communicated with SA JULIAN A. MARTIN at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and stated she had received a call from the editor of the paper at Lafayette, Louisiana, asking her about a release by the AP in which BYRON N. SCOTT, Attorney of WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, had cast doubt on the veracity of BENTLEY's testimony concerning TAYLOR. She stated she had told the newspaper man nothing as she did not know the nature of the release.

Attached hereto is a news release which appeared in the State Times, daily newspaper, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, January 7, 1956, entitled "Testimony in Loyalty Case Eyed". It is a Washington, D. C., AP article.

On January 9, 1956, Miss BENTLEY read the attached article and stated that she feared it was the opening barrage of an attack on her integrity by TAYLOR and his lawyer SCOTT; that now that TAYLOR was cleared by the hearing board he would continue to attack her. She expressed the opinion there might be some connection between TAYLOR and some officials of the United States Treasury Department, which has prevented the final settlement of the Treasury's claim against her. She stated she had no additional information on TAYLOR other than that previously furnished and the above statement about the actions of the Treasury Department was conjecture on her part.

This is being furnished for information purposes.

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TESTIMONY IN LOYALTY CASE EYED

Vindication of William Taylor Ignites Contro- versy on Testimony of Brownell, Elizabeth Bentley

WASHINGTON (U) — A loyalty board ruling vindicating William Henry Taylor has ignited a controversy over whether the finding cast doubt on testimony of Atty. Gen. Brownell and Elizabeth Bentley.

Byron N. Scott, attorney for the International Monetary Fund official, said it did. But Henry S. Waldman, chairman of the board which cleared Taylor, stated later that was not so. He said "their names never should have been linked with this case."

Taylor, 48, is assistant director of the Monetary Fund's Middle East department.

T. Paul Fairbank, secretary of the International organization's loyalty board, said yesterday that panel had considered new evidence and had found there is "no reasonable doubt" about Taylor's loyalty. This action reversed a board ruling against Taylor last June 28.

Earlier, the Canadian-born Taylor announced he had been "completely cleared." He said he was "just too happy . . . to say what it means for the future." Taylor has insisted all along that he is loyal. He has been an American citizen since 1940.

Treasury Dept.

During the Truman administration Taylor served in the Treasury Department's monetary research division. His boss was Harry Dexter White, a former assistant secretary of the Treasury, whom Brownell described in 1953 as a Soviet spy. White died in 1948, a few days after denying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that he had engaged in communist activities.

During a series of congressional investigations going back seven years, Miss Bentley, who said she had been a Communist courier, testified that Taylor had belonged to a Red espionage ring within the government during World War II. Brownell brought up Taylor's name when he appeared before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee in its November 1952 investigation of White's activities. The attorney general said then that, according to information received by the FBI, a Communist spy ring was anxious to have Taylor in the Treasury Department.

Taylor has sworn he never was a Communist party member. He told the Senate Investigations subcommittee more than two years ago that he has "never knowingly been a member of an espionage ring for any power whatsoever."

Scott said the loyalty board's new findings amounted to "the strongest attack yet made on the credibility of Elizabeth Bentley." Scott said further that far as her testimony concerned Taylor, the board found "she did not tell the truth."

Scott said, too, that the panel's findings throw "strong suspicion" on Brownell's testimony before the internal security group.

However, several hours later, Waldman said in Elizabeth, N.J., the board's decision "does in no way reflect upon Atty. Gen. Brownell, J. Edgar Hoover or the FBI."

Waldman said he regretted "that an issue has been made concerning their reliability."

As for Miss Bentley, Waldman said she denied knowing or meeting Taylor. Thus, he added, the board "had no opportunity to go into the veracity of Miss Bentley and she was never an issue."

Regrets Issue

Waldman said the board's first decision in the Taylor case might have been different if the board had had at that time the new evidence presented by Taylor at hearings last Oct. 19 and 20. The board reopened the Taylor case last August after Scott promised new material, the nature of which has not been made public.

The Justice Department said Brownell had no comment to make on Scott's statement. There was no immediate comment from Miss Bentley.

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Taylor's lawyer said the board's proceeding was based wholly on Miss Bentley's charges against his client. Scott said she declined to testify before the board but gave him a deposition that she had never known Taylor personally.

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

On 1-26-56 Washington, D. C., newspaper carried article under heading "Nation's Oldest Catholic Women's College to Close." Article stated College of Sacred Heart at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, is to close at end of current term and among faculty who will go job hunting is Elizabeth Bentley. Your office should be alert for any information that will reflect specific date of closing of school as well as any information regarding future plans of Bentley.

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Nation's Oldest Catholic Women's College to Close

GRAND COTEAU, La., Jan. 26 (AP) — Falling enrollment will force the College of the Sacred Heart, the Nation's oldest Catholic women's college and the first in the Deep South to end segregation to close at the end of the current term.

Among the faculty members who will be job hunting is Elizabeth Bentley, a former communist spy courier.

The college was founded in 1821, nine years after Louisiana entered the Union.

A pioneer in the education of Catholic women, it also pioneered in the field of race relations three years ago by wiping out the color line in its classrooms.

Mother Erskine, college president, said ending segregation had nothing to do with the closing.

She said enrollment has been steadily dropping from a peak of 99 students seven or eight years ago to 40 students now.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FBI, NEW ORLEANS

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:
DIRECTOR, FBI

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

AIRMAIL

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ReUrAirtel, 1/27/56.

By letter dated 1/26/56, Miss BENTLEY advised that the College of Sacred Heart was to close in May, 1956, and she has made no personal plans as yet. Bureau will be kept advised as to plans of Miss BENTLEY.

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Mr. Belmont

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Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/5/56

FROM : SAC, New Orleans

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
Confidential Source

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Miss Gandy	_____

On May 28, 1956 Miss BENTLEY advised that Sacred Heart College, where she is employed at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, is closing permanently as of June 6, 1956, due to low enrollment. She stated she does not know what she will do thereafter or where she will be employed. She stated she is best trained to do teaching; however, she has found it difficult to obtain a position in the educational field due to her background. She stated she was becoming very discouraged and despondent about her situation.

Miss BENTLEY stated she has made no definite plans as to her place of residence during the coming summer months; that she may remain in Grand Coteau or may move to Baton Rouge or Natchitoches, Louisiana and attend college during the summer, or she may return to her home at Madison, Connecticut. She stated she will advise as soon as she reaches a decision.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
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DATE: June 18, 1956

By letter dated June 14, 1956 Miss BENTLEY advised that she was leaving Grand Coteau, Louisiana on 6/5/56 for her home in Madison, Connecticut where her address would be c/o POINT, Lovers Lane, RFD #1.

Miss BENTLEY further advised she has received a small inheritance which will be sufficient to clear up her indebtedness to the Government on the tax case pending against her.

It is suggested that New Haven be furnished with material in the future, for contact with Miss BENTLEY and her case is being considered RUC by this office.

2-Bureau (134-435)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, New Orleans
SUBJECT: ARMAND LABIS FELDMAN, was., et al
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: July 20, 1956

OO: New York:

Re New York letter to Director dated 6-29-56.

For the information of the Washington Field Office,
ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY has the present address of c/o Poirot,
Lovers Lane, FTD #1, Madison, Connecticut.

RUC.

- 2 - Bureau (61-7574) (AM) (RM)
- 2 - New York (65-235) (AM) (RM)
- 2 - Washington Field Office (65-1003) (AM) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (65-1220)
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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile 65-58402

Field Division

8/1/58 Date

Title and Character of Case:

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was ITAL
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Date Property Acquired:

11/17/45

Source From Which Property Acquired:

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

LINCOLN SAFE DEPOSIT VAULT

Reason for Retention of Property and
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

Bureau instructions

Description of Property or Exhibit and
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

SA T. SPENCER

18. One-hundred (100) \$20.00 bills, totaling \$2,000.00.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: August 8, 1956

FROM : Mr. Nichols

SUBJECT: GEORGE ALFRED EDDY

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BACKGROUND:

Irving Ferman, the Washington representative of the American Civil Liberties Union, informed me that George Eddy, a former Treasury Department employee, is writing a book defending Harry Dexter White and discrediting testimony by Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers. Ferman stated that Eddy, who formerly was involved in a Treasury Department security case and was represented by Byron Scott, was having difficulty in obtaining a publisher. Ferman stated Eddy was high in his praise of the Werley book on the Rosenberg case.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bufiles reveal that George ^{Alfred} Eddy, born 6-15-07, at East Orange, New Jersey, was the subject of loyalty investigation at the request of the Treasury Department on 12-11-53 to 3-10-54. The investigation was based on Eddy's association with Frank Coe, Lauchlin B. Currie and Harry Dexter White. The investigation substantiated this association and also revealed Eddy had exhibited a particular interest in the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers from a view of proving it to be erroneous. Eddy also offered financial assistance to Coe if he would testify fully. The results of the Bureau's investigation were disseminated to the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Justice on 3-24-54.

Eddy was suspended from the Treasury Department 9-1-54. On 11-15-54, the Treasury Department advised the Bureau that Eddy circulated a letter to approximately 300 persons answering the charges. This letter contained erroneous allegations that the FBI had conducted a search of Eddy's office in November, 1953. On 12-6-54, during Eddy's hearings and in his presence, this allegation was shown to be false and a Secret Service agent testified that the search of Eddy's office was made by that agency. During Eddy's hearing, he denied that he had furnished certain information to Special Agents of the FBI when interviewed during the Bureau's investigations of William Henry Taylor and Virginus Frank Coe. Two Washington Field Office Agents testified at these hearings to refute Eddy's denial.

cc - Mr. Nichols
 cc - Mr. Jones

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Nichols to Tolson memorandum

August 8, 1956

On 1-27-55, Bureau Agents advised Eddy and his attorney, Byron M. Scott, that the Bureau did not conduct a search of his office and inquired as to what action Eddy contemplated to retract this false allegation. Eddy and his attorney advised they would discuss the matter and would advise the Bureau what action they would take. On 2-15-55, a letter from Eddy was received indicating he still was not satisfied that his allegation was false. His letter was not acknowledged by the Bureau and no further action was taken.

The Security Hearing Board on May 31, 1955, decided the charges against Eddy were substantiated but did not constitute grounds for dismissal under Executive Order 10450. On June 14, 1955, the Treasury Department dismissed Eddy on grounds of suitability. Congressman Ralph Gwinn contacted Under Secretary of the Treasury W. Randolph Burgess on behalf of Eddy on June 21, 1955. As a result, Eddy was reinstated and allowed to resign effective June 30, 1955. On August 5, 1955, the Civil Service Commission notified the Bureau that the case on Eddy resulted in a favorable determination.

Eddy's main file reflects that he executed a personal history form for the Treasury Department which shows he was employed by the Journal of Commerce, New York, New York, in 1939, indicating he may have had some writing experience.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

[Handwritten signature]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: September 7, 1956

FROM : *Y.A.* Director, FBI (66-18772)

SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
(FULL UTILIZATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION)

ReBulet 6-8-56.

The following changes and deletions should be made concerning individuals previously included in this program:

Requests to contact Elizabeth T. Bentley, last referred to in Bulet 11-7-55, should now be directed to New Haven.

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[REDACTED] referred to in SAC Letters 53-61 and 54-20, is now [REDACTED]. Leads to contact him should now be directed to Memphis.

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[REDACTED] last referred to in Bulet 11-7-55, should be deleted.

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[REDACTED] referred to in SAC Letter 53-61, should be deleted.

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If prepared, index cards concerning the above-mentioned individuals should be amended accordingly.

The following additional source is set forth for your information and utilization:

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SAC, New Haven (134-40)

September 21, 1956

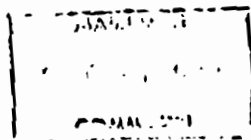
Director, FBI (134-435)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

As you are aware, the school at which Bentley was formerly employed at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, closed permanently in June, 1956. At that time, Bentley advised she had made no definite plans for the coming year. It is requested that you contact Bentley and determine where she plans to live and what she plans to do for the forthcoming school year.

NOTE: No information received from New Haven as to Bentley's plans for forthcoming year. In view of possible developments in Joseph Katz case (currently being interviewed in Israel), it is necessary Bureau know of Bentley's future plans and whereabouts. Katz, if cooperative, might be second witness in over-all Silvermaster case.

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On 9-24-56 Mr. T. Page Nelson, Office of International Finance, Treasury Department, made available to the WFO the document dated 3-8-45, a Photostat of which is attached. (u)

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cc - 134-435 (Bentley)

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WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (135-435)

DATE: October 3, 1956

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (135-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Re: Bulet dated 9-21-56.

On 10-2-56, Miss A. J. POIROT of Lover's Lane, Madison, Conn., at whose home BENTLEY has resided in recent years, advised that on 9-11-56, BENTLEY had been offered and had accepted a position teaching French and Spanish at the Cathedral School of St. Mary's, an Episcopal school for girls, at Garden City, Long Island, New York; further that BENTLEY is now residing, as well as teaching at this school.

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REGISTERED MAIL

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- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - New York
- 1 - New Haven

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Director, FBI (66-18772)

1/15/57

SAC, NEW YORK (134-255)

ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY
INVESTIGATIONS (FULL UTILIZATION
OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS AND
SOURCES OF INFORMATION)

Re New York letter to Bureau 10/15/56
captioned as above.

The following change should be made concerning individuals previously included in this program.

Requests to contact ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, last referred to in Bureau letter 9/7/56, should now be directed to the New York Office. BENTLEY, who formerly resided within the territory covered by the New Haven Division, has accepted a position to teach at St. Mary's School for Girls, Garden City, Long Island, NY. Miss BENTLEY is residing at this school.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: February 26, 1957

FROM : *JMM* Director, FBI (66-18772)

SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
(FULL UTILIZATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION)

ReBulet 12/12/56.

The following changes and deletions should be made concerning individuals previously included in this program:

Requests for interviews with Elizabeth Bentley, referred to in Bulet 9/7/56, and prior communications, should now be referred to the New York Office.

Whittaker Chambers, referred to in Bulet 6/8/56, and prior communications, should be deleted in view of present condition of his health.

(H)(D) [REDACTED] referred to in SAC Letter 53-61 and Bulet 5/16/55, should be deleted inasmuch as he is no longer available for interview.

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[REDACTED] referred to in
Bulets 5/16/55, and 2/9/56, should be deleted in view of recent
indications of a possible change in her former anti-Soviet attitude,
the fact that she is not readily available and the infrequency of
her use.

If prepared, index cards concerning the above captioned
individuals should be amended accordingly.

The following additional source is set forth for your
information and use:

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National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution

MRS. FREDERIC A. GROVES, PRESIDENT GENERAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

MRS. RAY L. ERB, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1775 D STREET, N.W.

WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

May 16, 1957

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I believe the enclosed copy of a letter under date of May 8, 1957, received from one of our members will be of interest to you.

If, by chance, you would care to suggest any way in which the situation could be helped, or any action our Society take, or any advice for us to give to Mrs. Kogut, it would be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Barclay Erb

(Mrs. Ray L. Erb)

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MAY 17 1957

COPY LETTER

May 13th, 1957

Re: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

Dear Mrs. Erb:

My "Aunt" Ina has asked me to write you explaining a situation which I can't understand and at the same time asking your "help" as one Patriotic D.A.R. to another.

My daughters are attending the Cathedral School of St. Mary in Garden City, L.I. Bishop James P. De Wolfe resides across the street on Cathedral Avenue. This is their second year (and last - I am withdrawing them), the older girl is in 10th Grade, the younger in 8th Grade.

In January of this year when the F.B.I. Story was being reviewed a picture of Elizabeth Bentley appeared in the newspapers. She was recognized by students as one of the Faculty at the school! Immediately the Dean called a Mass Meeting - asking the students to keep it quiet - not to mention it to parents - she (Elizabeth Bentley) was rather like a heroine in having given facts to our Government etc.... My younger daughter has her for English.

Now, as the school has no active P.T.A. - and I'm not a resident of Garden City - I have been at a loss as to what action I should take. Finally, I wrote the Bishop on April 16th but to date I have received only a curt acknowledgment!

My contention is - the parents of girls who were to be in her classes should have been given a chance to vote on whether they wanted their daughters subjected to that sort of personality. Certainly she has not been an admirable person - she became a stool-pigeon to save her own neck - and I repeat - she has been a weak and twisted personality. As a teacher I am not impressed by what my daughter reflects - (she is an Honor or Honorable Mention student). But, believe me, I am truly impressed, when, at the dinner table she starts a conversation with "Did you know Miss Bentley was a mistress etc... Did you know someone said they found a man murdered in her apartment when she was a Communist..... Did you know that her Autobiography has some real 'moments' in it....."

Do you, Mrs. Erb, think that someone who inspires that sort of talk and thinking among minors, grammar school children - is the sort of person to have on a Faculty? Doesn't that contribute toward delinquency? Don't you think the Bishop owes me an explanation?

I have two boys at the "Brother" school, St. Pauls. My older one has been there five years now. However, I believe I shall withdraw them as I have lost faith in the sort of Diocese that does not handle children and their parents thoughtfully....

Anxiously I await your comments and help.

Sincerely,

May 23, 1957

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Mrs. Ray L. Erb
National Society, Daughters of the
American Revolution
Administration Building
1778 D Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Erb:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 16, 1957,
enclosing the communication you received from Mrs. Benjamin
Kogut.

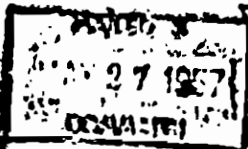
The Bureau, of course, is very well acquainted with
Miss Elizabeth Bentley, and, in fact, I commented on Miss Bentley
in a statement which I made before the Senate Internal Security
Subcommittee on November 17, 1953, a copy of which is enclosed.
I am also enclosing a reprint of an article I wrote some years ago
which appeared in "This Week" magazine entitled "Breaking the
Communist Spell," and it sets forth my position on former communists.

While it would be highly inappropriate for me to inject
myself into the local situation about which Mrs. Kogut writes, I have
always felt that an individual should be judged on the basis of his
present status, and, certainly, those who have erred and have sought
to make amends should be given every possible assistance in their
rehabilitation.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bureau has enjoyed friendly relations with Mrs. Erb.
Enclosures (2) Bufiles contain no record of Mrs. Kogut. Bufile 134-435-216
LDN:hpf reveals that New Haven advised 10/56 Elizabeth Bentley had
(4) accepted position at Cathedral School of St. Mary, Episcopal
cc - Mr. Jones School for Girls at Garden City, Long Island, New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: 7/8/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (134-182)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY

On 6/28/57, SA LESTER O. GALLAHER contacted St. Mary's School, Garden City, Long Island, NY, in an effort to contact Miss BENTLEY and was advised that she was no longer with the school. Agent GALLAHER was further advised that Miss BENTLEY's mail is being forwarded to Madison, Conn., her summer residence.

On 7/1/57, Mrs. GEORGE WALDRON (conceal), elementary school teacher at St. Mary's School and personal friend of SA JOHN G. WILLIS, advised Agent WILLIS that Miss BENTLEY's contract at St. Mary's School had not been renewed. Mrs. WALDRON explained that teachers are not given written contracts but are invited to return for the following school year and either accept or decline. In Miss BENTLEY's case, no such invitation was extended.

Mrs. WALDRON advised that two weeks ago at a school dinner, the Dean of the school, Miss RUSSELL, told BENTLEY that they were not asking her to return next year, stating that the school was not entirely satisfied with BENTLEY as a teacher. Mrs. WALDRON stated that BENTLEY was not too happy about this but that there was nothing she could do.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 12, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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For record purposes, Art Kranish of International News Service advised his New York office had specifically asked him to check with the FBI to see if we could furnish to INS the unlisted telephone number of Elizabeth Bentley at Madison, Connecticut. Kranish was informed that we could not be of any help to him.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 1 AND SACS NEW YORK 1 AND WASHINGTON FIELD
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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER. ESPIONAGE - R. H. HARTMAN, COL. AIR FORCE RESERVE, HARVEY CEDARS, NJ, ADVISED ON SEVEN TWENTYTHREE LAST THAT HE HAD LEARNED THAT ELIZABETH BENTLEY VISITED THE SILVERMASTERS OVER THE WEEKEND OF SEVEN TWENTY LAST. HARTMAN RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM MRS. MARGARET LYONS, WHO HE SAID IS VERY FRIENDLY WITH THE SILVERMASTERS. ON SEVEN TWENTYSIX LAST HARTMAN ADVISED THAT HE HAD CHECKED WITH MR. LYONS, MARGARET LYONS HUSBAND, AND ANOTHER PERSON, BARBARA WEINTRAUB. ALL BELIEVED THAT ELIZABETH BENTLEY DID VISIT THE SUBJECT OVER THE WEEKEND OF SEVEN TWENTY. HARTMAN REQUESTED LYONS AND WEINTRAUB NOT BE CONTACTED. FRANCIS MONKS, POSTMASTER, HARVEY CEDARS, NJ, WHO HAS SUPPLIED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED ON SEVEN TWENTYSIX THAT HE KNEW OF NO VISITORS AT THE HOME OF THE SUBJECT OVER THE PAST WEEKEND. HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT COL. HARTMAN IS WELL KNOWN IN HARVEY CEDARS AND IS A VERY RELIABLE PERSON. ANOTHER SOURCE OF THE NK OFFICE, ARTHUR FLEMING, WHO PATROLS THE SILVERMASTER RESIDENCE IN HIS NORMAL DUTIES AS POLICE CHIEF, STATED THAT HE DID NOT NOTICE ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AT THE SILVERMASTER HOME THE WEEKEND OF SEVEN TWENTY LAST. HE ALSO STATED

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HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY VISITORS AT THE HOME OF SILVERMASTER.
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FOR INFO WFO.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC WFO 5
FROM SAC NEW YORK 1P

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, ESP-R. RE NK TEL THIS DATE. AS BUREAU IS
AWARE, ELIZABETH BENTLEY PRESENTLY RESIDES IN MADISON, CONN. NH HAS
BEEN FURNISHED TEXT OF RETEL AND REQUESTED TO CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF
CONTACTING BENTLEY. NYO TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SACS NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM SAC NEWARK.

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER. ESPIONAGE - R. REFERENCE NK TELETYPE
7/26/57. W. WARTMAN TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED 7/27/57 THAT THE
ELIZABETH BENTLEY REFERRED TO IN RETFL IS ACTUALLY GLADY BENTLEY,
A NEW YORK WRITER, AND, ACCORDING TO WARTMAN, HAS NO APPARENT
CONNECTION WITH ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

FROM : *JMA* Director, FBI (66-18772)

DATE: September 5, 1957

SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
(Full Utilization of Confidential Informants
and Sources of Information)

ReBulet 6-5-57.

The following change should be made concerning an individual previously included in this program:

Requests for interview with Elizabeth T. Bentley, referred to in Bulet 2-26-57, and prior communications, should now be referred to the New haven Office.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331834)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-61577)
SUBJECT: ALICE MARTIN, nee Alice
Beatrice Alpert, wa., Mrs.
James Martin;
JAMES MARTIN, wa., Nathaniel
Schlaiff
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Enclosed for the New Haven Office is one photograph of ALICE MARTIN and one photograph of JAMES MARTIN.

ALICE MARTIN advised on 11/4 and 6/57, that during the period of the Spanish Civil War in 1936 and 1937, she worked as a messenger and secretary in a secret CP organization; that she was known at this time as ALICE ALPERT. MARTIN advised that this organization was recruiting persons to fight in Spain; that during the course of her activities her superiors were BILL LAWRENCE (tentatively identified as WILLIAM LAZAR, wa; Bufile 100-1751) and A.W. MILLS (tentatively identified as identical with SAMFSON MILGROM, wa; Bufile 100-773). MARTIN advised that during this period (1936-1937) she was periodically ordered by LAWRENCE and MILLS to deliver to and pick up from JACOB GOLOS of World Tourists, Inc., packages or items which she, MARTIN, assumed were passports. MARTIN stated that on one occasion she was also instructed to go from NYC to Washington, D.C. where she either received from an unknown individual or delivered to an unknown individual, items which she assumed were passports or money; that she

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does not recall who this individual was or whether she knew him. MARTIN further stated she assumed the items were passports or money because of her belief that this person was probably a recruit who was being sent to Spain to fight for the Loyalists. MARTIN advised that to the best of her recollection, her contact at World Tourists, Inc., was always JACOB GOLOS.

For the information of the New Haven Office, MARTIN has advised that from 1937 to 1939, she was an open member of the CP, attending meetings in Schenectady, NY, and in the Williamsburg Section of Brooklyn, NY, and her husband was a paid CP official in both of those areas. ALICE MARTIN further stated that from 1939 to 1942, she received assignments to contact members of the CP underground, primarily for the purpose of collecting dues. She stated that in 1944, she was given an assignment by BILL LAWRENCE to meet with a man for instructions. MARTIN advised that this man whom she met was JACK SOBLE and that she furnished SOBLE, at his request, with information about Jewish persons and Jewish organizations with whom she was associated in NYC. MARTIN stated that she introduced her husband JAMES to JACK SOBLE in approximately 1945; that at SOBLE's request her husband furnished SOBLE information about the American Legion and individual members of the American Legion.

MARTIN has steadfastly maintained that she was never cognizant of the fact that she was engaged in espionage, and always assumed that her activities were being conducted for the CP underground.

JACK SOBLE (Mocase subject), a self admitted Soviet espionage agent, advised during interviews in 1957, that ALICE MARTIN did furnish him with information.

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SOBLE stated that MARTIN, who was introduced to him by ESTHER HAND, (described by SOBLE as a person engaged in Soviet espionage) was cognizant of the fact that he, SOBLE, was a Soviet espionage agent, and that she, ALICE MARTIN, knew that the information she furnished would be transmitted to the Soviets.

SOBLE further advised that MARTIN had volunteered the services of herself and her husband JAMES at the time of her first meeting with SOBLE; that in subsequent meetings it was evident to SOBLE that MARTIN had previously worked for the Soviets because MARTIN furnished a written biography to SOBLE pertaining to one RICHARD LAUTERBACH (deceased) in the manner and form used by Soviet agents.

ALICE MARTIN is described as follows.

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	45
Height	5'8"
Weight	130
Hair	Black-graying
Eyes	Hazel (wears horn rimmed glasses)
Build	Slender
Speech	Voice well modulated, uses excellent English

Following is a description of JAMES MARTIN:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	158
Hair	Brown wavy, combed straight back
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Scars and Marks	3" scar on outside of left arm

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New Haven is requested to exhibit photographs of ALICE MARTIN and JAMES MARTIN to ELIZABETH BENTLEY to determine if BENTLEY is acquainted with either ALICE or JAMES MARTIN. Will attempt to determine the full extent of ALICE MARTIN's association with JACOB GOLOS and other Soviet agents known to BENTLEY. If BENTLEY is acquainted with ALICE or JAMES MARTIN, will develop complete information pertaining to ALICE or JAMES MARTIN, including all associates, activities and employments.

New Haven is requested to expedite investigation to aid the NYO, which is continuing with interviews of ALICE MARTIN.

POWERS

DIRECTOR, FBI

(100-331834)

December 26, 1957

SAC, NEW HAVEN

(65-1174)

ALICE MARTIN, nee Alice
Beatrice Albert, wa., Mrs.
James Martin;
JAMES MARTIN, wa., Nathaniel
Schlaff
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Re NY Airtel 11/8/57 requesting WHO to exhibit
photographs of ALICE MARTIN and JAMES MARTIN to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

On December 18, 1957, ELIZABETH BENTLEY was con-
tacted at West Hartford, Connecticut, and advised that she had no
knowledge of the above-mentioned persons. Miss BENTLEY noted that
the period (1936-1937) when ALICE MARTIN was reportedly in contact
with JACOB GOLOS did not coincide with the period of BENTLEY's
contact with GOLOS. Miss BENTLEY also advised that she had no
knowledge of the other contacts of the MARTINS set forth in relet.

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3 - New York (1 - 65-14702-Sub D) (1-134-132) (1-100-61577) (RM)
2 - New Haven (65-1174) (1-134-40)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

3/21/58

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was.; ET AL
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Re New Haven airtel dated 3/4/58, in case JOSEPH SILVERMAN; SGR", requesting NYO to furnish New Haven with a copy of the statement of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY in order to assist New Haven in future interviews with BENTLEY.

Inasmuch as BENTLEY is now apparently more or less permanently domiciled in Connecticut, the NYO is enclosing herewith for the New Haven Office one copy of the signed statement of BENTLEY dated 11/30/45, concerning her espionage activities.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: 3/25/58

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
SECURITY INFORMANT

Miss BENTLEY has advised this office that during the first week in March 1958 she suffered a "blackout" and she was placed in the Hartford Hospital, Hartford, Conn., under observation for a week. She was released from the hospital about March 15th and she was authorized by the doctor to resume her former schedule, that is, employment in an office of a construction company and courses at Trinity College in Hartford, evenings and Saturday. She advised that on March 19, 1958, this schedule was too much for her and she quit her job and advised the authorities at Trinity College that she was discontinuing her studies. At this point she doesn't know what she is going to do.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she received psychiatric examination during her stay in the Hartford Hospital - and this appears to have been the reason for her hospitalization. The doctor was obtained for her by Trinity College authorities. She stated that she left Trinity College one night after class and drove around for about an hour and wound up back at the college. This is as much detail as she furnished about her "blackout".

She has indicated that the psychiatrist suggested that she should try to put her past espionage activity out of her mind, suggesting that this be in part responsible for her difficulty. She has not said that she doesn't want to be contacted, in fact she has kept in contact with this office and wants to discuss her problems with the agents.

She has been advised that for the next 30 days the Bureau will make no demands upon her time in order to give her

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an opportunity to rest and regain her health, and that meanwhile she should not hesitate to call upon this office if she has any personal matters she wants to discuss.

8/21/58
In view of the above, this office will not contact Miss BENTLEY in investigative matters until May 1, 1958.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435) ~~TOP SECRET~~ DATE: May 15, 1958

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Re: New Haven letter to Bureau, 3/25/58. *per 20*

On May 6, 1958, Miss BENTLEY visited this office. She stated that she had now recuperated from her recent "breakdown", which she felt was caused by overwork. She appeared to be in good health and displayed a very friendly and cooperative attitude.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she has now sold her residence at Madison, Connecticut, in order to obtain funds to pay her recent hospital and medical bills. She stated she is now living at the Highland Heights Orphanage, New Haven, Connecticut, where she is receiving her room and board while assisting the Catholic nuns there in handling the orphans.

Miss BENTLEY also related that she still plans to obtain her teacher's certificate in Connecticut, and is pursuing a course in education at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, and plans to take summer courses at Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut, this summer and thus complete the requirements for the teacher's certificate.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-57905)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-14737)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (S) (b)(1)
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Re New Haven airtel 5/13/58 to New York interview
ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY. UAC New Haven. SAs FRANCIS W. ZANGLE and
WALTER C. ROEITING will report to New Haven Office 10:00 A.M.
5/20/58 for interview.

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- 2 - New Haven (65-1550) (RM)
- 1 - New York (65-14737)

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Miss Gandy

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-57305)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-14737)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (TS)

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Information furnished by the New Haven Office reflected that DENTLEY had appeared at the New Haven Office on 5/21/58, at which time she indicated that she did not want to be interviewed again by the FBI; however, she agreed to talk to the New York Agents. SAs FRANCIS W. ZANGLE and WALTER C. ROETTING of the NYO and SA S. F. DUCIBELLA of the New Haven Office attempted to interview DENTLEY on 5/28/58 at the New Haven Office but she was not cooperative. She stated that she wanted to make a new life for herself and could not do so if she continued her contact with the FBI. She pointed out that she has been interviewed on numerous occasions during the past 13 years and that she has furnished the FBI everything she knows about the captioned subjects. She also indicated that she is doubtful that she could now recognize photographs of the subjects. During the course of the interview DENTLEY did answer several questions concerning the subjects but nothing of value was obtained.

The New Haven Office will furnish the Bureau with a detailed summary of DENTLEY'S present attitude toward future interviews with the FBI.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: 5-29-58

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Re New Haven letter to the Bureau 5-15-58, advising that Miss BENTLEY had visited the NHO, discussed her health and future plans, and agreed to meet NYO agents in connection with an espionage investigation between May 27 and May 30.

On May 26, 1958, BENTLEY was contacted at the Highland Heights Orphanage at which time she agreed to meet the NY agents on May 28, 1958, and stated she preferred to see them at the New Haven Office. Miss BENTLEY displayed a friendly attitude and appeared to be in a happy frame of mind because she had just received payment from the sale of her home in Madison.

On the following day, May 27, 1958, Miss BENTLEY appeared at the New Haven Office. At the outset she stated that she did not want to see the NY agents the following day, that she had felt for some time that she must forget and make a complete break with her past life, that she wanted to build a new life as a school teacher, that interviews with agents, INS and Government committees about her past always served to keep her in a highly nervous state, that she suffered severe headaches from this delving into the past and that she had now definitely decided that she must put a complete stop to this and go on notice that she was no longer available for these inquiries.

In view of BENTLEY's recent breakdown considerable time was spent in going over with her the importance of her information in the past and the highly important reasons for her continuing to be of assistance in matters where she can help. This seemed to dissipate her earlier opposition to continued interviews.

Miss BENTLEY then agreed to come to the New Haven Office the following day for the interview with the NY agents and indicated that she would be willing to be contacted in cases which were of vital and pressing importance. She was assured that interviews with her in the future would be restricted to important cases and to matters wherein it could reasonably be expected that she would have knowledge.

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Memo to act. office 6/19/58
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On May 28, 1958, Miss BENTLEY appeared at the New Haven Office for the interview above-mentioned. BENTLEY appeared to be in a highly nervous state and immediately stated that she was very much upset and that she had now definitely decided that she would no longer be available for interviews into her past, that she had been under great strain, that it was incumbent that she regain her mental health and build a new career as a school teacher, that she felt it essential that she make a complete break with her past, that the recurrent delving into the past and the prospect of being asked about details of the past kept her in such a highly nervous and tense, emotional state that she was unable to plan and build a new life.

BENTLEY also stated that fourteen years had passed since her espionage activities, that her memory of past activities had naturally dimmed and that she no longer was able to recall details of events or persons, that she had furnished all information to the FBI at a time that it was fresh in her mind, and that now it was only with great difficulty and strain that she could think of the past.

After it was again pointed out to her how significant her information had been, and might be, she permitted the NY agents to ask her questions about the pending matter. The Bureau is being advised of this matter by the NYO under separate cover. Her responses to questions were of a negative and non-informative nature. It also appeared that she had a negative attitude toward the inquiry.

At the conclusion of the inquiry by the NY agents, as BENTLEY was about to leave the New Haven Office she stated that this was "Goodby" and that she would be no longer available for interviews. She was asked if this meant whether she was no longer available even in the most urgent matters affecting the welfare of the country to which she replied that she would have to decide that when the occasion arose.

In view of her evident mental disturbance, and in view of the stand which she has taken, this office recommends that BENTLEY not be contacted for six months and then if circumstances require another effort be made to enlist her cooperation. In the meanwhile BENTLEY's attitude may correct itself if she is able to successfully readjust her personal life.

It is suggested that the Bureau notify the field that leads to contact BENTLEY should only be authorized and approved by the Bureau.

1 - Mr. Gregg
1 - Mr. Aull

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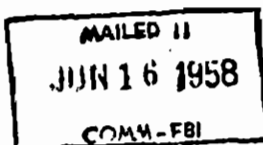
ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Reference is made to your memo dated May 29, 1958, concerning the captioned individual. In view of the development set forth in your memo concerning Bentley's mental attitude, the Bureau is in agreement with your recommendation that Bentley not be contacted on a regular basis for a six-month period. At the end of that time the situation with respect to Bentley should be re-evaluated by your office. During the interim, and in the event it becomes necessary to contact Bentley because of some emergency situation the Bureau should be advised, and consideration will be given to authorizing contacts of an emergency nature.

At the present time it is not deemed advisable to notify all offices that leads to contact Bentley should be approved by the Bureau. Instead of following this plan you should forward to the Bureau any leads received to interview Bentley where they will be evaluated and appropriate advice given.

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1 - Washington Field

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- 1 - 66-18772 (Espionage and Internal Security Investigations
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Sources of Information)

NOTE:

Bentley has been interviewed over a considerable period of time as new developments occurred in connection with cases involving individuals on whom she has previously furnished info. While visiting the NHO on 5/28/58 Bentley appeared in a highly nervous state and informed that office that she has been under a nervous strain as a result of interviews involving her past activities and that in order to attempt (NOTE CONT' PAGE 2)

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SAC, New Haven
Re: Elizabeth Terrill Bentley
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NOTE CONT': to build a new life as a schoolteacher she felt that it was essential that she make a complete break with her past and that she would, therefore, not be available for interviews in the future. After she left the office she was asked whether her position applied to urgent matters affecting the welfare of the country and she replied that she would have to decide that when the occasion arose. New Haven has recommended that Bentley not be contacted for 6 months and that if circumstances, another effort be made to enlist her cooperation on a regular basis. It is believed that this recommendation should be approved in order to give Bentley time to regain her mental health. However, it is felt that New Haven should continue to receive any leads which the field may direct to that office to contact Bentley in order that the value of inquiries involving her can be accurately judged and to prevent the possible use of Bentley as a witness in an important matter affecting the Bureau's welfare. It is felt that this can be controlled by having New Haven advise the office submitting leads to contact Bentley that the contact will be made after the Bureau approves. This matter will be followed and re-evaluated at the end of 6 months.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: September 19, 1958

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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Special Agent Joseph Connors of the Washington Field Office, who handles liaison duties with the House Un-American Activities Committee, advised Wick this morning that Don Appel of the Committee desired the current address of above-captioned. It appears the Committee intends to put her on the payroll for performance of some work on a current project. They had employed her in 1955, Connors thought.

ACTION TAKEN:

After checking with the Domestic Intelligence Division, I had Wick tell Connors to inform Appel that Miss Bentley had asked to be let alone for approximately six months (as of approximately June 1 of this year) for the reason that she wants to start a new life as a school teacher; desires to forget the past; and was not well. This Connors did but he said Appel was not too pleased and might discuss the matter with Dick Arens with the hope that the FBI would change its mind and give the Committee Miss Bentley's address.

When our New Haven Office talked with Miss Bentley early this summer, Miss Bentley, in no uncertain terms, stated that only in a case of emergency did she desire to be contacted and we currently are respecting her wishes. Under the circumstances we are not in a position to disclose her whereabouts. She is in the New Haven territory and the House Committee could forward a letter to her last address which they have and it would in all probability be forwarded.

ACTION:

None to be taken since Dick Arens has already been informed of Miss Bentley's wishes.

1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: 2-2-59

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Rebulet 6-16-58, instructing that BENTLEY not be contacted over a six month period, and that thereafter the situation with respect to BENTLEY be re-evaluated by this office.

When last interviewed on May 28, 1958, BENTLEY stated positively that she had decided that she must put a complete stop to further interviews with government agencies, including the FBI, and that she wanted to go on notice that she was no longer available for these inquiries. At that time she stated that if there was any change in this decision of hers that she would advise this office. BENTLEY has not contacted this office since that time and this office has no indication of any change of attitude on her part.

When last seen, BENTLEY stated that she was planning to teach at the Sacret Heart Academy in Providence, R. I., in the Fall of 1958. It has been discreetly ascertained that she in fact has been teaching French at Mt. Saint Joseph's Academy, West Hartford, Conn., where she is currently located. BENTLEY has never notified this office of this employment.

In past contacts BENTLEY has continually pointed out that she was being questioned about persons and events having no relationship with her former operation; also that she had made a complete and all-inclusive statement to agents in New York detailing her activities and that this statement was much more reliable than her present recollection. Indiscriminate contacts at frequent intervals in matters not associated with the Gregory case have appeared to be a source of irritation to her.

Therefore, this office recommends that she not be contacted except in matters which could be associated with the Gregory case, and these only where the matter has not been covered in her statement of November, 1945. This office will keep abreast of BENTLEY's whereabouts and employment, and the Bureau will be advised of developments.

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1 - Belmont
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SAC, New Haven (134-40)

February 25, 1959

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Director, FBI (134-435) - 224

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Reurlet 2/2/59 in which you advised that Elizabeth Terrill Bentley has not contacted your office since May, 1958. Your letter made certain recommendations regarding future contacts with Bentley, specifically to the effect that she not be contacted except in matters which could be associated with the Gregory case and that contacts regarding these matters were to be made only when the matter had not been covered in her statement of November, 1945.

Bureau is in agreement with your recommendation insofar as future contacts with Elizabeth Terrill Bentley are concerned. You should obtain specific Bureau authority for any interview with Bentley prior to contacting her. When leads are received in your office, you should advise the Bureau whether the lead is one that appears to have a valid basis for contacting Bentley and an appropriate recommendation should be made by you as to whether Bentley should be contacted.

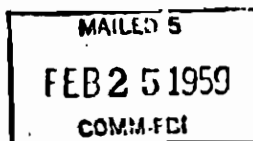
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Cover memo Branigan to Belmont dated 2/19/59, same subject, prepared by WAA:mlj.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 19, 1959

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. AullSUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
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You will recall that in June, 1958, the Bureau instructed New Haven to withhold contacts with Elizabeth Bentley on a regular basis for a six-month period at the end of which time the situation with respect to Bentley was to be re-evaluated by the New Haven Office. This action was taken as the result of an interview with Bentley around the end of May, 1958, at which time she appeared to be in a highly nervous state and expressed a desire to build a new life for herself with a complete break from her past activities. At that time she was asked what her position would be in respect to contacts involving urgent matters and she indicated she would have to decide that when the occasion arose. She advised New Haven that if there was any change in this decision she would contact the New Haven Office. Bentley has not contacted New Haven since May, 1958. New Haven has advised there is no indication of any change in her attitude. New Haven has discreetly ascertained that Bentley is presently employed at Mount St. Joseph Academy, West Hartford, Connecticut, and is teaching a course in French.

In the past Bentley has continually pointed out that she was being questioned about persons and events having no relationship with her former operation and that she had made a complete and all inclusive statement to agents in New York detailing her activities at a time when her recollection was more reliable than it is at present. It appears that contacts relating to matters other than the Gregory Case have been a source of irritation to her.

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1. In view of this, it is recommended that Bentley not be contacted except in matters which could be directly associated with her past activities and that these contacts be made only where the matter has not been covered in her statement of November, 1945, or where clarification is needed regarding a statement previously made by Bentley relating to her activities.

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Memorandum Mr. Branigan to Mr. Belmont

2. If you approve, it is recommended that the attached letter be forwarded to the New Haven Office advising New Haven of the above-stated policy with respect to interviews with Bentley and instructing New Haven that interviews with Bentley are to be authorized by the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: March 26, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (66-18772)

SUBJECT: **ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS**
 (Full Utilization of Confidential Informants
 and Sources of Information)

Re Bulet 11/25/58.

In order to streamline our procedures for the purpose of realizing maximum economy and efficiency, captioned program will henceforth be limited to inclusion of cooperative individuals having other than a local knowledge of:

1. Communist-bloc espionage activities in the United States or abroad;
2. Communist-bloc official personnel;
3. The Lenin School;
4. The Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

2 - Albuquerque	2 - Indianapolis	2 - Oklahoma City
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2 - Atlanta	2 - Kansas City	2 - Philadelphia
2 - Baltimore	2 - Knoxville	2 - Phoenix
2 - Birmingham	2 - Little Rock	2 - Pittsburgh
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2 - Chicago	2 - Milwaukee	2 - San Antonio
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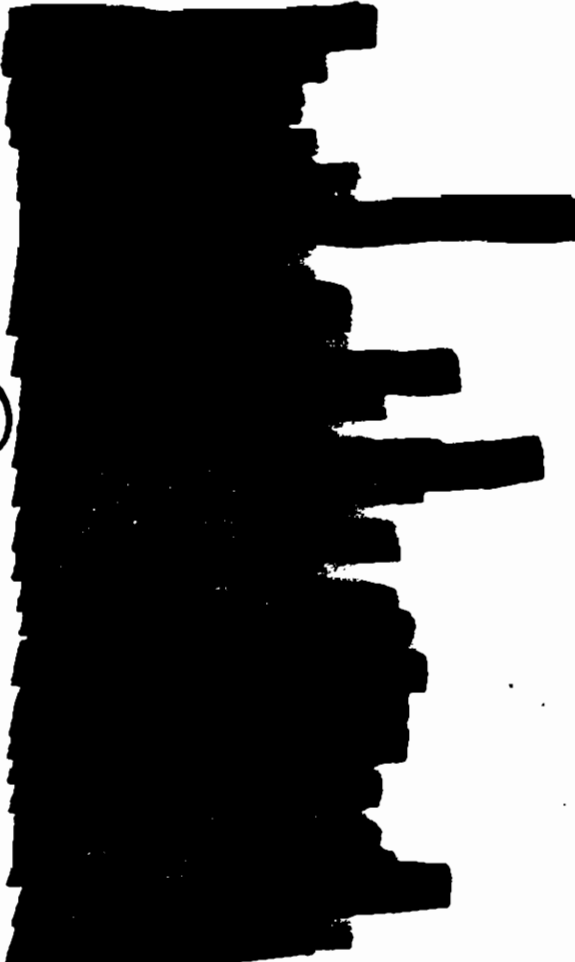
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Re: **ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS**
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A reanalysis of individuals currently included under this program has been made and the following listed persons not falling within the above categories should be deleted:

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The following additional changes should be made concerning individuals previously included in this program:

Letter to SAC, Albany

Re: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
(Full Utilization of Confidential Informants
and Sources of Information)

66-18772

Contacts with Elizabeth T. Bentley, referred to in Bulet 9/5/57 and prior communications, should be limited to those matters directly associated with her past activities concerning which information previously provided by her is not complete and unambiguous.

(b)(7)(D) [REDACTED] referred to in Bulet 6/5/57, has moved to San Francisco, no longer occupying his former position, and should be deleted.

(b)(7)(D) [REDACTED] referred to in Bulet 8/18/55, is now deceased and should be deleted.

If prepared, index cards concerning the above-mentioned individuals should be amended accordingly.

The following additional source is set forth for your information.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 13, 1959

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FROM : Director, FBI (66-18772)

SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
(Full Utilization of Confidential Informants
and Sources of Information)

Re Bulet 3-26-59.

The following changes should be made concerning individuals previously included in this program:

Elizabeth T. Bentley, referred to in Bulet 3-26-59 and prior communications, has indicated her desire to discontinue further interviews with Government representatives, and should be deleted from this program.

(b)(7)(D) [redacted] referred to in Bulet 3-21-55, is the symbol formerly assigned to [redacted] Soviet defector. Inasmuch as his identity has now been disclosed publicly, information emanating from [redacted] may henceforth be credited to him by name.

If prepared, index cards concerning the above-mentioned individuals should be amended accordingly.

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Re: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
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The following additional source is set forth
for your information and use: J

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: April 30, 1959

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

The Bureau's attention is called to New Haven letters to the Bureau dated 5-29-58, and 2-2-59, advising that BENTLEY had appeared at the New Haven Office and stated that she had decided to put a complete stop to further interviews with government agencies, including the FBI, because of the highly nervous and tense emotional state she was experiencing.

By letter dated 2-25-59, the Bureau instructed that future contacts with BENTLEY be limited to matters which could be associated with the Gregory case, and that Bureau authority be obtained prior to any interviews on such matters.

Recently this Office received leads to exhibit photographs to BENTLEY in two cases: "NATHAN KAPLAN, AKA, ESPIONAGE (R)", Bufile 100-305909, and "SOVROB - ESPIONAGE (R)", Bufile 105-69253.

A review of the leads in these cases reflected that they were pertinent to the period of time that BENTLEY was involved in the GREGORY case operation, and that it was possible that BENTLEY may have been in a position to have some knowledge of the subjects.

It was discreetly ascertained that BENTLEY is now teaching English and French at Mt. Saint Joseph's Academy, West Hartford, Conn., and that she was rooming in a private residence at 255 Vine Street, Hartford, Conn.

Inasmuch as no contact had been had with BENTLEY since her appearance at the New Haven Office in May, 1958, it was felt that a preliminary contact should be had with her to determine her attitude with respect to resuming substantive interviews with her.

On April 27, 1959, BENTLEY was telephonically contacted at her residence. BENTLEY at first made statements of friendly personal regard with the contacting Agent, but when the matter of arranging an appointment was raised, BENTLEY immediately became evasive and stated that she had furnished all the information she had to the FBI, and anything that she may not have she would not be able to recall because of the passage of time; further,

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that she was too busy and had no time available to see Bureau Agents about old matters which she felt she had given the FBI when it was fresh in her mind and which she now wanted to forget.

It was pointed out to BENTLEY that the matters involved were of vital importance, that it was possible that she might be of great assistance, and that it was desired that she examine some photographs which would consume but very little of her time. BENTLEY reiterated that she was too busy, that she did not have the time for such an appointment, and that in any case she did not wish to go back into her past, that it was most important that she no longer make any attempt to review her past as she wanted to forget it and attempt to make a new life. She then stated that there was no change in the position that she had previously expressed on the occasion of her last visit to the New Haven Office. In expressing the above, Miss BENTLEY became very nervous, emotional and non-responsive. It was apparent that she is still experiencing the highly nervous and emotional state noted in May, 1958.

This is being furnished to the Bureau for its information in order that the Bureau may be aware of BENTLEY's continued non-cooperative attitude.

1 - Belmont
1 - Cogan
1 - Hall

SAC, New Haven (134-40)

May 18, 1959

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ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

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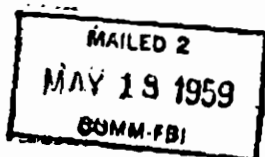
You noted that Bentley's attitude has not changed
since the previous contact with her and that she still
appears to be in a highly nervous and emotional state in
connection with references to her past activities.

In view of the above, you should not contact
Bentley for any information without prior Bureau authority.
You should arrange, however, to keep informed of her
current address and employment so that the Bureau will be
in a position to know where Bentley can be reached in the
event a situation arises which might require contacting
her.

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NOTE: Cover memo Branigan to Belmont, 5/14/59, WAA:reda.



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Belmont

1 - Belmont
1 - Branigan
1 - Aull

DATE: May 14, 1959

FROM : Mr. Branigan

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

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By memorandum dated February 19, 1959, you were advised that the Bureau had instructed New Haven to withhold contacts with Elizabeth Bentley in June, 1958, and that a re-evaluation of situation insofar as Bentley was concerned would be made. It was recommended as a result of the re-evaluation that Bentley be contacted only in matters that could be directly associated with her past activities insofar as Soviet espionage was concerned and that such contacts were to be made only after prior Bureau approval. You will recall that this situation arose as a result of Bentley's request that she not be contacted concerning her past because of the highly nervous and emotional state that she was experiencing.

On April 27, 1959, Bentley was telephonically contacted by the New Haven Office at her residence as a preliminary move to determine whether her attitude toward interviews had changed. Bentley appeared friendly but when the matter of arranging appointments with her was raised, she became evasive and stated she had furnished all information she had to the FBI and that anything that she may not have furnished would be beyond recall at this point because of the passage of time; that she was too busy and that she had no time to see agents about matters which she now wanted to forget.

New Haven pointed out to Miss Bentley that the matters involved were of vital importance; that it was possible that she might be of great assistance and that it was a matter of merely examining some photographs which would consume very little of her time. She reiterated she was too busy and that she did not wish to go back into her past; that it was most important that she no longer make any attempt to review her past as she wanted to forget it and start a new life. She stated that there had been no change in her views along this line since her past visit to the New Haven Office in May, 1958.

New Haven noted that it appeared that Bentley was nervous and emotional and that she was still experiencing the difficulties noted in May, 1958.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: Elizabeth Terrill Bentley
134-435

RECOMMENDATION:

Bentley has, in the past, furnished voluminous information to the Bureau and has been fully cooperative. Since it appears that she is attempting to establish a new life for herself and, therefore, desires to forget the past, it is felt that we should go along with Bentley's wishes and refrain from contacting her unless there is a matter of great necessity involved. It is, therefore, recommended that attached letter be forwarded to the New Haven Office pointing out that Bentley should not be contacted without prior Bureau authorization and that the New Haven Office should, through available sources, keep informed of Bentley's address and employment so that she can be reached without delay on an occasion of necessity.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. M. Belmont

DATE: August 13, 1959

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Aull

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

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W.C. Sullivan

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Miss Bentley has written a letter dated 8-10-59 to the Director stating she is "in search of a position and in the teaching profession particularly it is most important that one's bona fides be established." She inquires whether it would be possible for the Director to give her a letter "which would for once and all allay doubts in the minds of school superintendents and principals and in the minds of the general public as well" concerning her loyalty. She points out that her obtaining a position is a crucial problem for her at the present time.

Bentley, a former Soviet espionage courier involved in the Silvermaster espionage ring, has in the past furnished voluminous valuable information and has been fully cooperative. For sometime Miss Bentley has exhibited a highly nervous and emotional state and has requested she not be contacted further concerning her past. It appears she is attempting to establish a new life for herself. She has stated that it is most important to her that she no longer attempt to review her past since, to her knowledge, she has previously furnished all information of value in this regard. It is possible that her highly emotional state may be due to a stage in life through which she is passing. As a consequence, the field has been instructed that she not be contacted without Bureau authorization and that they keep informed concerning her whereabouts so she can be reached without delay in event of necessity.

OBSERVATION:

It should be noted that it was Miss Bentley's revelations which caused investigations to be initiated of members of the Silvermaster espionage ring. Her revelations resulted in the development of an awareness on the part of the American public as to the extent of Soviet espionage operations and activities in Government circles in the U.S. It must, therefore, be recognized that information she furnished to the Bureau and testimony she has given in public and private before juries, courts and Congressional committees has constituted a valuable contribution to the security of the U.S.

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In the event of prosecution of the Silvermaster group, which appears remote at this time, she would be a key witness. 23 AUG 18 1959

Insofar as Bentley's request is concerned, the Director testified before a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary 11-17-53 as follows: "All information furnished by Miss Bentley, which

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
134-435

was susceptible to check, has proven to be correct. She had been subjected to the most searching of cross-examinations; her testimony has been evaluated by juries and reviewed by the courts and has been found to be accurate."

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of Miss Bentley's past cooperation with the Bureau and her potential as a witness and inasmuch as the Director has testified publicly, as indicated above, concerning her, it is recommended that the attached letter be forwarded in answer to her request. This letter advises that her cooperation with the Bureau is a matter of public record, as shown by the statement made by the Director before the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, referred to above.

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255 Vine Street
Hartford, Connecticut
August 10, 1968

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have not had the pleasure of making your acquaintance, but I have heard a great deal about you during the days when, as a civilian, I was working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is for this reason that I am turning to you now.

Lately it has come to my attention that there are still some unenlightened people who still believe that I am not a loyal American. This is a great handicap, especially since I am at present in search of a position, and in the teaching profession particularly it is most important that one's bona fides be established. Would it therefore be possible for you to give me a letter which would for once and all allay doubts in the minds of school superintendents and principals and in the minds of the general public as well?

I do hate to bother you when I know that you are very busy, but this is a rather crucial problem for me at the present time.

Thank you for anything that you may be able to do for me.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth T. Bentley

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1 Mr. Belmont
1 Mr. Branigan
1 Mr. Aull

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134-435-229

August 13, 1959

Miss Elizabeth Terrill Bentley
255 Vine Street
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Miss Bentley:

I have received your letter of August 10, 1959, requesting a letter from me to allay doubts as to your loyalty.

Your cooperation with this Bureau is a matter of public record. You will recall that I made the following statement November 17, 1953, before the Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary:

"All information furnished by Miss Bentley, which was susceptible to check, has proven to be correct. She had been subjected to the most searching cross-examinations; her testimony has been evaluated by juries and reviewed by the courts and has been found to be accurate."

I trust this will answer your request.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: SEE memo Branigan to Belmont dated 8-13-59 captioned "Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, Confidential Source."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: September 25, 1959

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
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Rebulet to New Haven dated 5-18-59.

On 9-24-59, Miss ELSIE GLEASON, Secretary to the Superintendent, Long Lane School, Middletown, Conn., advised that Miss BENTLEY is currently employed at the school as an English teacher, and resides on the grounds of the school.

The Long Lane School is a penal institution for young girls, operated by the State of Connecticut. Miss GLEASON advised that in this capacity Miss BENTLEY is an employee of the State of Connecticut.

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Elizabeth Bentley, in a letter to the Director, dated August 10, 1959, requested a letter from the Director that would allay any doubts as to her loyalty. By letter dated August 13, 1959, Miss Bentley's letter was acknowledged and the comments of the Director before the Senate Committee on the Judiciary in November 1958, were quoted. Note that Miss Bentley is now employed as an English teacher by the state of Connecticut.

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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Long Lane School
Middletown, Conn. ✓
November 11, 1959

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover -

I should like to thank you very much for your letter of August 13, in which you allayed doubts as to my loyalty to this country. It was most kind of you to rescue me.

With your great interest in juvenile delinquency, you might be interested to know that this year I am working in that field. I am teaching English in a secondary school run by the State of Connecticut for teen-age delinquents (girls). It is, I believe, one of the few state institutions modelled some what after the pattern of Boys Town in Nebraska; we have no bars, no wardens and we attempt to rehabilitate the young through kindly and understanding discipline. I am very much interested in the experiment, because I have come to believe that the best way to defeat Communism is to build up good citizens in the coming generation. If we can salvage even a few of these outcasts from society, we have, I think, helped to contribute to a better America.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth T. Bentley

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Long Lane School

Miss Letitia Cook

November 11, 1859

Mr. John Edgar Hoover

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover -
I should like to thank you
very much for your letter of August
13, in which you allayed
doubt as to my loyalty to the
cause. It was most kind of
you to secure me
with your great interest in
justice & delinquency. You might
be interested to know that I am
teaching English in that
country school near the station
of Connecticut for deaf-
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Thank you again for your
thoughtful news.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth T. Bentley
Elizabeth T. Bentley

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Belmont
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Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Evans
Mr. Malone
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.S.
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

Long Lane School
Middletown, Connecticut
May 31, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You have been kind enough to take an interest in what I'm doing and have asked that I keep you informed, so I am taking the liberty of writing you now.

Last fall, after obtaining my Master's degree in Education from Trinity College, Hartford, I returned to teach high school English here at Long Lane. It has been a very strenuous -- but very rewarding -- year. In addition to my quite heavy teaching schedule, I trained a practice teacher and put out the school publication, THE TOWER.

I intend to return to Long Lane School again next fall. Although at the present time things are not quite as they were previously, I still feel that we have a good group of girls who present a challenge to any good teacher.

Thank you for your interest and your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth T. Bentley
Elizabeth T. Bentley

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- Mr. Aull

November 19, 1959

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Miss Elizabeth TerFild/Bentley
Long Lane School
Middletown, Connecticut

Dear Miss Bentley:

I have received your letter of
November 11, 1959, advising me of your present
employment.

I am glad to hear that you have been
successful in obtaining a teaching position in
which you have, in the past, expressed an interest,
and I hope that you will continue to keep me advised
of your progress.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: This letter is an acknowledgment of a letter from
Elizabeth Bentley dated 11-11-59 in which Miss Bentley
expressed her thanks to the Director for a previous letter
to her dated 8-13-59. The 8-13-59 letter was prepared
after a request of Miss Bentley to the Director for a letter
that would allay any doubts as to her loyalty. She has
apparently been successful in obtaining employment in a
secondary school operated by the State of Connecticut. It is
believed that we should express an interest in the continued
progress of Miss Bentley inasmuch as her services may still
be needed at some future date as a witness against members of the
Silvermaster espionage group. We have been withholding contact
with Elizabeth Bentley during the past year inasmuch as she
indicated a desire to forget the past and try to establish
herself in the teaching profession.

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Mr. A. Rosen

February 12, 1960

C. H. Stanley

GEORGE N. PERAZICH

Applicant

Pan American Union

LOYALTY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS

Investigation of George N. Perazich is being initiated under Executive Order 10422 (United Nations loyalty order). Perazich was among persons named by Elizabeth Bentley as a Communist Party (CP) member and as having engaged in Soviet Espionage in 1940's when employed with Yugoslav Section, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA). In 1948-53 Perazich was employed by Yugoslav Commerical Attache, Washington, D. C., and since then has continued contacts with Yugoslav diplomatic officials. According to New York 559-8, he was CP member in Philadelphia 1936-37. Perazich has been interviewed on number of occasions and denied CP membership and Bentley's allegations. He has admitted close association with number of others named by Bentley and admitted membership in Young Communist League in late 1920's in California. He was born 4/20/05 in Yugoslavia and is a naturalized United States citizen. (65-56402; 100-356557)

Elizabeth Bentley is now a teacher at a correction school for girls, Middletown, Connecticut. For some time she has exhibited highly nervous and emotional state and has requested she not be contacted further concerning her past as she has furnished all information she can. Because of this, New Haven Office was instructed 5/18/59 not to recontact Bentley without prior Bureau authority. (134-435)

1 - Mr. Parsons

1 - Mr. Belmont

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Memorandum to Mr. A. Rosen
RE: GEORGE N. PERAZICH

Ordinarily, in loyalty cases, we recontact persons who have furnished derogatory information on person under investigation. It is felt, however, in view of Bentley's request and emotional condition we should not reinterview her in this case. If you agree, information which she has furnished in the past will be attributed to her in reports of this investigation and no comment will be made as to her availability for testimony before a loyalty board. If her testimony becomes necessary, a decision may be made by her at that time as to her willingness to testify.

RECOMMENDATION:

That in light of Elizabeth Bentley's request and emotional condition, we do not interview her in connection with this investigation.

SAC, New York (65-17756)

1 -Turner

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1 -FL Jones May 12, 1960

Director, FBI (65-65643)

ROSE WINIFRED WIDENER
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter 4-27-60 which recommended that Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers be interviewed in this matter.

For the information of Baltimore and New Haven, the New York letter pointed out that appropriate material would be forwarded if the Bureau approves these interviews.

The Bufile regarding Chambers indicates that he is available for interview concerning espionage and related matters of importance and concerning which he can be reasonably expected to have pertinent knowledge. Interview of Chambers is therefore authorized and should be handled by Baltimore upon receipt of appropriate data from New York.

The Bufile pertaining to Elizabeth Terrill Bentley indicates that pursuant to New Haven letter 4-30-59 the Bureau on 5-18-59 instructed New Haven not to contact Bentley without Bureau authority because of Bentley's nervous condition and her reluctance to talk to Bureau agents. However, on 8-10-59 Bentley forwarded a letter to the Bureau indicating that she, while attempting to find employment in the teaching profession, was having some difficulty in establishing her bona fides. She asked if it would be possible for the Bureau to give her a letter which would allay doubts in the minds of school officials and the general public. In response to her letter, the Bureau advised as follows:

"I have received your letter of August 10, 1959, requesting a letter from me to allay doubts as to your loyalty.

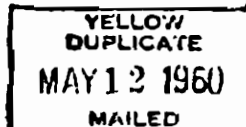
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Letter to SAC, New York
Re: ROSE WINIFRED WIDENER
65-65643

"Your cooperation with this Bureau is a matter of public record. You will recall that I made the following statement November 17, 1953, before the Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary:

"All information furnished by Miss Bentley, which was susceptible to check, has proven to be correct. She had been subjected to the most searching cross-examinations; her testimony has been evaluated by juries and reviewed by the courts and has been found to be accurate."

"I trust this will answer your request."

By letter dated 11-11-59 Bentley expressed appreciation for the Bureau's letter and indicated that she was teaching English in a secondary school run by the State of Connecticut for teen-age delinquent girls. In response thereto, the Bureau directed a letter to her as follows:

"I have received your letter of November 11, 1959, advising me of your present employment.

"I am glad to hear that you have been successful in obtaining a teaching position in which you have, in the past, expressed an interest, and I hope that you will continue to keep me advised of your progress."

In view of the recent exchange of correspondence between the Bureau and Bentley, New Haven is authorized to interview her in this matter at such time as the appropriate data is received from the New York Office.

NOTE: Subject during 1930s was an associate of Joseph Echart known Soviet agent. She has denied knowledge of his espionage activities. Interviews with Bentley and Chambers are desirable because both previously furnished information regarding Echart. They may have information regarding this subject.

12-6-60

Airtel

To: SAC, New Haven
2 - New York (100-112420)

From: Director, FBI (105-76231)

DAVID SAUL SALETAN
IS - R

Re New York airtel 11-30-60.

Authority granted to contact Bentley and exhibit
to her photographs of subject for possible identification
as "Charlie."

- (1) - 134-435 (Bentley)
1 - 65-57904 (Unsub, Charlie)

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NOTE: Subject has been under Bureau investigation based on association with Willie Hirsch recently indicted and arrested on espionage charges and because of previous CP activity. New York Office believes that subject's background and description render him possibly identical with unsub Charlie. Elizabeth Bentley previously advised that following the arrest of Gaik Ovakimian in 1941 Jacob Golos, her Soviet superior, started turning over material to a contact named "Charlie." Extensive investigation has been conducted to identify Charlie with negative results.

In May, 1959, New Haven was instructed not to contact Elizabeth Bentley without Bureau authority because of her nervous condition and reluctance to talk to Bureau agents. Subsequently, in 1959, however, there was a cordial exchange of correspondence between the Bureau and Bentley and in May, 1960, New Haven was authorized to interview her concerning a subject of a Bureau investigation. She was interviewed and was very cooperative at that time. It is believed instant contact is warranted since she is the original source of the information and may be able to furnish information of value.

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Director, FBI (65-57905)

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Bureau authority is granted for the New Haven Office to contact Elizabeth Bentley for the purpose outlined in referenced New York letter. It is noted that Elizabeth Bentley has previously requested that contacts with her be limited, inasmuch as she is attempting to establish herself in a teaching position and has expressed a desire to forget her past espionage involvement. However, since this matter is one which can be resolved only by Elizabeth Bentley, Bureau feels that this contact is justified and warranted. The New Haven Office may desire to point out this fact to Miss Bentley when she is contacted so that she clearly understands that we are not attempting to utilize her on a routine basis.

In the event the New Haven Office knows of any reason why Elizabeth Bentley should not be contacted at this time, New Haven should submit those reasons to the Bureau and the New York Office with any pertinent observations.

After the results of the contact with Elizabeth Bentley have been obtained, the observations of the New York Office should be submitted as to whether an interview with Eleanor Fowler is considered desirable.

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Letter to SAC, New York

RE: [REDACTED] (TS)
UNKNOWN SUBJECT; aka Catherine
65-57905

NOTE:

This investigation involves an effort to identify two unknown individuals who temporarily served as the Soviet superiors of Elizabeth Bentley after the death of Jacob Golos in November, 1943. Although Elizabeth Bentley has indicated that she did not desire to carry on regular contact with Bureau Agents due to the length of time that has transpired since her involvement with the Soviets, she has been periodically contacted and has been cooperative. We have limited our contacts with her to those instances where she was the only logical source of information. In this instance she is the only source of information and the only individual who can identify the unknown subjects in this case. It is, therefore, felt that the contact is justified. It should be noted that in June, 1961, a letter from Elizabeth Bentley was acknowledged over the Director's signature expressing an interest in her progress in obtaining a Masters Degree and in establishing herself in a teaching position.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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(65-57905)

7/11/60

SAC, NEW HAVEN (65-1850)

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UNSUB; aka Catherine
(GREGORY [REDACTED]) TS
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Re Bureau letter to New York, dated 5/13/60, in which the Bureau instructed that New Haven advise of BENTLEY's reaction on the occasion of the contact with her in connection with the ROSA WIDENER case so that a determination might be made whether BENTLEY might be interviewed concerning FREDERICKA MARTIN.

The attention of the Bureau and New York Office is directed to New Haven letter to the Bureau dated 7/11/60, in the WIDENER case (65-83643), as well as in the case entitled, "ROBIN MC KOWN, aka. IS-R", (Bufile 105-85869).

For the information of the Bureau, when contacted on 7/1/60, ELIZABETH BENTLEY displayed a friendly and cooperative attitude toward the interviewing agents. BENTLEY stated that it was still her desire to forget her past life and to avoid all requests to delve into her past life and stated that she particularly desired to avoid any public appearances or occasions to give testimony publicly.

BENTLEY appeared willing to discuss the matters mentioned in the WIDENER and MC KOWN cases since they were presented to her as being of the utmost importance. BENTLEY, on this occasion, also seemed to be favorably impressed with the fact that she had received a very friendly and sympathetic letter from the Director and expressed praise for the Director.

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Upon the termination of the interviews concerning the WIDENER and MC KOWN cases, BENTLEY was advised that while the Bureau appreciated her desire to forget her past life, that there was still another matter which was of great importance and about which the Bureau desired to interview her. BENTLEY appeared to be agreeable to another interview. J

In the course of the interviews on 7/1/60, BENTLEY mentioned that she is now successfully embarked on her career as a teacher, had obtained a teacher's certificate in Conn., and in June 1960, had obtained a Master of Arts degree at Trinity College, about which she seemed to be very pleased, but that it was necessary for her to obtain summer employment. She stated that she had heard that the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp., manufacturers of atomic power submarines at Groton, Conn., was hiring people for summer employment. BENTLEY inquired whether such persons would have to be "cleared" by the FBI and she was advised that such clearance was within the province of the Naval authorities, but that it was customary for these authorities to obtain pertinent information on employees from other government agencies, including the FBI. J

The above is being noted because it appeared to the interviewing agents that this situation may have been a factor in BENTLEY's cooperative attitude toward the interviewing agents. J

While the New Haven Office recommends that BENTLEY be interviewed in instant case, it suggests that future requests to interview BENTLEY should be made on a highly selected basis and only in cases of unquestioned importance where it is clear that BENTLEY has knowledge of the subject or subject matter involved. J

In the event the Bureau authorizes this interview, the New York Office should furnish New Haven with photographs of FREDERICKA MARTIN and pertinent information concerning her background for such interview. J

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1 - Mr. Aull

SAC, New Haven (65-1550)

7-22-60

Director, FBI (65-57905)

(b)(1) [REDACTED] (TS)

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ESPIONAGE - R

Re New Haven letter 7-11-60 captioned as above. Reference is also made to New York letter 4-29-60 and to New Haven report 5-6-60 concerning the unknown subjects in this case. U

It is noted that on 7-1-60 when Elizabeth Bentley was interviewed by Agents of the New Haven Office, Bentley appeared to be agreeable to further interview and that the basis for her decision was apparently the fact that the matters discussed with her were matters of the utmost importance. U

In connection with the present investigation, the New Haven Office, in a report dated 5-6-60, indicated that Bentley would be interviewed concerning Fredericka Martin who is presently considered a likely suspect for unknown subject Catherine. This interview was to be conducted in the event an approach to Bentley was approved by the Bureau. U

It is recognized that Elizabeth Bentley is the only source presently available who can identify a photo of one of the unknown subjects in this investigation, namely unknown subject Catherine. In reviewing the information developed concerning Fredericka Martin the following points have been noted at the Bureau concerning Fredericka Martin which tend to eliminate her as unknown subject Catherine: No information has been U

2 - New York (65-14737)

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Letter to New Haven

RE: [REDACTED] (S)(b)(1)
UNSUB; aka. Catherine
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developed indicating that Martin was pregnant during 1943-44. Also, certain personal characteristics, including facial features, manner of hair dress and manner of speech, are apparently lacking insofar as Martin is concerned in comparison to the known characteristics of the unknown subject in this case. U

The report of SA Frank B. Mattis dated 5-6-60 at New Haven which sets forth an interview with Dr. Lewis Fox concerning Fredericka Martin contains information to the effect that the artists sketch of unknown Catherine was displayed to Dr. Fox and that he advised that the sketch of unknown subject Catherine did not resemble Fredericka Martin. It is noted that Dr. Fox apparently knew Fredericka Martin some 20 years ago. U

In view of the above, the Bureau feels that there is insufficient basis for approaching Bentley for the sole purpose of showing a photo to Bentley of Fredericka Martin. The Bureau feels that the New York Office should furnish New Haven with photos of Fredericka Martin so that they will be available in the New Haven Office. In the event another occasion arises where a matter of utmost importance requires contacting Bentley, that occasion should be utilized to determine whether Bentley can identify a photo of Fredericka Martin or any other suspect that may be developed for unknown subject Catherine. It is recognized that the only definite manner in which Martin can be eliminated is through an interview with Bentley. However, it does not appear at this time that the characteristics of Martin are such as might make her a strong suspect for the unknown subject in this case. O

The New York Office should continue to review the present investigation for the purpose of developing other logical suspects. U

Letter to New Haven

RE:

UNSUB; aka. Catherine
65-57905

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With respect to further contacts with Elizabeth Bentley, the New Haven Office should be guided by the policy previously set forth, namely that Bentley shall not be contacted except in matters of the utmost importance to the Bureau and that contacts with her shall be made only after Bureau authority is obtained. New Haven should continue to keep abreast of developments insofar as Bentley's progress is concerned and keep the Bureau informed of her attitude, insofar as cooperation with the Bureau is concerned. J

NOTE: Martin is subject of separate security investigation and has been considered as a possible suspect for unsubject Catherine and considerable investigation has been conducted in this case in effort identify Martin as unsub. On basis of info developed it does not appear at this time Martin likely suspect for unsub Catherine. Unsub for short period of time was one of espionage supervisors of Bentley and as it now stands, Bentley is logical source to ident good suspect in this case. We have withheld regular contact with Bentley in line with her expressed desire to forget her past and attempt to rehabilitate herself. J

She was interviewed 7-1-60 for first time in approximately one year. At that time she displayed a friendly and cooperative attitude but indicated that it was still her desire to avoid all requests to delve into her past life as much as possible and to avoid public testimony or public appearances of any kind. She did discuss two cases with interviewing Agents which cases were presented to her as being matters of utmost importance to DU. Bentley was favorably impressed by fact she had received friendly and sympathetic let from Director in regard to her efforts to establish herself as a teacher. J

Letter to New Haven ~~TOP SECRET~~
RE: [REDACTED] X (b)(1)

UNSUB; aka. Catherine
65-57905.

Since Bentley is still apparently willing to cooperate on matters of utmost urgency, it is not felt that we should jeopardize her attitude and possible cooperation by any approach where there is doubt in our own minds as to the identity of the unsub as the case is here. ✓

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June 7, 1961

Miss Elizabeth Terrill Bentley
Long Lane School
Middletown, Connecticut

Dear Miss Bentley:

I have your letter of May 31, 1961, advising me of your progress in the field of education.

I am glad to hear that you have been successful in obtaining your Master's degree and I hope that you will continue to keep me advised of your progress.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: This letter is an acknowledgment of a letter from Elizabeth Bentley dated 5/31/61 in which she advised the Director that she had obtained a Master's degree in education from Trinity College of Hartford, Connecticut, and that she will return to Long Lane School, Middletown, Connecticut, next fall. We have previously acknowledged letters of this type from Miss Bentley to the Director. On 8/13/59 a letter was prepared at request of Miss Bentley which would allay any doubts as to her loyalty. As a result, she was successful in obtaining employment at Long Lane School which is a secondary school operated by the State of Connecticut. It is believed we should express an

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Miss Elizabeth Terrill Bentley

interest in the continued progress of Miss Bentley inasmuch as her services may still be needed at some futher date as a witness particularly involving members of the Silvermaster espionage group. We have withheld regular contact with Miss Bentley for the past year inasmuch as she indicated a desire to forget the past and try to establish herself in a teaching position.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Long Lane School
Middletown, Conn.
September 18, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover -

Thank you for your kind letter of
June 7, 1961.

Since that time I have successfully completed
three years of teaching in the public schools of
Connecticut and have received my standard teaching
certificate. I intend to stay on at Long Lane School
because I believe that, especially in such troubled
times as these, such girls need all the help they
can get.

Thank you again for your kind interest.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Bentley

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Long View School
Middleboro, Mass.
Sept 18, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover -

Thank you for your letter
dated June 7, 1961

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : W. A. Branigan

DATE: 11/23/62

FROM :

W. A. Quill *W.A.*

SUBJECT:

*Elizabeth Bentley
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E. M. Gregg
Room 611 RB

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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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12-3-63

Bentley is the former Soviet courier who was our informant in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case.

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ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE.

REBULET TO NEW HAVEN, MAY 18, 1959.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND NEW YORK. ELIZABETH BENTLEY
 DIED AT NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL ON THIS DATE AFTER AN OPERATION
 PERFORMED ON PREVIOUS DAY TO REMOVE AN ABDOMINAL TUMOR.
 THE FUNERAL IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY AFTERNOON NEXT FROM
 ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME IN MIDDLETOWN, CONNETICUT.

OF INTEREST TO BUREAU, DURING LAST TWO WEEKS OF TERMINAL
 ILLNESS, BENTLEY, WHO HAD NO CLOSE FAMILY RELATIONS, KEPT
 NEW HAVEN OFFICE FULLY INFORMED OF HER ILLNESS AND DEMONSTRATED
 WARM REGARD AND AFFECTION TOWARD BUREAU TO THE END.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

DATE: 12-3-63

FROM : MR. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
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The above individual is the former Soviet courier who was our informant in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case.

ASAC Schmit, New York, telephonically advised at 1 p.m., today, that he had just received a call from Nelson Frank, free-lance writer and former reporter for the New York "World Telegram". Frank advised him that he heard from the Associated Press that Elizabeth Bentley died this morning at Grace New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut. She entered the hospital 11-18-63 and underwent surgery 12-2-63.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
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Date: 12/6/63

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)
AND SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Re New Haven Radiogram 12/3/63, advising that ELIZABETH BENTLEY had died in New Haven on that date.

In the above connection it is noted that the national wire services carried news of BENTLEY's death and of her background.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and San Francisco is an autostat copy of the letter received in the NHO on this date from MARILYN UNGERSMA of 187 Golden Hind Passage, Corte Madera, California, which is self-explanatory.

Indices of the NHO contain no reference to this person.

UACB, New Haven by 12/11/63 will reply to UNGERSMA's request that this office is unable to furnish any information concerning the matter about which she inquired and suggest that the writer may desire to communicate with the administrator of the estate.

Copy of this Airtel is being forwarded to the San Francisco Office for its information and in the event its files reflect any pertinent information of interest to the Bureau and New Haven, same should be forwarded.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Per _____

Marilyn Ungersma
187 Golden Hind Passage
Corte Madera, California
December 4th 1963

Offices
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New Haven, Connecticut

Sirs:

I am a writer doing research on American history during the period of the 1930's. Although much has been written on this era of our history, my prime interest is in first hand sources, personal accounts, and diaries, etc. of persons who were actively engaged in making American history. Hence, my interest is in the personal effects of Miss Elizabeth Bentley.

Upon reading her obituary in last evening's paper, I decided to contact you, inasmuch as Miss Bentley came to your offices to repent of her deeds in the name of communism and world revolution.

My question therefore, is a simple one. Did Miss Bentley leave any writings, diaries or important personal papers which might help to shed light on the violence of the '30's? If so, I would be extremely interested in seeing these papers. What I have in mind is a short biography and if she left a substantial diary I would like to help edit it so that it would be rendered fit for public consumption and greater understanding of a most complex period in American history.

If you can help me in any way, I would be most appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

Marilyn Ungersma
Marilyn Ungersma

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Belmont
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To: New Haven (134-40)

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ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Re: Airtel 12/6/63.

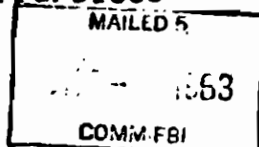
New Haven handle inquiry from Marilyn Ungersma in line with suggestion in referenced airtel. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning Marilyn Ungersma.

In addition, New Haven should arrange with administrator of Bentley estate to be advised of any items among her personal effects that may relate to her relationship with the Bureau or her previous activities and connections with Soviet intelligence. Make certain any data of this type is called to your attention prior to its release to any outside sources.

San Francisco furnish promptly identifying background on Marilyn Ungersma together with any information in San Francisco files relating to her.

2 - San Francisco

NOTE:



New Haven has received a letter from Marilyn Ungersma, Corte Madera, California, stating that she is a writer doing research on American history. She has requested access to any writings, diaries or personal papers that might shed light on the activities of Elizabeth Bentley. New Haven has proposed to advise Marilyn Ungersma, UACB by 12/11/63 that her inquiries should be directed to the administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Bentley.

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Airtel to New Haven
RE: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
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who died during the past week.

Since Elizabeth Bentley served as a confidential informant and a confidential source of the Bureau over a long period of time, it is believed New Haven should arrange with the administrator of her estate to be advised of any data that might be of interest to the Bureau so that we will be aware not only of the existence of such material but also of the possibility that the material may be made public.

FBI

Date: 12/11/63

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Via AIRTELAIR MAIL - REGISTERED

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)
SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-25460) - RUC

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Re New Haven airtel 12/6/63 and Buairtel 12/9/63.

The records of the Marin County, California, Sheriff's Office reflect that MARILYN UNGERSMA, 187 Golden Hind Passage, Corte Madera, California, on 11/16/63, was reported to the Sheriff's Office as a mental patient at the Ross General Hospital, Ross, California. On this date the Sheriff's Office was requested to help locate this individual who had wandered away from the hospital. Sheriff's Office records reflect that this individual was located and returned to the hospital.

A check of the Ross General Hospital reflects that UNGERSMA was released on 12/10/63.

Records of the Marin County Credit Bureau contain no information concerning this individual.

San Francisco indices contain no information concerning this individual.

No further action is being taken by the San Francisco Office.

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January 14, 1974

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

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January 25, 1974

Mr. Ray Jones
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Dear Mr. Jones:

Your letter of January 14th has been received.

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Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

January 21, 1974

Mr. James C. Farrington
External Affairs Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Farrington:

In November, I had read a New York Times story reporting that the Attorney General had agreed to permit interested scholars to secure access to the FBI's investigative files. Being an historian specializing in post-World War II politics and internal security matters, I greeted that news with keen interest. My major research interest centers on the important internal security cases and congressional investigations of the Truman years. Noting, however, that researchers must pay for the cost of FBI personnel reviewing the files and that the cost for the Rosenbergs file was estimated as being \$5,000 and the Hiss file as being \$12,895, I thought it appropriate first to ascertain the approximate cost of files I would be interested in researching and, if possible, the foot length of these files.

The files that I would be interested in beyond the Hiss and Rosenbergs files include: the Amerasia case, Elizabeth Bentley, Louis Budenz, Whittaker Chambers, the Communist Eleven who went to trial in the Dennis case, Judith Coplon; and any files you have dealing with your correspondence, interviews, and responses to requests from the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Senator Joseph R. McCarthy.

If you could, given me a cost breakdown for each of these requests. If it is not feasible to give me an exact cost breakdown, I would appreciate a rough estimate (as, for example, the total request would run in the range of xthousand to ythousand dollars).

Thank you for your assistance, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Athan Theoharis
Associate Professor
American History

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February 11, 1974

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Mr. Athan Theoharis
Associate Professor
Department of History
Marquette University
1309 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Dear Mr. Theoharis:

Your letter of January 21st to Mr. James C. Farrington, requesting a breakdown of estimated costs for information in our files regarding various subjects, has been brought to my attention.

For your assistance, I am enclosing a copy of Attorney General Order 528-73, which sets forth instituted policies regarding the Freedom of Information Act. Pursuant to Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.9, we are authorized to charge a prescribed rate for furnishing copies of material and for time spent searching and screening our records. Listed below is the estimated cost and deposit for reviewing our files for pertinent information which can be furnished to you concerning the following individuals or groups:

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	Cost	Deposit
Aerasia	\$ 3,400	\$ 750
Elizabeth Bentley	2,280	2,170
Louis Budenz	8,320	2,080
Whittaker Chambers	16,415	4,103
Communist Eleven	56,732	14,177
Eugene Dennis	2,050	512
Judith Coplon	12,380	595
House Committee on Un-American Activities	8,320	2,080
Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee	10,560	2,632
Joseph E. McCarthy	3,501	896

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November 9, 1955

Director, FBI (134-435)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
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It is requested Bentley be interviewed regarding any contacts she may have had with Jay Lovestone. Full details of these contacts and nature of business discussed should be secured. A highly confidential source has advised that Lovestone stated the only "ex" who had always told the truth and had never been crossed up was Elizabeth Bentley. Lovestone claimed Bentley told him the story of her work with Jacob Golos and Earl Browder while in the presence of and under guard of two FBI people. Lovestone reportedly wanted to size Bentley up and determine if she was a phony. Lovestone claimed he asked Bentley questions and told the fellows with her she was telling the truth and not exaggerating. The source of th's information should not be compromised during your interview of Bentley.

This interview should be handled promptly. You should submit an extra copy of your letter covering this interview for inclusion in the Bureau file on Lovestone (61-1292).

For your information Jay Lovestone was the head of the American Communist Party until his expulsion by Joseph Stalin in 1929. He is presently the Executive Secretary of the Free Trade Union Committee of the American Federation of Labor.

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Mr. Athan Theoharis

In order to initiate processing of any of the above subjects, a deposit is required in advance. A check or money order should be made payable to the Treasury of the United States; however, payment of deposit should not be interpreted as a guarantee that you will be furnished all of the material you requested.

If you desire any of these requests processed, please indicate in writing your willingness to pay fees as high as are anticipated and enclose a deposit as indicated in this letter. Thereafter, we shall acknowledge receipt of your deposit and begin the necessary processing, as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles reflect that one Athan Theoharis was active in lobbying efforts against the U. S. policy in Vietnam in 1965 (62-110039-23). A Loyalty of Government Employees investigation in 1954 and 1955 on Adeline Mary Theoharis, possible mother, was instigated on the basis of Mrs. Theoharis' signature having appeared on a 1940 CP nominating committee for CP candidate for Governor, State of Wisconsin. Civil Service Commission advised on 2/7/56, that a favorable determination was made in connection with investigation under Executive Order 10450. The above reply was discussed with a representative of the Intelligence Division.