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UNSUB, CHEMIST, PH, THIRTYEIGHT, HARRY GOLD, INFORMANT, ESP, R. DURING

PAST INTERVIEWS, HARRY GOLD HAS ADVISED THAT ON ONE OCCASION, IN THIRTY-  
EIGHT, HE MET, THRU JACK BRUIN, UNKNOWN MAN, POSSIBLY CHEMIST OR  
ECONOMIST, IN PH. THIS UNKNOWN MAN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN GOING TO  
RUSSIA. PREVIOUS INFO RE THIS UNSUB APPEARS IN NY REPORT SA ROBERT W.  
COHOLAN, JUNE NINETEEN, LAST, CAPTIONED QUOTE JOHN JACK BRUIN, ESP, R,  
UNQUOTE. DURING INTERVIEW CONDUCTED WITH JOHN JACK BRUIN TODAY, BRUIN  
DENIED HE EVER INTRODUCED ANYONE TO GOLD AT ANY TIME. HOWEVER, STATED  
HE KNEW IN THIRTYSIX THRU A NEW THEATRE GROUP, HEAD OF GIMBEL-S TESTING  
LABORATORY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED GOLD ALSO STATED UNKNOWN MAN HE MET WAS  
QUOTE NEAR TOP IN THAT LAB. AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR UNSUB, PH SUGGEST  
LOUIS S. POTSDAMER, CURRENTLY IN CHARGE AT INDUSTRIAL BYPRODUCTS AND  
RESEARCH CORP. IN GIMBEL BLDG. HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED THERE SINCE EARLY  
THIRTIES. THIS AGENCY HANDLES TESTING OF MATERIALS FOR GIMBEL BUREAU  
OF STANDARDS. PH DIRECTORY FOR THIRTYFIVE TO THIRTYSIX REFLECTS LOUIS  
S. POTSDAMER, CHEMICAL ENGINEER IN RESIDENCE AT TWO TWO NAUGHT ONE  
CHESTNUT ST. GOLD WILL BE REINTERVIEWED RE THIS PERSON. PH INDICES

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NEGATIVE RE POTSDAMER. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFO RE POTSDAMER WILL BE DEVELOPED AND REPORT SUBMITTED. BUREAU REQUESTED TO CHECK INDICES FOR ANY INFO RE POTSDAMER. IN EVENT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION DEVELOPS NO DEROGATORY INFO RE POTSDAMER, AUTHORITY WILL BE REQUESTED FOR INTERVIEW. POSSIBILITY EXISTS POTSDAMER, IF IDENTICAL AND COOPERATIVE, WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE IN JOHN JACK BRUIN MATTER IT BEING NOTED THAT UNSUB-S INTEREST WAS PRIMARILY IN GOING TO RUSSIA FOR WORK AND NOT COMMIT ESPIONAGE, ACCORDING TO HARRY GOLD. BUREAU-S ATTENTION DIRECTED TO PH TEL SUBMITTED TODAY, CAPTIONED JOHN JACK BRUIN, WAS., ESPIONAGE, R.

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HOLD PLS ....

SAC, Washington Field

April 18, 1952

Director, FBI (65-60854)

UNSUB, CHEMIST, PHILA., 1936;  
HARRY GOLD - INFORMANT  
ESPIONAGE - R

Enclosed for WFO is one copy of the report of SA Robert W. Cobolan dated June 19, 1951, at New York, entitled John Jack Bruin, was, Espionage - R. This report contains detailed information from Harry Gold concerning a meeting arranged by Bruin with an unknown employee of Gimbel's Testing Laboratory who desired to go to Russia.

During an interview on April 16, 1952, Bruin admitted he met the head of Gimbel's Testing Laboratory in 1936 through the New Theater Group, Philadelphia. The New Theater Players and New Theater League have been cited by the HCUA as Communist fronts. Bruin could not recall the name of this man who was either a chemist or physicist but advised that the individual lived in an apartment house between 20th and 23rd Streets, on Spruce or Walnut Street, Philadelphia. Bruin admitted visiting the apartment of this individual once or twice in 1936 but denied that he had introduced this man to Gold or anyone else.

Philadelphia suggested as a suspect for this unknown chemist one Louis S. Potodamer, a chemical engineer currently in charge at the Industrial By-Products and Research Corporation, Gimbel Building, which handles the testing of materials for Gimbel's Bureau of Standards.

Bufiles contain no identifiable derogatory info concerning Potodamer. They do reflect, however, the receipt of a Request for Loyalty Data on October 31, 1947, from the Department of the Army, Washington, D. C., concerning Louis Samter Potodamer, aka "Penny" and "Potay." This form reflects that Potodamer was born October 16, 1891, at Philadelphia, Pa.; that he has been employed from 1924 to "present" at the Industrial By-Products and Research Corporation, 8th and Market Streets, Philadelphia; and that he has resided from 1930 to "present" at 2201 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. His occupation is given as chemical engineer and his marital status as single. In connection with this latter item, it should be noted that Gold recalled meeting the wife of the individual to whom he was introduced by Bruin. The form listed organizations other than religious or political organizations with which Potodamer was affiliated as follows: American Legion; Textile Institute of England; American Institute of Chemical Engineers; American Society of Testing Materials; American Institute of Chemists; Pennsylvania Association of Chemists; and Franklin Institute.

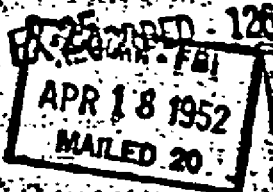
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You are requested to check immediately the records of the Passport Division of the State Department concerning Potodamer for possible information and photograph. It is desired that a photograph be located as quickly as possible for display to Harry Gold. Accordingly, you should furnish copies to Philadelphia in the event you locate a photograph. This should be given your immediate attention.

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UNSUB, CHEMIST, PA <sup>NINETEEN</sup>THIRTYEIGHT, MARRY GOLD, INFORMANT, ESP DASH R, BUFILE  
SIXTYFIVE DASH SIX NAUGHT EIGHT FIVE FOUR. REURTEL SIXTEENTH INSTANT.

ONLY INFO BUFILES RE LOUIS POTSDAMER CONTAINED IN REQUEST FOR LOYALTY DATA  
RECEIVED OCTOBER TWENTYONE, FORTYSEVEN, FROM DEPARTMENT ARMY, WASH., D.C.,  
WHICH REFLECTS LOUIS SAMUEL POTSDAMER, AKA QUOTE FERRY UNQUOTE AND QUOTE  
POTSY UNQUOTE, BORN OCTOBER SIXTEEN, NINETEEN, PHILA., PA., RESIDED NINETEEN  
THIRTY TO QUOTE PRESENT UNQUOTE TWENTYTWO NAUGHT ONE CHESTNUT STREET, AND  
EMPLOYED NINETEEN TWENTYFOUR TO QUOTE PRESENT UNQUOTE, INDUSTRIAL BY DASH  
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OCCUPATION CHEMICAL ENGINEER AND MARITAL STATUS SINGLE. ORGANIZATIONS OTHER  
THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH POTSDAMER AFFILIATED ARE  
AMER LEGION; TEXTILE INSTIT OF ENGLAND; AMERICAN INST CHEMICAL ENGINEERS;  
AMER SOCIETY TESTING MATERIALS; AMER INST CHEMISTS; PA ASSN CHEMISTS; AND  
FRANKLIN INST. PHILA IMMEDIATELY LOCATE PHOTOS OF POTSDAMER FOR DISPLAY TO  
GOLD. ALSO DEVELOP MARITAL STATUS POTSDAMER AS GOLD RECALLS WIFE OF PERSON  
HE MET. REPORT MUST INCLUDE FULL DETAILS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY GOLD RE  
UNKNOWN CHEMIST AND SHOULD BE EXPEDITED. WFO BEING REQUESTED TO CHECK RECORDS  
OF PASSPORT DIV RE POTSDAMER. INFORM BU OF DEVELOPMENTS PROMPTLY.

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UNSUB., CHEMIST, PH, THIRTY EIGHT, HARRY GOLD, INFORMANT, ESP, R.

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SCHENKER AND WIFE, EVE S. SCHENKER. RECHECK RECORDS PASSPORT DIVISION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/26/52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/16, 29; 5/7, 8, 16, 19/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT G. JENSEN (Jag)</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; CHEMIST, PHILADELPHIA 1937, HARRY GOLD INFORMANT</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HARRY GOLD, convicted Soviet espionage agent, advised he met through JACK BRUIN in 1936 or 1937 an unknown man who lived in the area near the 2000 or 2200 block of Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. This man had information on a marvelous new fiber or fabric, in which GOLD might be interested. BRUIN, a former fellow student of GOLD, had knowledge of GOLD's espionage activities. The unknown man was primarily interested in going to the Soviet Union to set up textile industries and head same. GOLD was disappointed in this man. He told STEVE SWARTZ, his Soviet superior, of this contact, and SWARTZ rejected the idea. BRUIN during an interview of 4/16/52, denied any knowledge of GOLD's espionage activities. BRUIN admitted knowing head of Gimbel Testing Laboratory through activities in New Theatre Group in 1936. BRUIN unable to recall name of this man, but said he lived on Spruce or Walnut Streets in Philadelphia. GOLD, on 5/8/52, shown photographs of HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER taken prior to 1937. GOLD states he feels almost certain that this man is identical with one he met. Photograph of SCHENKER's residence, 2313 Walnut Street, in 1936 shown to GOLD. He states somewhat similar. A series of names given to GOLD. He selected EVE and SYLVIA as

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COPIES OF THIS REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>③ Bureau (65-60854)</li> <li>1 New York (Info.)</li> <li>2 WFO</li> <li>3 Philadelphia (65-4718)</li> </ul>		MAY 29 1952	INDEXED-113

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best choice of name for unknown man's wife. He selected BERNARD SCHENKER or HERBERT SCHENKER as name of man he met. HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER born in Philadelphia 11/7/07. Voters registration records reflect SCHENKER's residence as 2313 Walnut Street, Philadelphia in 1936. SCHENKER University of Pennsylvania graduate in 6/27 with Chemistry as major. Employment at Industrial By-Products and Research Corporation from 1927 to 9/27 verified. No substantive disloyal information developed at place of employments. Neighborhood inquiries established no disloyal information. Mrs. EVE SCHENKER, 2050 Pine Street, was a contributor to the Philadelphia Council of American-Soviet Friendship in 1944, and the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been declared as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835. H. S. SCHENKER in correspondence in 1944 with Mr. and Mrs. KARL KRICHEFF. One KARL KRICHEFF, according to reliable informant, was a member of the [REDACTED] ROSE KRICHEFF reported by another reliable informant as [REDACTED] Credit and criminal negative.

DETAILS:

At Philadelphia, Pa.

Previous correspondence in this matter has reflected the title to be "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, CHEMIST, PHILADELPHIA, 1938, HARRY GOLD INFORMANT". However, HARRY GOLD now believes the date of the contact to be 1937 and not 1938.

This investigation was predicated upon information received from HARRY GOLD, a convicted Soviet espionage agent.

I. Unknown subject; Chemist  
Contact of HARRY GOLD

During the period following the arrest of HARRY GOLD on May 23, 1950, he was interviewed on a continual basis for information concerning his past espionage activities. On July 12, 1950, he advised

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that JACK BRUIN asked him to meet an individual in late 1936 or early 1937. BRUIN suggested that GOLD meet this unknown man as GOLD might possibly have an interest in him. GOLD said he accompanied BRUIN to an apartment in the 2000 or near the 2200 block of Walnut Street, Philadelphia. He met this unknown man in an apartment in that area. This man worked for the Gimbel Brothers Department Store, Bureau of Standards, a private firm and testing organization, which set standards for merchandise handled in the Gimbel Brothers Department Store. GOLD said that the reason BRUIN thought he would be interested in this man was that this man had some information on a "marvelous" new fiber or fabric, which GOLD thought might have been nylon. GOLD said that this man wanted to go to the Soviet Union and work there. He also said that he subsequently brought this information to the attention of his Soviet superior, whom he knew as PAUL SMITH, who rejected the idea completely.

On February 2, 1951, HARRY GOLD furnished the following additional information concerning this unknown individuals:

GOLD further advised that he now remembers that he met the unknown man with BRUIN on an icy, snowy day in January or February 1937, around 6:00 or 7:00 pm. GOLD said that BRUIN knew this individual well. He stated that he believes there was a complete misconception as to the reason that he and BRUIN contacted the unknown man, explaining that he, GOLD, thought that the unknown man was going to give him some information for the Soviets, and the unknown man thought that GOLD could put him in touch with someone who would help him to go to Russia. GOLD said that he knew the unknown individual wanted to use his access to the information concerning the "marvelous new fabric" as a wedge to gain access to the Soviet Union. GOLD stated that although he previously stated that he brought this information to the attention of his Soviet superior, whom he knew as PAUL SMITH, he now stated that he recalls that this information was given to his Soviet superior, known to him as STEVE SKARTZ, who rejected the whole idea.

On May 29, 1951, HARRY GOLD identified photographs of buildings located in the area of the 2100 block, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., as the block where the unknown individual resided. GOLD felt certain that the house was not at either end of the block and he thought the unknown individual resided at either 2107, 2109 or 2111 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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In discussing the unknown man, GOLD stated that he was about four or five years older than GOLD himself, and he remembered that he was very kind to his wife, having, during GOLD's presence, asked her if she had found it difficult walking home, questioning her concerning the slippery conditions of the streets. GOLD advised that he recalls that the unknown man told him that the information that he had pertained to a new type of textile fiber which put others in discard and which would be useful for military purposes. He also recalled that his superior, STEVE SWARTZ, after receiving a report from GOLD about this individual, later told GOLD that it was of no interest to "them" and the Soviets were not interested in textiles or taking anyone to the Soviet Union. GOLD stated that he also recalled that the unknown man had a superior attitude, as though he thought the Soviet Union had no chance to get this textile process without him giving it, and GOLD said he thinks this man may have wanted to go to the Soviet Union to set up such a process and possibly to return to the United States with a monetary gain, but GOLD said that at the time this incident actually took place, he, GOLD, thought the man actually wanted to settle in Russia. GOLD further advised that he had the feeling that the unknown man was living beyond his means and would be the type to accept money for the information he furnished. GOLD stated that it is possible that the Soviets contacted him directly after advising GOLD they were not interested. GOLD made the statement that a man sincere enough to go to the Soviet Union, would be apt to do anything for them. GOLD further stated that the unknown man had indicated that he quite important in the laboratory which tested Gimbels merchandise; in fact, that he was quite near the top in that laboratory.

GOLD furnished the following description of the unknown individual:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	About 30 (1938)
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	150 to 155 pounds
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Brown
Nose:	Long and straight
Complexion:	Light
Marital Status:	Married
Children:	None
Profession:	Chemistry or related profession, but may have been an Economist.



Degree.

GOLD was of the opinion that he held at least a Master's

The following is a description of the unknown man's wife:

Age:	Approximately 30 (1938)
Height:	5'6"
Build:	Slender
Occupation:	School teacher (high or junior high)

GOLD has advised that JACK BRUIN was a fellow student at the Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia, from 1934 to 1936. GOLD knew BRUIN as an open advocate of Communism during that period. BRUIN was continually pestering GOLD for donations and contributions to the Communist Party and various fronts during that period. To stop BRUIN's continually pestering him, GOLD told BRUIN he was engaged in industrial espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union in the hope that BRUIN would leave him alone.

On May 7, 1952, HARRY GOLD was re-interviewed at the Federal Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., by the writer.

GOLD says he now recalls that about one-half year after leaving Drexel Institute of Technology in June 1936, BRUIN told him of a man that GOLD would be interested in meeting. GOLD said he now feels sure it was late January or early February 1937, that BRUIN introduced him to this man.

GOLD now recalls that this man had a most superior attitude in talking to him. This man gave GOLD the impression that the problems of the Soviet Union in the field of textiles were completely solved after GOLD would only arrange passage for this man. This unknown man told GOLD he had information on a marvelous new textile or fiber, and wanted to use his information to gain access to the Soviet Union. It was now GOLD's recollection that this man wanted to set up production on a new textile industry in the Soviet Union with himself as the head of this industry.

GOLD said he expected to meet a totally idealistic person, but the man he met was interested solely in promoting himself. This man did not stress aid to the poor unfortunate people in the Soviet Union, but spoke only of benefits to himself. GOLD also stated that this man

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spoke to him as though GOLD knew he was brilliant, and that he appeared annoyed when GOLD did not react to this.

GOLD advised that this meeting lasted approximately 20 minutes to one-half hour. After leaving the apartment of this man, GOLD said he told BRUIN in no uncertain terms that this man was not the type he was interested in as a possible recruit for Soviet espionage. GOLD did, however, relay the information about this person to STEVE SWARTZ, his Soviet superior. SWARTZ rejected the idea of this man going to the Soviet Union completely.

On April 16, 1952, JACK BRUIN, during an interview conducted by SAs JACK WEST and ROBERT M. GRANT, denied ever having introduced anyone to HARRY GOLD or having any knowledge of GOLD's espionage activities. BRUIN did however admit he had met the head of the Gimbel Testing Laboratory in 1936, through a New Theatre Group in Philadelphia. He could not recall the name of this man, who was either a chemist or physicist. BRUIN did say this man lived in an apartment house, between 20th or 23rd on Spruce or Walnut Streets in Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia Directory for the years 1935 and 1936, lists the following:

HERBERT SCHENKER,  
1905 Spruce Street  
Chemist, Industrial By-  
Products and Research Corporation

EVE SCHENKER,  
1905 Spruce Street

HERBERT SCHENKER  
2313 Walnut Street,  
Chemist, Gimbel Building

On May 8, 1952, GOLD was shown photographs of HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER, which were taken prior to 1937. GOLD advised he felt almost certain this was the person he met, but because the meeting was short, he was hesitant to make a positive identification. He said the hairline and the hair in the photographs were exactly as he recalled them to be. The general features were as he recalled this man; however, GOLD said he recalled a large nose, but could not recall a bump on the nose as shown in the photographs.

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It is to be noted that one of the photographs shown GOLD is a profile, showing SCHENKER to have a large Roman type of nose.

Photographs of the apartment building, located at 2313 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, were shown to HARRY GOLD. He advised there were certain existing similarities, but he could not positively say this was the building in which he met this man.

GOLD was unable on May 8, 1952, to remember the name of the man or the name of his wife. Accordingly, GOLD was asked to list a series of woman's names and select that which he thought might be the name of this man's wife. GOLD wrote the following names:

SYLVIA (1)  
ROSE (2)  
ANNA (3)  
FLORENCE (5)  
HELEN (4)

He indicated the choice as to her name by numerical preference. The writer prepared the following list of female names:

LENORE (4)  
MARY (2)  
ETHEL (3)  
EVE (1)  
ELIZABETH (5)  
REBECCA (6)  
RUTH (4)  
SARAH (7)

GOLD selected EVE as possibly being the name of the woman he met in this apartment. He rated RUTH and LENORE as both being his fourth choice for her name.

GOLD was then given a series of male names, which follow:

JOHN (6)  
BERNARD (1)  
ABRAHAM (5)  
WILLIAM (3)  
DAVID (4)  
HERBERT (2)

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He chose BERNARD and HERBERT as his best recollection of this man's name.

A series of last names were then given GOLD:

SPITZER (2)  
GREENBLATT (3)  
WEINROTH (4)  
SCHENKER (1)  
COHEN (6)  
POTSDAM (5)

His numerical choices were indicated as SCHENKER and SPITZER. GOLD said he was sure the man he met would have one of the following combinations of names:

BERNARD SCHENKER  
BERNARD SPITZER  
HERBERT SCHENKER  
HERBERT SPITZER.

GOLD has no knowledge as to the name of the person appearing in the photographs shown him. The possibility that the physical description of the person in the photographs might be at variance with that which he furnished was discussed with him. GOLD said it was possible he may have estimated this man's height as too much, but the person he met was a little taller than he, and did appear to be of slight or slender build.

SUSPECT HERBERT SPENCER-SCHENKER

#### Background

#### Birth Data

The files of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Vital Statistics, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa., were made available by [REDACTED]. These files reflect that an unnamed male, last name SCHENKER, was born November 7, 1907, at Philadelphia, to HYMAN SCHENKER and CLARA WALDMAN, both parents were born in Russia.

#### Education

[REDACTED] Registrar's Office, University of Pennsylvania, produced records of the University of Pennsylvania, which reflected



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that SCHENKER attended the University from February 1924, to June 15, 1927, when he graduated with an A. B. Degree. It should be noted that SCHENKER finished the prescribed four year course in slightly more than three years; that his grades were above average; and that he held Freshman, Sophomore and Senior honors.

b7d [redacted] advised that every professor who had taught Mr. SCHENKER was deceased. She also stated there was a notation on the records indicating that a conduct penalty was placed against SCHENKER.

b7d [redacted] University of Pennsylvania, advised in 1924 SCHENKER had been placed on conduct probation for a period of one year due to the fact that he took one of the professors' books from his desk and hid it. After being questioned about this, SCHENKER denied he had taken the book, but finally admitted it, stating he had planned to return it but had hid it for a prank.

#### Employment

Industrial By-Products and Research Corporation  
64 Gimbel Building  
Philadelphia, Pa.

b7d (CHARLES SIMON, Co-Owner of the Industrial By-Products and Research Corporation, was contacted on April 29, 1952. A list of people who registered as voters in 1936, 1937 and 1938, from 2107, 2109 and 2111 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, were discussed with Mr. SIMON. He advised that none of these people had been employed in his firm during 1936, 1937 or 1938.

[SIMON stated the only person he knew that might fit the description was SCHENKER; however, SIMON said SCHENKER was not as tall as the description furnished him, but was more likely 5'6" or 5'7". SIMON said SCHENKER first came to work for the Industrial By-Products and Research Corporation in 1927, and remained there until September 1937. SCHENKER, according to SIMON, had majored in Chemistry while at college, but had worked at the Industrial By-Products firm principally with textiles.

SIMON said in 1937 it was learned that SCHENKER had been doing independent research work for Lit Brothers, another Philadelphia Department Store. SIMON said SCHENKER had been showing Lit Brothers

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Department Store records of his work at the By Products and Research Corporation. (SIMON stated there was nothing classified in any manner about the work, but it was a little unethical. He said in fairness to SCHENKER, he wanted to say SCHENKER's actions in this manner were only those of an ambitious, brilliant young man, who wanted to get ahead fast in his field.

(SIMON said he knew SCHENKER and his wife, EVE, had been interested in a theatre group at one time. SCHENKER did a lot of electrical work and helped build the scenery. SCHENKER's wife EVE was also interested in the theatre group, the exact name of which SIMON could not recall. He also said he learned EVE SCHENKER has been very interested in interior decorating.

(SIMON said he knew SCHENKER went to work for the federal government in the early part of the war. He also knew that SCHENKER had spent time in South America and in Europe for the federal government. (SIMON advised that he had recently met SCHENKER in Philadelphia, and learned that SCHENKER was in residence at 2050 Pine Street, and is still employed by the federal government.

(SIMON stated he recalled SCHENKER as being an independent thinker and somewhat liberal in his views. He explained he recalled SCHENKER as being in sympathy with the underprivileged. SIMON knew of nothing which would reflect upon the loyalty of SCHENKER or his wife.

(Mr. SOL WEINBERG, Industrial By-Products and Research Corporation, 6th Floor, Gimbel Brothers Department Store, advised that SCHENKER was employed by him for approximately 10 years, following his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania. WEINBERG described the subject as an intelligent and capable individual, who performed his duties at this concern in an exemplary manner and an individual whom he would gladly rehire at any time. He stated that SCHENKER was considered "liberal" and a "trifle pinkish" during the period of his employment by many of the individuals that he came in contact with. He added that this opinion resulted from the fact that the subject always manifested himself for the downtrodden people and the underdog. Mr. WEINBERG continued that Mr. SCHENKER could always be relied upon to assist the poor and unfortunate people in the community; that while on occasion he criticized Capitalism as such in the country, his suggested remedies for the ills of Capitalism could not be construed as Communism, but rather a mild form of Socialism.

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As an illustration, he recalled that SCHENKER voiced concern over the power of big business monopolies and international cartels and expressed the belief that the government should strictly enforce the Antitrust Laws. Mr. WEINBERG said that he knew nothing regarding the subject's wife and very little about his activities for the past ten years. When SCHENKER returned from France following the completion of his mission for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency, he called upon Mr. WEINBERG and in the course of the discussion, WEINBERG asked him about his feeling toward Europe. At that time SCHENKER replied that there was no place like the United States, and he has no desire whatsoever to live in any foreign country. Mr. WEINBERG concluded that it was his belief that SCHENKER is a loyal American in every sense of the word.

Allied Jewish Appeal  
1511 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. YETTA E. HIRST, Acting Office Manager, advised that the subject had been employed as a Trade Secretary from January 8, 1951, to March 30, 1951, to aid in laying out the campaign of this charitable association. Mrs. HIRST advised that during the period of his employment, SCHENKER impressed her as being a capable worker and a loyal American.

Mr. PHILIP SILBERMAN, Head of the Trade Council of the Allied Jewish Appeal, advised that SCHENKER had worked under his supervision during the fund raising campaign of 1951. Since this campaign lasted only three months, his association was limited to three months. During that time SCHENKER gave Mr. SILBERMAN no reason to question his loyalty.

Economic Stabilization Agency  
Office of Price Stabilization  
Commercial Trust Building  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. PAUL B. HARTENSTEIN, District Director, Office of Price Stabilization, advised that HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER received an appointment on May 21, 1951, in the Philadelphia Regional Office as a Business Analyst, Assistant Chief of Consumer Goods Division, Office of Price Stabilization. Mr. HARTENSTEIN stated that during the period of his employment SCHENKER had given him no reason to question his loyalty.

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Mr. W. STAUNTON MOYLAN, Chief, Consumer Goods Branch, Region III, advised that he supervised the subject since May of 1951, and that during that period SCHENKER impressed him as being an excellent worker and he had given Mr. MOYLAN no reason to question his loyalty during this period.

Mr. MARTIN HYMAN, Business Analyst, advised that he has been a co-worker of SCHENKER since August 1951, and that the actions and conversations of SCHENKER reflect that he is a capable worker and a loyal American.

Mr. ALEXANDER M. RAB, Business Analyst, advised that he has been a co-worker of SCHENKER since May 1951. During that period, he has given him no reason to consider him other than a loyal, patriotic citizen.

#### Neighborhood

##### Vicinity of 2050 Pine Street Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. HARRY HAJHEIAN, 21st and Pine Streets, Philadelphia, advised that he has been a neighbor of SCHENKER and that he first moved into this neighborhood in September of 1941. SCHENKER is married and has one child. During the period of his residence at 2050 Pine Street, he has been an excellent neighbor and has given Mr. HAJHEIAN no reason to question his loyalty.

Mr. CHARLES NORRIS, 21st and Pine Streets, advised he has conducted a drugstore at this address for over ten years, and has known SCHENKER during this time as a resident and owner at 2050 Pine Street. SCHENKER left the neighborhood in 1944 or 1945 to go to Europe where he worked for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency. He returned from Europe in November of 1950. During the periods of his residence at this address his conduct has indicated that he is an ordinary, loyal citizen of the neighborhood.

Mrs. MARY HILLMAN, 2052 Pine Street, advised that she has known SCHENKER and his family as neighbors for the past year. She pointed out that this address is located in central Philadelphia in a group of office and apartment buildings, and that the neighbors do not closely associate with one another. To the best of her knowledge, the subject has not been anything but an average, loyal citizen.



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Mrs. DOROTHY SHAW, 2048 Pine Street, advised that she has known SCHENKER for the past year as a neighbor, and that during that period he has given her no reason to question his loyalty.

Dr. YALE S. WATHANSON, 2048 Pine Street, advised that he has known SCHENKER as a neighbor for about one year. SCHENKER returned from Europe about a year ago where he had been employed by one of the relief agencies. Dr. WATHANSON stated that his contact with SCHENKER during the past year has not been sufficient to warrant him having an opinion relative to SCHENKER's loyalty.

#### Miscellaneous

Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-1, a reliable informant, in January 1944 advised that Mrs. EVE SCHENKER, 2050 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa., was a contributor to the Philadelphia Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The Philadelphia Council of American-Soviet Friendship was the Philadelphia chapter of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, which latter organization has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-2 advised in November 1944, that Mr. and Mrs. KARE KRICHEFF, 235 South 15th Street, had received correspondence from one H. S. SCHENKER, Regis Hotel, Mexico, D.F. SCHENKER has traveled in South American countries and has lived in Mexico.

b7c Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-3, a close relative of ROSE KRICHEFF, 235 South 15th Street, Philadelphia, advised in January 1951, that she formerly held a position in the [redacted] in Philadelphia. T-3 also reported that Mrs. KRICHEFF had worked for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency in Europe, following World War II.

b7c Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-4, a reliable informant, advised in October 1946, that one CARL KRICHEFF was a member of the [redacted] Section of [redacted] of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Philadelphia Confidential Informant T-5, another Government agency which has contacts and knowledge of events occurring outside the

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United States, advised that in June 1948, ROSE KRICHEFF, nee MORRIS, home address 235 South 15th Street, Philadelphia, and a former employee of the UNRRA had obtained permission to visit Warsaw, Poland in June 1947. The ostensible purpose of this trip was to visit some of the children she had helped to rehabilitate while employed by UNRRA. She stated at this time she intended to return in four weeks to work for the American Joint Distribution Committee; however, in early February 1948, T-5 learned that Mrs. KRICHEFF was still in Warsaw and was reportedly [REDACTED]

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Credit and Criminal

The files of the Philadelphia Police Department and the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., were checked and found to contain no record of HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER.

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Information re birth, education and subversive ramifications have been taken from Philadelphia reports captioned "HERMAN SPENCKER SCHENKER, Office of Emergency Management, SPECIAL INQUIRY, dated 5/26/42, and "HERBERT SPENCKER SCHENKER, Business Analyst - Appointee, Office of Price Stabilization, Economic Stabilization Agency, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES", dated 12/5/51.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE  
AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

C-8 Will at the passport section, Department of State, secure any additional information available regarding HERBERT S. SCHENKER, as well as any photographs of him or his wife, EVE which are available.

PHILADELPHIA FIELD OFFICE  
AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

C12 Will develop additional background data regarding EVE SCHENKER.

12 Will upon receipt of passport photographs of HERBERT S. SCHENKER and his wife, EVE, show same to HARRY GOLD.

12 Will upon completion of additional investigation, request Bureau authority to interview HERBERT SPENCKER SCHENKER.

Informants

T-1 Anonymous source

T-2 Mail cover on the residence of Mr. and Mrs. KARL KRECHT, 235 South 15th Street, Philadelphia, in November 1944.

T-3 [REDACTED] b7d  
Information furnished Philadelphia Office [REDACTED] letters dated 1/25/51 and 4/2/51.

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T-4 Anonymous source

T-5 Department of State, Washington, D. C.



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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/26/52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/16, 29; 5/7, 8, 10, 12/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT G. JOHNS (32)</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; CHEMIST, PHILADELPHIA 1937, HARRY GOLD INFORMANT</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

HARRY GOLD, convicted Soviet espionage agent, advised he met through JACK SCHULZ in 1936 or 1937 an unknown man who lived in the area near the 2000 or 2200 block of Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. This man had information on a marvelous new fiber textile, in which GOLD might be interested. SCHULZ, a former fellow student of GOLD, had knowledge of GOLD's espionage activities. The unknown man was primarily interested in going to the Soviet Union to set up textile industries and meet same. GOLD was disappointed in this man. He told STAN SHATZ, his Soviet superior, of this contact, and SHATZ rejected the idea. SCHULZ during an interview of 4/16/52, denied any knowledge of GOLD's espionage activities. SCHULZ admitted knowing head of Gintel Testing Laboratory through activities in New Theatre Group in 1936. SCHULZ unable to recall name of this man, but said he lived on Spruce or Walnut Streets in Philadelphia. GOLD, on 5/3/52, shown photographs of ROBERT SPENCER SCHULZ taken prior to 1937. GOLD states he feels almost certain that this man is identical with one he met. Photograph of SCHULZ's residence, 2313 Walnut Street, in 1935 shown to GOLD. He states somewhat similar. A series of names given to GOLD. He selected LIZ and SYLVIA as

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DATE: 5/26/52

TO : Director, FBI (65-60854)  
 FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (65-4718)  
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PHILADELPHIA, 1937,  
HARRY GOLD INFORMANT  
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Rebulet dated 5/22/52.

The Philadelphia Office at the time of receipt of referenced letter had a report typed for submission to the Bureau, accordingly that report is being submitted.

This office will prepare an additional report setting forth all available information not incorporated in the initial report in this matter. This report will also set forth all remaining logical leads.

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cc: New York  
 Washington Field Office

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S. POTSDAMER NOT IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB INSTANT CASE. THIS BASED ON  
INVESTIGATION THAT POTSDAMER TOO OLD, NOT MARRIED IN THIRTYEIGHT AND  
PLACE OF RESIDENCE NOT IDENTICAL WITH APT. GOLD VISITED. ADDITIONAL  
INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT INDUSTRIAL BY-PRODUCTS CORP. REFLECTS HERBERT  
S. SCHENKER MOST LIKEY CANDIDATE. FOLLOWING INFO DEVELOPED RE SCHENKER

IN RESIDENCE IN THIRTYSIX, THIRTYSEVEN, AT TWENTYTHREE THIRTEEN WALNUT.  
SCHENKER TWENTYSEVEN U. OF PA. GRADUATE WITH CHEMISTRY MAJOR. HE WAS  
TEXTILE RESEARCH SPECIALIST AT INDUSTRIAL BY-PRODUCTS CORP. IN GIMBEL  
BLDG., FROM TWENTYSEVEN TO SEPT. THIRTYSEVEN. THIS FIRM HANDLES TEST-  
ING WORK FOR GIMBEL BUREAU OF STANDARDS. SCHENKER, IN FORTYTWO, HAD  
BEEN MARRIED TEN YEARS AND HAD ONE CHILD, FOUR MOS. OF AGE. FOLLOWING  
SIMILIARITIES POINTED OUT BY GOLD - FIRST MEETING WITH UNSUB WAS IN  
APT. NEAR TWENTYSECOND AND WALNUT, IN THIRTYSIX OR THIRTYSEVEN. THIS  
UNSUB WAS PROBABLY A CHEMIST AND HAD INFO RE TEXTILES. UNSUB ALSO  
WORKED AT GIMBEL BUREAU OF STANDARDS OR INDEPENDENT FIRM DOING TESTING  
FOR GIMBELS. SUBJECT WAS MARRIED BUT HAD NO CHILD ACCORDING TO GOLD.

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GOLD-S RECOLLECTION WAS THAT SUBJECT APPROX. THIRTY YEARS OF AGE.  
SCHENKER WAS BORN NOV. EIGHT, SEVEN. PHOTOS OF SCHENKER FOR PERIOD  
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PRIOR TO THIRTYSEVEN SECURED. ON MAY EIGHT THESE PHOTOS SHOWN TO GOLD AT LEWISBURG. GOLD STATES MANY BASIC SIMILIARITIES IN FEATURES OF SCHENKER AND THAT OF UNSUB. GOLD ALSO ADVISED HE FEELS ALMOST CERTAIN PHOTO IS THAT OF PERSON HE MET. GOLD ADVISED MEETING WAS OF EXTREMELY SHORT DURATION. BECAUSE OF THIS HE STATED HE WAS HESITANT TO MAKE POSITIVE IDENTITY. SCHENKER IS GOVT. EMPLOYEE AT PRESENT TIME. HE IS RESIDING TWENTY FIFTY PINE ST., PH. HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED FOR GOVERNMENTAL POSITION IN FORTY-TWO AND LGE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED RE HIM IN DEC., LAST. SCHENKER HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY OFFICE OF PRICE STABILIZATION, PH. REQUEST WFO

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CHECK RECORDS OF PASSPORT DIVISION RE SCHENKER AND SECURE ADDITIONAL PHOTOS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING RE DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND OF SCHENKER AND WIFE. REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED IN NEAR FUTURE SETTING FORTH RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH GOLD.

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May 22, 1952

SAC, Philadelphia

Director, FBI (65-80854)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
Chemist, Philadelphia, 1936,  
HARRY GOLD - INFORMANT  
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ReNYTel May 9, 1952, informing that Harry Gold advised that an early photograph of Herbert S. Schenker reflected many basic similarities in features and that he felt almost certain that the photograph was that of the unknown subject. Gold pointed out that he was hesitant to make a positive identification because his meeting with subject was of extremely short duration.

For the information of New York, Herbert Spencer Schenker, born November 7, 1907, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1927 with a Chemistry Major. In 1936 and 1937 he resided at 2313 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. From 1927 to September, 1937, he was employed as a textile research specialist at Industrial By-Products Corporation, Gimbel Building, Philadelphia, which firm handled testing work for Gimbel's Bureau of Standards. In approximately 1938 Schenker was married. All of the foregoing facts coincide with the information furnished by Harry Gold concerning an unidentified individual, whom he believed to be a chemist who was introduced to him by John Jack Bruin on one occasion in 1936 or 1937.

During 1942, Schenker was investigated as an applicant for employment by the Office for Emergency Management and in December, 1951, an LOI investigation was instituted in view of his current employment with the Office of Price Stabilization, Philadelphia. This latter case is pending, there being investigation abroad outstanding.

New York and WFO are requested to search their indices for any information concerning Schenker not previously made available to the Bureau or to Philadelphia.

Enclosed herewith for the Philadelphia Office are the following:

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1. Photostatic copy of State Department letter enclosing a letter dated March 24, 1952, from the American Embassy, Paris, France.

2. Photostatic copy of State Department letter enclosing a letter dated January 4, 1952, from the American Embassy, Paris, France.

3. Photostatic copy of the report of Special Employee Charles H. Sheldon, St. Louis, Missouri, dated November 1, 1951, regarding Herbert Spencer Schenker, LOK.

4. Photostatic copy of New York letter dated December 28, 1951, regarding Herbert Spencer Schenker, LOK.

5. Photostatic copy of the report of Special Agent Kenneth L. Jones, dated December 28, 1951, at New York, regarding Herbert Spencer Schenker, LOK.

6. Photostatic copy of State Department letter enclosing a copy of a letter dated November 16, 1951, from the American Embassy, at Mexico, D. F.

7. Carbon copy of Washington Field letter dated November 20, 1951, regarding Herbert Spencer Schenker, LOK.

8. Photostatic copy of the report of Special Agent Harry E. Warburton, dated November 20, 1951, Washington, D. C., regarding Herbert Spencer Schenker, LOK.

9. Photostatic copy of the report of Special Agent Marland D. Shaw, dated October 26, 1951, Cincinnati, Ohio, regarding Herbert Spencer Schenker, LOK.

10. Carbon copy of the report of Special Agent Robert T. McIver, Washington, D. C., dated June 22, 1942, regarding Herbert Spencer Schenker, Office for Emergency Management, Special Inquiry.

11. Carbon copy of the report of Special Agent W. L. Moran, New York, dated June 23, 1942, regarding Herbert S. Schenker, Office for Emergency Management, Special Inquiry.

12. Carbon copy of the report of Special Agent Stuart J. Cameron, New York, dated November 8, 1950, entitled, "Dr. Lee Davidson Janis, [REDACTED] b7c

There is no additional information in Bureau files that can be identified with Herbert Spencer Schenker.

With respect to Schenker's employment by the American Joint Distribution Committee in Paris, France, from December, 1946, to September, 1950, it is to be noted that in the investigation of Joseph Katz, known Soviet agent, it has been determined that Katz's wife, Bessie Katz, was issued a passport on January 30, 1946, for travel to France as a representative of the American Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. It appears that Bessie Katz was employed by the AJDC in Paris from approximately that time until September, 1949. It is also to be noted regarding Schenker's connection with Dr. Janis, that the Katzs also had some relationship with Janis. The New York Office is requested to make available to Philadelphia the full details concerning this, which should be borne in mind during the investigation and during any interview with Schenker that might subsequently be authorized.

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Philadelphia is requested to prepare a report in this case setting forth all available information. A thorough review of available information should be made and any logical leads for additional investigation should be set forth.

Philadelphia is requested to withhold submission of a supplemental loyalty report until this matter is resolved.

This matter should be given prompt attention.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MATTER - CONFIDENTIAL

CASE ORIGINATED AT PHILADELPHIA

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE JUN 6 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/23, 26; 5/2, 12, 14, 19/52	REPORT MADE BY HOWARD FLETCHER, Jr. HF:rah
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT: Chemist, Philadelphia, 1938, Harry Gold- Informant			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

LOUIS S. POTSDAMER, born 10-16-91 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, issued Passport #226183 on 5-21-26 to travel to France. HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER, born 11-7-07 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, issued Special Passport #40069 on 8-21-44. He was proceeding to Mexico City and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for UNRRA. Special Passport #40069 revalidated on 1-29-45. UNRRA requested this passport be reissued on 4-3-45 for travel to South American countries. On 8-7-46 this passport was amended to include the British Isles and Egypt. Passport Division, Department of State, notified by letter dated 10-23-46 that SCHENKER was being employed by American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and was proceeding to France. Passport #151039 issued to him on 11-4-46 and renewed on 11-4-50. Passport #151036 issued to EVE S. SCHENKER, born 2-7-09, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 11-4-46, to include her son, ALAN E. SCHENKER, who was born 1-3-42, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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SECURITY MATTER - CONFIDENTIAL



WFO 65-6159

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect that Passport Number 226183 was issued to LOUIS S. POTSDAMER on May 21, 1926. The application for this passport reflected that he was born October 16, 1891, being the son of JOSEPH B. POTSDAMER, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This application showed his permanent residence as 1818 West Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He stated that he was planning on leaving the United States from New York City on July 17, 1926, and intended to visit France for approximately two months. The application contained the following descriptive information:

Name:	LOUIS S. POTSDAMER, born October 16, 1891, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Height:	5'10"
Forehead:	Medium
Eyes:	Brown
Nose:	Straight
Distinguishing Marks:	None
Mouth:	Medium
Chin:	Round
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Fair
Face:	Oval

*Photograph Card*

Copies of the photograph of LOUIS S. POTSDAMER appearing on the application were made and are being submitted to the Bureau, Philadelphia, and New York. 7-17-26

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The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, also reflect that HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER, who was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 2, 1902, was issued Special Passport Number 40069 on August 21, 1944, at which time his residence was listed as 2050 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On this application his father was listed as HYMAN I. SCHENKER, who was born in Russia between 1877 and 1879, and was then living at 3208 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His father was naturalized in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on December 6, 1912. This application further reflected that HYMAN SCHENKER had immigrated to the United States in October of 1904. HERBERT SCHENKER

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*Schenker*  
listed his mother as CLARA E. WALDMAN, who was born in Russia about 1879 and immigrated to the United States in October of 1904. She acquired United States Citizenship by virtue of the naturalization of her husband.

Mr. SCHENKER stated on his application that he intended to leave the United States at Miami, Florida, via Pan American Airways for Mexico and Brazil on official business for UNRRA.

His application was attached to a letter dated July 14, 1944, to the Passport Division from JOHN C. WEIGEL, Director, Administrative Services, UNRRA, Washington, D. C., which requested that passports be issued to HERBERT B. SCHENKER and ABE EACKMAN who were proceeding to Mexico City and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Attached to this letter was a biographical sketch which reflected that as of the date of the letter Mr. SCHENKER's address was 4840 South 28th Street, Arlington, Virginia; that he was married, and that his position with UNRRA was Chief, Textiles, Knitwear and Raw Fibers Section, also Chief Technologist, Clothing Division. His salary was listed as \$7200 per year. This biographical sketch also contained information that his draft status was 2-A. He listed the following language qualifications:

French - Easily read, fair facility to speak  
Russian - Basic knowledge of grammar. Can read, write and hold simple conversations.  
Spanish - Studying

Mr. SCHENKER listed the following education:

September, 1924 - University of Pennsylvania  
June, 1927 - Received an AB degree in Fiber Analysis, Weaves

He listed the following employments:

1927-1937 - Industrial By Products and Research Company, Gimbel Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Textile Technologist  
1937-1944 - Consumers Testing Laboratories, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Owner  
1941-1942 - Office of Price Administration, Standards Division, Washington, D. C., Textile Consultant

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1942-1943 - Office of Price Administration,  
Standards Division, Washington, D. C.,  
Principal Commodity Standards  
Specialist

This form described his present job with UNRRA as follows:

"To hold conferences with government and business representatives regarding acquisition of textiles."

He stated that the Mexican trip was at the suggestion of Mr. JOSE SAENZ, and the Brazilian trip was necessary in order to get 90 million yards of cotton goods tentatively allocated. He listed his next of kin as EVE S. SCHENKER, wife, 4840 B South 28th Street, Arlington, Virginia, or 939 North 8th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On August 7, 1944, Mr. JOHN C. WEIGEL, Director, Administrative Services, UNRRA, wrote that Mr. LOUIS E. SWENSON was going to Mexico and Brazil for UNRRA with Mr. SCHENKER and HACKMAN. Mr. SCHENKER surrendered his passport at Miami, Florida, on October 10 or 11, 1944, when he returned from Mexico.

On January 29, 1945, Special Passport Number 40069 was issued to HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER at the request of Mr. H. A. BLUNDIN, Chief, Travel Branch Administrative Services, UNRRA. These files indicated that this passport was turned in at Miami, Florida, on February 16, 1945. This passport was renewed on April 3, 1945, in order that Mr. SCHENKER could travel to Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua for UNRRA. On August 2, 1946, this passport was returned to the Department of State by UNRRA, and the Department was requested to amend the passport to authorize travel to the British Isles and Egypt. This passport was so amended on August 7, 1946.

The files of the Passport Division contained a letter dated October 23, 1946, from LEVY M. BECKER, Assistant Secretary of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, advising that HERBERT S. SCHENKER was employed on their overseas staff as the Director of Purchasing and Supply Program. This letter stated that Mr. SCHENKER would proceed directly to France to

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work on their program in Europe. The application for this passport reflected Mr. SCHENKER's permanent residence as 4840 B South 28th Street, Arlington, Virginia. It was reflected that he had been outside of the United States for three weeks in the British Isles and France in 1946. This application reflected that his father, HYMAN I. SCHENKER had died in 1946, and that his mother was then residing in Atlantic City, New Jersey, c/o the Maryland Hotel. He intended to depart from the United States in December, 1946, by vessel, for France. He gave his occupation as Administrator, Relief Work. Passport Number 151039 was issued to him on November 4, 1946. It was marked not valid for Germany, Austria, or the main island of Japan.

On January 27, 1947, LOUIS H. SOBEL, Secretary, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, requested the Department of State to validate Mr. SCHENKER's passport to travel in Germany and Austria since the nature of his work as Director of Purchasing, Supplies and Transportation, required that he make occasional trips to Germany and Austria.

On February 6, 1947, Mr. H. A. BLUNDIN requested the Passport Division to assist in getting military clearance for Mr. SCHENKER to enter Germany. Attached to this letter was a cable from Arolesler to Washington, D. C., dated February 5, 1947, which read, "Subject: Volagency Personnel, Request following AJDC personnel proceed Heidelberg for duty UNRRA: EMANUEL ROSEN, American Immigration Officer, also SARAH SEMACK, United States citizen now in Paris, HERBERT SCHENKER, United States citizen now in Paris for temporary duty."

The Department of State advised U. S. Embassy in Paris on February 12, 1947, that authorization had been granted for Mr. SCHENKER to travel in U.S., UK and French Zones as Relief Worker for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Passport Number 151039 was issued November 4, 1946, and renewed until November 4, 1950. SCHENKER's employment was listed as Representative, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Paris.

The passport files also contained a letter from Mr. LEVY M. BECKER, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, dated October 23, 1946, requesting that a passport be issued to Mrs. EVE E. SCHENKER and ALAN E. SCHENKER, her son, who are accompanying Mr. HERBERT S. SCHENKER to Paris.



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Application for this passport executed by EVE  
STEMBLER SCHENKER reflected that she was born February 7,  
1909, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her father, HARRY  
STEMBLER was born in Russia and at the date of application  
resided at 939 North 8th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
He immigrated to the United States in 1889. She believed  
that he had been naturalized through his father's natural-  
ization. The details were not known to her. She listed  
her mother as BERTHA GOLDBERG STEMBLER who was born in  
Russia. She had immigrated to the United States prior to  
1900 and had died in 1924. This application reflected that  
EVE STEMBLER had married HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER on April  
27, 1932, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She described  
herself as follows:

Height: 5'1"  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Brown

Eve S. Schenker  
Philadelphia

This passport was also requested to include ALAN  
EVAN SCHENKER who was born January 3, 1942, at Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania.

Passport Number 151036 was issued on November 4,  
1946, to include both of the above. It was renewed on  
October 25, 1948, to be valid until November 4, 1950.

ENCLOSURES:

TO THE BUREAU:

Two photographs each of HERBERT S. SCHENKER taken  
in 1944, 1946 and 1948, as reflected in Passport  
files. Photo 9148

Two photographs each of EVE S. SCHENKER and her  
son, ALAN E., taken in 1946 and 1948, as reflected  
in Passport files.

Two photographs each of LOUIS S. POTSDAMER taken  
in May, 1926, as reflected in Passport files.

TO PHILADELPHIA:

Two photographs each of HERBERT S. SCHENKER taken  
in 1944, 1946 and 1948, as reflected in Passport  
files.

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Two photographs each of EVE S. SCHENKER and her son, ALAN E., taken in 1946 and 1948, as reflected in Passport files.

Two photographs each of LOUIS S. POTSDAMER taken in May, 1926, as reflected in Passport files.

TO NEW YORK:

One photograph each of HERBERT S. SCHENKER taken in 1944, 1946 and 1948, as reflected in Passport files.

One photograph each of EVE S. SCHENKER and her son, ALAN E., as reflected in Passport files.

One photograph each of LOUIS S. POTSDAMER taken in May, 1926, as reflected in Passport files.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to Washington Field dated  
April 18, 1952.  
Philadelphia teletype to Bureau dated  
May 9, 1952.

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CASE NO. 1  
CASE ORIGINATED AT PHILADELPHIA

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE JUN 6 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/23, 26; 5/2, 12, 14, 19/52	REPORT MADE BY HOWARD FLETCHER, Jr. HF:fah
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT: Chemist, Philadelphia, 1938, Harry Gold- Informant			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

LOUIS S. POTSDAMER, born 10-16-91 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, issued Passport #226183 on 5-21-26 to travel to France. HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER, born 11-7-07 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, issued Special Passport #40069 on 8-21-44. He was proceeding to Mexico City and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for UNRRA. Special Passport #40069 revalidated on 1-29-45. UNRRA requested this passport be reissued on 4-3-45 for travel to South American countries. On 8-7-46 this passport was amended to include the British Isles and Egypt. Passport Division, Department of State, notified by letter dated 10-23-46 that SCHENKER was being employed by American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and was proceeding to France. Passport #151039 issued to him on 11-4-46 and renewed on 11-4-50. Passport #151036 issued to EVE S. SCHENKER, born 2-7-09, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 11-4-46, to include her son, ALAN E. SCHENKER, who was born 1-3-42, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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SCHENKER, HERBERT S.  
JULY 1944



SCHENKER, HERBERT S.  
OCT. 1946



POTSDAMER, LOUIS S.  
MAY 1926

*Herbert S. Schenker*



SCHENKER, HERBERT S.  
OCT. 1948



SCHENKER, EVE S.  
OCT. 1946



SCHENKER, EVE S.  
OCT. 1948  
Alan E. (child)

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ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU:

Two photographs each of HERBERT S. SCHENKER taken in 1944, 1946, and 1948.

Two photographs each of EVE S. SCHENKER and her son ALAN, taken in 1946 and 1948.

Two photographs each of LOUIS S. POTSDAMER taken in 1926.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-60854)

DATE: June 23, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-6159)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
Chemist, Philadelphia, 1938,  
HARRY GOLD - INFORMANT  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Bureau letter to Philadelphia, CC WFO, dated May 22, 1952,  
directing the New York Office and WFO to search their indices for any  
information concerning HERBERT SPENCER STRENKER not previously made  
available to the Bureau and Philadelphia.

A check of the indices of WFO indicates all information has  
been previously made available to the Bureau and Philadelphia.

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JUN 23, 1952

Director, FBI (65-60854)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Chemist  
Philadelphia 1937, Harry Gold (Informant)  
ESPIONAGE - R

Rerep SA Robert C. Jensen, dated 5-26-52, at Philadelphia.

On page 2 of rerep it is indicated in the synopsis that Herbert Spencer Schenker was employed at Industrial By-Products and Research Corporation "from 1927 to 9/27." Previously reported information reflects that this latter date should be September, 1937, and accordingly referenced report is being so corrected. Field offices are requested to similarly correct their copies of referenced report.

With further reference to the above-mentioned statement in the synopsis, it is noted that the details of referenced report contain no information concerning the length or termination of Schenker's employment with the Industrial By-Products and Research Corporation. The details should support the synopsis, of course, and you are requested to submit the necessary revised page or pages to this Bureau and other offices. This should be done expeditiously in order that dissemination of referenced report may be made.

On pages 2 and 3 of rerep it is set forth that on July 12, 1950, Harry Gold related that he met this unknown subject in late 1936 or early 1937 and that he brought the matter to the attention of his superior, Paul Smith. It is further set forth that on February 3, 1951, Gold stated that his meeting with this subject was in January or February, 1938, and that he referred the man to his superior, Steve Swarts. During a recent interview on May 7, 1952, as reflected on page 5 of rerep, Gold stated that he now feels sure that he met this unknown subject in late January or early February, 1937. He further said that he relayed the information about this subject to Steve Swarts, his superior. In this connection the information furnished by Gold concerning Steve Swarts is that he first met Swarts in the summer of 1937 through an introduction by Paul Smith. It is apparent, therefore, that if Gold first met this unknown subject in January or February of 1937, his superior at the time was Paul Smith and it would have been Smith to whom he reported concerning subject. This discrepancy should be resolved.

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FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (65-4718)  
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Chemist,  
Philadelphia 1937.  
Harry Gold, Informant  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 7/8/52

Rebulet dated June 23, 1952.

In accordance with referenced Bulet, there are being submitted herewith five copies of amended page 9 for Philadelphia report dated 5/26/52 in this matter.

The New York Office and Washington Field Office are also being furnished copies of amended page 9.

Relative to the information set forth in paragraph three of rebulet, the Philadelphia report in this matter set forth all comments made by GOLD throughout various interviews. The information as set forth on page five of the Philadelphia report in this matter is as HARRY GOLD now recalls this meeting. It should be noted that GOLD advised he felt sure on May 7, 1952, that he first met unknown subject in January or February 1937.

In connection with the specific Soviet superior involved, this matter was resolved in the Unknown Subject, was., Paul Smith, Paul Petersen; ESPIONAGE - R report submitted by Philadelphia on July 3, 1952. GOLD at this time fixed his last contact with PAUL SMITH as being in the summer of 1936. New York report of SA JOSEPH C. WALSH, dated July 5, 1951, captioned HARRY GOLD, was., Espionage - R fixes the time of contact with STEVE SWARTZ as the summer of 1936.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed the discrepancy has been resolved and that STEVE SWARTZ would have been HARRY GOLD's Soviet superior at the time in question.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-60854)

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (65-4718)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; CHEMIST,  
PHILADELPHIA 1937,  
HARRY GOLD INFORMANT  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 8/19/52

In connection with the preparation of a report concerning HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER, the Philadelphia Office utilized information appearing in reports emanating from New York, Cincinnati, and Washington Field. SCHENKER is probably identical with the unknown subject in this case.

The Philadelphia Office received a photostatic copy of a report of SA KENNETH L. JONES dated 12/28/51. No Informant Sheet was attached thereto. It is requested that the New York Office furnish identifying data relative to the informants appearing in this report.

The Philadelphia Office received a photostatic copy of a report of SA HARLAND D. SHAW dated 10/26/51. No Informant Sheet was attached thereto. It is requested that the Cincinnati Office furnish identifying data relative to the informant appearing in this report.

The Philadelphia Office received a photostatic copy of a report of SA HARRY R. WARBURTON dated 11/20/51. No Informant Sheet was attached thereto. It is requested that the Washington Field Office furnish identifying data relative to the informants appearing in this report.

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Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA** FILE NO. **JEQ**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>SEP 4 1952</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/7/15; 8/20/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>FRANCIS W. ZANGLE</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Chemist, Philadelphia, 1937, HARRY GOLD, Informant</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

\$200.00 check dated 6/5/50 made out to Dr. LEE JANIS in Paris, payable to one HYMAN LOUIS SHAPIRO. Was endorsed by SHAPIRO and HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER. SCHENKER SHAPIRO and JANIS all employed by the AJDC in Paris, France at that time. SHAPIRO born 8/4/19 in North Johannesburg, Africa. Hired by AJDC in Paris and was not a US citizen. Dr. JANIS, a licensed M.D., born 1/5/16, Brooklyn, NY; employed by AJDC in Paris 1948-51. JANIS alleged by Confidential Informant to be [REDACTED] b7c

JANIS acquainted in Paris with JOSEPH KATZ, known espionage agent whose wife, BESSIE KATZ, was employed by AJDC in Paris from 1946 to 1949.

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**DETAILS:**

Re suspect HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, from whom information may not be used except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, advised that the

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records of the Chase National Bank, 60 East 42nd Street, New York City, reflect that a check executed by Dr. LEE JANIS, made payable to one HYMAN LOUIS SHAPIRO, in the amount of \$200.00, dated June 5, 1950, was endorsed by SHAPIRO and HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER.

It is noted that Mr. IRVING JACOBS, Personnel Director, American Joint Distribution Committee, (AJDC), 270 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised SA STEWART J. CAMERON that HYMAN LOUIS SHAPIRO, Dr. LEE JANIS and HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER were all employed by the AJDC in Paris as of the date of the above check.

Dr. LEE DAVIDSON JANIS was born January 5, 1916 in Brooklyn, New York of Russian parents. He was licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York on September 3, 1941 and was employed as a surgeon by the United States Public Health Service from 1942 to 1947. He was employed as Chief, Health Insurance Division, Supreme Commander, Allied Powers, Tokyo, Japan until February, 1948. From April, 1948 until April, 1951 he was employed as officer in Charge of the Medical Service in Paris, France of the AJDC, 270 Madison Avenue, New York City.

JANIS presently resides at 5050 Oak Street, Kansas City, Kansas and is the Director of the Memorial Medical Center, 4949 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, Kansas.

Confidential Informant T-2, another government agency, advised on October 17, 1949 that JANIS was using his position with the AJDC in Paris as a [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] This source also claimed that JANIS was entrusted with [REDACTED] in the middle East, especially Palestine and was also a member of the [REDACTED] in Paris that is engaged [REDACTED] in the middle East. This source also stated that JANIS had secretly attended [REDACTED] held in Paris in April, 1949 as well as the [REDACTED] held in Marseilles in July, 1949.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, has advised that one JOSEPH KATZ had been in contact with Dr. JANIS, an employee of the AJDC, off and on.

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Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that a check for \$31.50, drawn on the Chase National Bank, was deposited in KATZ' account at the Guaranty Trust Company on November 30, 1948. This check was traced to the account of Dr. LEE and/or JANE JANIS, who maintain an account at the 60 East 42nd Street Branch of the Chase National Bank, New York City, through the assistance of Confidential Informant T-1.

T-3 advised during August, 1949 that JOSEPH KATZ had been in contact with JANIS and JANIS wanted to develop his association with KATZ in Paris to a greater degree. The informant said that KATZ was not interested in becoming any more friendly with JANIS as JANIS irritated KATZ.

JOSEPH KATZ, mentioned above, has been identified as a Soviet agent and the former Soviet espionage superior of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY during late 1944 and early 1945. KATZ has further been named as a Soviet agent by Confidential Informants T-5, T-6, and T-7, all admitted former Soviet espionage agents of known reliability.

It is noted that KATZ' wife, BESSIE KATZ, was employed with the AJDC with their overseas staff in Paris, France from 1945 until her return to this country in August, 1949.

IRVING JACOBS, Personnel Director, AJDC, advised SA STEWART J. CAMERON in October, 1950 that their records reflect that EYMAN LOUIS SHAPIRO has been employed by the AJDC since May 23, 1947. He furnished records which indicate that SHAPIRO is a pharmacist and was employed in that capacity in Paris, France. SHAPIRO was born August 4, 1919 and gave as his address 59 Third Avenue, Highlands, North Johannesburg, Africa. JACOBS further asserted that SHAPIRO was hired in Paris, France and that he is not a citizen of the United States, having been born in North Johannesburg, North Africa.

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INFORMANTS

All informants used to document associates  
of suspect SCHENKER.

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Foreign Department, Chase  
National Bank, 18 Pine  
Street, New York City

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State Department memo.  
dated 10/17/49.

T-3

Anonymous

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[REDACTED] Guaranty Trust  
Company, 60 Liberty Street,  
New York City, contacted by  
SA JAMES P. WOOTEN

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HARRY GOLD

T-6

THOMAS L. BLACK

T-7

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REFERENCE

Bulet to Philadelphia dated 5/22/52.

See also Ser 12

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TO : Director, FBI (65-60854)  
 FROM : SAC, New York (16067)  
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 Chemist, Philadelphia,  
 1937, HARRY GOLD, Informant  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: SEP 4 1952

Rebulet to Philadelphia, 5/22/52. There are herewith enclosed two copies of the report of SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE, dated SEP 4 1952, at NY.

A review of the files of the NYO reflect no information concerning HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER which is not available to Philadelphia and the Bureau. In accordance with relet, enclosed report contains data concerning Dr. LEE JANIS and JOSEPH KATZ. It also sets out identification from AJDC records of HYMAN LOUIS SHAPIRO, the payee on the check from JANIS dated 6/5/50 which bore the endorsement of SCHENKER. Information contained in NY reports was not set out since the Bureau has already supplied Philadelphia with copies of these reports as enclosures to relet.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-60854)

DATE: 9/10/52

FROM : SAC, New York (65-16067)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHEMIST,  
PHILADELPHIA, 1938  
HARRY GOLD-INFORMANT  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Philadelphia let 8/19/52.

A photostatic copy of the two informant pages from the report of SA KENNETH L. JONES, 12/28/51, New York, in the case entitled "HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER, RSA, LGE" are being forwarded to Philadelphia with a copy of this letter.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-60854) RM

DATE: September 29, 1952

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (121-1481)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT: CHEMIST  
PHILADELPHIA 1937  
HARRY GOLD, INFORMANT  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference: Philadelphia letter to Director 8/19/52.

In the report of SA HARLAND D. SHAW 10/26/51, captioned "HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER" OPS, LGE, Confidential Informant T-1 is ~~who~~ orally furnished the information to SA SHAW, date unknown. Information located in 121-1481-8.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-60854)  
 FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (65-4718)  
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 CHEMIST, PHILADELPHIA 1937  
 HARRY GOLD - INFORMANT  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 10/23/52

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are five copies of amended pages 12, 13, and 14 of the report of SA ROBERT G. JENSEN dated 8/19/52 in entitled matter.

The amended pages are submitted to reflect the complete identity of informants T-3 through T-19, as furnished by New York, Cincinnati, and Washington Field. Two copies of the amended pages are also being forwarded to New York and three copies will be inserted in the Philadelphia file.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/23/52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/17, 20/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CHARLES P. SILVERTHORN (JCB)</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; CHEMIST, PHILADELPHIA 1937 HARRY GOLD - INFORMANT</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER tentatively identified by HARRY GOLD as person he met in 1937 through JACK BRUIN. SCHENKER reported to have received "Medaille de la Reconnaissance" in 1947 from the French Government while employed by American Joint Distribution Committee in Paris, France. Subject continues to be employed by Office of Price Stabilization, Philadelphia, Pa., as Business Analyst. Subject not assigned duties necessitating access to material or information of classified nature.

**SCHENKER**

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**DETAILS:** At Philadelphia, Pa.

BACKGROUND

On July 12, 1950, HARRY GOLD, a convicted Soviet espionage agent, advised that JACK BRUIN asked him to meet an individual in late 1936 or early 1937. BRUIN suggested that GOLD meet this unknown man as GOLD might possibly have an interest in him. GOLD said he accompanied BRUIN to an apartment in the 2000 or near the 2200 block of Walnut Street, Philadelphia. He met this unknown man in an apartment in that area. This man worked for the Gimbel Brothers Store, Bureau of Standards, a private firm which set standards for merchandise handled in the Gimbel Brothers Department Store. GOLD said the reason BRUIN thought he might be interested in this man was that the man had

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; CHEMIST, PHILADELPHIA 1937 HARRY GOLD - INFORMANT</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER** tentatively identified by **HARRY GOLD** as person he met in 1937 through **JACK BRUIN**. **SCHENKER** reported to have received "Medaille de la Reconnaissance" in 1947 from the French Government while employed by American Joint Distribution Committee in Paris, France. Subject continues to be employed by Office of Price Stabilization, Philadelphia, Pa., as Business Analyst. Subject not assigned duties necessitating access to material or information of classified nature.

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**DETAILS:** At Philadelphia, Pa.

**BACKGROUND**

On July 12, 1950, **HARRY GOLD**, a convicted Soviet espionage agent, advised that **JACK BRUIN** asked him to meet an individual in late 1936 or early 1937. **BRUIN** suggested that **GOLD** meet this unknown man as **GOLD** might possibly have an interest in him. **GOLD** said he accompanied **BRUIN** to an apartment in the 2000 or near the 2200 block of Walnut Street, Philadelphia. He met this unknown man in an apartment in that area. This man worked for the Gimbel Brothers Store, Bureau of Standards, a private firm which set standards for merchandise handled in the Gimbel Brothers Department Store. **GOLD** said the reason **BRUIN** thought he might be interested in this man was that the man had

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information on a "marvelous" new fiber or fabric which GOLD thought might have been nylon. The man wanted to go to the Soviet Union and work there. GOLD said that he subsequently brought this information to the attention of his Soviet superior whom he knew as PAUL SMITH, who rejected the idea completely.

On February 2, 1951, HARRY GOLD furnished additional information regarding this unknown individual. He remembered that he met the unknown man with BRUIN on an icy, snowy day in January or February, 1938, around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. GOLD said that BRUIN knew this individual well. GOLD believed there was a complete misconception as to the reason that he and BRUIN contacted the unknown man, explaining that he, GOLD, thought the unknown man was going to give him some information for the Soviets whereas the unknown man thought that GOLD could put him in touch with someone who would help him go to Russia.

GOLD knew the unknown individual wanted to use his access to the information concerning the "marvelous new fabric" as a wedge to gain access to the Soviet Union. GOLD stated although he previously mentioned that he brought this information to the attention of his Soviet superior whom he knew as PAUL SMITH, he now recalls that the information was given to his Soviet superior known to him as STEVE SCHWARTZ, who rejected the whole idea.

In discussing the unknown man, GOLD stated that this individual was four or five years older than GOLD, himself, and he remembered that the man was very kind to his wife during GOLD's presence. The man asked his wife if she had found it difficult walking home and questioned her concerning the slippery conditions of the streets. GOLD recalled that the man's wife was a school teacher, either in a high school or a junior high school.

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On April 16, 1952, JACK BRUIN, during an interview conducted by SAs JACK WEST and ROBERT M. GRANT, denied ever having introduced anyone to HARRY GOLD or having any knowledge of GOLD's espionage activities. BRUIN did, however, admit he had met the head of the Gimbel Testing Laboratory in 1936 through a new theater group in Philadelphia. He could not recall the name of this man who was either a chemist or a physicist. BRUIN did say the man lived in an apartment house between 20th or 23rd Street on Spruce or Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia Directory for the years 1935 and 1936 listed the following:

HERBERT SCHENKER, 1905 Spruce Street, chemist, Industrial By-Products and Research Corporation.

EVE SCHENKER, 1905 Spruce Street.

HERBERT SCHENKER, 2313 Walnut Street, chemist, Gimbel Building.

On May 8, 1952, GOLD was shown photographs of HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER which were taken prior to 1937. GOLD advised he felt almost certain this was the person he met but because the meeting was short, he was hesitant to make a positive identification. He said the hair line and the hair in the photographs were exactly as he recalled them to be; the general features were also the same. GOLD recalled the individual had a large nose but he could not recall a bump on the nose as is shown in the photographs.

A photograph of EVE S. SCHENKER taken in October 1946 and a photograph of HERBERT S. SCHENKER taken in 1944 were shown to HARRY GOLD at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., by SA JAMES WOOD on August 7, 1952.

GOLD advised the photograph of HERBERT S. SCHENKER very closely resembles the person he met through JACK BRUIN in 1937. GOLD said the facial expression and the "set of the eyes" resembled the unknown man as he remembered him. He reiterated his belief that the individual was about 30 years of age when he met him in 1937. GOLD was of the opinion that the unknown subject in this case and HERBERT S. SCHENKER are identical; however, he stated he could not make a positive identification on the basis of this photograph.

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As to EVE SCHENKER, GOLD said that in 1937 he would judge the subject's wife to have been 28 years of age. GOLD believed that the photograph of EVE SCHENKER is identical with the wife of the unknown man that he met in 1937. He again, however, was unable to make a positive identification on the basis of this photograph. GOLD was not advised as to the identity of the individuals shown him in the photographs and their names were concealed from him.

SCHENKER on his Loyalty Data Form set forth the following residences:

Early 1941 to May 1944

2050 Pine Street, Philadelphia (which residence he owned) SCHENKER returned to this Philadelphia residence in November 1950 and presently lives there.

May 1944 to December 1946

4840-B South, 28th Street, Arlington, Va.

January 1947 to July 1950

20 Rue Berthe, Paris, France.

The period December 1946 to January 1947, which is unaccounted for on the Loyalty Data Form, SCHENKER states he was preparing to embark for and traveling to Europe.

INFORMATION CONCERNING HERBERT S. SCHENKER

It will be recalled that Mr. PAUL B. HARTENSTEIN, District Director, Office of Price Stabilization, Philadelphia, Pa., advised in September 1951 that HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER received an appointment on May 21, 1951, in the Philadelphia Regional Office as a Business Analyst, Assistant Chief of Consumers Goods Division, Office of Price Stabilization.

The following background information appears on the Loyalty Data Form which is contained in the files of the Office of Price Stabilization, Philadelphia:

HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER, <sup>12</sup> was born at Philadelphia, Pa., on November 7, 1907. He is the son of HYMAN SCHENKER and CLARA WALDMAN, both parents being listed on the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics as being born in Russia. He attended the University of Pennsylvania from 1924 to 1927 and received a B.A. Degree. He also took a course in French at the



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University of Pennsylvania in night school during the school year 1928 to 1929. He was married in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1932 to the former EVE STEMBLER who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on February 9, 1909.

The following employment history is also listed on the Loyalty Data Form:

April 1951 to May 1951

U. S. Air Force, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

January 1951 to March 1951

Allied Jewish Appeal, 1511 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

December 1946 to September 1950

American Joint Distribution Committee, 119 Rue Street, Dominique, Paris, France.

January 1944 to December 1946

United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency.

September 1943 to December 1943

State Department

August 1941 to December 1943

Office of Price Administration, Washington, D. C.

SCHENKER notes on his Loyalty Data Form that the employment with the State Department was on a loan basis from the Office of Price Administration.

In addition to the above employments, the files of the Office of Price Stabilization reflect that from September 1937 to May 1944, SCHENKER was Director and owner of the Consumer Testing Laboratories, 725 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, Pa. From June 1927 to September 1937, SCHENKER was employed as a chemist by the Industrial By-Products Corporation, Gimbel Brothers Department Store, Philadelphia, Pa., a commercial testing laboratory.

It is to be noted that HERBERT S. SCHENKER was investigated in 1951 under the provisions of Executive Order 9835.

At that time, Mr. SOL WEINBERG, Industrial By-Products and Research Corporation, 6th floor, Gimbel Brothers Department Store, verified that

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SCHENKER was employed by him for approximately ten years following his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania. WEINBERG described SCHENKER as an intelligent, capable individual who performed his duties at this concern in an exemplary manner, and an individual whom he would gladly rehire at any time. He stated that SCHENKER was considered "liberal" and a "trifle pinkish" during the period of his employment by many of the individuals that he came in contact with. He added that this opinion resulted from the fact that the appointee always manifested himself for the down-trodden people and the underdog. Mr. WEINBERG continued that Mr. SCHENKER could always be relied upon to assist the poor and unfortunate people in the community. While on occasion SCHENKER criticized capitalism, as such, in this country, his remedies for the ills of capitalism could not be construed as Communism but rather a mild form of Socialism.

INFORMATION CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF SCHENKER  
BY AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. SALLY KLEIN, Secretary, Personnel Department, American-Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, verified that SCHENKER was employed in December 1946 by this committee. He was released in June 1950 because of a curtailment of their programs. Mrs. KLEIN advised that SCHENKER was Director of Supplies and was in Paris, France, during practically the entire term of his employment. Mrs. KLEIN stated her files indicate nothing of an unfavorable nature regarding his loyalty to the United States.

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, verified also that HERBERT S. SCHENKER was Director of Purchases and Supplies for the American Joint Distribution Committee from December 1946 to September 1950. Informant knew SCHENKER held a very favorable opinion of him. Informant also advised that SCHENKER was directly under the supervision of a Mr. SCHWARTZ who is presently in the United States. Informant remembered that both Mr. SCHWARTZ and Mr. SCHENKER had received the "Medaille de la Reconnaissance" in 1947 from the French Government.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OF SUBJECT

Mrs. E. S. DYSHELL, Chief Employment Officer, Office of Price Stabilization, Commercial Trust Building, Philadelphia, verified on October 20,

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1950, that HERBERT S. SCHENKER is currently employed by this agency. She stated on July 30, 1952, that HERBERT S. SCHENKER was offered a position of reassignment with this agency because of a reduction in force. He formerly held the position of Business Analyst Supervisor, Price Division, Philadelphia Regional Office. His new position was Business Analyst, Consumers Goods and Services Division of the Philadelphia Regional Office. On August 2, 1952, Mr. SCHENKER accepted this new position.

b7c [REDACTED] Office of Price Stabilization, made available on October 20, 1952, the Office of Price Stabilization Security File on HERBERT S. SCHENKER. This file contained a letter dated April 24, 1952, from VERNON D. ACRE, JR., Security Officer, Economic Stabilization Agency, to ROBERT D. MC DOWELL, Regional Executive Officer, Office of Price Stabilization, Philadelphia. The letter advised that pending adjudication of HERBERT S. SCHENKER's case by the Second United States Civil Service Regional Loyalty Board, the Philadelphia Regional Office is instructed to insure that SCHENKER is not assigned any duties necessitating his access to information or material of a classified nature.

A memorandum dated May 1, 1952, by MAURICE DAVIS, Regional Security Officer, advised that Mr. MC DOWELL assured he is satisfied that SCHENKER has no access to information or material of a classified nature.

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AT NEW YORK, N.Y.

Will at the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, establish the identity and whereabouts of Mr. SCHWARTZ who was SCHENKER's supervisor in France. It is noted that SCHWARTZ is reported to be presently in the United States.

Once SCHWARTZ has been located, will interview him and obtain all pertinent information concerning SCHENKER. SCHWARTZ reportedly was the supervisor of SCHENKER for four years.

Both SCHWARTZ and SCHENKER received the Medaille de la Reconnaissance in 1947 from the French Government. The significance of this award should be determined during the interview of SCHWARTZ. Reportedly the French Government in 1947 had a large Communist element therein.

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AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will, upon completion of the above interview, request Bureau authority to interview HERBERT S. SCHENKER.

Informants

b7d 1-1 [REDACTED] American Joint Distribution Committee, 119 Rue Street, Dominique, Paris, France, as set forth



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in a letter from NEIL C. MC MANUS, Regional Security Officer, American Embassy, Paris, France, dated January 4, 1952, to D. L. NICHOLSON, Chief, Division of Security, Department of State, Washington, D. C.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT G. JENSEN dated 8/19/52 at Philadelphia, Pa.

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**DETAILS:** At New York, New York

**Re: Suspect: HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER**

It was ascertained at the New York office of the American Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, that during the 1946-1950 period which was the period of suspect SCHENKER'S employment by American Joint Distribution Committee, there was only one individual named SCHWARTZ in a supervisory capacity in Paris, France region. His name was DR. JOSEPH JOSHUA SCHWARTZ and he was European Executive Council Chairman of the Committee.

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school and Yale University 1927. Married DORA RASERACK March 6, 1923 son NATHAN. Rabbi 1922-1925, instructor American University in Cairo, 1928, and at L.I.N. 1930-1933.

*(Mrs. Joseph Joseph Schwartz)*

Employment included Director of Public Information Federation of Jewish Chanters, Brooklyn, New York, 1929-1931, Executive Director 1931-1938, Secretary Joint Distribution Committee 1939-1940, European Executive Council Chairman at Joint Distribution Committee since 1940, Executive Vice Chairman of United Jewish Appeal since 1951, on various social welfare and Jewish Philanthropic committees and organizations, home 125 West 76 Street, office 165 West 46 Street, assisted EARL G. HARRISON in preparation of a report to President TRUMAN in 1945 concerning the condition of Displaced Persons in the American Zone of Germany.

Dr. SCHWARTZ was interviewed by SAS FRANCIS W. ZANGLE and JOSEPH F. BUSH in the office of United Jewish Appeal, 165 West 46 Street, New York, New York. He stated he was in charge of over-all European operations of the Joint Distribution Committee in Paris, France, all during HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER'S employment there and was in effect his supervisor. Dr. SCHWARTZ said he did not know SCHENKER prior to SCHENKER'S employment with Joint Distribution Committee and did not know of any of SCHENKER'S activities, associates, or interests, social or otherwise outside of the scope of his employment. Dr. SCHWARTZ said SCHENKER was in charge of purchasing and allocating supplies in the zone and as such performed his duties very well. SCHENKER made recommendations on allocations and purchases but final decisions were attributed to SCHWARTZ.

SCHENKER came to the Joint Distribution Committee from United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency where he gained helpful experience which combined with his knowledge of textiles made him well suited to his Joint Distribution Committee job. He left Joint Distribution Committee in June 1950 by mutual agreement because their operations in that zone had fallen off to such an extent that continuation of SCHENKER at his salary level was not warranted. Instead SCHENKER'S duties were transferred to a budgetary assistant, who was paid much less.



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Dr. SCHWARTZ did not recall SCHENKER ever receiving any medal or award from the French Government, and stated he never heard of the "Medaille de la Reconnaissance." Dr. SCHWARTZ said he had received the French "Legion of Honor" medal. Dr. SCHWARTZ advised that he had no reason to doubt SCHENKER'S loyalty, honesty or integrity and he considered SCHENKER a loyal American.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA ROBERT G. JENSEN, 6/19/52, Philadelphia.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI (65-60854)  
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (65-4718)  
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Chemist, Philadelphia 1937  
HARRY GOLD - INFORMANT  
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PARIS, FRANCE

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The 1936 Philadelphia Directory listed the name HERBERT SCHENKER, 2313 Walnut Street, Chemist, Gimbel Building.

MR. T. M. SCHENKER HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER is presently employed as a Business Analyst, Consumers Goods and Service Division of the Philadelphia Office of the Office of Price Stabilization. He was born Philadelphia, 11/7/07, the son of HYMAN SCHENKER and CLARA WALDMAN, both of whom were born in Russia. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1927, receiving a B.A. Degree. He was married to the former EVE STEINBLER in 1932. SCHENKER was employed from 6/27 - 9/37 by Industrial By-Products and Research Corporation, 6th floor, Gimbel Brothers, Philadelphia, Pa. From 1941 to 1943, he was employed by the Office of Price Administration, Washington, D.C. From 1944 to 1946, he was employed by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency. From 1946 to 1950, SCHENKER worked in Paris, France, for the American Joint Distribution Committee.

Concerning subject's wife, Dr. CLARENCE RABY, Assistant to the Associate Superintendent in Charge of Secondary Education, Philadelphia Board of Education, advised that EVE STEINBLER SCHENKER was never actually employed as a school teacher. However, she did take several examinations during the 1930's for the position of high school teacher, but on each occasion she was unable to pass the examination.

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Director, FBI

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The report of SA CHARLES P. SILVERTHORN, dated 10/23/52, in entitled matter, sets forth that HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER has been investigated under the provisions of Executive Order 9835. On page seven of this same report is set forth the information that Mr. JOHN B. BRUHY, Organization and Methods Examiner, Office of Price Stabilization, made available the security file on HERBERT S. SCHENKER. A review of this file revealed that subject's loyalty case is presently being adjudicated by the Second U.S. Civil Service Regional Loyalty Board.

On 12/22/52, JOHN B. BRUHY again made available subject's security file which reflected that as yet no decision has been reached regarding the loyalty case of SCHENKER.

It is believed that HERBERT S. SCHENKER should be interviewed concerning the allegation of HARRY GOLD. Since HERBERT SCHENKER'S loyalty case is still being adjudicated by the Second U.S. Civil Service Regional Loyalty Board, it is contemplated that if such interview was conducted with Bureau authority the interview would be confined to the allegation of HARRY GOLD in order not to prejudice any phase of the adjudication. Of course, interviewing agents would accept any information SCHENKER volunteered concerning his past activities, other than GOLD allegation, during this interview. Accordingly, Bureau authority is being requested to interview HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER.

SAC, Philadelphia (65-4718)

January 9, 1959

Director, FBI (65-60854) -20

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, CHEMIST,  
Philadelphia 1937,  
FETTERHOLD, Informant

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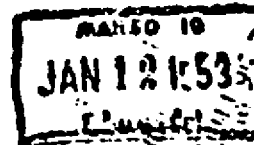
Re Philadelphia let 12-24-58 requesting  
authority to interview Herbert Spencer Schenker, suspect  
for subject.

You are hereby authorized to interview Schenker  
and his wife, Eva Schenker. The primary objective of  
these interviews should be to determine whether or not  
Schenker is the chemist who was introduced to Gold in 1937  
by John Jack Bruin, was. In this regard it is believed  
advisable that efforts should first be made to establish  
whether the Schenkens knew Bruin and for this purpose  
Bruin's photograph should be displayed to them. In the  
event that the Schenkens admit knowing Bruin, they should  
be thoroughly interviewed for all details of their knowl-  
edge of him.

In the event that your interview should  
establish that Schenker is identical with this unknown  
subject, the title of this case should be changed and a  
complete report of all the facts should be prepared  
suitable for dissemination. Any information developed  
concerning Bruin should, of course, be reported in his  
main file.

This matter should be expeditiously handled.  
You are requested to advise the Bureau by return mail the  
date on which you contemplate interviewing the Schenkens.

cc - 2 - New York (65-16067)



NOTE: Harry Gold advised that in 1937 Jack Bruin suggested  
he might be interested in unsub who had info on a "marvelous"  
new fiber. Gold visited unsub's apartment with Bruin once  
and met unsub's wife. Gold said unsub was more interested  
in employment in Soviet Union than in furnishing info. Gold  
believes photographs of Schenkens are persons he met

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Schenker presently employed as Business Analyst, Office of Price Stabilization, Philadelphia, and is subject of LGE case (121-31769), which has developed no substantial derogatory info and which is pending outcome of this case. Bruin refused to cooperate on interview.