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Re: HARRY GOLD

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TO : Director, FBI (65-60854)
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (65-4718)
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Chemist,
Philadelphia 1937
HARRY GOLD - Informant
ESPIONAGE - R
Origin Philadelphia

DATE: 1/21/53

Rebulet 1/9/53.

Relet instructed that the date of the contemplated interviews with HERBERT SCHENKER and his wife EVA be furnished to the Bureau.

It is believed that these interviews would be more successful if they were conducted simultaneously but separately. Accordingly, it is planned to interview HERBERT SCHENKER at his place of government employment, the Philadelphia office of the Office of Price Stabilization, and at the same time interview his wife EVA at their home, 2050 Pine Street. The tentative date planned for these interviews is 2/3/53.

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UNSUB, CHEMIST, PH, 1937, HARRY GOLD, INFORMANT, ESPIONAGE-R. REBULET 1/9/53 AND

PHLET 1/21/53. SUSPECT HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER RECENTLY RESIGNED POSITION WITH OFFICE OF PRICE STABILIZATION TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS SUPERVISOR OF STANDARDS AND TESTS, DEPT. OF PROCUREMENT, CITY OF PHILA., FOR SALARY OF \$10,000. SCHENKER AND WIFE EVE INTERVIEWED THIS DATE SEPARATELY BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY. HERBERT SCHENKER ADVISED INITIALLY PHOTO OF JOHN JACK BRUIN LOOKED VAGUELY FAMILIAR TO HIM, BUT COULD NOT RECALL WHERE HE MIGHT HAVE MET INDIVIDUAL. STATED NAME BRUIN OR BRODSKY MEANT NOTHING TO HIM. AFTER PERIOD OF RECOLLECTION, THOUGHT HE MIGHT HAVE MET THIS INDIVIDUAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SOMETIME DURING WORLD WAR II WHEN HE WAS WITH OPA, BUT HAD NO SPECIFIC RECOLLECTION IN THIS REGARD. DENIED KNOWING ANYONE WHO ATTEND DREXEL INSTITUTE WHERE BRUIN WENT TO SCHOOL. UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTO OF HARRY GOLD, AND DEFINITE HE NEVER MET THIS INDIVIDUAL. DENIED HE EVER CONTEMPLATED GOING TO RUSSIA TO OBTAIN WORK IN TEXTILE FIELD. ALSO DENIED HAVING INFO ON ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT IN TEXTILES DURING LATE 1930'S, STATING HE HAD NO ACCESS TO INFO CONCERNING ANY NEW RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT OF FIBRE OR FABRICS SINCE HIS FIELD WAS MAINLY TESTING AND PURCHASING. DENIED OFFERING ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT TO RUSSIANS IN HOPES OF OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT IN RUSSIA.

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DENIED EVER BEING APPROACHED BY ANY INDIVIDUAL ON BEHALF OF SOVIET RUSSIA. EVE SCHENKER INTERVIEWED AT RESIDENCE, 2050 PINE ST., PH, AND WHEN EXHIBITED BRUIN'S PHOTO, IMMEDIATELY AND DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED SAME AS PHOTO OF JACK BRUIN. SHE DID NOT KNOW BRUIN BY NAME OF BRODSKY OR BROTSKY. STATED SHE KNEW BRUIN THROUGH HER ASSOCIATION WITH THEATRICAL GROUP CALLED NEW THEATRE OF PHILA. FOR YEAR AND ONE HALF, FROM 1934-36. RECALLS BRUIN AS FRIENDLY, INQUISITIVE, INDIVIDUAL. PHOTO OF HARRY GOLD EXHIBITED, BUT NEGATIVE. SHE DID NOT RECALL BRUIN'S VISIT IN COMPANY OF GOLD AT 2313 WALNUT, WHERE SHE RESIDED 1933-37. SHE STATED HER HUSBAND KNEW RUSSIANS LOOKING FOR TECHNICAL MEN IN 1930'S, BUT DID NOT KNOW HOW HE LEARNED OF THIS. SHE KNEW OF NO TEXTILE PROCESS HUSBAND INTERESTED IN DURING 1930'S, BUT ADVISED HE HAD KNOWLEDGE OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND WAS EMPLOYED AT GIMBEL RESEARCH LABORATORY DURING 1930'S. SHE COULD NOT RECALL HUSBAND HAVING MET BRUIN, BUT ADMITTED POSSIBILITY INASMUCH AS HUSBAND WOULD MEET HER AFTER NEW THEATRE GROUP AFFAIRS WOULD BREAK UP AND AT WHICH BRUIN WAS IN ATTENDANCE. DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE THAT HUSBAND INTERESTED IN SECURING EMPLOYMENT IN RUSSIA, AND KNEW OF NO APPROACH BY ANY INDIVIDUAL ON BEHALF SOVIET RUSSIA FOR ANY REASON. IN VIEW OF EVE SCHENKER'S KNOWLEDGE OF BRUIN, REINTERVIEW OF HERBERT SCHENKER CONTEMPLATED, UACB, BY 2/10/53.

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TEL 2/3/53. SUSPECT HERBERT S. SCHENKER VOLUNTARILY CONTACTED INTERVIEWING AGENTS THIS DATE AND REQUESTED REINTERVIEW. SUBSEQUENTLY APPEARED PH OFFICE AND ADVISED HE HAD LONG DETAILED DISCUSSION WITH HIS WIFE, EVE, EVENING OF 2/3 FOLLOWING SEPARATE INTERVIEWS OF SELF AND WIFE. SCHENKER STILL MAINTAINS PHOTO OF BRUIN IS FAMILIAR BUT HE HIMSELF HAS NO SPECIFIC RECOLLECTION OF WHERE HE MET BRUIN. AFTER TALKING TO WIFE, SCHENKER BELIEVES POSSIBLY HE MET BRUIN IN LOBBY OF BUILDING IN VICINITY OF 16TH AND RACE STS. WHERE THEATRICAL GROUP KNOWN AS NEW THEATRE OF PH MET. HE BELIEVES ABOVE IS POSSIBILITY SINCE HE FREQUENTLY PICKED UP WIFE FOLLOWING MEETING OF ABOVE GROUP, THOUGH HE HIMSELF WAS NOT A MEMBER. STATES WIFE WAS A MEMBER OF GROUP APPROXIMATELY YEAR AND A HALF DURING PERIOD 1934-36 AND WHEN HE MET WIFE AFTER MEETINGS HE WAS FREQUENTLY INTRODUCED TO OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP. WHEN QUESTIONED, HE COULD NOT RECALL NAMES OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO EXCEPT JOE GERSON, DIRECTOR OF GROUP, WHOM HE STATES IS NOW

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DECEASED. HE DOES NOT RECALL HAVING ANY MEMBERS OF GROUP VISIT HIS HOME. AGAIN DENIED HE WAS INTERESTED IN GOING TO RUSSIA TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH WIFE'S STATEMENT THAT HE HAD KNOWLEDGE OF SOVIET'S DESIRE TO HIRE TECHNICAL MEN FOR WORK IN RUSSIA, SCHENKER CLAIMED IT WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE AT TIME SINCE SUCH INFO WAS WIDELY PUBLICIZED IN NEWSPAPERS. HE STATES HIS DUTIES AT GIMBEL RESEARCH LABORATORY DURING PERIOD 1927-37 WERE TESTING AND NOT RESEARCH. THROUGH TESTS HE COULD IDENTIFY PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF FINISHED SAMPLE OF MATERIAL, BUT COULD NOT DETERMINE PROCESS OF MAKING SAMPLE. AS EXAMPLE, HE STATED HE COULD DETERMINE IF A RAYON FABRIC WAS VISCOSE, ACETATE, OR CUPRAMONIUM RAYON, BUT COULD NOT DETERMINE PROCESS INVOLVED IN MAKING ANY OF THESE TYPES OF RAYON. HE POINTED OUT, THEREFORE, NATURE OF HIS EMPLOYMENT PRECLUDED POSSIBILITY OF HIS HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF ANY IMPORTANT PROCESS RE TEXTILE INDUSTRY WHICH WAS NOT ALREADY PUBLICLY KNOWN. EMPHATICALLY REITERATED HE NEVER OFFERED ANY INFO RE TEXTILES OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL TO ANYONE FOR RUSSIA, AND HE DENIES HE WAS EVER APPROACHED BY ANYONE FOR THIS PURPOSE. SCHENKER PROFESSED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN THIS MATTER, BUT CLAIMS HE AND HIS WIFE HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF BROIN AND GOLD EVER COMING TO THEIR APARTMENT FOR ANY PURPOSE, AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED HE EVER MET HARRY GOLD. STATES HE WILL ADVISE THIS OFFICE OF ANY ADDITIONAL RECOLLECTION HE HAS RE THIS MATTER. NO FURTHER INTERVIEW WITH SCHENKER AND WIFE CONTEMPLATED AT THIS TIME UNLESS ADDITIONAL INFO DEVELOPED TO SUBSTANTIATE ORIGINAL ALLEGATION.

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DATE: March 30, 1953

Enclosed are five copies of report of SA CHARLES P. SILVERTHORN, dated March 30, 1953, in entitled matter. Enclosed report sets forth results of simultaneous but separate interviews of HERBERT S. SCHENKER and his wife, EVE.

As indicated in enclosed report, HERBERT S. SCHENKER stated the photograph of JACK BRUIN is familiar but he, himself, has no specific recollection of where he met BRUIN. He believes there is a possibility he may have met BRUIN through his wife, but he has no specific recollection of same. Both SCHENKER and his wife denied ever having met HARRY GOLD. EVE SCHENKER cannot recall that BRUIN ever came to their apartment.

The results of the interviews have not developed conclusive evidence that HERBERT S. SCHENKER is identical with UNSUB Chemist, Philadelphia, 1937. However, it is believed that SCHENKER should be considered as being the subject of this case for the following reasons:

- (1) HARRY GOLD first met this unknown individual in an apartment in the 2000 or near the 2200 block of Walnut Street, Philadelphia, in 1936 or 1937.

The residence of HERBERT SCHENKER in 1936 was 2313 Walnut Street.

- (2) HARRY GOLD states the unknown individual was probably a chemist.

SCHENKER graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1927 and majored in Chemistry.

- (3) HARRY GOLD states the unknown individual had information regarding textiles.

Information contained in the Civil Service Application for Employment in the files of the Office of Price Stabilization indicates that SCHENKER was a Textile Research Specialist at Industrial By-Products Corporation.

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- (4) HARRY GOLD states that the unknown individual worked at the Gimbel's Bureau of Standards, or with an independent firm, doing testing work for Gimbel's.

Employment applications indicate SCHENKER was employed at Industrial By-Products Corporation, located in the Gimbel Building, from 1927 to 1937.

- (5) HARRY GOLD states the unknown subject lived in an apartment building that had colonial doors, with pillars on each side of doorway.

2313 Walnut Street is an apartment building with colonial doors, having pillars on each side.

- (6) HARRY GOLD states the apartment entrance required one step to reach the door.

The entrance to 2313 Walnut Street requires one step to reach the door.

- (7) GOLD recalled that the man's wife was a school teacher either in high school or junior high school.

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[REDACTED] Philadelphia Board of Education, advised SE JACK V. HENDRICKS on July 9, 1952 that EVE STEMBLER 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.

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Finally, JACK BRUIN, during an interview conducted on April 16, 1952, did admit he met the head of the Gimbel Testing Laboratory in 1936. He could not recall the name of the man, who was either a chemist or a physicist. BRUIN did say the man lived in an apartment house between 20th and 23rd Streets on Spruce or Walnut Street.

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In the absence of conclusive evidence that SCHENKER is identical with the subject of this case, it is not believed advisable to change the title of this case from that of UNKNOWN SUBJECT to HERBERT S. SCHENKER. It would appear that the only way conclusive evidence could be obtained would be an admission from either SCHENKER or JACK BRUIN. It is noted that BRUIN is not cooperative with the Bureau. HARRY GOLD apparently has furnished all the information in his possession regarding this matter.

If the Bureau concurs with the above reasoning, it is contemplated that this case will be closed within 45 days.

The only other possibility remaining in this case would be a confrontation between HERBERT S. SCHENKER and HARRY GOLD. However, GOLD is unable to make a definite identification of SCHENKER's photograph. In addition, no other information has been developed linking SCHENKER with Soviet espionage. It is, therefore, believed that this case does not warrant a confrontation between GOLD and SCHENKER at this time, in the absence of more specific information.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

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HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER tentatively identified by HARRY GOLD as person he met in 1937 through JACK BRUIN. SCHENKER and wife, EVE, interviewed simultaneously at Philadelphia 2/3/53. HERBERT SCHENKER when exhibited a photo of JACK BRUIN, stated individual looked vaguely familiar but could not recall where he met individual. Denied knowing HARRY GOLD. Denied he ever contemplated trip to Russia to work in textile field. Denied offering any new development to Russians in hopes of obtaining employment in Soviet Union. EVE SCHENKER, when exhibited photo of JACK BRUIN, immediately and definitely identified same. Knew BRUIN through her association with theatrical group called New Theater Group, Philadelphia, during period 1934 to 1936. Could not identify photo of HARRY GOLD and had no recollection that BRUIN ever visited her apartment in company of HARRY GOLD. Could not recall whether her husband ever met BRUIN. Denied knowledge her husband was interested in securing employment in Russia. Claims she had no knowledge of any individual approaching her husband for any reason on behalf of Soviet Russia. HERBERT SCHENKER voluntarily appeared Philadelphia Office 2/4/53, for reinterview. Stated he had detailed discussion with his wife EVE on evening 2/3/53. Advised photo of

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BRUIN looks familiar to him, but he, himself, still has no specific recollection of where he may have met BRUIN. States it is a possibility he may have met BRUIN in lobby of building where his wife attended meetings of New Theater Group of Philadelphia, since he used to meet his wife after the meetings to take her home. Again denied he ever met HARRY GOLD. Reiterated he never offered any info to anyone for the benefit of Soviet Russia.

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 previously identified JACK BRUIN as 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 pestering, GOLD told BRUIN that he was engaged in industrial espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union.

GOLD said the reason BRUIN thought he might be interested in this unknown man was that this man had information on a "marvelous" new fiber or fabric which GOLD thought might have been nylon. The unknown man wanted to go to the Soviet Union and work there. GOLD brought this information to the attention of his Soviet superior who refused the idea completely.

On February 2, 1951, HARRY GOLD stated he believed there was a complete misconception as to the reason that he and BRUIN contacted the unknown man. He explained that he thought the unknown man was going to give him some information for the Soviet, whereas the unknown man thought that GOLD could put him in touch with someone who would help him get to Russia.

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In discussing the unknown man, GOLD stated this individual was four or five years older than GOLD himself. He learned 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 condition of the streets. The man worked for the Gimbel Brothers Store, Bureau of Standards, a private firm which sets standards for merchandise handled in the Gimbel Brothers Department Store. GOLD also recalled that the man's wife was a school teacher, either in high school or junior high school. GOLD recalled that the man lived in an apartment in the 2000 or near the 2200 block of Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

On April 16, 1952, JACK BRUIN, during an interview conducted by Special Agents 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 and 23rd Streets on Spruce or Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

SUSPECT, HERBERT S. SCHENKER

The Philadelphia Directory for the years 1935, 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.

The records of the Office of Price Stabilization, Commercial Trust Building, Philadelphia, which were made available by [redacted]

[redacted] reflect that HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER was born Philadelphia, November 7, 1907, the son of HYMEN 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 STEMBLER in 1932. SCHENKER was employed from June 1927 to September 1937 by Industrial By-Products and

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Research Corporation, 6th floor, Gimbel Brothers, Philadelphia. 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. On May 21, 1951, he received an appointment as a Business Analyst, Assistant Chief of Consumers Goods Division, Office of Price Stabilization. He resigned December 12, 1952, to accept employment outside the Federal Government.

**SIMILARITIES BETWEEN SUBJECT AND SUSPECT
HERBERT S. SCHENKER**

The following similarities are pointed out between the subject of this case as described by HARRY GOLD and suspect HERBERT SCHENKER:

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Herbert Spencer Schenker

TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION OF HERBERT SCHENKER

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 with JACK BRUIN but because the meeting was rather short, he hesitated to make a positive identification. He said the hairline and the hair in the photographs were exactly as he recalled those of the unknown man; also, the general features of SCHENKER were the same as those of the unknown man.

On August 7, 1952, HARRY GOLD was shown the photograph of HERBERT SCHENKER which was taken in 1944. GOLD advised this photograph resembles closely the person he met in 1937 through JACK BRUIN. GOLD was of the opinion that the unknown subject in this case and HERBERT SCHENKER are identical. However, he stated he could not make a positive identification on the basis of the photograph.

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Shown to him. A photograph of EVE STEMBLER SCHENKER, which was taken in October 1946, was also shown to HARRY GOLD on August 7, 1952. GOLD believed this photograph is identical with the wife of the unknown man he met in 1937. He again, however, was unable to make a positive identification on the basis of the photograph.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OF HERBERT
SPENCER SCHENKER

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that in December 1952, SCHENKER received an appointment as Supervisor of Standards and Tests, Department of Procurement, City of Philadelphia, at a salary of \$10,000 per year. His employment is one of a supervisory nature.

INTERVIEW OF SUSPECT HERBERT
SPENCER SCHENKER

HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER, 2050 Pine Street, Philadelphia, on February 3, 1953 was interviewed at his office in the Department of Procurement for the City of Philadelphia by SA BILLIE MUSICK and the reporting Agent.

JACK BRUIN

HERBERT SCHENKER, when exhibited a photograph of JOHN JACK BRUIN, stated that the individual looked vaguely familiar to him but that he could not recall exactly where he had met the individual. He stated that the name BRUIN or BRODSKY meant nothing to him. After a period of recollection, SCHENKER stated that he thought he may have met the individual in Washington, D. C. sometime during World War II when he, SCHENKER, was with the Office of Price Administration, but that he had no specific recollection in this regard.

Children

SCHENKER denied knowing anyone who attended Drexel Institute where BRUIN went to school. He was unable to identify the photograph of HARRY GOLD and was insistent that he had never met this individual.

SCHENKER denied he ever contemplated going to Russia to obtain work in that country in the textile field. He also denied having any information on any new development in textiles during the late 1930s. SCHENKER advised that he had no access to information concerning any new research development of fiber or fabrics.

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since his field was mainly testing and purchasing. SCHENKER emphatically denied offering any new development to Russians in the hopes of obtaining employment in the Soviet Union. He denied that he was ever approached by any individual on behalf of Soviet Russia. He also denied ever having been a member of the Communist Party.

INTERVIEW OF EVE SCHENKER

EVE SCHENKER was interviewed simultaneously at her residence, 2050 Pine Street, by SAs PAUL B. GIBSON and M. C. CARROLL. When exhibited the photograph of JOHN JACK BRUIN, Mrs. SCHENKER immediately and definitely identified same as the photograph of JACK BRUIN. She stated that she did not know BRUIN by the name of either BRODSKY or BROTSKY. She continued that she knew BRUIN through her association with a theatrical group which was called the New Theater of Philadelphia. She stated that she was associated with this group for approximately a year and a half during 1934-1936. She recalled that BRUIN was a friendly, inquisitive individual.

It should be noted that the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, contains the following citation: New Theater League No. 1, cited as a Communist Front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report, March 29, 1944, page 120, 171, 177.)

It is not known whether the New Theater Group of Philadelphia mentioned by EVE SCHENKER was connected with the New Theater League cited by the House Committee.

The Philadelphia indices were checked concerning the New Theater Group of Philadelphia; however, no information was developed indicating that it was part of the New Theater League.

A photograph of HARRY GOLD was exhibited to Mrs. SCHENKER but she stated that she did not know this individual.

Mrs. SCHENKER advised that she was unable to recall JACK BRUIN ever visiting her apartment at 2313 Walnut Street, where she resided from 1933 to 1937. She stated that she has no recollection whatsoever of BRUIN ever having visited her apartment in the company of HARRY GOLD.

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She stated that her husband was cognizant that the Russians were looking for technical men in the 1930's but that she did not know exactly how he had learned of this information.

Mrs. SCHENKER continued that she knew of no textile processes that her husband was interested in during the 1930's. She pointed out, however, that he did have a good knowledge of the textile industry since he was employed at the Gimbel Research Laboratory during the 1930's. Mrs. SCHENKER was unable to recall that her husband had ever met BRUIN, but she admitted that it was a possibility inasmuch as her husband would meet her after the New Theater Group affairs would break up and at which JACK BRUIN was usually in attendance. She denied any knowledge that her husband was interested in securing employment in Russia, and she had no knowledge of any individual approaching her husband for any reason on behalf of Soviet Russia. She also denied ever having been a member of the Communist Party.

REINTERVIEW OF HERBERT S. SCHENKER

HERBERT SCHENKER, on February 4, 1953, contacted the Philadelphia Office and a short time thereafter voluntarily appeared at the office for reinterview. SCHENKER advised SA PAUL B. GIBSON and the reporting Agent that he had had a long, detailed discussion with his wife, EVE SCHENKER, on the evening of February 3, 1953, following the separate interviews had with her and himself. SCHENKER stated that the photograph of BRUIN still appears familiar to him but that he, himself, still has no specific recollection of where he may have met BRUIN. He continued that after talking with his wife, he believes possibly he had met BRUIN in the lobby of the building in the vicinity of 16th and Race Streets, Philadelphia, where the theatrical group known as the New Theater of Philadelphia met. SCHENKER believes that it is a great possibility that he had met BRUIN in the lobby since he frequently picked up his wife, EVE SCHENKER, following meetings of the above group although he himself was not a member. SCHENKER stated that his wife was a member of the group for approximately a year and a half during 1934-1936. He pointed out that when he met his wife after meetings of this group, he was frequently introduced to members of the theatrical group.

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SCHENKER was unable to recall the names of any individuals he might have been introduced to except JOE GERSON, who, according to SCHENKER, was director of the group and who, he states, is now deceased. SCHENKER was unable to recall any members of the group having ever visited his home. SCHENKER again denied that he was interested in going to Russia to obtain employment.

When confronted with his wife's statement that he had knowledge of the Soviet's desire to hire technical men to work in Russia, SCHENKER claimed that it was common knowledge at the time since such information was widely publicized in newspapers.

SCHENKER stated that his duties at the Gimbel Research Laboratory during the period 1927 to 1937 were testing and not research. He stated that through tests, he could identify the physical characteristics of a finished sample of material, but could not determine the process of making the sample. As an example, SCHENKER stated that he could determine if a rayon fabric was viscose, acetate, or cuprammonium rayon, but he could not determine the process involved in making any of these types of rayon. He pointed out, therefore, that the very nature of his employment precluded the possibility of his having knowledge of any important process concerning the textile industry which was not already publically known.

SCHENKER emphatically reiterated that he had never offered any information concerning textiles or any other material to anyone for Russia. He denied that he was ever approached by anyone for this purpose. SCHENKER professed a willingness to cooperate in this matter, but claims that neither he nor his wife have any recollection of either BRUIN or HARRY GOLD ever coming to their apartment for any purpose. He emphatically denied he had ever met HARRY GOLD.

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One copy of this report is being furnished the New York Office inasmuch as this office has conducted investigation in the past in this case.

The interviews with HERBERT SCHENKER and his wife were conducted simultaneously, but separately.

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AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will, within 45 days, close this case UACB. 10/12

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[REDACTED] presently employed as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Controller's Office, City Hall,
City of Philadelphia. Advised the re-
porting Agent re SCHENKER's current
employment on February 3, 1953.

REFERENCES:

Philadelphia letter, December 24, 1952.

Bureau letter, January 9, 1953.

Philadelphia air-tel, February 3, 4, 1953.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HERBERT SPENCER SCHENKER tentatively identified by HARRY GOLD as person he met in 1937 through JACK BRUIN. SCHENKER and wife, EVE, interviewed simultaneously at Philadelphia 2/3/53. HERBERT SCHENKER when exhibited a photo of JACK BRUIN, stated individual looked vaguely familiar but could not recall where he met individual. Denied knowing HARRY GOLD. Denied he ever contemplated trip to Russia to work in textile field. Denied offering any new development to Russians in hopes of obtaining employment in Soviet Union. EVE SCHENKER, when exhibited photo of JACK BRUIN, immediately and definitely identified same. Knew BRUIN through her association with theatrical group called New Theater Group, Philadelphia, during period 1934 to 1936. Could not identify photo of HARRY GOLD and had no recollection that BRUIN ever visited her apartment in company of HARRY GOLD. Could not recall whether her husband ever met BRUIN. Denied knowledge her husband was interested in securing employment in Russia. Claims she had no knowledge of any individual approaching her husband for any reason on behalf of Soviet Russia. HERBERT SCHENKER voluntarily appeared Philadelphia Office 2/4/53, for reinterview. Stated he had detailed discussion with his wife EVE on evening 2/3/53. Advised photo of

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DATE: April 13, 1953

FROM : R. G. JENSEN *RJ*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Chemist, Philadelphia, 1937
HARRY GOLD - Informant
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Harry Gold, on 7-12-50, advised that in January or February, 1937, he met an unknown man and his wife through Jack Bruin in Philadelphia. Bruin is currently the subject of a security case in the Espionage Section. Bruin has been interviewed and is not cooperative.

Gold has stated Bruin was aware of his industrial espionage and believed Gold would be interested in meeting this unknown man. Gold said there was a complete misconception as to the reason he and Bruin contacted the unknown man. The unknown man believed Gold could assist him in going to Russia whereas Gold believed the unknown man would give him information for the Soviets. Gold has not seen or met this person since this one contact in 1937.

Investigation conducted by Philadelphia has developed Herbert Spencer Schenker as being the most likely candidate for the unknown subject in this case. Gold is of the opinion that photographs of Schenker and his wife are probably identical with the couple he met through Jack Bruin in 1937. He was unable to make a positive identification. Simultaneous and separate interviews of Schenker and his wife developed that Mrs. Schenker knew Jack Bruin and recalled possibly introducing her husband to him. Schenker stated photographs of Bruin were vaguely familiar. Both Schenkers denied ever meeting Gold.

All references have been reviewed and the pertinent information is contained in the main file.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. In view of the fact that no actual espionage activity is involved in this case and we cannot positively identify the chief suspect as the unknown subject, this case is being closed. We are still investigating Jack Bruin and any additional developments in that case will be considered in connection with this case.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Investigation completed. Case closed.

DETAILS:

A review of the file in this matter reflects all investigation has been completed. This case is, therefore, being closed.

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