Office Memorandum : UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

THE DIRECTOR TO

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EDWARD MICHAEL CORSON, aka., Edward Anatol Corson SUBJECT:

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE:

To advise that on April 28, 1951, that subject was preving a book published concerning atomic energy. desired to know if anything was wrong with the subject and urged that the subject be afforded clearance to work in the atomic energy field. Bufiles reflect that the subject is an atomic scientist who corresponded with Emil Klaus Fuchs on February 10, 1950, advising that he did not believe the accusations against Fuchs.

To recommend that be informed that information appearing in Burnes is confidential and cannot be disclosed and that atomic energy clearance is a matter for the Atomic Energy Commission and not the Bureau.

To further recommend that the Atòmic Energy Commission be informed by liaison that the subject is having a book published concerning atomic energy matters.

BACKGROUND:

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Guy Hottel, dated May 1, 1951, advising that on April 28, 1951, he interviewed who informed recently tarked to the subject, Edward Michael Corson. reported that Corson is in the process of having a book published which deals with mathematics and chemistry of metals in the atomic energy field. further reported that Corson informed him that he had an emotional breakdown as a result of the arrest of Emil Klaus Fyohs, for espionage and has not

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been able to secure proper clearance to work (in the atomic energy field).

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the above information was:

1. He believes Corson should receive clearance for work in the atomic energy field, and

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Biographical Data Concerning Subject:

Bufiles reflect that Edward Michael Corson was the subject of an Atomic Energy Act - Applicant investigation in September - October, 1947. Corson was under consideration for a position as a consultant, with the Brookhaven National Laboratory. Investigation reflected that Corson was born June 27, 1921, in New York of naturalized parents of Russian origin. Corson has a Ph.D Degree from Johns Hopkins University and was employed as a research physicist by the Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation in New York City and Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from 1943 to 1947. A number of neighbors considered him entirely loyal. One acquaintance believed Corson to be in sympathy with Russia during the war. This investigation also reflected that Corson received a loan of approximately \$500.00 for tuition from the Russian Students Fund, Incorporated. According to G-2, this organization 48 composed of various groups with pro-Soviet, pro-German, and other un-American beliefs.

x Recent Activities of Subject:

On February 10, 1950, Corson telegraphed Emil Klaus Fuchs at the Bow Street jail in England as follows:

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"Have written Cockroft. Naturally do not believe the accusations. If I can be of any service call on me."

Fuchs replied:

"Thank you. There is nothing you can do. The evidence will change your mind."

In a letter which he stated was to be published in the March, 1950, issue of the "Journal of the American Physics Society," Corson stated that he was fully convinced that Fuchs was not capable of betraying any trust - personal or national. Corson also stated in this letter that he was shocked at Fuchs' arrest and could not believe that it was possible.

On April 12, 1950, Br. J. Robert Oppenheimer advised that Corson recently told him that he was going to Russia with some scientists on a mission.

Interviews With Subject:

Corson has been interviewed on several occasions by Bureau representatives, particularly with respect to his acquaintance with Fuchs. On the first interview, Corson became mildly indignant stating that he had already been "grilled" for days by MI-5 in England. However, Corson did furnish information concerning his knowledge of Fuchs and expressed the opinion that "There may be others like Fuchs." He immediately admitted that he had no documentary proof of this statement and he advised that he would not "contravene" his integrity by preciting names.

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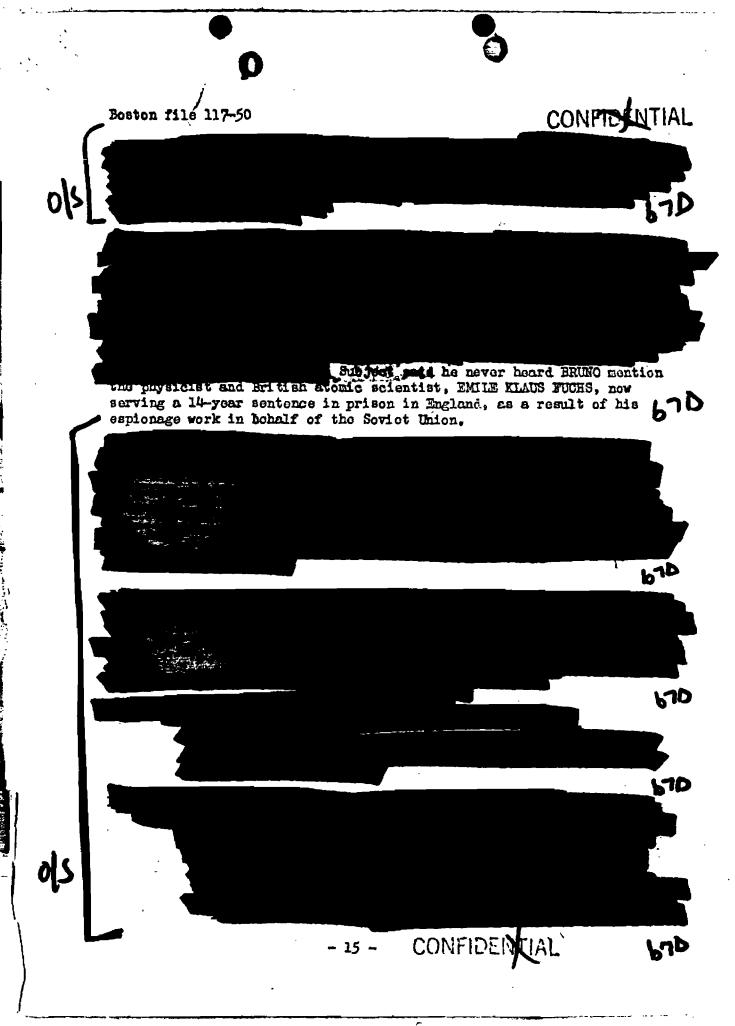
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CONFIDENTIAL Boston file 117-50 It is pointed out that EMILE KLAUS FUCHS is a self-admitted Soviet espionage agent presently serving a 14-year sentence in England for Soviet espionage activities. 170 It is to be pointed out that Madame CURIE is the wife of FREDERIC JOLIOT-CURIE, who was, until recently, the Chairman of the French Atomic Energy Commission, and who was later removed from said position because of his open and admitted affiliation with the Communist Party. Ro JUILIANA PARET, Bister of Subject and DUCCIC TABET, brother-in-law of Subject - CONFIDENTIAL



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In regard to associates of TUCK was a limited amount of course, TUCK was acquainted and had at least a limited amount of association with KLAUR FUCKS, convicted within amount of the feriod test they were together at Los Alamos between 1944 and 1946. He expisited, however, that they did not work is the same section of the laboratory and that Mrs. TUCK was at Los Alamos with her husband during the war, whereas FUCKS was single and did not write they arrive with the married people to any particular extent.

MCRRISON at Los Alamos during the war and for a short time alter that period, but that he has never known fuck to have any common interest or to associate with MCRRISON in any manner. He advised, however, that it is entirely probable that TUCK was acquainted with MCRRISON at los Alamos during such time. He has not heard TUCK mention MCRRISON in any way since he returned to Los Alamos in 1950 and knows of no possible association whatsoever that they might have had after that time.

first met TUCK

professional contact with him at that location over a period of about one year and that he has had both professional and social contact with him at

his wife are both very honest, responsible individuals of good character and habits. He further stated that both TUCK and his wife are firm believers in the Democratic Form of Government and that he considers them to be entirely loyal to the United States at this time.

further that TUCK is quite conscientious and attempts to be very careful in his handling of any confidential information but that he does have a tendency for "absent-mindedness" which has caused him to be charged with several Procedural Security Violations, such as leaving documents out and safes open. He added, however, that TUCK is always very discreet in his conversation about any restricted data and that he believes that he can be trusted with confidential information.

Mr. and Mrs. TUCK to associate with responsible and, so far as he knows, loyal citizens.

Alamos have included Dr. and Mrs. J. CARSON MARK; Mr. and Mrs. STANISIAW ULAM, and Mr. DUNCAN CURRY. He has not known them to be affiliated with any organization.

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that he had some professional contact with him

vised that both Mr. and Mrs. TUCK are very honest, respectable people of good character and that he has found them to be loyal to the United States and a Democratic Form of Government in every way. He also advised that even though TUCK has been charged with some minor Procedural Security Violations, Me is actually very conscious about security and classification matters and is particularly discreet in his conversation relative to any possible restricted data.

KIAUS FUCHS in any way and that he has no knowledge of any possible association that TUCK may have had with PHILLIP MORRISON. He advised that he has only known TUCK to associate with reputable and loyal citizens who are also employed at Los Alamos.

He concluded be considers TUCK can be trusted with confidential information.

and has also had some social contact over similar period. He stated Mr. and Mrs. TUCK are very respectable and responsible individuals who appear to be entirely loyal to the United States and the Democratic Form of Government. He has not known them to be affiliated with any organization and has only known them to associate with reputable individuals.

He advised that TUCK has, on a few occasions, mentioned KIAUS FUCHS in a casual manner, but that he has never indicated that he ever had any close acquaintanceship or association with KIAUS FUCHS at any time.

mention PHILLIP MORRISON in any manner and does not know of any possible association between these individuals.

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to be an entirely honest, respectable and responsible individual and he has never had any reason to question his loyalty to this country or our form of Government. He also indicated that TUCK is very discrept in his conversation and association and that he considers him to be trustworthy with confidential information.

advised that he was acquainted with KIAUS FUCKS at Los Alamos during World War II and that although both FUCKS and TUCK were members of the British Mission, he never knew them to be particularly close or to associate together except possibly in connection with their work. He advised that they did not work in the same section of the laboratory but that inasmuch as both were members of the British Mission, they did have some mutual situations.

he knew TUCK casually and that he has also had some professional contact with him from the stated TUCK always impressed him as being honest, responsible, of good character and that he considers him to be a "thoroughly transplanted Englishman" who is now entirely loyal to the United States and our Form of Government.

specifically that TUCK is very conscious and conscientious in regard to security and classification matters and that he considers that he has a very commendable attitude in this respect. He has only known him to associate with reputable individuals and has not known him to be affiliated with any organization.

ly associate with KIAUS FUCHS, although they were both members of the British Mission during World War II. He advised that they did not work in the same section of the laboratory and that he cannot recall having ever seen them associating on a social basis.

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is an entirely responsible individual of good character and that he has found him to be a rather "conservative" individual who appears to entertain a complete belief in a Democratic Form of Government. He stated he believes TUCK is now entirely loyal to this country and our government.

FUCHS at los Alamos during world war II but that he is quite certain that he never received any indication that TUCK particularly associated with FUCHS at los Alamos or at any other location. He further stated with FUCHS at los Alamos or at any other location. He further stated that he does not recall that TUCK ever mentioned FUCHS to him in any manner, although he does recall that TUCK did discuss ALIAN MUNN MAY, convicted Canadian asnionage agent, with him sometime after the arrest of NAY. He stated that he cannot recall the exact statements made by TUCK in regard to NAY but that he does recall that TUCK's attitude was entirely commendable; that he did not defend MAY or indicate that he was ever acquainted with MAY; and that he only mentioned the matter as subject of mutual concern on the basis of security.

that TUCK may have ever had with PHILLIP MORRISON.

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TUCK on 35th Street between She advised that she did not have much personal contact with them during such period but that she never was in receipt of any information unfavorable to their character, loyalty, associates or trustworthiness in any respect.

Re stated that they are entirely responsible and respectable individuals of good character and that both of them are completely loyal to the United States and the Democratic Form of Government. He further advised that he has only known them to associate with reputable and loyal citizens who are also employed in responsible positions by the University of California and mentioned that he believes that their particular associates have been Mr. and Mrs. FRAMK C. HOYT.

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900 Standard Building Cleveland 13, Ohio April 20, 1950 ATR WAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY NFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED JACOB H. GOLDSTKIN - OR - 10486 Aka Jacob Herman Goldstein ATOMIC ENERGY ACT ReBulet to Atlanta dated April 7, 1950. that ROY BLACKWELL, NORVAN CLARK, and SIDNEY BERUKE in their New York Office may be acquainted with applicant. Applicant was employed as assistant chemist with the Ferclave Corporation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Applicant born December 18, 1915, Atlanta, Georgia. applicant's name is listed among shilled personnel in report of Special Agent CHARLTON C. McSWAIN dated February 15, 1950, at Knoxville and entitled, FOO CASE - Repionage - 2. New York file 65-15136. New York requested to interview above individuals concerning their knowledge of applicant. Full investigation. Buded April 27, 1950. HANDLE. Very truly yours, J. ABBATICCHIO JR. Special Agent in Charge efbidht 116-10042

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(Bufile 116-15796) Reference Bureau letter dated January 12, 1955, captioned "SECURITY RISK PROGRAM, ARA - B; (HEFER ESPIONAGE)." The derogatory information in this case pertains to the association of at Los Alamos. New Mexico. The questionable areas of significance involved in connection with degree of associaassociation with plant found, and element past and present, that exists in this association 6-157596-73 REGISTERED MAIL RECORDED - 71 KLM/blw HNDEXED - 71 (F) 7 JUL 25 1955 1-00:116-2673

TSEC emorandum Mr. W. C. Sullivan DATE: August 29, 1961 Trotter Side for R. W. Smith SUBJECT: TESTIMONY--SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY **SUBCOMMITTEE AUGUST 15, 1961** major general edwin a U. S. ARMY--WITNESS 4NDERSON Rememo DeLoach to Sullivan, August 16, 1961, captioned TESTIMONY-SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE referring Volume I of Executive Session Testimony of Major General Edwin A. Walker, US Army, to Domestic Intelligence Division for review and return to Mr. DeLoach for return to Committee. Original transcript was returned by Liaison Section to Mr. DeLoach. Two photostatic copies were prepared for Bureau's use and are enclosed herewith. This memorandum contains brief review of captioned testimony by Central Research Section and is for information only. No mention of Director or FBI. In April, 1961, General Walker was relieved of command as head of 24th Infantry Division, Germany, apparently because of publicized procommunist allegations against prominent persons and allegations that he had been indoctrinating personnel of his Division with John Birch Society materials. The "Overseas Weekly, "hereinafter referred to as OW, an American memmercial publication distributed among service personnel everseas, had apparently been responsible for much of the original publicity concerning the General's alleged charges against there as well as the John Birch charges against the General himself ध्य वा 1/6-165494 ENCLO. BEH inglosures Mr. Smith - Section tickler - Mr. Baumgerdner

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> Attention: Personnel Security Branch

JOHN SANBORN BLAIR - OR-10969

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Reference is made to the investigative reports which were previously furnished you under date of October 6, 1950, in the above-captioned matter, at which time it was indicated that results of foreign inquiries would be forwarded when received (u)

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No further investigation is being conducted by this Bureau in regard to this matter but, in the event further pertinent information should be received from abroad, you will be advised.

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BYRON DARLING at school but that he did not know any of his political affiliations or sympathies to this government. According to the he did not know if the association between all these persons had terminated when they finished at Yale, and could only add that BROWN was at present in England.

also said that he did not know either PAUL RESS or JACQUES CHEVALIER and knew of no associations between them and the applicant. He also volunteered the information that the applicant had been at Los Alamos on several occasions and may have known KIAUS FUCHS, but of this he was not sure.

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SECRET - AÎR COURIER April 30, 1952 Date: Director, FBI To:

Legal Attache, London (116-12) From:

Subject: FREDERICK LONDON - SE - 14154 aka Fritz Wolfgang London ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

Rebulet 3-7-52 to Charlotte, a copy of which was directed to this office.

There are enclosed herewith copies of a memorandum dated

Bureau's attention is directed to FOOCASE which notes that Klaus Fuchs identified URSULA BEURTON as his woman contact mithe U.K. Si the Russian zone of Germany. She is now believed to be in

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Re NY teletype to Bureau, 2/10/50 entitled TOOCASE. ESPIONAGE - R. T

Referenced teletype reflects on page 1 that LYMAN BLISS, of Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation, was present at a technical meeting of British delegation and Kellex employees according to diaries of Dr. K.R. COHEN. 🚱

The above teletype reflects that COHEN believes that KLAUS FUCHS was present at the meeting.

Rerep of SA CHARLTON C. MC SWAIN dated 2/15/50 at Knoxville entitled "FOOCASE, EXPIONAGE - R" page 7 of which reflects that Mr. L.A. BLISS, of Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation, was present at a meeting on January 5, 1944 of the Kellex Corporation which was also attended by Klaus Tuchs. In

The pertinence of the above information is not known by the NYO

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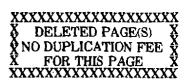
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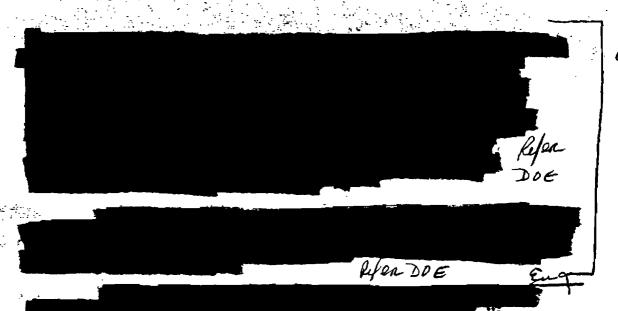
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advised that he did not know KLAUSIFUCHS when he was at Los Alamos b7C during the early days of the project. He stated that from what he has heard of FUCHS since that time, he knows that FUCHS was connected with the theoretical work being done, whereas KLINE was engaged in experimental work. He stated that to his knowledge, FUCHS did not have any official contact with KLINE or any of the members of his group. He stated that FUCHS would have been older and a more senior scientist than KLINE, who was little more than a technician and very young when he was at Los Alamos. Young stated that he could not say whether or not KLINE knew FUCHS when he was at Los Alamos, but that he had never heard KLINE mention having any associates among the members of the British Mission at Los Alamos. He added KLINE had very few, if any, close friends while at Los Alamos, and that he believed that he knew him better than anyone presently at Los Alamos. He advised that be could suggest no one who might have known the applicant well enough at Los Alamos to say whether he was an associate of FUCHS on a social basis.

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KLAUS FUCHS has admitted having been engaged in espionage for the Russian Government during the period that he was at Los Alamos from 1944 to 1946 and is presently serving a fourteen year sentence in England.

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Concerned Over **Atomic Meeting**

By WALTER TROHAN

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This is being furnished for the information of the Eureau and the Albuquerque Office for appropriate consideration in the light of the known facts in the FUCHS case.

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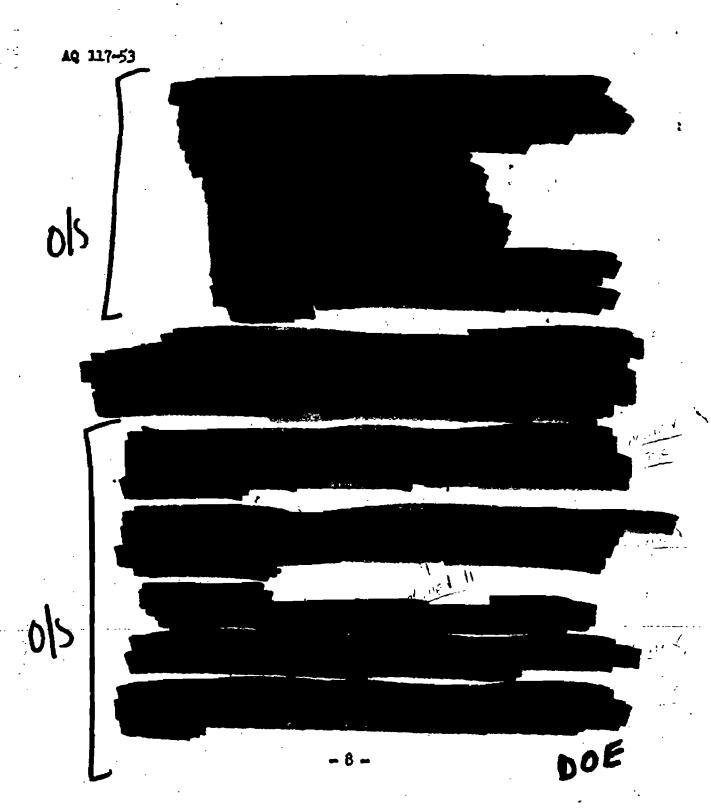


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Confidential Informent T-12, another Governmental agency, advised that Dr. SKINNER and DR. K. FUCHS, the British scientist arrested in England as a Russian spy, were cleared to visit the Chicago Operations Office in November, 1947 to confer with Dr. H. L. ANDERSON in regard to aspects of neutron spectroscopy. This informant further advised that Dr. SKINNER and Dr. FUCHS visited the Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago on November 28, 1947. At that time they were not given access to any restricted data.

Dr. KARL PALEY COHEN, 501 West 121st Street, New York City, advised SAS ROBERT M. KEANE and JOHN R. MURPHY, on February 9, 1950, that he remembered having dinner with Dr. FUCHS at a restaurant in New York City in 1947. At that time FUCHS left his hat in the restaurant and he later asked Dr. COHEN to get it for him and return it to Mrs. SKINNER who resided on West 111th Street.

When Dr. FUCHS was interviewed in England, he stated that he remembered having dinner with Dr. COHEN and leaving his hat in the restaurant, and that he had requested Dr. COHEN to return it to the home of Mrs. H. W. B. SKINNER on West 111th Street in New York City.

PATRICK J. GAREY, the International General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York, advised in February, 1950 that Dr. FUCHS visited this laboratory on November 18, 1947. His records indicated that Dr. H. W. B. SKINNER was to visit this laboratory with Dr. FUCHS, but was delayed and did not arrive until Fovember 26, 1947.



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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA WILLIAM G. O'DONNELL, dated August 23, 1951 at New York, New York, are in entified as follows:

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HARRY WALSH, Security Office, Atomic Energy Commission, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City.

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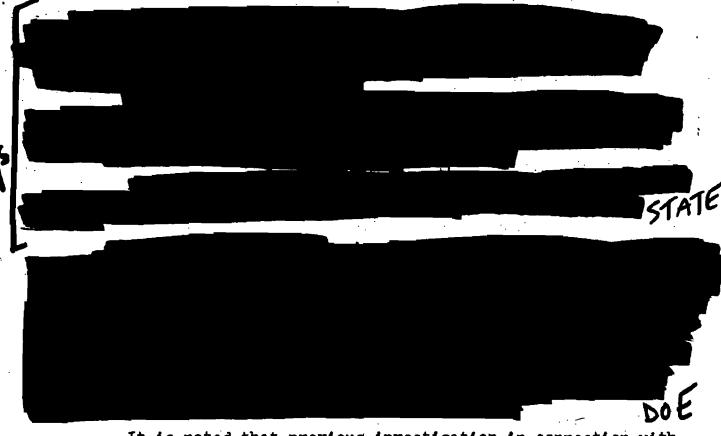
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It is noted that previous investigation in connection with EMIL KLAUS/FUCHS, a self-admitted Soviet espionage agent, determined that he was in the United States November 11 through 30, 1947, during which time he visited the Argonne Laboratory as well as other Atomic Energy Commission sites.

It is noted that during May, 1950, FUCHS, in an interview with T-9 and T-10 of known reliability, gave an account of his activities during the above visit to the United States, recalling that after arrival in New York City, he remained in the city about two days and resided in a hotel near lilth Street. He stated that he recalled that Mrs. H. W. B. XSKINNER was residing at that time in an apartment on lilth Street.

Washington T-3, a representative of another governmental agency, who has wide acquaintances among scientific circles and T-11

any information concerning BURHOP, OLIPHANT and other members of the OLIPHANT Group.

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T-2 - SA RAY WANNALL. Information attributed to him is set forth in the report of SA E. HYATT MCSSBURG, Washington, D. C., July 24, 1946, in the matter entitled, "National Committee on Atomic Information - Federation of American Scientists,

T-3 - Intelligence Division, AEC DoE

T-5 - Security Division, Department of State.

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T-6 - Office of Naval Research

T-7 - Records of Security Division, AEC

r-8 - CIA

T-9 and T-10 are used to protect the identity of Assistant Director HUGH H. CLEGG and SA ROBERT LAMPHERE who interviewed FUCHS during May, 1950, in England, results of which interview are set forth in the report of SA JOSEPH C. WALSH, New York City, on October 10, 1950, in the FOO Case.

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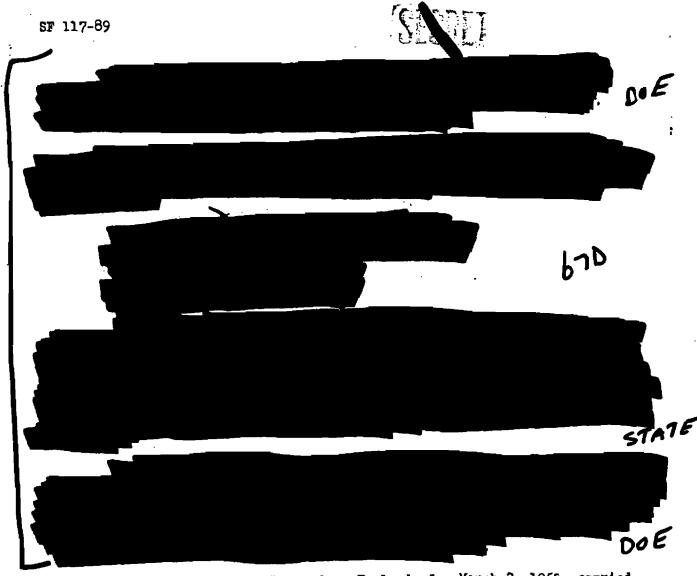
Will, through, the Security Division, AEC, obtain specific information identifying work papers and activities of BURHOP of interest to AEC and in connection with his association with the MED Program at Berkeley, California.

Will, through informants and other sources, make additional efforts to determine local Washington and other addresses of BURHOP and other principal suspects in instant matter during their visits to the United States.

Will, through INS and Visa Division, Dept. of State, attempt to locate additional travel data concerning OLIPHANT's visit to the United States during July, 1946.

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The "Daily Express", London, England, for Merch 3, 1950, carried the following article:

"The man who got nearest to making a friend of atomspy KLLUS EMIL JULIUS FUCHS—19-year-old Dr. HERBERT
WAKEFIELD BLANKS SKINNER, ex-radar boffin, and secondin-command at the Harwell, Berks, atom station—has
temporarily taken over the work FUCHS left balffinished when he was arrested. His salary remains
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"Taken in by FUCHS' apparent sincerity and pleasuremenners, Dr. SKINNTR and his wife FRNA frequently asked the spy to their home in Southdrive, Herwell, for after-lunch coffee. Sometimes he dropped in for an evening meal.

"The three of them went on a ski-ing heliday to Switzerland lest year.

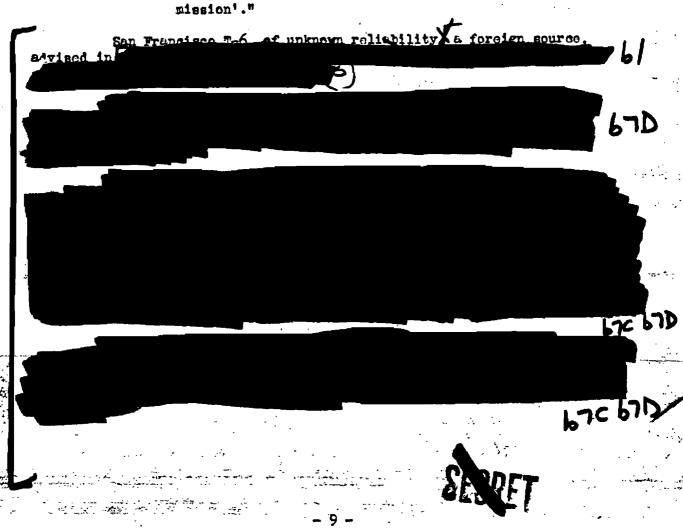
"In a published poem, which starts, 'Foul Harwell, ugliest village of the downs,' Dr. SKINNER says:,

II took a job-they did not overpay me-

I sold my soul to nuclear fission,

I thought I might serve science and my country,

I thought I had a real and pressing mission!"



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Re Pittsburgh letter dated 9/22/52, and Bureau letter dated 10/8/52, specifically authorizing the Pittsburgh Office to contact JOHN D. STRONG and WILLIAM G. FASTIE with a view atowards developing them an pitt informants.

In referenced Pittsburgh letter, it was noted that the Johns Hopkins Institute for Cooperative Research is doing research work for the Atomic Energy Commission at the Bettis Field Site at Pittsburgh and that the personnel of the Johns Hopkins Institute for Cooperative Research consists of STRONG and FASTIE.

A review of the indices of the Baltimore Office reflects a name and identifying information concerning one JOHN D. STRONG who is believed identical with the Dr. STRONG mentioned above. On June 22, 1951, an anonymous source furnished this office with photographs of two address books which apparently belonged to the subject of the case entitled NATALIE GURNEY, nee KOUTEINIKOFF, was.; Espionage - R (Bureau file 65-59641) and her husband, Dr. RONALD WILFRED GURNEY. One item in the address book is as follows:

ME JOHN D. STRONG; wife, JUNE; Burnside Farm, Eccleston, Maryland; employed as a Professor of Physics, Johns Hopkins University.

EMIL JULIUS KLAUS/FUCHS, in 1950, advised that from 1933 to 1937 ne was closely associated with NATALIE GURNEY and her husband in England; that he was in contact with the GURNEYs during November, 1947, in Chicago; that he regarded the subject's husband, Dr. RONALD WILFRED GURNEY, as a security risk, and that he believed other people might get in touch with Soviet espionage agents through NATALIE GURNEY.

An AEAA investigation concerning JOHN DONYON STRONG - NY - 8905, conducted by this office in October, 1949, reflected that Dr. STRONG had been employed as a Professor of Physics at the

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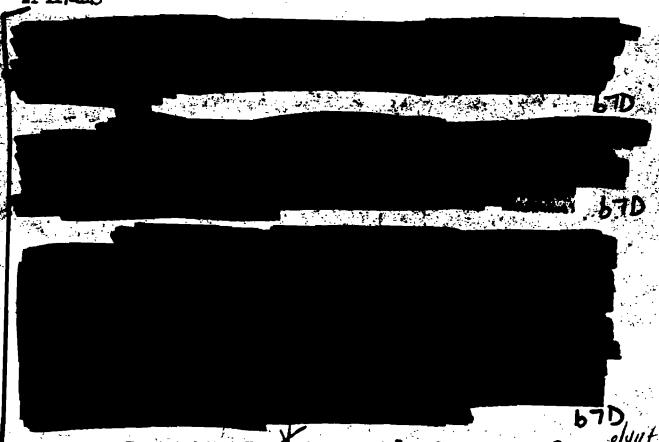
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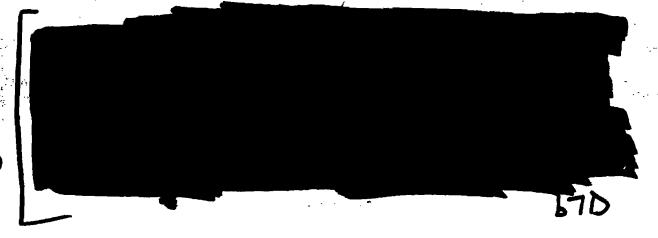
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An article appeared in the "World Talegran and Sun" dated March 1, 1950, which reflected that Br. MAUS FUCES, Britain's third ranking scientist, pleaded guilty at Old Bailey on March 1, 1940, to betraying Angle-American atomic bomb sucrets to American and that he was sentenced to 14 years in prison. This article further stated that the 38 year old Gorson bern scientist, a confessed Seviet agent, through himself on the heavy of the court after admitting his guilt of handing over atomic secrets to the Seviets. This article reflected that FUCES participated in the development and and assembling of the stem bomb at New York, hes Alemes, New Marioe, and Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

In article appeared in the "New York Herald Tribune" on October 1, 1949, which reflected that Dr. JOSETH WALKINGTHER, the was been in New York City and had attended the College of the City of New York, was named by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as the "much telked-about "Scientist IS". This article reflected that the Committee's report stated "Scientist IS" gave atomic secrets to a Bussian agent during the war and recommended that WEINERG be presecuted for purjury in connection with testinesy he gave before this committee.

This article further stated that JANES STERLING MURRAY, who was formerly the efficer in charge of security and intelligence in the San Francisco area of the Manhattan Engineering District, stated that an unidentified scientist at the Radiation Laboratory had disclosed certain secret information about the Manhattan Engineering Project to a member of the Communist Party in San Francisco and that this information was transmitted to the Russian Consulate in San Francisco. MURRAY stated that through information which was received from a confidential informant, it was possible to obtain background information on this unidentified scientist and they were able to definitely determine that the unidentified scientist was JOSEPH W. WEINEERG.

In regard to Mr. KAISER, who was an instructor at Brooklyn College, it was noted that in the Rapp-Condert Committee report the Communist newspaper at Brooklyn College in the Spring of 1935 was entitled, "THE STAFF". This report stated that the first issue of this paper, which was published regularly by individuals on the Brooklyn College staff, it was noted that this paper stated that it was a political paper expressing the program of the Communist Party with a special reference to the problems of teachers and students in Brooklyn College. The purpose of this paper was to acquaint the members of the teaching, administrative and elerical staffs with the Communist position on the major questions of that time and to criticise these questions by showing their bearing on the particular problems at that time.

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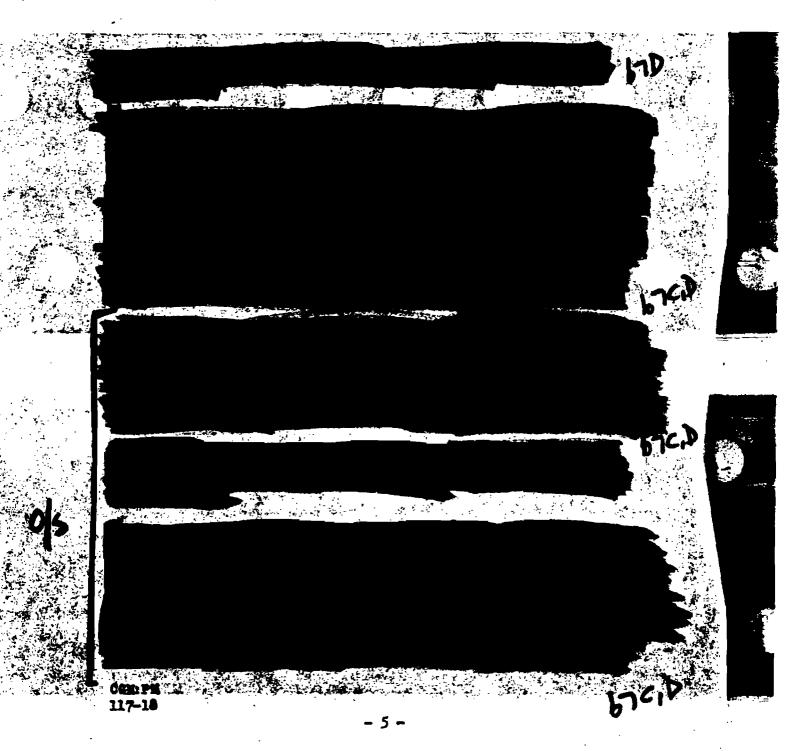
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Not Even Axis Foe **Had Daring**

(This is the story—as it never has been possible to tell it beforeof how Russia stole the secrets of the atomic bomb and of the shadewy men and women who successfully engineered the most astounding international theft of all time.

(The nuthor, famed writer-reporter-columnist Bob Considine, devoted months of research to sathering the facts. He talked with Scotland Yard men affi atomic experts in England. He interviewed dozens of security d ficials, ecientists and others in this country. He obtained access to information never before published. And he weaves it all into the fantastic, but true, story that begins herewith in the first of 11 articles)

BY BOB CONSIDINE -World Copyright, 1851, by International

During the tense and costly years when the United States, Britain and Canada were engaged in the creation of the atomic bomb, no known effort was made by any of the bomb's intended victims-Italy, Germany and Japan -to steal its devastating formula and best the Allies to the punch.

The grimly guarded secrets of the bomb were stolen, however, by an ostensible ally—Russia—in the most daring, economical and sinister cloak and dagger conspiracy in history.

This and subsequent articles will attempt to place in proper perspective the men and women who participated in that spying coup and the methods by which these inconspicuous and often highly educated and otherwise moral spies achieved their shocking

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They are responsible, at least in part, for the heavy taxes which burden you, rising costs and public debts which will reach well into the 21st century.

Justice has landed heavily upon those who have been apprehend. ed. But their deed is done and its excruciating success is measured by recurrent tests of the Soviet _bomb.

For a time in the annals of science it seemed the destiny of the Axis to create the A-bomb. But political and racial persecution boomeranged in the faces of Mussolini and Hitler, providentially depriving them of the bomb.

Musiciini Foiled, Too

While teaching at the universities of Florence and Rome between 1934 and 1938, Dr. Enrice Fermi, now of the University of Chicago, came perliquely close to discovering that the uranium atom could be split and potentially produce undreamed-of power. It is a popuar tale in the realm of muclear hysics that an ill-placed bit d ead foil deprived Fermi of a even greater place in science that he now holds.

It can be reasoned, too, that the same bit of foil foiled Mussolini. For Fermi might well have been forced to divulge his discovery for the "good of the state. Fortunately, the distinguished Italian scientist fled Italy when it appeared he might be arrested for his anti-Fascist views. His work with the U. S. bomb was tremendous.

Lete in 1938, Dr. Liss Meitner. working with the great German physicists Hahn and Strassman at the Khiser Wilhelm Institute in Berlin, made the startling observation that manium bombarded by the submicroscopic emissions of radium was partly transmuted into two elements of approximately half the atomic weight of uranium-krypton and bárium.

It was the most astonishing stroke it rendered obsolete every

discovery of the age, for in one [Continued on page 7/501: 1]

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book on physics written since the Dr. Meitner had broken atoms and sensed that she had opened "the door to a world of explosive too overwhelming to CHERRY comprehend adequately.

she learned that Heinrich Himmler's exclusion set would force her to leave Germany because she was partly Jewish. She took the discovery out with her, starting the human chain reaction which reached fruition in the United States

U. S. Feared Nazi Threat

The men she left behind her. one of whom (Otto Hahn) won the Nobel prize in chemistry for enlargements on her work, toiled only sporadically at the creation of A-bomb—the for a time this country considered itself in a desperate race to beat Hitler to history's most devastating explo-

By the time our evaluation teams were able to probe Germany's atomic energy program, before V-E day, they learned that German scientista were so skeptical about the possibility of an A-bomb that they had directed much of their study to the release

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To begin, the little group of scientists who knew an atomic bomb But, before Dr. Meitner had an opportunity to relay her earth-shaking findings to her superiors at the Naxi-dominated institute, the Naxi-dominated institute, ahe learned that Hainrich Misses. hattan project which produced the bomb. The letter, instead,



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was carried by hand by Alexander Sachs, and several tense months were lost while he waited to gain admission to Rocsevelt's office.

Unique Security Force

After the Army entered the picture it set up, under Gen. Leslie R. Groves, a 250-man security force unique in our annals. That it was in time punctured, notably by Dr. Klaus Fuchs and Harry Gold -now serving 14 and 30-year prison sentences, respectively-does not detract from the cloakand dagger drama of its activities.

It protected and was the "keeper" of top scientists at tached to the project (most of whom had code names). It op erated in a realm of espionage and counter-espionage well above the reach of the FBI, whose agents it would not permit near certain installations. It censored or stopped mail of MED (Manhattan Engineering District) employes. It had men in Switzerland and Sweden not adverse to kidnaping German physicists who ventured there for lectures Or shooting them.

It built what amounted to a private incane asylum for a naval officer who became a psychiatric case after absorbing too much valuable information at Oak Ridge. It feared that if he were placed in a regular asylum he might talk. It maintained an agent as a bartender at the Lafonds hotel, Santa Pe. N. Mex., frequented by scientists and technicians attached to super-secret Los Alamos laboratory, where the bomb was assembled.

It instructed chief librarians in public libraries of large wittes to

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get the name and address of any person who sought information about nuclear energy or asked to see a Saturday Evening Post article written about 1940 by William L. Laurence of the New York Times envisioning an atomic bomb.

Workers Are Split Up

Under Groves' system of "compartmentalization" most of the scientists on the project were permitted to know what the man on the left or right was doing, but not the men beyond that. Some top scientists, including Puchs, to his indignation, were barred from visiting installations aside from the one in which they worked.

Fuchs was specifically barried then he requested an assignment or a visit to the Hanford (Wash.) plutonium plant. Harry St. Truman, when head of the powerful Senate war investigation committee, was not permitted to enter the Hanford plant and is said to have been told flippantly by a guard that the plant was making hubblegum.

Firemen who responded to a fire inside the gates at Oak Ridge were denied admission, because they lacked credentials. The building burnt to the ground. The mayor of Cambridge, Mass., was investigated because he said, at a dinner party where Dr. James Bryant Conant was a guest, that the United States was making a powerful new explosive in Tennessee and shipping it to the Pacific by way of San Francisco. (Turned out, after Conant reported him to Groves, that he had in mind RDX—a putty-like extra high explosite.)

One day at the Persisten & corporal who worked at Oak Ridge demanded to see Groves. He was admitted and then blurted:

"I want to make a complaint against the Army's handling of Oak Ridge. I have enough scientific background to know we're attempting to make an atomic bomb, and

Groves nodded to an aide, inyited the corpoyal to sit down and chatted with him for half an hour —just long enough to enable an aide to photostat all the papers in





Rarry Gold Dr. Elec

the briefcase the corporal left in the outer office. Groves was urged to send the corporal into a combat group, but he refused for fear that he might be captured.

On Aug. 21, 1944, nearly a year before the first atomic bomb in history was tested successfully at Alamagordo, N. Mer., Arthur Hale, the radio commentator, broke a story about it—written for him by a conscientisus objector legman who knew a man et Illinois Tech whose roommate worked on the project and had spilled the beans. The conchy thought the broadcast might make Hitler quit.

The broadcast was heard by a G-2 officer, who immediately phoned Groves, who ordered that all associated with the program be brought before him. Hale was taken severely to task by Groves, and then ordered to return to the air as if nothing had happened. Groves did not wish Hale's many listeners to wonder why he had stopped broadcasting after mentioning wo mething called ar stomic bomb.

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In the fall of 1944 war hood officials invited Dr. Frederic John Curie, cowinner of the 1935 Note: prize in chemistry for his work in the artificial production of radioactive substances, to fly to New York to speak at a sales rally.

MED's security office assigned Col. Tony Calvert to intercept him. Calvert moved in on him at the Dorchester hotel in London and stalled him—on the excuse that had weather had grounded planes out of Prestwick—until he missed the speaking date. Part of the stalling process included placating the Frenchman with a suit and a camel-hair cost.

Joliot-Curie, a Communist sympathizer, had been the only topmotch atomic scientist who refused
to stop publishing scientific papers during the war. MED
blocked him because it felt he
would certainly meet with friends
in our own advanced atomic research program in the United
States. And take back what he
learned to Paris, and then Moslow.

A woman who telephoned Dirithir H. Compton at the University of Chicago's Argonne Froitest laboratory long before the first bomb was detonated, to tell him she had dreamed we made "an atomic bomb that destroyed Berlin," was immediately visited by Capt. Jim Murray, a MED man, who talked her out of writing her dream to the Chicago Tribuna and other papers. Capt. Murray gave her his private phone number and extracted her promise that she would call only him if ahe had other dreams about some preposterous thing called an atomic bomb.

Many of the scientists attached to the Maphattan project were of draft age. MED could not get them exempted because it could not tell draft boards the reason. It would permit them to be drafted, go thru basic training, then have the Army reassign them to their old work. Many rebelled against the vast pay reductions.

Prof. Clarence Hiskey, working on the project, aroused the suspicions of MED's security unit. It was strictly against Gen. Groves' practice to allow the kind of A-bomb hearings or "tell-all" trials that followed in the wake of V-J day.

An aide discovered that Hiskey—now comfortably on the faculty of Brocklyn Poly—had an ROTC background. He was perspectable called into condo and

bunished first to a quartermaster unit on the Canol project in she western Canadian wilds and later to a Pacific area by-passed by the war.

An other suspected scientist, after being drafted, was held over in training camp for five consecutive "basics." He became America's best-trained and lesst-used GI. Nobel prise winner Niels Bohr (1935, for physics), the scientist who brought Lise Meitner's revelation to this country, and later was spirited out of Nachutches in the bomb-bay of R.A.P. "Mosquito," wrote a comprehensive paper on the still unrevealed bomb and gave it to his friend Supreme court Justice Pellz Prankfurter. MED sternly demanded that Frankfurter surrender it, which he did, and returned, it to him after the war.

In all, about 750 agents (500 of them FBI) worked in or on the environs of the A-bomb project, which employed 225,000 directly and another 600,000 indirectly. But were defeated by forces beyond their control or by forces too innocent-looking to arouse suspicion. It was (and remains) the costlest defeat in the history of the republic and of free men.)

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Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, and Confidential Informan' T-5, of known reliability,

On March 1, 1950, EMIL JULIUS KLAUS TICHS was arraigned on the charges of violating the Official Secrets Act of 1911 in the Semier Assise Court of the British Empire, London, England. FUCHS pled guilty and was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

EA ERENTON S. GORDON and SA THOMAS F. McLAUCHLIN, dr., interviewed ROBERT HLOCH HEINEMAN, 9h Lakeview Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, who advised that KLAUS FIRCHS visited his sister, KIRSTEL FURNE SKINEMAN, HKINEMAN'S wife, at their home at 1hh Lakeview Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in February 19h5 and again in June or July of 19h6, when they were residing at 9h Lakeview Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mr. HKINEMAN described PENDLETON MERRING and Mrs. KATHERINE EVERING as neighbors who were accustomed to dropping into the HKINEMAN home and who may well have done so during those days FUCHS was visiting his sister.

HEINEMAN also admitted membership in the Young Communist League and the Communist Party, and said that some meetings of the Communist Party were held in his home at 11th Lakeview Avenue, but none were held at his 9th Lakeview Avenue address at Cambridge, Massachusetts. He also stated that he had recently contributed money to the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

Miscellaneous

In October of 1948 information was received from a confidential source of information (T-1), who will not testify before a loyalty review board and who would not furnish a microed statement.

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Upon interview in 1951, JOSEPH ZALKIN advised that he met OSCAR JOHN VAGO in 1935 while both were employed as engineers by the Works Progress Administration in New York City, and that later both were employed at Washington, D.C. with the Public Buildings Administration, Procurement Division of the Treasury Department. During this interview, ZALKIN admitted acquaintanceship with VAGO until about 1943.

Previous investigation reflects the following background information concerning VAGO:

MURRAY and JOHN MURAY, was born on February 27, 1898, at Budapest, Hungary, to MORRIS and MATHILDA GOLDSTEIN AGO. VAGO attended the Hessiche Technische Hochschule, at Dormstadt, Germany, from September, 1920, to May, 1921, and was graduated from the Royal Hungarian Technical Institute, Budapest, as a civil engineer in 1922. After working in Hungary for various engineering firms, he entered the United States at New York on January 12, 1925 on the SS MONGOLIA, destined to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, as a student. However, he actually attended Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, from January, 1925 to March, 1925, and began work as an engineer in New York. On March 31, 1928, he was married to CLAIRE, WEISMANN, at Long Island City, New York.



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On May 31, 1938, VAGO filed Petition for Naturalization No. 310521 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and was admitted to citizenship in the same court on September 29, 1938. Certificate of Naturalization No. 4320335 was issued to him.

HARRY GOLD, a self-admitted Soviet espionage agent who has been convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage, stated that he first met VAGO in May, 1946, at the time he, GOLD, went to work for A. Brothman Associates. He, VAGO, was a partner in this firm and was also a design engineer and the chief draftsman GOLD stated that he first heard of OSCARTVAGO in 1943 from ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, who was at that time furnishing GOLD with technical information for transmittal to the Soviet Union. VAGO was described by BROTHMAN to GOLD as a sincere and convinced Communist who could form the nucleus of a later development of the Brothman organization. This organization was to produce and design chemical processes for the Soviet Union.

In a subsequent interview, GOID stated that VAGO had informed him that he was a Communist before he came to the United States, and observed that he himself regarded VAGO as one of the firmest believers in Communism that he had ever known. He stated that in every political discussion, STALIN and Russia were always upheld by VAGO. GOLD stated that, in his opinion, VAGO would have done "anything on earth" to help the Russians, but that he probably was not utilized by them because he was too well known as a Communist. GOLD stated that VAGO spent a great deal of time on Communist Party affairs selling the "Daily Worker" and contacting recruits. He advised that the Communist Party was the center of existence for VAGO and expressed the opinion that all of VAGO'S friends were members of the Party. The Communist Party has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order #9835. The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Comminist daily newspaper.

Confidential Informant New York City T-4, of unknown reliability, but who was a fellow employee with VAGO in 1935 and 1936, advised on April 6, 1951 that OSCAR VAGO had requested

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To recommend that the results of a supplemental investigation concerning the captioned individual be reviewed by the Espionage Section 3042 put-DIC 1981 uncl before transmittal to CSC.

BACKGROUND:

26-1840 CV An investigation concerning the captioned individual was conducted by this Bureau under the provisions of Executive Order 9835, and the results were transmitted to CSC on August 6, 1948. By memoranda the Espionage Section referred to the Loyalty Section additional information concerning Boris Robbins as a result of which a supplemental investigation was conducted, the results of which are attached hereto. This additional information reflected that Joseph Arnold Mobbins, was., Joseph Regenstreich, had been tentively identified by Emil Julius Klaus Fuchs as his American espionage contact, and that Joseph Arnold Robbins was the brother of Boris Robbins. On March 11, 1950, Robert E. Heineman viewed Joseph Arnold Robbins and stated definitely that Robbins was not the person he had seen at the Heineman home prior to Fuch's visit there in February, 1945. Bureau files reflected a report from the New York Office dated January 10, 1950, entitled "Alfred Mager, was., Abraham Regenstreich, Security Matter - C. This report reflected that Reger was a brother of Boris Robbins and was a known active Communist. On the basis of the foregoing information the Espionage Section recommended that the information concerning Alfred Reger, was., as contained in the New York report, be set forth in a supplemental report concerning Boris Robbins. It was further recommended that in view of Heineman's failure to identify Joseph Robbins that no mention of his possible connection with the Fuchs! case be made to the field in requesting a supplemental investigation.

STATUS:

Supplemental investigation completed.

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Vincent, in his letter to Alfred Kohlberg, dated Oct. 11, 1949, denies any knowledge of or concurrence with Wallace's report, but omits reference to any telegram. His letter is a complete denial of participation and concurrence.

Dean Acheson, in his letter to Senator George, goes further than Vincent. We reproduce his

statement on the subject:

"Mr. Vincent was assigned by the Secretary of State to accompany Mr. Wallace, the Vice-President of the United States, on the journey mentioned. Mr. Vincent did not prepare or assist in the preparation of the report and does not know what recommendations it contained. Mr. Vincent had never met Mr. Wallace prior to the trip to China, saw him only a few times on official business after their return, and has had no contact with him since his resignation from the government."

When there is so much doubt, let us continue to investigate. The work of the McCarran Committee is tremendously important because the testimony is shaping into an answer to the question:

Those who want to kill this committee lay themselves open to the suspicion of being afraid of what it might disclose.

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Director, FBI

DATE: February 8, 1950

SAC. New York

DONALD JOSEPH MONTGOMERY Phusicist (Theoretical) Ballistic Research Laboratory Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland Department of the Army LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Re Baltimore letter 2/2/50 and MY teletype to Bureau 2/4/50. time of The Baltimore Office telephonically advised on 2/2/50 that

MONTGOMERY left Baltimore on that date to attend a three day conference of the American Physical Society. MONTGOMERY was believed to be traveling in his automobile, a 1947 Kaiser-Frazer sedan, and MY was requested to conduct a spot surveillance on him.

A surveillance was conducted at the NY exit of the Holland Tunnel from 12:15 PM to 3 PM on 2/2/50 with negative results. [X]

Inquiry was made at the Statler Hotel, 34th Street and 7th Avenue, NYC and it was ascertained that a three day convention of the American Physical Society was being held at Columbia University. (2)

provided Room 411 for SA's Robert W. Coholan and Gerald

M. Gosnell. It is noted that conversation ensuration from Room 412 could be ENCL ATTACHED the above agents. (*C)

At 6 PM on 2/3/50 MONTGOMERY and at findividual believed to be BORIS GARFINKEL returned to Room 412. From their conversation it was ascertained that they had attended the American Physical Society's conference at Columbia University that afternoon. It is also noted that they had turned their radio on and a newscaster was. ssing the arrest of DR. KARL FUCHS. British Scientist (U)

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Coholan heard him tell GARPINKEL that the American press and radio were playing this story up and that DR. FUCH'S arraignment in London did not seem to him as serious as the papers would have one believe. GARFINKEL remained non-committal. MONTGOMERY'S voice was recognized by SA Coholan through a previous pretext telephone call made to him.

MONIGOMERY and GARFINKEL then discussed the various restaurants in the city and their plans for the evening. They decided to dine at 66 West lith Street and then return to the hotel, as they indicated they were tired. They left the hotel at 7:10 PM and proceeded to Times Square, where they hailed a cab and drove off. Due to traffic conditions at this time it was not possible to follow them or to obtain the license number of the cab.

Surveilling Agents then proceeded to 66 West 11th Street, which is known as ENRICO & PAGLIERI'S RESTAURANT, and waited for MONTGOMERY and GARFINKEL to appear. At 8:20 PM MONTGOMERY and GARFINKEL did not appear and the agents returned to the Claridge Hotel, where they remained until 9:30 PM, at which time the surveillance was discontinued for the night.

On 2/4/50 surveilling Agents returned to the Claridge Hotel at 8 A.M. and Agent GOSNELL went to Room 411, while Agent Coholan remained in the lobby. Mr. MULLER advised that MONTGOMERY and GARFINKEL had returned to their room at 10:15 PM the previous evening and YAMAKAYA and McGUIRE did not return until 5 AM. 14.

At 9:15 AM Agent GOSNELL heard MONTGOMERY and GARFINKEL discussing the Hydrogen Bomb. The conversation did not contain any disloyal information, as in effect, they said that if the Russians had the H-bomb the Americans better construct another one right away.

At 10:15 AM MONTGOMERY called the Pennsylvania Station; inquired what time the trains left for Princeton, New Jersey, and was told that a train would leave at 1:35 PM. MONTGOMERY then advised the other three men that he was going to Columbia University and would meet them at the Information Booth at Penn Station at 1:15 PM.

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held at Columbia University by the American Physical Society from February 1 to February 4, in New York City. Upon registering, MONTGOMERY indicated that he was then staying at the Hotel Claridge in New York City. (W)

Baltimore Confidential Informant T-5, who has furnished reliable

information in the past.

At 6:00 P. M. on February 3, 1950, MONTGOMERY and an individual believed to be BORIS GARFINKEL returned to the Claringe Hotel in New York City. (MARTINE CARE)

Baltimore Confidential Informants T-6 and T-7, both of known reliability, advised that they ascertained that on February 3, 1950, MONTGOMERY had stated that the American press and redio were playing up the story of the arrest of Doctor KIAUS FUCHS, a British Scientist, and 71-121-1279

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MONTGOMERY and RANKIN then proceeded to Room 414, Pupin Ball, after looking in various classrooms in an effort to obtain an empty one. Upon seating themselves in Room 414, RANKIN took a sheaf of notes from his pocket, and MONTGOMERY was observed writing notes for about ten minutes. MONTGOMERY and RANKIN remained in this room until 12:47 P. M. The significance of the meeting between MONTGOMERY and RANKIN could not be determined from the surveillance.

MONICOMERY then proceeded downstairs and met an individual, subsequently identified as Doctor LEWIS KAIMAN, Brooklyn College, New York. This meeting appeared to be accidental, and they engaged in conversation for about ten minutes. KAIMAN's identity was ascertained when an unidentitied individual addressed him as Doctor KAIMAN. (2)

After leaving Doctor KALMAN, MONTGOMERY proceeded to Pennsylvania Station via the IRT subway and there met BORIS GARFINKEL, JAMES L. MC GUIRE and KAZUO YAMAKAYA and boarded the train at 1:30 P. M. enroute to Princeton, Hew Jersey. (W)

Reliable Confidential Informants of the New York Office have not reported any information of a disloyal nature to the New York Office of the FBI concerning R. L. HANKIN, JAMES L. MC GUIRE, H. C. MC GUIRE or Doctor LEWIS KALMAN.

The records of the New York Office of the FDI reflect that Doctor
JOHN P. VINTI was a fellow employee and social contact of FRANKLIN VICTOR
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on February 8, 1950, the subject was surveilled by Special Agents JOHN O. MONTGOLERY and RICHARD G. HUNSINGER, and during the surveillance the above agents had occasion to occupy & booth next to that of MONTGOMERY during dinner at the New Deal Diner located on Route 40 in Aberdsen, Maryland. MONTGOMERY entered the diner at 6:15 P. H. accompanied by ELIVOSSOFSKY and a Mas HEIEN L. JOHNS. both fellow employees of MONTGOMERY at the Ballistic Research laboratory, Aberdsen Proving Ground. Dr. BORIS GARFINKEL was observed to join the group at 6:25 P. M., and soon after IARS NXENEQUIST and AIFRED CHANG joined the group. The group began to discuss the KIAUS FUCHS case, and Dr. GARFINKEL was heard by Special Agent RICHARD G. HUNSINGER to say that FUCHS was framed and that ECOVER (Director JOHN EDGAR ECOVER) spoke of Found confession before the Sounte, Appropriations Countities in order to secure a larger appropriation and seven hundred new amploymes. At this point; employee MONTGOMERY then mentioned MIDY COPION and made a mather insudible statement to the effect that "they" had something on HICKS. HICKS could possibly refer to BRUCE L. MICKS. who is also employed at the Ballistic Research laboratory, and who has been the subject of a loyalty governmentemployee investigation. The subject's mention of JUDY COPION and HICKS was barely discernible, and the full significance of the conversation could not be determined.

A discussion of various phases of physics consumed the remainder of the dinner hour.

Insert:

Boris Carfinkel was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the provisions of Executive Order 9835, and the results of this investigation was furnished to the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., by letter dated May 16, 1949, under the caption, "Boris Carfinkel, aka Carfinkle, Mathematician, Ballistics Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Department of the Army, Aberdeen, Maryland, Loyalty of Government Employees". By memorandum dated September 9, 1949, the Loyalty Review Board advised, "Employee cleared on Security - P.L. 808".

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Confidential Informants referred to in the report of JOHN 0.
MONTGOMERY, dated February 16, 1950, are as follows:

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Confidential Informant T-1:

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Indianapolis Informant who furnished information to Special Employee at Indianapolis on It is to be noted that the information attributed to this informant was furnished to the Baltimore Office by letter from Indianapolis dated January 31, by

Confidential Informant 7-3:

Confidential Informant T-4:

Ground, who furnished information to SA MONTGOMERY on January 26, 1950.

Confidential Informant T-5:

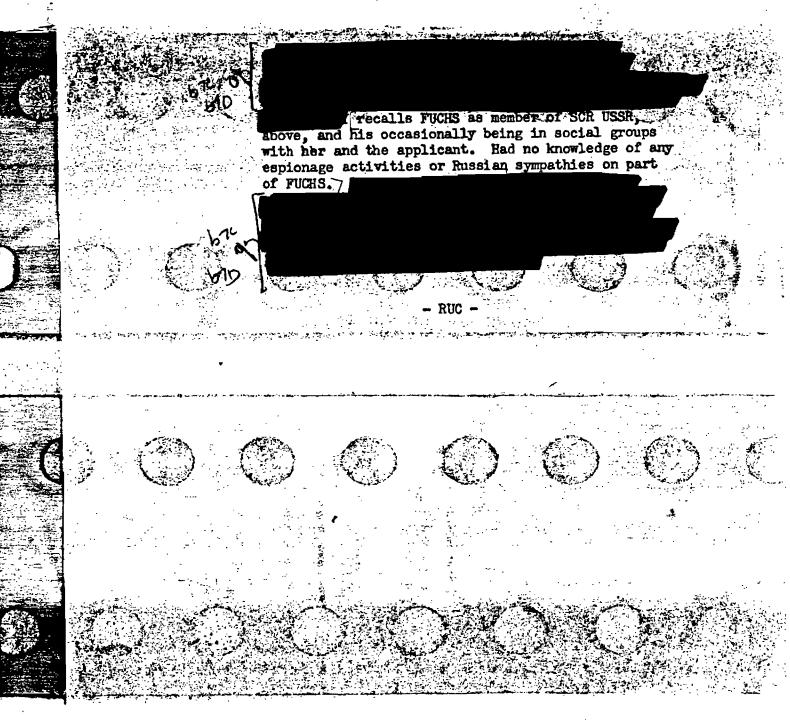
who furnished the information to New York Agents.
This informant is being carried as a Confidential
Informant to further protect his identity.

Confidential Informant T-6: and T-7 Identified as Special Agents ROBERT W. COROLAN and GERALD M. GOSNELL, who conducted the investigation of employee MONTGOMERY while he was in New York during the period February 1 through February 4, 1950.

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Washington, D.C.
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Baltimore, Maryland May 9, 1950

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Advised that he saw FUCHS occasionally in social gatherings at the University of Bristol but had no close association with him and since came to the United States, he stated that he has seen FUCHS on one occasion in the summer of 1948 in Chicago, Illinois, when FUCHS was visiting a friend of and that he also saw FUCHS in the summer of 1949 when wisited Harwell Institute in England during the time that FUCHS was Director of the Harwell Institute.

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FAIL JULIUS KLAUS FUCHS is a self-confessed Russian espionage agent presently serving a jail sentence for espionage in England,



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husband was on the faculty specific information concerning the number or nature of these gatherings, but advised that during the time that she knew FUCHS in Bristol, she had never observed any conduct on his part which would indicate that he was engaged in espionage or was a Russian or Communist sympathizer.

She stated that FUCHS was a member of the Society for Cultural Relations with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Bristol Branch, but that she did not recall that he had any particular influence in this group above thase of other members.

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She stated that she never saw FUCHS after she and came came to the United States, until the summer of 1948 when FUCHS visited an accordinate of the in Chicago, Illinois, and the spent a short period of time with FUCHS discussing some of their former acquaintances in England.



Office Memorandum • united states government

FROM: C. H. Stanley

SUBJECT: RONALD WILFRID GURNET

Physicist - Applicant

Hational Bureau of Standards CLASSIFIED BY: 3542/05740

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PURPOSE: To reflect the results of an analysis of the loyalty investigation conducted regarding the above-named applicant which denotes that association with Dr. Rans Fuchs, as well as the possibility that applicant applicant's wife may have engaged in espionage activity.

BACKGROUND: A full field Loyalty investigation was instituted by the Bureau on May 17, 1949, regarding the above-named applicant at the request of the Department of the Army. At the time of referenced request Gurney was employed as an Expert, Ordnance Department, Department of the Army, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Referenced Loyalty investigation was discontinued on June 7, 1949, when it was ascertained that Mr. Gurney's employment would be terminated at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1949.

The current Loyalty investigation was instituted when a "Request for Report of Loyalty Data on Applicants and Appointees" was received reflecting that Gurney was an applicant for the position of Physicist - Sensitive with the National Bureau of Standards, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

The Army, Navy, Air Porce Personnel Security Board on September 15, 1949, directed a denial of access by Mr. Gurney to aeronautical and/or classified contract work and information.

The Industrial Employment Review Board on March 16, 1950, upheld the decision of the Army, Eavy, Air Force Personnel Security Board.

It is noted that Mrs. Natalie Gurney, 201 Ridgemede Road, Baltimore, Maryland, appeared before the Industrial Employment Review Board on behalf of her husband, the applicant, on February 1, 1950. A photostatic copy of the transcript of Mrs. Gurney's testimony before said Board was forwarded to the Bureau as Exhibit A in the report of Special Agent Robert H. Burkhart dated April 15, 1950, at Washington, D. C., entitled "Ronald Wilfrid Gurney, Physicist - Applicant, Mational Bureau of Standards, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., Loyalty of Government Employees."

The Washington Field Office by letter dated April 14, 1950, advised that Mr. Gurney had requested the Industrial Employment Review Board to reopen his case and to permit him to appear personally so that he could present new evidence. The tentative date for Mr. Gurney's rehearing has been set for June 5, 1950.

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Reports reflecting the results of the Loyalty investigation have been received at the Bureau; however, it has been necessary to request the field to conduct reinterviews. It is contemplated that reports reflecting the results of the Loyalty investigation will be forwarded to the Civil Bervice Commission and the Attorney General within the next ten days. The Department of State is being requested to conduct further investigation in England in order to clarify previous information received from Scotland Yard, the Department of State and the Department of the Army regarding the activities of Mrs. Gurney in view of her denial of many of the allegations.

Possible Espionage Activities: Mrs. Gurney at the hearing before the Industrial Employment Review Board on February 1, 1950, was asked, "Do you remember assisting a young woman refugee, a member of the Young Communist League in Germany? Could you tell us something about that?" Mrs. Gurney answered, "I have helped quite a lot of refugees. I don't remember of any of them being Communists. I was very interested in refugees."

Mrs. Gurney went on to explain that her refugee work was one mostly from 1952 to 1954 while she was employed as Secretary of the "German Refugees Hospitality Committee." The headquarters of this Committee was the Friend's House in London and the Committee, according to Mrs. Gurney, was formed by the Labor Party and collaborated with the Quakers. One Colonel Medgewood was Chairman.

Mrs. Gurney stated that the work was against Fascism and that she worked long hours and did anything she could to help anyone who was a refugee from Germany. (Source: Exhibit A, Pages 28 and 29, WFO report dated 4-13-50 re "Ronald Wilfrid Gurney, LGE;" 121-16777)

Julius Klaus Fuchs (a Garan refugee) landed in the United Kingdom in 1933. (65-58805-5)

Ronald Wilfrid Gurney, according to his Personal History Statement, was employed as an Assistant Professor at the University of Bristol from 1934 to 1946 (on leave of absence during war years). (121-16777-2)

Mrs. Gurney at the hearing referred to above was queried, "Does Honorary Secretary of the Society of Cultural Relations with the USSR....," to which Mrs. Gurney interposed, "I am so glad that has come up, because I had a feeling it would, well, may I explain about that?"

Mrs. Gurney then stated that after she was married her husband was a Research Scientist at Bristol University and that in the 1930s people, in general, were interested in knowing what was happening in Russia. At Bristol University, according to Mrs. Gurney, there was a group that was interested in finding out what was happening but was terrified at being taken for Communists or confused with the group known as "Friends of the Soviet Union," who, she stated, were very radical.



The group at Bristol, according to Mrs. Gurney, consisted mostly of Professors of Physics, Professors of Education and a definite group of fairly serious professional people.

The Bristol group, according to Mrs. Gurney, never had anything to do with the "Friends of the Soviet Union" but was affiliated with the larger Society for Cultural Relations in London, which she believed was non-political as was the Bristol group of which she was Secretary. However, Mrs. Gurney advised that she later found out that the London group was not non-political in nature, had people from the Russian Embassy on its board, and issued propaganda. Therefore, Mrs. Gurney stated that she became disillusioned and left the group in 1937. (Exhibit A. Pages 17-21, MFO report dated 4-13-50; 121-16777)

did not know if Fuchs had been a member of the Society for Cultural Relations with the USSR but felt that since Fuchs was a "poor refugee student," he may have been allowed to participate in the group without having been a member.

informed that he did not feel the "Young Quakers Society" was active at Bristol, but he "felt his wife had been a member in London prior to her by marriage."

did not know if Fuchs had been associated with this group.

described the Young Quakers Society as a part of the "Young Friends League," a junior branch of the Quaker religious body.

group as similar to the IMMA, although it placed more emphasis on religion and had no political significance.

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was in 1949 when he met Fuchs when the latter visited at Argonne Laboratory in Chicago. See believed that he met Fuchs at that time through who entertained foreign visitors at the Laboratory, and that the meeting between him and Fuchs was just to say "hello."

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who conducted his visit to Harwell. (Chicago teletype
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advised that Julius Klaus Fuchs was a student at Bristol University in 1935 and 1936 while her husband was on the faculty there. She said that Fuchs was on the fringe of her social set and that she recalled several instances when he was part of a social group which included her and she was unable to give any specific information concerning the number or nature of these meetings, but advised that during the time she knew Fuchs at Bristol, she had never observed any conduct on his part which would indicate that he was engaged in espionage or was a Russian or Communist sympathiser.

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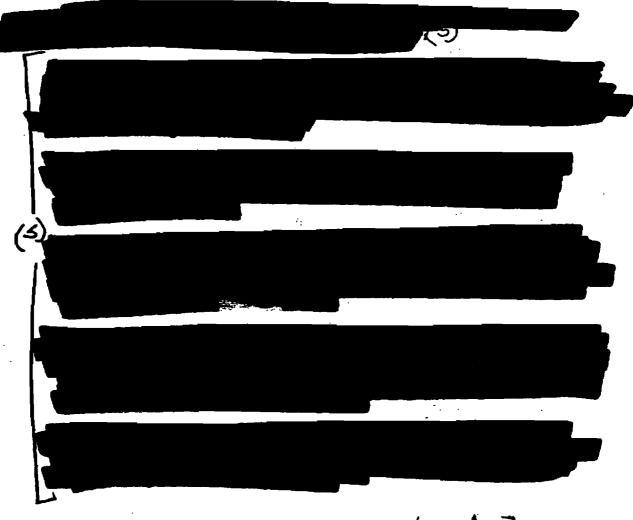
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eams to the United States and until the summer of 1948 when Fuchs visited in Chicago. In Chicago resided at that time and the lived across the street.

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advised that she and the mad visited England in the summer of 1949 and during this visit had occasion to go to Harwell Institute, Atomic Energy Research Project in England. She stated that at that time Fuchs was head of the Institute and envone visiting it would have occasion to come in contact with him and that did see Fuchs as a result of this visit. (Report of SA James L. Reinhart, Baltimore, 4-24-50, re "Owen Lattimore, Espionage - R;" 100-24628-103)



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It is noted that Fuchs vacationed in Mexico City from November 24 to December 8, 1945. (65-58805-20)

Robert Block Heineman, brother-in-law of Fuchs and husband of Kristel Klaus Heineman, Espionage subject, was in Mexico from February 15, 1947, to August 27, 1947. (65-58805-5)

On September 7, 1947, Gurney returned to the United States at Laredo, Texas, after a short vacation in Mexico. (Report of SA Robert H. Burkhart, 4-13-50, Washington, D. C., re "Ronald Wilfrid Gurney, LGE;" 121-16777)

Bureau indices do not contain any information regarding Vallettae

Mr. and Mrs. Gurney resided at the following addresses in New York and Chicago, according to Mr. Gurney's Loyalty Form:

1942 to 1945: 1943 to 1946: 1946 to 1947:

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1947 to 1948:

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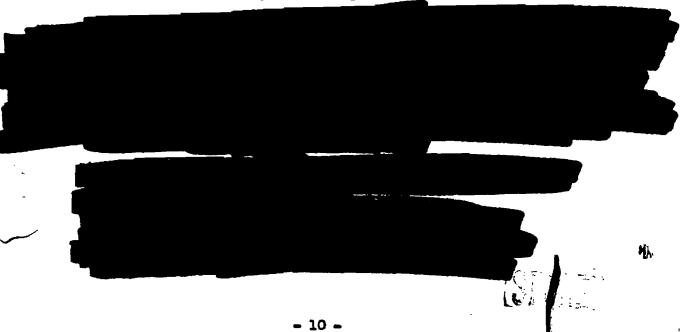
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Investigation at New York in the Loyalty case regarding Mr. Gurney reflected that Mrs. Gurney entertained weekly at her apartment in New York, and many scientists and others attended. The possibility that Fuchs may have visited the Gurneys in New York has not been explored. It is noted that Fuchs was in New York in 1944 and worked in care of the British Ministry of Supply Mission, Room 2500, 37 Wall Street, New York, New York. (MY report of SA James E. Sears, 3-24-50, re "Ronald Wilfrid Gurney, LGE;" 121-16777)

The Atomic Energy Commission advised that the Difusion Project of which Dr. Fuchs may have been a member was under the supervision of H. C. Urey. (65-58805-23)

Confidential Informant New York T-7 (NYT-286) of known reliability stated that in October, 1945, he was advised by Donald Stevens, 15 Gramercy Park, New York City, former Secretary of the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, that Dr. Harold C. Urey was a "good scout and stuck his neck out for the Spanish Loyalty cause."

A pamphlet entitled "May Day in the Atomic Age, 1946," distributed by the United May Day Committee, contained a preface consisting of an excerpt from a statement of Dr. Harold C. Urey explaining his faith in the future use of the atomic bomb. The pamphlet stated that there is a real danger growing out of American and British big business dealing with the Soviet Union. It accused men of wealth of planning to destroy the democratic governments of Europe by starvation and the Soviet Union by war through the use of atomic energy.



Sugge sed questions requiring further explorations

(1) Was Mrs. Gurney a ward of the Soviet Government? It is no

(2) Did Mrs. Gurney aid Mans Fuchs when he came to England as a German refugee in 1935? It is noted that Mrs. Gurney was Secretary of the "German Refugees Rospitality Committee" in London from 1932 to 1934, and admittedly aided many German refugees.

- (3) Did Mrs. Gurney in any way aid Maus Fuchs in gaining admittance to Bristol University? It is noted that Mr. Gurney was an Assistant Professor at the University of Bristol in 1935 and that Fuchs was a student there. Mrs. Gurney admitted that Fuchs was on the "fringe of her social set" and, also, a fellow member in the Society for Cultural Relations with the USSR, Bristol Branch.
- (4) What was the extent of the association between Fuchs and the Gurneys from 1935 to 1939? It is noted that Mrs. Gurney stated above that she and Dr. Gurney had not seen Fuchs since they came to the United States in 1940 until 1948.
- (5) Has the Quaker organization ever been used as a blind by the Communist Party or by Communist front organizations in England or on the continent?
- (6) Is the statement given by Mrs. Gurney to the effect that Russian rubles could not be spent outside of Soviet Union in 1935 correct?
- (7) Is Mrs. Gurney's statement relative to Russia's refusal to grant her and her husband a visa feasible or was it part of an act to show lack of cooperation on the part of the Soviet at a later date?
- (8) Were the trips to Mexico on the part of Fuchs, Heineman and the Gurneys a coincidence even though taken at different times?

Inasmuch as the above questions can be answered only by additional investigation in England, there is attached hereto a letter to J. A. Cimperman, Legal Attache, American Embassy, London, England, requesting further investigation of the activities of Mr. and Mrs. Gurney. Referenced investigation is being requested of Mr. Cimperman rather than the State Department, as is the policy in Loyalty investigations, due to the possibility of espionage activities on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Gurney.

The reports forwarded to the Civil Service Commission will reflect that foreign investigation is being conducted and that reports reflecting the results of that investigation will be transmitted to the Commission upon receipt of same by the Bureau.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT k/26/50 : Director, F.B.I. DATE: : SAC, Baltimore BUBJECT: JAMES VERNON LEWIS LGE The above is being forwarded to the Bureau in order that it might decide concerning the advisability of opening a Loyalty investigation. It is to be noted that this office will not have any background information concerning JAMES VERNON LEWIS inasmuch as the only copy of this material is being forwarded to the Bureau herewith. It is desired that the Bureau return this material regardless of whether a case is opened on the above-captioned individual. Vazval JFF :bv 121-0 Enc. ENCINET DE PEHINE FILE RECORDED - 2 #841840 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 9.16.87 BY 3042 POUT CLE



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