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Harry Bolock has had many associations with Communists or Communist sympathisers.

Belock brought into the employment of this company the following known or suspected Communists or Communist sympathizers:

Morton Sobell - Electronics Engineer, now under indictment with Harry Gold, Fuchs, Rosenberg in connection with discharge of atomic secrets.

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It is noteworthy that even after Belock learned of Sobell's arrest as a spy he insisted on keeping him on the company's payroll. However, the controller after an altercation with Belock refused to continue him on the company's payroll any longer and removed him notwithstanding Belock's objections.

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Belock made two European trips. It is known that on his return from one of these trips he was met at the dock by Elitcher, who was then active in the service of the Navy.

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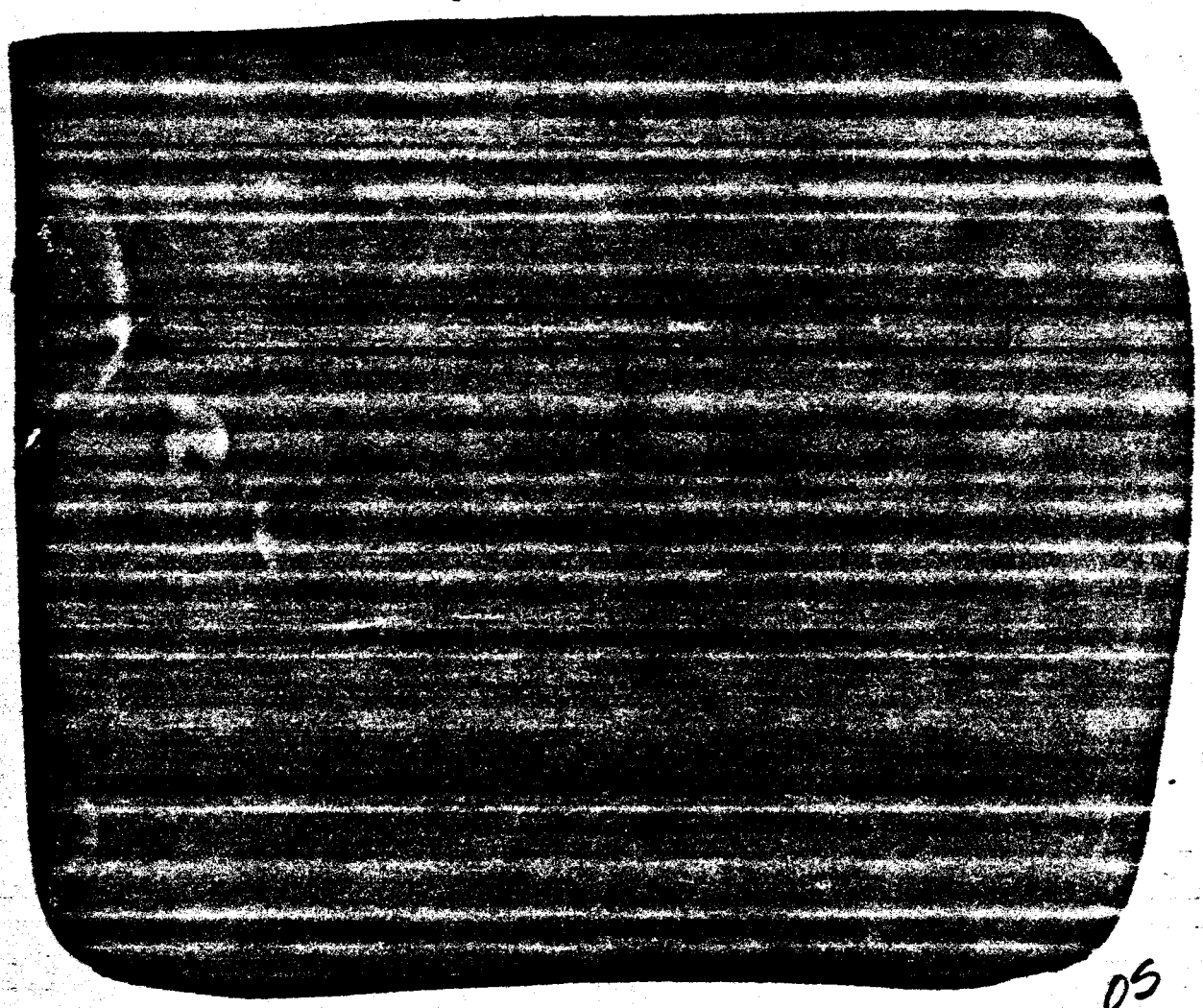

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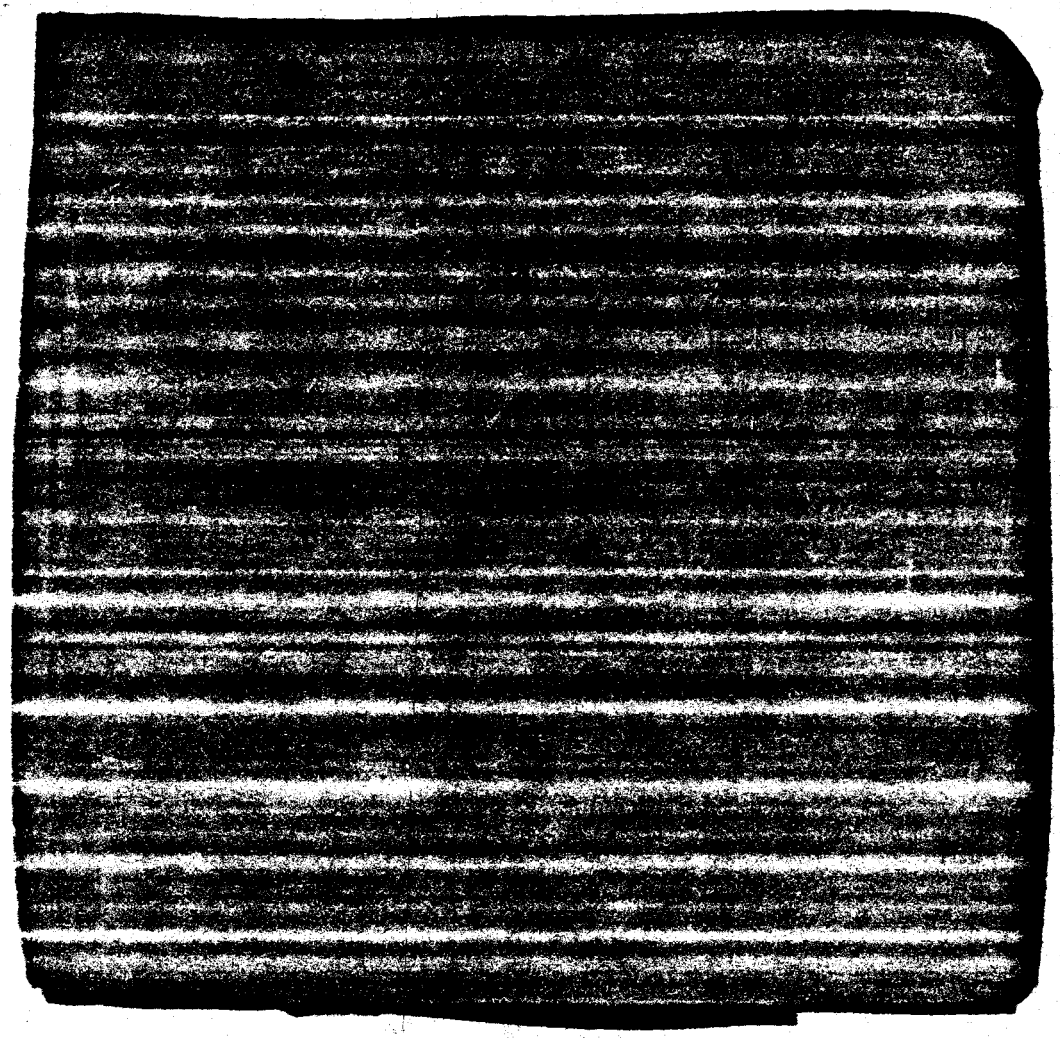

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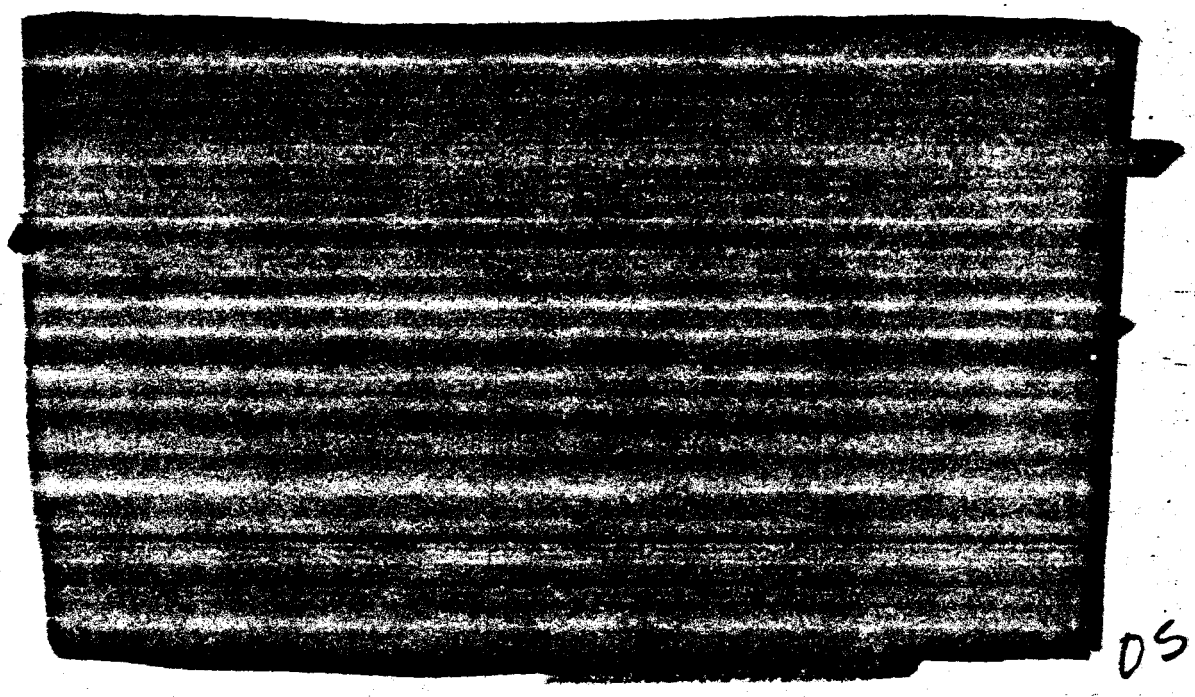

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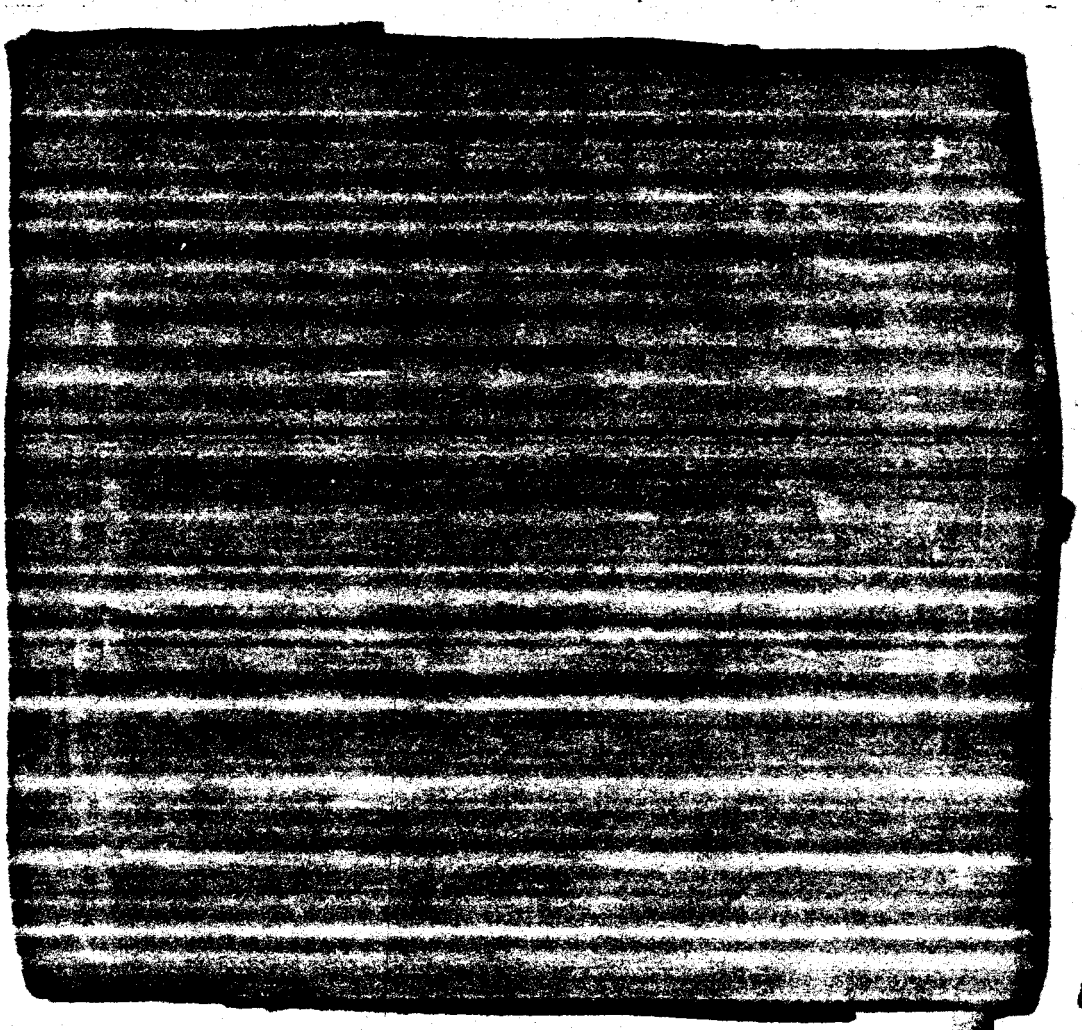

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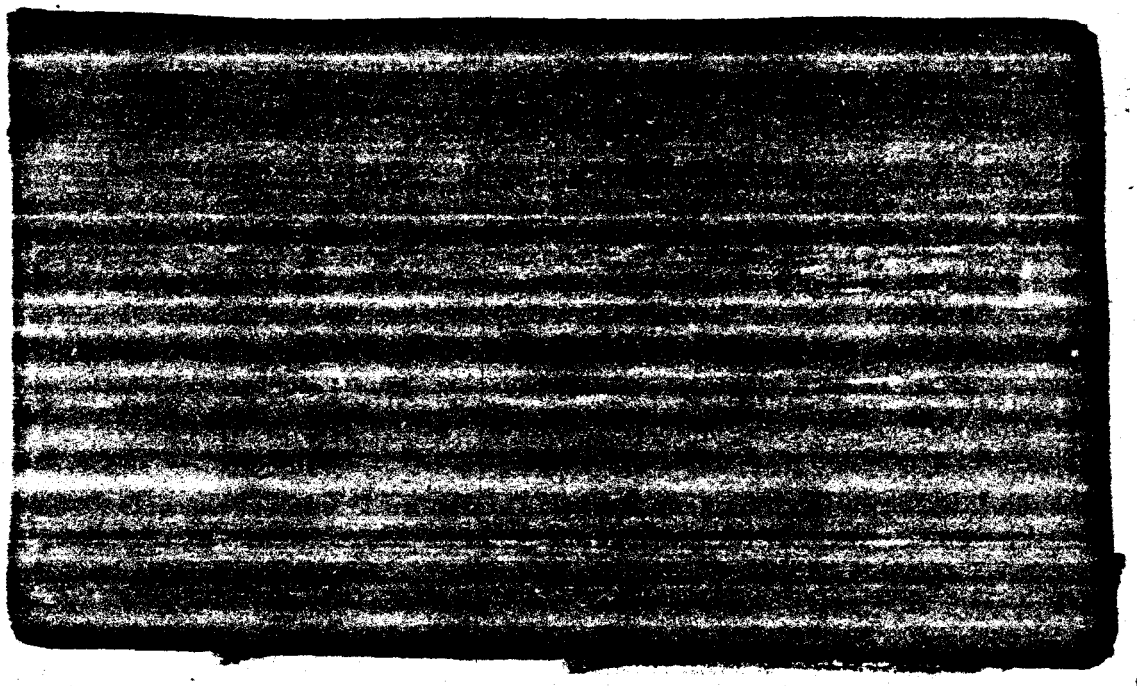

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During the investigation of JULIUS ROSENBERG, convicted Soviet espionage agent, it was learned from HELENE ELITCHER that she had been treated during 1947 and 1948 by a woman psychiatrist in Washington, D. C., metropolitan area (Maryland), named Dr. MARGARET McKENZIE RIOCH. It is to be noted that HELENE ELITCHER is the wife of MAX ELITCHER, former Communist Party member who testified at the trial of JULIUS ROSENBERG that ROSENBERG had tried to recruit him into the Soviet espionage system.

In connection with the treatment of HELENE ELITCHER by Dr. MARGARET McKENZIE RIOCH, SAS HOWARD FLETCHER, Jr., and ROBERT L. SMELTZER interviewed Dr. MARGARET McKENZIE RIOCH, 207 Dorset Avenue,

Chevy Chase, Maryland. She informed these agents that HELENE ELITCHER had come to her for psychiatric treatment for approximately a year just prior to the time when HELENE ELITCHER moved to New York City. The approximate time was from the middle of 1947 until the middle of 1948. She informed the agents that the reason why the patient had come to her was because of a slight maladjustment in character. She said that she had never seen anything to reflect on HELENE ELITCHER'S ability to testify in the ROSENBERG case. She said she would not hesitate to state that HELENE ELITCHER was reliable and trustworthy. She believed it could not be used to attack the patient's veracity as a witness. She did not feel that there was any indication of a psychosis or conditions which would adversely affect the veracity or credibility of HELENE ELITCHER as a witness. She told the agents that she had not been contacted before by anyone concerning HELENE ELITCHER.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

BALTIMORE

At Chevy Chase, Maryland

Will attempt to develop information which will provide background on the medical training of MARGARET McKENZIE RIOCH. HELENE ELITCHER has stated that she received psychiatric treatment from Dr. MARGARET McKENZIE RIOCH. [redacted]

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CHARACTER OF CASE

ESPIONAGE - R

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York:

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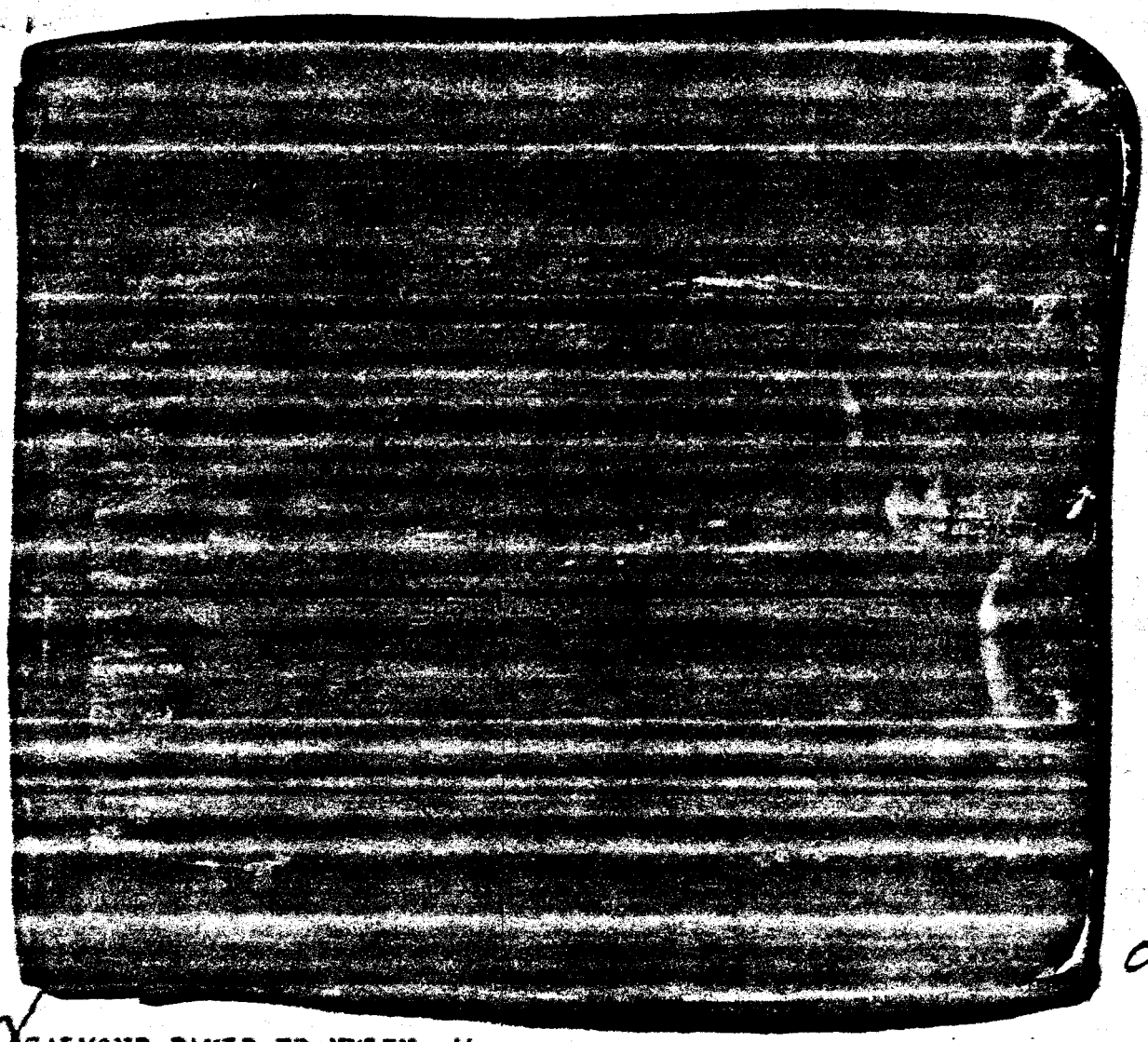

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