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101	11/9/50	BS LETTER TO HQ, NY	1	1	
102	10/31/50	NY TT to HQ	1	1	
103	11/4/50	NY REPT HQ, LA, SF, WFO	16	16	
103	11/4/50	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
104	11/6/50	NY LETTER TO HQ, LA, SF, WFO	1	1	
105	11/13/50	NY TT to HQ	1	1	
106	11/18/50	NY LETTER TO HQ LAB	1	1	
106	11/22/50	LAB WORK SHEET / end	1/4	1/4	
106	12/9/50	HQ LAB LETTER TO NY	1	1	
107	11/14/50	NY TT to HQ	1	1	
108	11/21/50	WFO LETTER TO HQ	1	1	b1
109	11/27/50	DE REPT HQ, NY	2	2	

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110	11/27/50	NY LETTER TO HQ w/enc	1/2	1/2	
111	11/27/50	NY REPT HQ, LA, SF, WFO	13	13	b2 b7D b7C
112	11/30/50	WFO LETTER TO HQ	1	1	b1
112	11/30/50	HQ TT TO NY	1	1	b1
113	11/28/50	NY TT TO HQ, WFO	1	1	b1
114	12/1/50	LAD D. NICHOLS DIRECTORS MEMO TO TOLSON	1	1	
115	11/30/50	HENNRICH MEMO TO BELMONT	1	1	b1
116	12/1/50	NY TT to HQ	1	1	
117	12/6/50	HQ LETTER TO WFO, NY	1	1	
118	12/4/50	NY TT to HQ	1	1	
119	12/9/50	NY TT to HQ	1	1	
120	12/10/50	HQ LETTER w/enc	1/2	1/2	b1

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121	12/14/50	HQ LETTER TO AAG	1	1	
122	12/10/50	NY TT to HQ	1	1	
123	12/11/50	NY TT to HQ	1	1	
124	12/14/50	AT REPT TO HQ NY	2	2	
125	12/18/50	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
125	12/12/50	HENNRICH TO BELMONT ^{MEMO}	2	2	b1
126	12/12/50	^{ENC} OUT GOING LETTER W/	1/2	1/2	b1 b7C b7D
N/R	12/14/50	HQ LETTER TO AAG	1	1	
127	1/3/51	WFO REPT HQ, NY, PH, LA	15	14	b2 b7D 1st NY Dept of Agric. b7C (PER OPM) NOT WITHIN PURVIEW FOIA
128	12/14/50	NY TT to HQ	1	1	
129	1/3/51	^{W/ENC 1 search slip} WFO LETTER TO HQ, NY, PH	1/3	1/3	b1 b2 b7C NOT WITHIN PURVIEW FOIA
129	1/16/51	HQ LETTER TO WFO	2	1	b1 b2 b7D 1st REFER ONT
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130	11/8/51	NY REPT HQ, LA, WFO, NY	11	11	b1 b2 b7D b7C
131	11/20/51	NY LETTER TO HQ W/ENCL.	3 1/2	3 1/2	b1
132	11/19/51	PH LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
133	11/18/51	HENNRICH MEMO TO BELMONT	4	4	b2 b7D b7C per OPM
133	11/18/51	HQ LETTER TO WFO	1	1	
134	11/18/51	NY TTEO HQ	1	1	b1 b7C b7D
134	11/19/51	PARIS HQ TTEO LEGAT	1	0	b1
135	11/19/51	PH TT to HQ, NY	1	1	
135	11/22/51	HQ TT PH, NY	1	1	
136	11/15/51	NY TT to HQ	1	1	
137	11/18/51	HQ TT to PH	1	1	
138	11/20/51	NY TT to HQ, WFO	1	1	b1 b7C

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139	11/19/51	HENNRICH MEMO TO BELMONT	1	1	
140	11/19/51	NY TT to HQ	2	2	
141	11/25/51	BT SE LETTER TO HQ, NY	1	1	b7c b7D
141	2/5/51	HQ LETTER to Ottawa	2	2	b7c b7D
142	11/20/51	BELMONT MEMO TO LADD	2	2	
143	11/22/51	PH TT to HQ	1	1	
144	11/27/51	HENNRICH MEMO TO BELMONT	1	1	
144	11/27/51	HQ TT to PH	1	1	
145	11/30/51	HQ TT to CV, NY	1	1	
146	11/25/51	NY TT to HQ, WFO	1	1	
147	11/25/51	WFO TT to HQ, NY	1	1	b1
148	11/3/51	BA LETTER to HQ, NY	1	1	

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149	1/31/51	AL LETTER TO HQ, NY	1	1	b7D
150	1/31/51	NY LETTER TO HQ	2	2	b1 b7C
150	2/1/51	OUTGOING LETTER	1	1	b1
151	2/2/51	NY LETTER TO HQ, WFO	1	1	
151	2/15/51	HQ LETTER TO WFO, NY	2	2	
152	1/27/51	WFO TT to HQ, NY	1	1	
153	1/30/51	CV TT to HQ, NY	1	1	
154	1/31/51	PH TT to WFO, NY	1	1	
155	2/3/51	AQ REPT HQ, NY	2	2	
156	1/26/51	WFO TT to HQ, LA	1	1	
157	1/30/51	LA TT to WFO, NY	1	1	b1
158	2/1/51	LA REPT HQ, NY, LA	3	3	b1

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159	2/7/51	NY LETTER TO HQ, PX	1	1	
160	2/8/51	PH LETTER TO HQ, NY	1	1	
161	2/7/51	HQ LETTER TO CIA	1	1	
162	2/7/51	WFO TT to NY, HQ	1	1	
163	2/6/51	SU TT to HQ	1	1	b7c
163	2/7/51	HQ TT to SU, NY	1	1	
164	2/4/51	HQ LETTER TO AAG	1	1	
165	2/8/51	NY TT to HQ, WFO	1	1	
166	2/17/51	MO LETTER TO HQ, NY	1	1	
167	2/16/51	SA LETTER TO HQ, NY	1	1	
168	2/14/51	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	b7D
169	2/19/51	SF LETTER TO HQ, NY	1	1	

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170	2/19/51	HQ LETTER TO NY	2	2	
171	2/13/51	NY TT to HQ	1	1	
172	2/7/51	SU TT to HQ	1	1	
173	2/27/51	MM LETTER TO HQ, NY	1	1	
174	2/20/51	WFO TT to HQ, NY	1	1	
175	2/23/51	NY TT to HQ, WFO	1	1	
176	3/1/51	CE REPT HQ, NY	2	2	
177	2/27/51	NO LETTER TO HQ, NY	1	1	
N/R	2/20/51	NY LETTER TO HQ	11	-	DISPOSITION OF DOCUMENTS IN JULIUS ROSENBERG 65-58236-730
178	3/2/51	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
179	3/12/51	LA REPT HQ, NY, LA	3	3	b7c b7D
180	2/24/51	INCOMING LETTER	1	0	b1

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180	3/10/51	NA LETTER TO NY	1	1	
181	3/10/51	WFO, NY REPT TO HQ, LA, SF	14	14	b2 b7c b7D
182	3/21/51	HQ LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
183	4/3/51	HQ LETTER TO AAG	1	1	
184	4/3/51	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
185	4/7/51	WFO REPT HQ, NY, LA, SF	12	12	b2 b7D
186	4/24/51	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	b1
186	5/1/51	HQ TT TO CV	1	0	b1
187	4/25/51	WFO LA LETTER TO HQ, NY	1	1	
188	4/28/51	HQ LETTER TO AAG	1	1	
189	4/28/51	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
190	5/2/51	CV RADIOGRAM TO HQ	1	0	b1

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190	5/8/51	CV HQ LETTER TO NY, WFO	1	1	b1
191	5/11/51	HQ LETTER TO NK, NY	1	1	
192	5/23/51	NY REPT HQ, LA, SF, WFO	6	6	b7C b7D
193	5/24/51	NK REPT HQ NY	4	4	
194	6/4/51	HQ LETTER TO AAG	1	1	
195	6/2/51	ENC HQ LETTER TO NIS W	1/1	1/1	b1 b7D
196	5/29/51	WFO TT to HQ	3	3	b2 b7D
	5/31/51	SEARCH SLIPS	2	2	b2 b7C
197	6/3/51	SECRET HQ LETTER TO SERVICE	1	1	
		TO PRESIDENT			
198	6/2/51	HQ LETTER TO SPECIAL CONSULT	1	1	
199	6/6/51	TREASURY LETTER TO HQ	-	-	DISPOSITION handled by U.S. SECRET SERVICE (1)
200	6/2/51	WFO REPT HQ, LA, SF	6	6	b1 b2 b7D
200	7/9/51	HQ LETTER TO AAG	1	1	

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202	7/9/51	HQ LETTER TO USSS	1	1	
203	9/20/51	NY REPT HQ, LA, SF, WFO	4	4	b2 b7c b7D
		SKIPPED IN FILE	-	-	
205	7/17/51	TREASURY LETTER TO HQ	-	-	DISPOSITION HANDLED BY USSS/D
206	7/31/51	HQ LETTER TO AAG	1	1	
207	7/27/51	CNO LETTER TO HQ	1	1	b7c per NAVY
208	8/30/51	CIA LETTER TO HQ	-	-	DISPOSITION HANDLED BY CIA (U)
209	9/18/51	NY REPT TO HQ, LA, SF, WFO	4	4	b7c b7D
210	9/29/51	HQ LETTER TO AAG	1	1	
210	10/8/51	Field Offices NY LETTER TO HQ #28	1	1	
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, BOSTON
SUBJECT: OSZKAR JOHN VAGO, was.
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DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 1950

Re New York Letter dated September 29, 1950.

A photograph of Subject VAGO was displayed to HERBERT A. PHILBRICK, and he was unable to identify this photograph.
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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. AUSA, ROY COHN, ADVISES.

VAGO TRIAL, WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL COMPLETION OF TRIAL INVOLVING

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN AND MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ. LATTER TRIAL NOW SET FOR

NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, NEXT.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. 100-55267

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE NOV 4 1950	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/1/50	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT M. KANE
TITLE OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was: Oskar Vago, John Murray, John Murray			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY ESPIONAGE

SUMMARY REPORT

NAME OF DEFENDANT:

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was: Oskar Vago, John Murray, John Murray

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I. NARRATIVE OF OFFENSE

On September 20, 1950, OSCAR JOHN VAGO, 66-07 97th Street, Rego Park, Long Island, New York, appeared before a Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York in response to a subpoena. He testified at that time in response to questioning that he left the United States in 1929 for Hungary, remained approximately four years, and returned to the United States in January of 1933. He also testified that his wife, CLAIRE VAGO, did not accompany him at the time of his departure but joined him in Hungary in 1932. Actually, as will be set out hereafter, VAGO did not leave the United States until December 3, 1932, at which time he was accompanied by his wife. He returned to the United States on January 13, 1933.

II. RELEVANT STATUTE

The indictment alleges violation by VAGO of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1621.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *Edmund Schacht*
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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III. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

The statute of limitations in this case began to run on September 20, 1950, but was tolled by the return of an indictment on September 28, 1950.

IV. PRELIMINARY PROSECUTIVE ACTION

The following indictment was returned by the Grand Jury of the Southern District of New York on September 28, 1950:

"1. On or about Sept. 20, 1950, at the Southern District of New York and within the jurisdiction of this Court, OSCAR JOHN VAGO, the defendant herein, having duly taken an oath before a competent tribunal, to wit, the Grand Jurors of the United States of America, duly impaneled and sworn in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and inquiring for that District, in a case then and there pending before said Grand Jurors in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath to be administered, that he would testify truly, did unlawfully, knowingly, and wilfully, and contrary to said oath, state material matter which he did not believe to be true, that is to say:

"2. That, at the time and place aforesaid, the said Grand Jurors, inquiring as aforesaid, were conducting an investigation entitled United States v. John Doe, pertaining to possible violation of espionage laws of the United States and any other Federal criminal statutes, and it was material to said inquiry to ascertain the period of time the defendant had been in the United States, and the identity of all persons who accompanied him when he departed from, or arrived in the United States, and the identity of all persons with whom he associated while in the United States or elsewhere.

"3. That, at the time and place aforesaid the defendant, OSCAR JOHN VAGO, duly appearing as a witness before the said Grand Jurors, and then and there being under oath as aforesaid, testified falsely before said Grand Jurors with respect to the aforesaid material matter as follows:

"1Q. Have you made any trips outside of the United States since you arrived here? A. Yes. I made one trip to visit my family.

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"Q. In Hungary? A. Yes.

Q. What date? A. I returned to this country in January, 1933.

Q. And you returned in '33? A. Yes.

Q. You were away approximately four years? A. Something like that.

Q. Did your wife go with you? A. No, she came later.

Q. When you went back to Hungary your wife did not accompany you, is that right? A. No, she did not.

Q. So that you are in Hungary from '29 to '32 alone, is that right? A. Yes.

Q. When you went to Hungary — and I think you said it was '29 — A. Yes, '29.

"That the aforesaid testimony of the defendant, as he then and there well knew and believed, was untrue in that the defendant was in the United States during the period of time from 1925 until on or about December 1, 1932, and his wife accompanied him when he went to Hungary in 1932. (Title 18, Section 1621, United States CODE.)"

This indictment was returned by United States District Judge JOHN C. KNOX, who issued on the same date a bench warrant based on the indictment. At 1:48 PM, on September 28, 1950, VAGO was arrested by FBI agents in the vicinity of 18 East 48th Street, New York. He was arraigned on that date before EDWARD McDONALD, United States Commissioner for the Southern District of New York, for the purpose of fixing bail. In accordance with the request of United States Attorney IRVING H. SAYPOL, bail was set at \$50,000.00. A hearing to plead to the indictment was set for October 2, 1950. However, on that date the hearing was postponed to October 3, 1950, at which time VAGO requested a postponement to October 10, 1950, in order to enable him to secure the services of an attorney. On the latter date VAGO'S attorney, MOSES C. WEIMAN, requested and was granted a postponement to October 23, 1950. WEIMAN also

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requested a reduction of bail and the amount was reduced to \$10,000.00. On October 23, 1950, VAGO pleaded not guilty to the charge in the indictment. The trial date was set for November 13, 1950. All of the above proceedings subsequent to the hearing before the United States Commissioner were before United States District Judge WILLIAM BONDY. As of November 1, 1950, VAGO had not furnished bail and was being held in the custody of the United States Marshal of the Southern District of New York.

V. WITNESSES

IDA F. GOLD, Grand Jury Stenographer
United States Court House,
Foley Square,
New York, New York
LOUISE BENSON, Grand Jury Stenographer
United States Court House,
Foley Square,
New York, New York

These witnesses under a subpoena duces tecum will produce their notes and the transcript of the testimony given by OSCAR VAGO on September 20, 1950 and on September 27, 1950, before the Grand Jury of the Southern District of New York.

HENRY SCHAEFER
12 McKinley Avenue
Lynbrook, Long Island, New York

Can testify to the following signed statement and will produce the records referred to in the statement in response to a subpoena duces tecum.

"New York City
October 5, 1950

"I, HENRY SCHAEFER, make the following voluntary statement to THOMAS H. ZOELLER, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement of my own free will and no threats or promises have been made to me. I understand this statement may be used in a court of law.

"I am employed as chief accountant and assistant secretary of the White Construction Co., 95 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. & have been employed by this Company since July 7, 1924. I reside at 12 McKinley Ave., Lynbrook, L.I.

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"I have identified a picture of OSCAR JOHN VAGO shown to me by Agent ZOELLER as a man I first knew as J. MURRAY. Records of the company of which I have charge indicate VAGO was employed by the company as J. MURRAY from 4/26/26 to 2/11/28. He was also employed as OSCAR J. VAGO from 10/29/28 to 12/3/32 and from 6/13/41 to 7/18/41. During the time VAGO was employed both as MURRAY and as VAGO, I personally handed him his salary check each week.

"I have read the above statements consisting of one page and three additional lines, and are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ "HENRY P. SCHAEFER 10/5/50

"Witnessed:

/s/ "THOMAS H. ZOELLER, Special Agent, FBI, NYC"

RUSSELL BALLENTINE
265 Prospect Street
Westfield, New Jersey

Can testify to the following signed statement:

"New York City
October 5, 1950

", RUSSELL BALLENTINE, make the following voluntary statement to THOMAS H. ZOELLER, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement of my own free will and no threats or promises have been made to me. I understand this statement may be used in a court of law.

"I am employed as an estimator by the White Construction Co., Inc. 95 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. I have been employed by this company since Feb. 1925. I reside at 265 Prospect St., Westfield, N.J.

"I have identified a picture of OSCAR JOHN VAGO shown to me by Agent ZOELLER as a man I first knew as JOHN MURRAY. VAGO, using the name MURRAY came to the company about 1926 and I worked in the same room with him. VAGO, still using the name MURRAY left the Company after a year or so. When he returned sometime before 1929 he was known as OSCAR J. VAGO. I do not know why he used the name MURRAY, as he never gave any explanation for it. He left the Company after three or four years, returning again for a short period of time in 1941.

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"the best of my knowledge and belief,

/s/ "RUSSELL BALLENTINE

"Witnessed:

/s/ "THOMAS H. ZOELLER, Special Agent, FBI, NYC"

MAX BIRMAN
7551-196th Street
Flushing, Long Island, New York

Can testify to the following signed statement:

"New York City
October 5, 1950

"I, MAX BIRMAN, make the following voluntary statement to THOMAS H. ZOELLER, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement of my own free will and no threats or promises have been made to me. I understand this statement may be used in a court of law.

"I am employed as Vice-President of the White Construction Co., Inc., 95 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. I have been employed at this company since 1919. I reside at 7551 - 196th St., Flushing, L.I.

"I have identified a picture of OSCAR JOHN VAGO shown to me by Agent ZOELLER as a man I first knew as JOHN MURRAY. VAGO, using the name MURRAY came to the company in 1926 and was hired as a draftsman and designer by me. I did not know him previously. VAGO left the company in the early part of 1928 and returned in October, 1928. When he returned he told me his right name is OSCAR J. VAGO. I asked him why he used the name MURRAY and he said he had had a bet with someone and had won the bet.

"VAGO remained with the Company until the end of 1932 when he left. He returned again for a short period of time in 1941.

"I have read the foregoing statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ "MAX BIRMAN

"Witnessed:

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/s/ "THOMAS H. ZOELLER, Special Agent, FBI, NYC"

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ANNA KRANKER
Pine Place
Greenlawn, Long Island, New York

Can testify to the following signed statement and will produce the records referred to in the statement in response to a subpoena duces tecum.

"October 11, 1950
Pine Place
Greenlawn, Long Island,
New York

"I, ANNA KRANKER, make the following statement to JOHN H. WAGNER who has identified himself to me as being a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am Secretary of the Kranker Building Corporation which corporation is the owner of the apartment house located at 22-81 37 Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York and which has been the owner of this apartment house since it was built in 1931.

"I have checked my rental records and from these it is reflected that OSCAR VAGO was a tenant in the apartment house located at 22-81 37 Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York having occupied apartment D1 from January 15, 1931 to May 1, 1935 at which time he moved from this address. His wife lived with him during this entire period. I identified the photograph of OSCAR VAGO which was shown to me by Special Agent JOHN H. WAGNER as being the same OSCAR VAGO who was my former tenant.

"I recall that sometime during 1934 VAGO and his wife took a trip to Europe for about three or four months. Upon their return to the United States either VAGO or his wife told me that they had visited Hungary. To the best of my knowledge this was the only time that VAGO or his wife left the United States while they resided at the above address.

"I have read the foregoing statement and it is correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ "ANNA KRANKER

"Witness:

/s/ "JOHN H. WAGNER, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation"

NY 100-55242

EMMA JAHODA
191-10 122 Avenue
St. Albans 12
Long Island, New York

Can testify to the following signed statement:

"191-10 122 Avenue
St. Albans 12,
Long Island, New York
November 10, 1950

Additional page
"I, EMMA JAHODA, make the following statement to John H. Wagner who has identified himself to me as being a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No promises, inducements or duress have been used to have me make this statement and I know that anything I say may be used in a court of law.

"To the best of my knowledge and recollection I was superintendent of the apartment house located at 28-20 37 Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York from about 1929 to 1933 during which period I collected the rent from the tenants for the landlord.

"I recognized the pictures of OSCAR JOHN VAGO taken in 1932 and 1933 and the picture of CLAIRE VAGO taken in 1931 shown to me by SA John H. Wagner as tenants in the above apartment house at the time I became superintendent. However, I do not recall the length of their tenancy nor when they moved from 28-20 37 Street but do recall that they moved from this address before I left as superintendent.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of this and one other page and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Mrs. EMMA JAHODA

"Witness:

/s/ JOHN H. WAGNER, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation"

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C. GORDON LAMUDE, Manager,
New York Office of Alien Property
United States Department of Justice
120 Broadway
New York, New York

In answer to a subpoena duces tecum, will produce the passenger list for the SS REX of the Italian Line, dated December 3, 1932, outgoing from New York to Genoa, which lists OSCAR and CLAIRE VAGO as the holders of roundtrip tickets.

EDWARD J. SHAUGHNESSY, District Director,
Immigration and Naturalization Service
70 Columbus Avenue
New York, New York

In answer to a subpoena duces tecum, will produce records reflecting the following:

The arrival at New York on January 12, 1925 of OSCAR VAGO on the SS MONGOLIA of the American Line.

The departure of OSCAR and CLAIRE VAGO on December 3, 1932 on the SS REX from New York to Genoa.

The arrival at New York of OSCAR and CLAIRE VAGO on January 12, 1933 on the SS CONTE DI SAVOIA of the Italian Line.

Will also produce records reflecting the following investigation of OSCAR VAGO by INS which was initiated when it was ascertained that VAGO entered the United States at New York on January 12, 1925, as an immigrant student destined to the University of Michigan, but did not register at that institution.

A report dated June 29, 1925, reflects that VAGO was interviewed by an inspector of INS and that he was at that time residing with his uncle, WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN, at 59 Bay 32 Street, Brooklyn, New York. VAGO advised that he had become ill upon his arrival in the United States and as a consequence was unable to attend the University of Michigan as intended. Instead, he informed the inspector, he enrolled as a student at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn in February, 1925 and completed the term in March, 1925. He stated that he intended to enter the University of Michigan in the fall of 1925 and to remain in the United States for two more years to complete his studies.

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A report dated September 25, 1925 reflects that an attempt was made to locate VAGO at 59 Bay 32 Street and that the inspector was informed by Mrs. WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN that VAGO had remained in Brooklyn during the absence of the GOLDSTEINS in the summer of 1925 and that upon their return they had found him gone and had received no word as to his whereabouts or intentions. She advised the inspector that VAGO had received a favorable reply to his application for admission to the University of Michigan, but that she did not know whether he had gone there.

A report dated January 16, 1929 reflects that WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN, VAGO'S uncle, was interviewed by an INS inspector at his home at 2027 85th Street, Brooklyn. GOLDSTEIN advised that VAGO had graduated from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and had returned to Budapest, Hungary. He promised to furnish the INS a letter he had received from his nephew in October, 1928. A letter dated January 25, 1929, addressed to GOLDSTEIN by INS thanked GOLDSTEIN for his cooperation and informed him that the letter from his nephew which he had forwarded to INS was being returned to him.

~~HARRY GOLD~~

Who is in custody of the United States Marshal,
Southern District of New York,
New York, New York
Upon issuance of a Writ of Ad Testificandum

Can testify to the following signed statement:

"October 2, 1950
Philadelphia, Penna.

"I, HARRY GOLD, make the following voluntary statement to ROBERT G. JENSEN and RALPH J. T. CARTER, JR., who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me and I know that any statement I make can be used against me in a Court of Law. I have been advised of my right of counsel and I know that I do not have to make any statement at all.

"I first heard of OSCAR JOHN VAGO in 1943 from ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, who was at that time furnishing me with technical information for transmittal to the Soviet Union. BROTHMAN at this time wanted me to get financial assistance for him from SEMEN M. SEMENOV so that he, BROTHMAN, could hire OSCAR JOHN VAGO and JACK MILLER. VAGO and MILLER were to work for HENRY GOLWYNNE or rather the Chemurgy Design Corporation. BROTHMAN was a partner with ARTHUR WEBER and HENRY GOLWYNNE in this firm.

"SEMENOV was my Russian espionage superior at this time. I informed him of BROTHMAN'S request which he rejected rather violently.

"VAGO and MILLER had been described, by BROTHMAN, to me as sincere and convinced Communists who could form the nucleus of a later development of a BROTHMAN organization. This organization to produce and design chemical processes for the Soviet Union. This venture of BROTHMAN'S was all to be backed by Amtorg or Russian money.

"I first met VAGO in May of 1946 on the morning I came to work for A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES. He was a partner in this firm and was also a design engineer and the chief draftsman.

"Many times in the ensuing months, VAGO would spend a great deal of time in the office on 32nd Street in discussing such matters as what had gone in his own particular 'Communist Party Club' the night before. He would also dwell at some length on news items and editorials in the New York Herald Tribune and would expostulate about the perfidy of the capitalist press in general.

"Later when the design offices had been moved to the Chatham-Phenix Bldg. in Long Island City, on one occasion, BROTHMAN became upset for we were delayed in completing a report for the Mattur Chemical Co. of India, because OSCAR VAGO was at that very moment busy selling a special edition of the DAILY WORKER in Queens Plaza. On at least one other occasion, VAGO told me of having sold the DAILY WORKER in both his home neighborhood, Rego Park, and nearby Queens Village.

"Sometime in the spring of 1948, a mimeographed series of pamphlets criticizing the policies of the National Leaders of the American Communist Party came out. These pamphlets were issued by an individual whose name may have been 'FRANKLIN'. To the best of my knowledge, this 'FRANKLIN' became a leader of a factionalist group in Harlem.

"ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was much taken with the arguments presented by 'FRANKLIN'. He at one time argued these points before a Communist Party Club in Chelsea, which is a section of Manhattan.

"A few days later, while I was working at the Elmhurst Laboratories of A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES, VAGO called and asked me to come to his home some two miles distant. While at the VAGO residence, OSCAR stated his belief that the Chelsea Communists had been perfectly justified in ejecting BROTHMAN from their meeting. VAGO added that in his own Rego Park Club, BROTHMAN would not have succeeded in even getting a few words of criticism out.

"In late May of 1948, BROTHMAN went to Switzerland to sell one of the firm's processes to the Lonza Co. of that country. After he had left, we discovered that BROTHMAN was planning to deprive the rest of his associates from their fair share of any future income of A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES. On one evening in the week following BROTHMAN'S departure for Switzerland, PHIL LEVINE and I were at the VAGO home discussing what procedure we should best follow to insure that our interests in A. BROTHMAN could be protected. As we were preparing to leave, I mentioned that I was in no position to be too harsh with BROTHMAN. VAGO then added that he too did not wish to undergo any scrutiny by the F.B.I., inasmuch as there was an irregularity involved in his leaving the United States for Hungary after his first stay in America. He elaborated on this only to the extent that while the authorities thought or believed he had actually left for Hungary, he was in reality still in the United States.

"PHIL LEVINE, who was present during this entire conversation, was a co-worker of VAGO and mine at ABRAHAM BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES.

"The next time this matter of irregularities in connection with VAGO'S entry into the United States, came up was in December of 1949. I was in New York City on a visit to the National Exposition of Chemical Industries at the Grand Central Palace. At 5:30 or 6:00 p.m., on the evening of the first Friday in December 1949, I called VAGO just to say hello, but OSCAR insisted I come over to his house for dinner and a talk. At the end of several hours of conversation, VAGO again mentioned his fear of an investigation concerning the irregularities of his movements in and out of the United States of America in the late twenties or early thirties. This was the last time that I saw or heard from OSCAR JOHN VAGO.

"This is to certify that I, HARRY GOLD, have read the above statement consisting of this and four other pages. I have placed my initials at the bottom of the preceding four pages signifying that I have read those pages. I have also placed my initials at the corrections indicated on page 2 and again on page 4. The information that I have furnished above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ HARRY GOLD
October 2, 1950.
Philadelphia, Penna.

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BERNICE RIVERIA
114 West 114th Street
New York, New York

Can testify to the following signed statement:

"607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.
October 9, 1950

"I, Mrs. BERNICE RIVERIA, make this statement voluntarily of my own free will to VICTOR TURYN, who identified himself and is known to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, force, or duress were used against me and no rewards, or promises were made to me to give this statement. This statement concerns my knowledge about one OSCAR VAGO, for whom I worked in 1948.

"I am twenty-six years old and reside at 114 West 114th Street, N. Y., N. Y. I completed the tenth grade of school and can read and write.

"I first met Mr. and Mrs. OSCAR VAGO through Mrs. MARILYN ~~BAILEY~~, for whom I was doing housework at the time. I worked for Mrs. BAILEY for a period of approximately two and one-half years. After I met Mrs. VAGO I was then engaged by her to do housecleaning which I did for her for a period of approximately two months. *C.P. member*

"During my brief period of employment for Mrs. VAGO, she attempted to get me to join the Communist Party on several occasions. She told me that she and Mr. VAGO were both members of the Communist Party.

"I know that Mr. and Mrs. VAGO were members of the Communist Party because I saw both their names in a loose leaf note book kept by Mrs. BAILEY. Mrs. BAILEY was Secretary or Treasurer of the Communist Party in Queens and she kept names of members in this note book in alphabetical order. Mrs. BAILEY told me herself that this note book contained the names of Communist Party members in Queens. I saw this book many times and looked up names in the book at the request of Mrs. BAILEY. After I started working for Mrs. VAGO, it was then that I looked in the book and found the name of OSCAR VAGO and the name of Mrs. OSCAR VAGO.

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"The OSCAR VAGOS had numerous bits of literature in their apartment about the Communist Party. OSCAR VAGO also received the 'Daily Worker' which I observed in the apartment. Mrs. VAGO would also play record entitled 'The Red Army Song' to which the children would march.

"The note book I referred to earlier which was kept by Mrs. BAILEY and contained names of members of the Communist Party in Queens is described as follows: Large loose leaf binder, light blue cover which cover appeared to have been a canvas of some sort.

"I have read the above statement consisting of three pages and every word is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

(signed) "BERNICE RIVERIA"

"Witnessed:

"VICTOR TURYN, Special Agent, F. B. I."

THOMAS H. ZOELLER, Special Agent
New York Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation
ROBERT M. KANE, Special Agent
New York Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Can testify that they arrested OSCAR VAGO at 1:48 PM on September 28, 1950, in the vicinity of 18 East 48th Street, New York, New York.

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Copies of this report are being sent for information in accordance with Bureau instructions.

REFERENCE: Bureau teletype, 10/31/50

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 4, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, Was
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Re: SA Robert M. Kane, 11/4/50, New York, 5 copies of which are enclosed.

DEFERRED RECORDING

The copy of this report designated for the U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, is being withheld. The Bureau is requested to advise as soon as possible when this copy may be delivered to the U.S. Attorney.

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TO: Director, FBI

DATE: November 16, 1950

FROM: SAC, New York

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SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was;
PERJURY
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Re report SA ROBERT M. KANE, 11/4/50 at New York.

Additional information pertaining to VAGO's residence in the 1929-33 period has been obtained from Mrs. EMMA JAHODA. Her statement, as set out on page 7A, should be inserted in referenced report.

Copies of page 7A and revised copies of page 14 are enclosed to the Bureau and offices which received copies of reference report. New York copies and the copy designated for the USA, SDNY will be corrected as noted.

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WAS., PERJURY, ESP - R. POSTPONEMENT OF TRIAL TO DEC
FOUR NEXT ASKED BY GOVERNMENT THIS DATE BEFORE JUDGE JOHN W. CLANCY.
MOSES WEIMAN, ATTORNEY FOR VAGO, REQUESTED EARLY TRIAL AND REDUCTION
OF BAIL. DECISION RESERVED BY JUDGE CLANCY PENDING ARGUMENTS IN CHAM-
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 18, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

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SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.
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Rebulet 11/6/50.

Enclosed herewith are two photostatic copies of a letter written by VAGO to HARRY GOLD. This letter was found in GOLD'S residence at 6823 Kindred Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 3, 1950.

It is requested that this material be searched in the National Security File and retained by the Bureau after examination.

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Re: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.
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File # 101-1988-106
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Examination requested by: New York (100-55242)

Date of reference communication: Let. 11-18-50

Date Received: 11-22-50

Examination requested: Document

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Specimens submitted for examination

Kc2 Two photostatic copies each of an envelope and accompanying three-page letter to Mr. HARRY GOLD 6823 Kindred Street Philadelphia, Pa., bearing the known handwriting of OSCAR J. VAGO.

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Edward J. Yager
6607-99th St.
Rago Park, N.Y.



MR. HARRY GOLD
6823 KINORED STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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Tuesday, 11 P.M.

Dear Harry,

Would you be good enough
to let me know, or if you
don't know please find
out, what is the subscrip-
tion rate of the "Chem.
Abstracts" (member and
non-member rates) and
of the I. & E. C. Analytical
Edition. Also, whether
you could get another
member subscription?
How are you? What is
news on the job front?
I hope you succeeded
in locating yourself.
I had a talk with Bernie
a few days ago. It seems

that B. acts as an agent
of A.B. in the guise of
an impartial co-plaintiff.

But why he does that is
rather difficult for me to
see. This time, the purpose
probably was to see whether
I am a dope or whether I
have a lawyer? But there
is no longer a deal nor human
deal, so yet! I heard that
Stanton hired Joffe from
I.P.E. (Emil's outfit) as some-
thing like a plant engineer.
When will you be up in N.Y?
I would very much like to
see you!

I would appreciate an early
answer to my questions.

Oh yes, I spoke to Bill Caird

weekend. He is having a tough time finding a job in N.Y. He is looking for some plant production job. He'll probably have to leave town. He says that both A. and M. are in at 9 A.M. and that A. goes to bed at 9 P.M. —

Sincerely

Dear —

P.S. Victor (my b. in law) is anxiously asking about the apartment!

P.P.S. You did not forget the lodging to my friend for the convention? His name is: Sy Lesser.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 9, 1950

SAC, New York

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of the evidence received from your office on November 22, 1950.

Re: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO. 100-55242
FBI FILE NO. 101-1988 -106
LAB. NO. D-124465 BE

Examination requested by: SAC, New York
Reference: Letter 11/18/50
Examination requested: Document
Specimens:

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Ko2 Two photostatic copies each of an envelope and accompanying three
page letter to "Mr. HARRY GOLD, 6823 Kindred Street, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania, bearing the known handwriting of OSCAR J. VAGO.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The handwriting on specimen Ko2 was compared with material contained
in the National Security File without effecting an identification. A
photostatic copy has been added to this file for future reference.

The evidence which you submitted is retained in the Bureau's files.

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE, R. AT HEARING IN
CHAMBERS THIS DATE BEFORE JUDGE JOHN W. CLANCY, BAIL CONTINUED AT \$350
FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND TRIAL DATE ADJOURNED TO DEC. FOUR NEXT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 21, 1950

FROM : *for*
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Rebulet October 24, 1950.



This informant had no additional information concerning VAGO but advised that he would immediately report any additional data that he received to this office.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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FILE NO. 65-2286

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 11/27/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/10/50	REPORT MADE BY RICHARD B. SMITH VAG
TITLE OSCAR JOHN VAGO, With alias Oskar Vago			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WILLIAM ODELL NOWELL unable to identify photograph of Subject.

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DETAILS:

WILLIAM ODELL NOWELL advised on November 10, 1950, after examining a photograph of **OSCAR JOHN VAGO**, that that individual was not known to him and the name was not familiar to him.

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Report of SA HOLLIS W. BOWERS, Washington, D.C., October 30, 1950.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: November 24, 1950

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.
PERJURY
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Reference is made to New York letter dated 10/16/50, in which it is advised that the Immigration and Naturalization Service at New York would be advised by letter concerning the investigation of VAGO.

A copy of the letter directed to INS at New York is being enclosed for the information of the Bureau.

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November 27, 1950

Mr. Edward J. Shaughnessy
District Director
Immigration & Naturalization Service
70 Columbus Avenue
New York 23, New York

RE: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.
PERJURY
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Dear Mr. Shaughnessy:

Reference is made to your file 98943/969 pertaining to one OSCAR VAGO.

Reference file indicates that on January 12, 1925 VAGO was admitted to the United States at New York as an immigrant student destined to the University of Michigan. However, according to the report, Vago did not register at that institution and an investigation was conducted by your office as a result. This investigation disclosed that Vago had graduated from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn after his arrival in the United States and that he had returned to his home in Budapest, Hungary.

On September 20, 1950, Vago was subpoenaed before a Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York for questioning concerning his relationship with Abraham Brothman Associates, a firm in which he was a partner from 1944 to 1948. This firm at one time employed Harry Gold, self-admitted Soviet agent, and Abraham Brothman and Miriam Moskowitz, who were also partners in the firm with Vago, have been convicted in United States District Court on a charge of obstructing justice. When questioned concerning his activities by the Grand Jury, according to the indictment Vago testified that in 1929 he had gone to Hungary and that he had returned to the United States in 1933. He also testified that his wife had not accompanied him on the trip but that she had joined him in Hungary in 1932.

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Investigation has disclosed that Vago actually was absent from the United States only from December 3, 1932 to January 12, 1933, and that his wife accompanied him on this trip, and that he has been in the United States continuously since his original entry in 1925 to the present time with the above exception.

An indictment charging Vago with perjury before the Grand Jury was returned on September 28, 1950, and he is presently being held on \$40,000.00 bail pending his trial, which is set for December 4, 1950.

It is noted that Vago, who was born on February 27, 1898 at Budapest, Hungary, filed Petition for Naturalization #310521 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on May 31, 1938, and was admitted to citizenship on September 29, 1938. Certificate of Naturalization #4320335 was issued to him.

At the time of his arrest, Vago was employed as a structural engineer by Jacob Aronow, at 12 East 48th Street, New York. He resides at 66-07 99th Street, Rego Park, Long Island.

This is being submitted for your information.

Very truly yours

EDWARD SCHMIDT
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 11/27/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/16-31; 11/1-16/50	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT M. KANE
TITLE OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

VAGO plead not guilty to indictment on 10/23/50 and trial date set for 11/13/50. On 11/13/50 Government requested adjournment of trial to 12/4/50. On 11/14/50 in hearing before U.S. District Judge JOHN W. CLANCY, 12/4/50 trial date approved and reduction of bail denied. VAGO remains in custody U.S. Marshal, SDNY. Residence of VAGO during 1929-31 period at 28-20 37th St., Astoria, Long Island, verified. 1948 letter from VAGO to HARRY GOLD set out. Bank account reviewed. Interviews with A. Brethman Associates employees set out.

DETAILS:

PROSECUTIVE ACTION

On October 23, 1950, before United States District Judge, WILLIAM BONDY, VAGO entered a plea of not guilty to the indictment charging him with perjury and trial date was set for November 13, 1950.

On November 13, 1950, MOSES C. WEIMAN, attorney for VAGO, requested a reduction of bail in proceedings before

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United States District Judge JOHN W. CLANCY and requested a trial at a date earlier than December 4, 1950, which was requested by the Government. On November 14, 1950, in a hearing in chambers, Judge CLANCY denied the reduction in bail and approved December 4, 1950, as a trial date.

As of November 22, 1950, VAGO had not made bail and remained in the custody of the United States Marshal, Southern District of New York.

RESIDENCES

The following investigation was conducted by SA John H. Wagner:

397 Third Avenue
Astoria, Long Island

It is noted that the above address is the one furnished by VAGO at the time of his marriage in 1928. This address is no longer in existence but investigation indicates that the present number which corresponds to the above address is 31-16 32nd Street, Astoria, Long Island.

I. J. KOHOUT, 31-46 37th Street, owner of the above building, advised that he had no recollection of VAGO and stated that no records of tenants were available.

D. MIHALIK, superintendent of the building in 1930, GUSTAVE KROLL, and JOHN BELKMANN, long time tenants of the building, advised that they had no recollection of VAGO.

CURT RASCH, 31-40 32nd Street, and RUDOLPH JERABEK, 31-23 32nd Street, long time residents in the neighborhood, were also unable to furnish any information concerning VAGO.

340 Ditmars Boulevard
Astoria, Long Island

It is noted that the above address is that given by ~~CLAIRE VAGO~~ at the time of her marriage and is believed to be identical with the present address of 36-02 Ditmars Boulevard.

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Dr. CHARLES F. ZEMAN, who has resided at the address for some twenty-five years, and Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES VLECK, 36-04 Ditmars Boulevard, who have resided at that address for approximately the same period, were unable to furnish any information concerning VAGO or his wife.

28-20 37th Street
Astoria, Long Island

A review of the telephone directory for the summer of 1929 reflects that a telephone was listed to one CLAIRE V. WEISSIMAN, and that in the 1929-30 and 1930-31 editions the number was listed to CLAIRE W. VAGO at the above address.

PHILIP MERK, building superintendent, and Mrs. C. F. WALTERS, long time tenant, were unable to furnish any information concerning the VAGOS as were also EDWARD TARDY and ELLA FISCUS, son and daughter of the deceased owner of the building.

JOSEPHINE DULAK, 43 Halady Street, Yonkers, present owner of the building, stated that she had no records covering the period when the VAGOS are said to have resided there.

Mrs. JOHN BUZEK, 28-21 37th Street, and A. KNOROWSKI, 28-18 37th Street, long time residents of the neighborhood, were also unable to furnish any information concerning the VAGOS.

The following signed statement reflecting residence of the VAGOS at that address was obtained from Mrs. EMMA JAHODA, 191-10 122nd Avenue, St. Albans 12, Long Island, New York:

"191-10 122 Avenue
St. Albans 12, Long Island,
New York
November 10, 1950

"I, Emma Jahoda, make the following statement to John H. Wagner who has identified himself to me as being a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No promises, inducements or duress have been used to have me

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"make this statement and I know that anything I say may be used in a court of law.

"To the best of my knowledge and recollection I was superintendent of the apartment house located at 28-20 37 Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York from about 1929 to 1933 during which period I collected the rent from the tenants for the landlord.

"I recognized the pictures of Oscar John Vago taken in 1932 and 1933 and the picture of Claire Vago taken in 1931 shown to me by SA John H. Wagner as tenants in the above apartment house at the time I became superintendent. However, I do not recall the length of their tenancy nor when they moved from 28-20 37 Street but do recall that they moved from this address before I left as superintendent.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of this and one other page and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Mrs EMMA JAHODA

"Witness:

/s/ JOHN H. WAGNER, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation"
25 Sickles Street
New York City

The following signed statement was obtained from Mrs. ALICE R. TREI, 15 Sickles Street, New York:

"October 17, 1950

"I, Alice R. Trei, make the following voluntary statement to John H. Wagner who has identified himself to me as a Special-Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No promises, threats or duress have been used to have me make this statement and I know it may be used in a court of law.

"I reside in apartment 4A at 15 Sickles Street, New

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"York City and my husband, Peter Trei, and I have owned the apartment house located at this address since August 1, 1944. From August 1, 1935 to August 1, 1944 we were superintendents of this apartment house.

"I identified the photograph of Oscar John Vago which was shown me by Special Agent John H. Wagner as being the Oscar Vago who occupied apartment 7B at 25 Sickles Street, New York City during the late 1930's with his wife and remained in this apartment for about twelve to eighteen months. I do not recall the exact dates of his tenancy at this address and no records to verify the exact dates are available. However, I do recall that several months after Vago moved into apartment 7B his wife gave birth to a child.

"I have read the foregoing statement and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ ALICE R. TREI

"Witness:

/s/ JOHN H. WAGNER, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation"

BANK ACCOUNT

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that the following checks had been drawn on the VAGO account at the Sterling National Bank and Trust Company of New York, 95-38 Queens Boulevard:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>
9/18/50	\$ 10.00	Hungarian Daily Journal Association, Inc.
9/27/50	600.00	ARTHUR BAILY
10/9/50	500.00	MOSES C. WEIMAN
10/20/50	136.95	Collector of Internal Revenue
11/14/50	500.00	MOSES WEIMAN

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The informant advised that other checks drawn on the account were small and apparently of a routine nature, such as for utilities. The balance in the account as of November 2, 1950 was \$492.47.

It is noted that ARTHUR BAILY was the original attorney for VAGO and that MOSES C. WEIMAN presently represents him.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, has advised that VAGO receives at his home the "Magyar Jovo" (Hungarian Daily Journal). Confidential Informants T-3 and T-4, of known reliability, have described this publication as a pro-Communist Hungarian language daily published in New York City by the Hungarian Daily Journal Association, Inc.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that OSCAR VAGO opened an account on August 23, 1941, with the Forest Hills Branch of the Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company at 106-24 71st Avenue, Forest Hills. The opening deposit was \$240.00 and the account was closed on September 15, 1944. Informant could furnish no additional information concerning the account.

It is noted that the above information was obtained on a confidential basis and is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings upon issuance of a subpoena.

VAGO LETTER TO HARRY GOLD

On June 3, 1950, at the residence of HARRY GOLD, 6823 Kindred Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the following letter was found by SA Forrest F. Burgess of the Philadelphia Office. It is noted that this search was conducted under a waiver from GOLD's attorney, JOHN D. M. HAMILTON.

The letter was addressed to "Mr. HARRY GOLD, 6823 Kindred Street, Philadelphia, Pa." and bore the return address "OSCAR J. VAGO, 6607 - 99th St., Rego Park, N.Y." It was postmarked June 30, 1948, New York, New York.

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Tuesday, 11 P.M.

"Dear Harry,

"Would you be good enough to let me know, or if you don't know please find out, what is the subscription rate of the 'Chem. Abstracts' (member and non-member rate) and of the I. & E.C. Analytical Edition. Also, whether you could get another member subscription? How are you? What is news on the job front? I hope you succeeded in locating yourself. I had a talk with Bernie a few days ago. It seems that B. acts as an agent of AB. in the guise of an impartial co-plaintiff. But why he does that is rather difficult for me to see. This time, the purpose probably was to see whether I am a dope or whether I have a lawyer? But there is no Lonza deal nor Norman deal, as yet! I hear that Stanton hired Jaffe from I.P.E. (Emil's outfit) as something like a plant engineer. When will you be up in NY.? I would very much like to see you!

"I would appreciate an early answer to my questions. Oh yes, I spoke to Bill last weekend. He is having a tough time finding a job in NY. He is looking for some plant production job. He'll probably have to leave town. He says that both A. and M. are in at 9 A.M. and that A. goes to bed at 9 P.M.

"Sincerely

/s/ OSCAR

"P.S. ~~Victor~~ (my b. in law) is anxiously asking about the apartment!

"P.P.S. You did not forget the lodging to my friend for the convention? His name is: Sy, Lesser.

O."

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GOLD, who is a self-admitted Soviet agent, was interviewed on June 20, 1950 by SA T. Scott Miller, Jr., concerning the above letter. GOLD advised that the BERNIE referred to is BERNARD BIDTO, an interview with whom has previously been reported in this case. The NORMAN referred to is EDWARD C. NORMAN, who was at one time a potential purchaser of A. Brothman Associates. The STANTON mentioned is MICHAEL A. STANTON, an owner of the Stanton Chemical Company, Philadelphia, for which ABRAHAM BROTHMAN set up a process for a cold wave treatment.

The JAFFE referred to is JAMES JAFFE, chemical engineer formerly with Industrial Process Engineering, 8 Lister Avenue, Newark, which is also referred to in the letter. The EMIL referred to is EMIL BARISH, former partner in A. Brothman Associates. The BILL referred to is WILLIAM ROHALL, a former employee of A. Brothman Associates, who has previously been interviewed in this case.

The A. and M. referred to are ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ. The VICTOR referred to, a brother-in-law of VAGO, was not known to GOLD. GOLD advised that he was not acquainted with the SY LESSER referred to in the postscript but stated that VAGO had requested him to furnish living accommodations for LESSER upon the occasion of the latter's visit to Philadelphia in 1948 for the convention of the Progressive Party.

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, has advised that on October 31, 1948, SEYMOUR LESSER, 62-98 Saunders Street, Rego Park, Long Island, who is also known as SY, was active in canvassing work for the Communist Party. The informant advised that LESSER was a leader in the Rego Park Section of the Communist Party. As has been previously reported, OSCAR VAGO is also a member of the Rego Park Section of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised on October 17, 1950 that LESSER was still active in Communist Party affairs.

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EMPLOYEES OF A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES

ROBERT KEITH TOWNSEND, 42 Prospect Avenue, Sea Cliff, Long Island, advised SA Joseph J. Palguta that he had been employed by ABA in 1945 and 1946 at the ABA office at 114 East 32nd Street, New York. He stated that VAGO, who was at that time a partner in ABA, was in charge of the office during periods of BROTHMAN's absence. He advised that he considered both BROTHMAN and VAGO to be Communist Party members or strong sympathizers since they constantly discussed CP affairs and since he had seen them in possession of tickets to rallies staged by the Communist Party.

HERSH RABINOVITCH, 129 West 89th Street, New York, an engineer with ABA from August 1946 to May 1947, advised SA Stuart J. Cameron that he was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning VAGO.

SEYMOUR MANDELKORN, an ABA employee from May 1945 to September 1946, advised SAS Stuart J. Cameron and Robert L. Stevenson, Jr. that he was in possession of no information pertinent to this investigation.

SHOLEM SILBERSTEIN, 2 Brighton 8th Court, Brooklyn, a chemist with ABA from June 1945 to May 1947, advised SA Stuart J. Cameron that he knew nothing concerning the activities of VAGO except those pertaining to business affairs.

MILTON RUSIM, 1025 Bryant Avenue, Bronx, employee of ABA from June 1945 to August 1945, was interviewed by SAS Joseph C. Walsh, Jr. and Robert F. Royal. He, too, was unable to furnish any information pertinent to this investigation.

Mrs. RUTH LEWIN SELIGER, 154 Pearsall Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York, an ABA employee for about three months in the spring of 1946, ERNEST EGERSON MAIR, 114-20 172nd Street, Queens, an ABA employee from February 1946 to May 1946, and JOEL STANLEY CHALEK, 63-45 Wetherol Street, Rego Park, all advised SA Joseph J. Palguta that they had no pertinent information concerning VAGO.

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~~FRANK~~ MEYER, Woodstock, New York, former high CP official, advised SA Louis P. Hurley, Jr. that he was unable to identify a photograph of VAGO.

In a letter dated November 9, 1950, the Boston Office advised that HERBERT A. PHILBRICK was unable to identify a photograph of VAGO.

Confidential Informants T-8, T-9, T-10, T-11, T-12, T-13, T-14, T-15 and T-16, all of known reliability, were unable to identify VAGO.

VAGO WILHELM

It is noted that on October 2, 1950, Mrs. JAMES CAMPBELL LEWIS, 22 East 73rd Street, New York, advised that one VAGO WILHELM had been a Commissar in the Communist government in Hungary in 1919 and that newspaper photographs of VAGO resembled VAGO WILHELM a great deal.

On November 14, 1950, photographs of VAGO were exhibited to Confidential Informant T-3, who stated that he had been personally acquainted with the official referred to by Mrs. LEWIS and that he bore no resemblance to OSCAR VAGO. He stated that VAGO WILHELM, properly known as BELA VAGO, held the post of Commissar of Public Welfare in the Communist regime of BELA KUN in Hungary in 1919 and related that VAGO died in Soviet Russia in the early 1920's.

MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that a check dated October 18, 1950, in the amount of \$194.00 to OSCAR VAGO was deposited in the Sterling National Bank and Trust Company of New York, 95-38 Queens Boulevard, by Mrs. VAGO. The check was drawn on the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D.C.

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by PAUL WEIDLINGER. It is noted that the informant advised previously that a \$200.00 check had been given by WEIDLINGER to Mrs. VAGO and also that at the time of his arrest VAGO carried a business card of PAUL WEIDLINGER, General Engineering Associates, 1928 First Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. In a teletype dated October 9, 1950, the Washington Field Office was requested to identify WEIDLINGER.

As previously reported, BERNARD PIDTO, 783 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, a financial backer of A. Brothman Associates, advised that in 1948 a dispute between VAGO and MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ at the ABA offices in Long Island City had grown to such proportions that the police were called to restore order. A check of the records of the 108th Precinct of the New York City Police Department at 5-47 50th Avenue, Long Island City, failed to disclose any record of this incident. The records were reviewed by SAS Joseph C. Walsh, Jr. and Ralph F. Miller.

In Bureau letter dated November 6, 1950, it is reflected that the FBI Laboratory searched the signature and handprinting of VAGO through the National Security File without effecting an identification.

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AT NEW YORK CITY

Will continue a mail cover on the VAGO residence at 66-07 99th Street, Rego Park, Long Island.

Will report the results of a check of the toll calls made from the VAGO telephone at the above address.

Will continue to monitor the bank account of VAGO at the Sterling National Bank and Trust Company of New York, 95-38 Queens Boulevard.

Will follow and report prosecutive action.

Copies of this report are being sent to the Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington Field Offices for information according to Bureau instructions.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of
SA Robert M. Kane, dated NOV 27 1950 at New York, are
as follows:

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Sterling National Bank and Trust Company of
New York, 95-38 Queens Boulevard.

T-2

A mail cover on the VAGO residence at 66-07
99th Street, Rego Park.

T-3

[REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED] b7D

T-4

[REDACTED], contacted by SA [REDACTED]

T-5

[REDACTED], Corn Exchange
Bank and Trust Company, 15 William Street, New
York, contacted by SAA [REDACTED] b7C b7D

T-6

[REDACTED], contacted by SA [REDACTED]

T-7

[REDACTED], contacted by SAS [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]

T-8

[REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED] b7D

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all contacted by SA [REDACTED]

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both set out in Cleveland letter dated 10/13/50.

T-16

[REDACTED] as set out in San Francisco letter,
10/11/50.

REFERENCE: Report of SA Robert M. Kane, New York, 10/16/50

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message November 30, 1950

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, PERJURY, ESP R. HEURTEL NOVEMBER TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN
FIFTY. IDENTITY OF [REDACTED] INFORMANT [REDACTED] CANNOT BE DISCLOSED NOR
CAN HE BE CONSIDERED FOR USE AS A WITNESS IN THIS CASE.

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FROM NEW YORK

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WAS. PERJURY, ESP. R. AUSA ROY COHN, SDNY, PREPARING
THE VAGO CASE FOR TRIAL. ADVISES MATERIALITY OF VAGOS TESTIMONY
BEFORE GJ QUESTIONABLE RE REP SA ROBERT M. KANE, NY, OCTOBER SIXTEEN,
FIFTY. COHN DESIRES ADVICE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT ^(c) INFORMANT ^(c)
[REDACTED] SET OUT IN REFERENCED REPORT AS T ELEVEN, MAY BE UTILIZED
IN ESTABLISHING MATERIALITY. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE IMMEDIATELY.

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10:55 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. LADD

MR. NICHOLS

OSCAR John Vago

While talking with Judge McGranery on another matter I stated I had received word from New York that one of the Assistant United States Attorneys was going to go into court today and move for a postponement in the Vago case on the grounds that Gold was not available. I stated in other words his availability would only be a question of one day while he was being sentenced and this Attorney was going to ask for a postponement of ten days in view of the unavailability of the witness. Judge McGranery stated he had learned that Saypol had stated he had a case involving the death penalty and that in all likelihood the death penalty would be imposed and that we in effect were interfering with the case by bringing Gold back here for sentencing. I commented that I had not heard of any case yet that we have handled in which there is a probability of the death penalty being imposed but that there is always a possibility. I further commented that the death penalty was not imposed in the Brothman case and the Vago case was in the same category.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

JEH:EH

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DATE 11-5-67
BY [signature]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BEDNORF

DATE: November 30, 1950

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNINGSEN

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO
PERJURY
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To advise the New York division that the identity of

[REDACTED] should not be considered for use as a witness in this case. (3) b1

DETAILS

The New York division by teletype on November 28 requested Bureau advice as to the use of [REDACTED] as a witness in the forthcoming trial of Oscar John Vago. b1

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RECOMMENDATION

It is therefore recommended that the New York office be advised that this informant cannot be used in connection with the Vago trial. A teletype to the New York office is attached hereto for your approval.

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO
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A review which has been made of the file in this case reflects that on August 1, 1940, your office directed a letter to Lieutenant Colonel James A. Lester of the Office of Military Intelligence, War Department, Washington, D. C. under the caption "J. H. Segal, O. Vago - Calpin, Espionage." It was noted that in this letter information was furnished to Military Intelligence as having been received by your office from Mr. A. B. Ground in the Identification Division of the Bureau.

According to this information, Mr. Haines, who was employed in the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department, advised that he had formerly under his supervision one J. H. Segal who resided at 1723 La Salle Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. He stated that a Mr. O. Vago and one Calpin were employed under his supervision. He stated that all three of these individuals were members of the Communist Party and that while in the employ of the Treasury Department they had attempted to procure a transfer to the Panama Canal Zone. According to Mr. Haines's information, the Navy Department had refused to employ these men on one occasion; however, at the time of his report to Mr. Ground they were employed by the War Department.

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Inasmuch as it is known that subject Vago was for a time employed in the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department and likewise in the War Department, it is considered that the individual referred to by Mr. Haines as G. Vago is actually subject Vago.

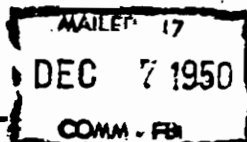
Your office is therefore requested to make an immediate effort to determine the identity of Mr. Haines and have him thoroughly interviewed for any information he may be able to furnish which would definitely establish Vago's membership in the Communist Party in Washington, D. C. in 1940. This information may be of material value in connection with the prosecution of Vago in New York City on the charge of perjury.

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This matter should receive your immediate attention so that the interview can be completed in sufficient time for consideration of the United States Attorney prior to the trial of this case which, it is expected, will be set for trial on or about December 15, 1950.

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December 12, 1950

Memorandum For Inspector Bayfield:

RE: OSCAR JOHN VAGO
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There is being enclosed herewith for your information a copy of a memorandum setting forth information as to the background of Oscar John Vago, as well as the present status of the prosecutive action which has been instituted against him for violation of the Federal Perjury Statute.

Enclosure

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cc: Mr. Glenn H. Bethel (REGISTERED - AIR MAIL)
c/o The Commissioner
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RE: OSCAR JOHN VAGO

December 12, 1990

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In September, 1950, it was learned through a highly confidential source that [REDACTED] b1

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Inspector Bayfield
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Prior to Vago's arrest on September 26, 1950, he was employed by the Carol Management Corporation in New York City and resided with his wife and two children at 6607 - 99th Street, Bago Park, Long Island, New York.

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Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney

December 14, 1950

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There is being furnished for your information a copy of the report of Special Agent Robert M. Kane dated at New York City November 27, 1950, in the above-entitled matter.

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ORDERED TRIAL DATE SET FOR JAN. FIFTEENTH NEXT, WITH DEFINITE
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① OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WAS, PERJURY, ESP R. IN HEARING BEFORE JUDGE SYL-
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Photograph of OSCAR JOHN VAGO exhibited to ALFRED DEAN SLACK at USP, Atlanta, Ga. SLACK claims has never seen subject to his knowledge.

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DETAILS:

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

A photograph of OSCAR JOHN VAGO was exhibited to ALFRED DEAN SLACK, an inmate presently confined at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta. After viewing the photograph, SLACK stated that to the best of his knowledge he has never known VAGO or has never seen him and could furnish no information or background concerning VAGO'S activities.

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This is to advise that Oscar John Vago has been removed from the Special Espionage Section and has been placed in the Regular Section of the Security Index maintained by the Bureau.

Appropriate cards reflecting this change are presently being prepared at the Bureau and copies will be made available to your office in the near future.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont
 FROM : C. E. Hennrich
 SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO
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PURPOSE:

To recommend against the retention of Oscar John Vago in the Special Espionage Section of the Security Index.

DETAILS:

AKS Oscar John Vago was a partner in the firm of A. Brothman and Associates, New York City, New York, from August, 1944, to June, 1948. During this period he was closely associated with Harry Gold, a confessed Soviet espionage agent, and Abraham Brothman, who was furnishing information to known Soviet agents for transmittal to Russia.

According to Gold, Vago was present in the office of A. Brothman and Associates in May, 1947, when Brothman had received his subpoena to appear before a Federal Grand Jury in New York. Further it was indicated that on this occasion Brothman announced his intention of telling the whole story as to his having furnished information to the Soviets. Gold has also advised that in December, 1949, Vago made inquiry of him as to whether Brothman had actually received a Red Star from the USSR for his activities in behalf of the Soviet Union. On this occasion he is also alleged to have advised Gold that Brothman had informed him his (Brothman's) work had been worth the work of one or two brigades of men.

It was learned recently through a highly confidential source that [REDACTED]

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Vago was employed by the Carol Management Corp., 12 E. 48th Street, New York City prior to September 28, 1950, and resided with his wife and two children at 66-07 99th Street, Rego Park, Long Island, New York. He is presently in the Federal House of Detention in New York City, where he is being held in default of a \$50,000 bond awaiting trial on a Federal Perjury charge.

All of the remaining factors appearing in the memorandum of September 28, 1950, have been given appropriate consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Oscar John Vago be removed from the Special Espionage Section of the Security Index pending the outcome of the present prosecutive action against him, but retained in the regular section of the Security Index. A letter is being directed to the Department requesting their opinion as to Vago's immediate apprehension in case of hostilities, should he be successful in being released under bond.

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MR. PATRICK FORD, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 14, 1950

DIRECTOR, FBI

PROGRAM FOR APPREHENSION AND
DETENTION OF PERSONS CONSIDERED
POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TO THE
NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE PUBLIC
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In connection with our program for the apprehension of persons considered potentially dangerous in the event of hostilities, we are maintaining on the list of persons to be immediately apprehended several names of persons who are awaiting trial or other court action.

This list includes such persons as Oscar John Vago, in jail awaiting trial on a perjury charge; Julius Rosenberg, in jail awaiting trial on an espionage charge; Judith Coplon, at liberty under bond awaiting an appeal before the Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia; and Alger Hiss, at liberty under bond awaiting appeal before the Supreme Court of the United States.

In the event of hostilities, it is contemplated that with regard to the above-named individuals who are presently in jail, an appropriate detainer will be filed at their place of incarceration so that the Bureau will be immediately advised at such time as they may be released from custody. With respect to the above-named individuals who are presently at liberty under bond, it is contemplated that their immediate apprehension will be effected under the aforementioned program.

It is requested that you furnish your opinion as to whether the above-described procedure is considered proper in view of the fact that these individuals have either trials or appeals pending in the Federal courts, or indicate your views as to the action that you suggest should be taken by the Bureau concerning individuals in the above category in the event of hostilities.

cc: 101-1988 (Vago) ✓
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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/3/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/17,31;11/16, 20,21,23,30/50	REPORT MADE BY FRANCIS J. DUANE FJD:NJB
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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During 1938 and 1939, subject, while residing in Washington, D.C., was a close associate of DAVID BLOOM and JOSEPH ZALKIN. In 1938, subject, BLOOM and ZALKIN were employed by Treasury Department and all were active in the FAECT. BLOOM, a native of the United States, was employed by Russia in 1932. In 1939, was reported to have been active in the American League for Peace and Democracy, which organization falls within the purview of EO 9835. In 1943, BLOOM was employed by the Dupont Company, Wilmington, Delaware, and resided Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. ZALKIN is a native of Russia and naturalized U.S. citizen. Was educated in the United States and during early 1930's was employed as an Engineer in Russia. Reliable confidential informants have advised that ZALKIN was a member of the American Peace Mobilization, Washington Committee for Democratic Action, and other Communist front groups. He resides Arlington and is now employed Department of Army. In 1938, VAGO resided 2114 Huidekoper Place, N.W. in home of MORRIS H. BERKMAN. ZALKIN also resided at this residence in 1938.

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ADMINISTRATIVEDETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.SUBJECT'S EMPLOYMENT AT
PROCUREMENT DIVISION, TREASURY DEPARTMENT

CHARLES W. BARBER, Chief, Structural Engineering Division, General Services Administration, advised that this Division, during the 1930's, was known as a part of the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department. BARBER recalled that subject had been employed as a Structural Engineer in this Division during the late 1930's under his general supervision. He also stated that DAVID BLOOM and JOSEPH ZALKIN were also employed in this same section and also served under his general supervision. BARBER recalled that subject was released from his position in 1939, due to a reduction in force. Thereafter, according to BARBER, the subject was employed by the Department of the Army. Since 1939, BARBER stated that he has had no further contact with subject. He also advised that BLOOM and ZALKIN left their positions in the Treasury Department at approximately the same time as did the subject and were thereafter employed respectively by the Dupont Company and the Department of the Army. U

While serving under his general direction, Mr. BARBER recalled that subject, BLOOM and ZALKIN were all active in the local chapter of the ~~Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians~~ (FAECT), which has been identified previously in this investigation. BARBER was of the opinion that BLOOM served for a period during the late 1930's as President of the local chapter of the FAECT. BARBER was not acquainted with subject, BLOOM or ZALKIN socially and had no additional pertinent information. U

GEORGE SLOAN, Structural Engineer, General Services Administration, recalled that VAGO had been employed in his section when the group was under the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department. SLOAN advised that he was not well acquainted with the subject and advised that subject's closest acquaintances during this period were DAVID BLOOM and JOSEPH ZALKIN, who were also employed in the Procurement Division as Structural Engineers. U

Mr. SLOAN recalled that these individuals were all active in the local FAECT and that BLOOM served as President of the D. C. Chapter of this group during the late 1930's. Mr. SLOAN had no additional information pertinent to this investigation and was not aware of the present whereabouts of subject, BLOOM or ZALKIN. U

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H. M. ZIMMERMAN, Structural Engineer, General Services Administration, and CHARLES E. EDWARDS, Structural Engineer, General Services Administration, recalled that subject had been employed with them during the late 1930's. They also advised that during that period subject's closest associates were ZALKIN and BLOOM. ZIMMERMAN advised that the loyalty and patriotism of the subject was suspected. Neither EDWARDS nor ZIMMERMAN could furnish any concrete or definite evidence showing how subject, BLOOM and ZALKIN acquired this reputation, but both stated that subject was considered to be a Russian sympathizer while employed in the Treasury Department. U

GIDEON M. HAYNES, 2420 Observatory Place, N.W., and former Group Chief, Procurement Division, Treasury Department, advised that VAGO was employed under his immediate supervision during 1939 and 1940, at the Procurement Division. U

HAYNES also advised that VAGO was a close associate and acquaintance of DAVID BLOOM, whom he described as active in the local chapter of the FAECT. HAYNES recalled that in conversations with VAGO, it was his definite impression that VAGO was sympathetic toward Communism and Russia. Although Mr. HAYNES could not recall any specific statement made by VAGO and had no personal knowledge that VAGO was a Communist, he advised that his opinion that VAGO was a Communist sympathizer was gained by VAGO's interest in the FAECT and by his outspoken statements which were in sympathy with Russia whenever topics pertaining to Russia and the United States were discussed at work. Mr. HAYNES also believed that BLOOM was a Communist sympathizer and because of his interest and activity in the FAECT he also was of the opinion that this organization was also sympathetic toward Russia and Communism. U

HAYNES was unable to recall J. H. SEGAL or CALPIN, former employees of the Procurement Division, Treasury Department. It is believed that the ~~CALPIN~~ reported by HAYNES, the subject of WFO letter to the Bureau dated August 1, 1940, is identical with JOSEPH ZALKIN. U

DAVID BLOOM

Report of Special Agent F. E. WHITE, dated January 11, 1943, at Philadelphia, in the matter entitled "Mr. and Mrs. DAVID BLOOM; Internal Security - C", contained the results of an investigation conducted by Private RUDOLPH ROTH, Pennsylvania Motor Police, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in this matter which investigation was made during December, 1942. This report reflects that one DAVID BLOOM, [REDACTED]

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**Bloom*
Credit Bureau records disclosed in a report made in October, 1940, that BLOOM and his wife, HILARIE, resided at 600 Claymont Garden, Wilmington, Delaware. It was also reported that BLOOM formerly resided at 4141 North Henderson Road, Arlington, Virginia, and had been employed as an Assistant Structural Engineer, Procurement Division, Treasury Department, from 1934 to 1940. His birth date was fixed as October 28, 1908, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This report identified BLOOM's parents as ISADORE and ANNIE, and also mentioned that his parents resided at 4260 Parkside Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and that ISADORE BLOOM was engaged as a partner in the wholesale bottle business, 1211 Bainbridge Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. u

In 1940, DAVID BLOOM was reported to be employed by the Dupont Company, Wilmington, Delaware. Prior to his service in the United States Government, in 1934, this report indicated that he had been employed by John T. Windrim, Architects Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. u

Late in 1941, HARRY G. STUMPF, an Associate Structural Engineer employed by the Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., advised that he had attended school with BLOOM in Philadelphia and had subsequently been associated with him in the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department. STUMPF advised that late in 1939, BLOOM and his wife were active in the American League for Peace and Democracy. u

The American League for Peace and Democracy was declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835. u

In addition to the foregoing, STUMPF also advised that BLOOM and a classmate, one LEON SPECTOR, had been employed as Engineers in Russia during the early 1930's. As a result of this experience, STUMPF advised that SPECTOR became opposed to Russia and it was his belief that thereafter BLOOM developed a sympathetic attitude toward the U.S.S.R. u

BLOOM, in his application for employment with the Dupont Company, Wilmington, Delaware, advised that he had been born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 28, 1908, and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering in June, 1929. BLOOM's mother, ANNIE PRESSMAN BLOOM, and his father, ISADORE BLOOM, were reported by BLOOM to be natives of Russia who had acquired United States citizenship through the naturalization of their u

Mrs. Isadore Bloom

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respective fathers. His mother's father, ABRAHAM PRESSMAN, acquired United States citizenship in the Court of Common Pleas at Media, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1893, and his grandfather, JOSEPH BLOOM, acquired United States citizenship in the U. S. District Court at Philadelphia on May 20, 1901. U

BLOOM identified the following as his employers: U

June, 1929 to February, 1932 - Structural Engineer -
John T. Windrim, Philadelphia
April, 1932 to December, 1932 - Structural Engineer -
U.S.S.R. Government at Moscow
January, 1933 to October, 1934 - Assistant Manager,
Bavaria Luxburger Brewing Company, Wilmington,
Delaware
October, 1934 to May, 1936 - Structural Engineer -
Procurement Division, U. S. Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.
May, 1936 to October, 1936 - Engineer - U. S. Coast
and Geodetic Survey, Washington, D.C.
November, 1936 to February, 1937 - U. S. War Department,
Washington, D.C.
February, 1937 to March, 1940 - Procurement Division,
U. S. Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

BLOOM identified his wife as HILARIE, and reported that she had been born October 1, 1913, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Early in 1943, BLOOM resided at 107 Briarcliffe Road, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. U

JOSEPH ZALKIN

Credit Bureau records contained a report dated November 8, 1950, which disclosed that ZALKIN and his wife, MIRA, resided at 429 Belleview Drive, Falls Church, Virginia. This report disclosed that ZALKIN had been born April 26, 1894, and had previously resided at 319 North Thomas Street, Arlington, Virginia; 6323 Luzon Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., and 3451 Giles Avenue, New York City. U

This report revealed that ZALKIN was employed as an Engineer by the Department of the Army and had been so employed since October 1, 1945, and from January 13, 1943 to 1945, was employed by the War Production Board as a Constructional Engineer and this report indicated that U

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prior to 1943 he had been employed by the Department of the Army. U

Personnel files of the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, disclosed that ZALKIN was born April 26, 1894, at Ekaterinoslav, Russia, and that his wife, ESTER MIRE ZALKIN, had been born in Poland in January, 1898. ZALKIN, in his application for employment in this agency, advised that his father, HYMAN, had been born in Russia and his mother, ALNGOV, had been born in Poland. U

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ZALKIN arrived in the United States on July 3, 1911, from Lisbon, Portugal. On April 8, 1919, he acquired United States citizenship in the U. S. District Court at New York City under Certificate #1195590. ZALKIN attended Cooper Union College in New York City from October, 1913 until May, 1916, and again from October, 1917 to May, 1918, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He also attended the University of New York at Albany in 1931, receiving a "P.E." Degree. U

His record indicated the following employments for him: U

- 1918 to 1919 - Draftsman, Turner Construction Company, New York City;
- 1919 to 1921 - Designer, Witherow Steel Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;
- 1922 to 1923 - Field Engineer, Barahona Sugar Company, Santo Domingo;
- 1923 to 1924 - Assistant Engineer, Thomas H. Wiggen, New York City;
- 1924 to 1928 - Structural Engineer, Walker and Eisen Architects, Los Angeles, California;
- 1928 to 1929 - Structural Engineer, Board of Transportation, New York City;
- 1928 to 1931 - Structural Engineer, Albert Kahn, Detroit, Michigan;
- 1931 to 1934 - Amtorg Corporation, New York City (was employed by this corporation at Uralvagonstroy, Russia, as Resident Engineer);
- 1935 to 1937 - Supervisory Engineer, Parks Department, New York City;
- 1937 to 1938 - Structural Engineer, Semet Solvay Corporation, New York City;
- 1938 to 1939 - Assistant Structural Engineer, Federal Works Administration, Procurement Division, Treasury Department;

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1939 to 1943 - Structural Engineer, War Department;
1943 to 1945 - Engineer, War Production Board

Since 1938, ZALKIN has been employed in Washington, D.C. U

Passport files, Department of State, disclosed that ZALKIN was included in Passport #445579, issued October 10, 1931, for travel to Russia for the purpose of fulfilling his contract with the Amtorg Trading Corporation. His application indicated that he was to be employed in the capacity of a Civil Engineer on the construction of reinforced concrete structures at Uralvagonstroy, Russia. From March, 1933 until 1934, the records of this source indicate that he had been employed as an Engineer for the organization Sonzasbost, at Asbest Ural'ski Oblast, Russia. U

**Zalkin*
ZALKIN's wife, ESTER, was issued Passport #484313 on April 26, 1932, for travel to Russia. Her file indicated that she had been born in Pinsk, Minsk, Poland. U

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that ZALKIN's name appeared on the active indices of the American Peace Mobilization in 1940. U

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised in 1940, that ZALKIN's name appeared on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. U

Both of these organizations were declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835 on November 24, 1947. U

Mr. & Mrs.
Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that the names of JOSEPH ZALKIN and his wife, MIRE, appeared on the active indices or mailing list of the United American Spanish Aid Committee. U

**Zalkin*
This organization was cited as a Communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 29, 1944. U

The House Committee on Un-American Activities files also disclosed that ZALKIN was listed as a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action and was a member of the American League for Peace and Democracy. U

Both of these organizations have been previously identified. U

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Department of the Army personnel records also disclosed that in August and September, 1938, ZALKIN resided at 2114 Huidekoper Place, N.W., and in 1938 and 1939, he resided at 6323 Luzon Avenue, N.W. From 1939 to 1947, he resided at 319 North Thomas Street, Arlington, Virginia. ZALKIN is presently residing at 1300 North Hudson Street, Arlington, Virginia, and is still employed as a Structural Engineer by the War Department. U

Mrs. Lee A. Poland Mrs. LEE A. POLAND, 2112 Huidekoper Place, N.W., advised that MORRIS H. ~~BERKMAN~~ ^{Berkman}, his wife, FRANCES, and their two children resided at 2114 Huidekoper Place, N.W. from 1938 to 1945. Mrs. POLAND was not acquainted with ZALKIN but did advise that during the late 1930's BERKMAN rented rooms in his residence. U

Mrs. HELEN F. MURPHY, 2118 Huidekoper Place, N.W., was not acquainted with ZALKIN, although she was aware that the BERKMANS rented rooms. U

In 1948, MORRIS ~~BERKMAN~~ ^{Berkman}'s son, ROY, advised that ZALKIN had rented a room in his home for approximately three months in 1939. U

MORRIS BERKMAN

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised

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SUBJECT'S RESIDENCES, WASHINGTON, D.C.

It will be recalled that subject's personnel file, General Services Administration, listed the following residences for VAGO: U

1938 - 2114 Huidekoper Place, N.W.;
1939 - 6323 Luzon Avenue, N.W.

The 1937 City Directories contained no listing for VAGO or ZALKIN but listed DAVID BLOOM as residing at 401 - 23rd Street, N.W., Apartment 604. This same Directory also listed MORRIS BERKMAN as a resident of 2551 - 17th Street, N.W. U

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The 1938 Directory contained no listing for subject, ZALKIN or BLOOM, but furnished the same information as has been reported with respect to BERKMAN. u

The 1939 Directory listed VAGO as residing at Apartment 106, 6323 Luzon Avenue. u

ZALKIN was also reported in this Directory to reside at this same residence but his apartment number was not shown. This Directory also disclosed that BLOOM was residing in Arlington, Virginia, and that BERKMAN was residing at 2114 Huidekoper Place, N.W. u

The current Telephone Directory lists MORRIS H. BERKMAN, an Architect, presently residing at 627 A Street, N.E. u

PAUL WEIDLINGER

FBI New York has advised that at the time of VAGO's arrest he had in his possession the personal card of PAUL WEIDLINGER, General Engineering Associates, 1928 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. u

Records of T-5, [REDACTED] u b2D

SHAPIRO was described as 45 years of age and who had formerly been employed by the United States Government in the National Capitol Housing Authority. u

ENGLE was described as 40 years of age, married, a resident of Washington, D.C. for fourteen years, and an employee of the Department of Agriculture for twelve years. u

According to the records of T-5, these individuals are engaged in the consulting engineering business which includes structural, mechanical and electrical engineering obtaining trade from registered architects in the District. The company was described as having no liabilities and having several contracts valued at \$10,000 each. This company was reported to employ several draftsmen and described as having a good income from this operation. u

Miss MARIANA ANDERSON, Clerk, National Capitol Housing Authority, 1737 L Street, N.W., was unable to locate the employment record for MORRIS SHAPIRO. u

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Credit Bureau files contained a report dated May 31, 1950, which disclosed that SHAPIRO was born November 29, 1905, and since October 1, 1938, has resided at 6323 Luzon Avenue, N.W. (It is to be noted that this is the same apartment building in which subject resided in 1938 and 1939.) U

This report disclosed that SHAPIRO was associated with PAUL WEIDLINGER as an Engineer in the General Engineering Associates and had an annual income in excess of \$7,000. SHAPIRO was described as a former Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy and to have been employed in the United States Government prior to forming his association with WEIDLINGER. U

No pertinent data which could be identified with MORRIS SHAPIRO could be located in the files of this office. U



The files of this office contained no pertinent information concerning ENGLE. U

On March 8, 1946, FBI New York determined that PAUL WEIDLINGER was in contact with CEDRIC HENNING BELFRAGE. U

WEIDLINGER was born in Hungary on December 22, 1914. He and his wife entered the United States at Miami, Florida, on January 24, 1943. Early in 1946, he was employed by the Atlas Aircraft Products Corporation, New York City, and resided at 43-01 - 46th Street, Long Island City, New York. U

Immigration and Naturalization Service files disclosed that WEIDLINGER formerly resided at 128E - 34th Street, New York City, and 3630 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He filed a Declaration of Intention U

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to become a United States citizen on February 4, 1943, in the U. S. District Court at New York City. His last foreign residence was at La Paz, Bolivia, and his occupation was listed as an Architectural Engineer. U

Late in 1945, ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY, a confessed Russian Espionage Agent, who was active during the late 1930's and early 1940's, identified CEDRIC BELFRAGE as a British National and former employee of the British Security Coordination Office in New York City. BENTLEY reported that BELFRAGE was a friend of EARL BROWDER, former head of the Communist Party in the United States, and also reported that BELFRAGE was a Communist sympathizer. She said that BELFRAGE also supplied Communists with information he obtained by virtue of his employment. U

No record for WEIDLINGER could be located in the files of the Credit Bureau. U

NEIGHBORHOOD 6323 Luzon Avenue, N.W.,
SUBJECT'S FORMER RESIDENCE

Mrs. H. WOLQUITT, Apartment 205, 6323 Luzon Avenue, was unable to furnish any information pertaining to subject or ZALKIN, nor could she advise as to the relationship between MORRIS SHAPIRO, the subject or ZALKIN. U

JOSEPH KORNFEDER

Special Agent HOLLIS W. BOWERS displayed photographs to KORNFEDER including a photograph of the subject. KORNFEDER, a former member of the Communist Party, was unable to identify VAGO. U

Information relating to the association of WEIDLINGER and BELFRAGE was secured from New York report dated April 12, 1946, by Special Agent E. W. DOOLEY, entitled "Gregory; Espionage - R". U

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will advise the Washington Field Office and the Philadelphia Office if interviews are desired with JOSEPH ZALKIN, a resident of Washington, D.C., and DAVID BLOOM, a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. U

Will also advise when the stop notice placed with the Bureau of Customs may be cancelled. U

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Will furnish additional pertinent information concerning DAVID BLOOM appearing in your files to the New York Office (refer Philadelphia File 100-10892). U

Will endeavor to ascertain the reliability of the informant who reported that BLOOM was a member of the Communist Party in 1939. U

Will consider the advisability of interviewing LEON SPECTOR, Structural Engineer residing Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, for information relating to the Communist Party activities of BLOOM, noting that SPECTOR was a classmate of BLOOM and worked in Russia with him. In 1940, BLOOM listed SPECTOR as a reference in his application for employment with the Dupont Company. U

INFORMANT PAGE

- Confidential Informant T-1 - A highly confidential source of information, known to Special Agents J. C. NEWSOME, W. H. CORRIGAN, M. J. CONNOLLY and T. W. DAWSEY, as reflected in Agent DAWSEY's report dated February 17, 1941, at Washington, D.C., in the case entitled "American Peace Mobilization; Washington Peace Mobilization; Internal Security - C."
- Confidential Informant T-2 - A highly confidential source of information, known to Special Agents J. S. NEWSOME, M. J. CONNOLLY, J. C. NEWSOME and T. W. DAWSEY, as reflected in Agent DAWSEY's report dated January 21, 1941, at Washington, D.C., in the case entitled "Washington Committee for Democratic Action; Internal Security - C."
- Confidential Informant T-3 - A highly confidential source of information, known to Special Agent NED P. HOLMAN, JR., as reflected in Agent HOLMAN's report dated July 19, 1942, at Washington, D.C., in the case entitled "United American Spanish Aid Committee; Washington Committee for Spanish Refugee Aid; American Rescue Ship Mission; Internal Security - C."
- Confidential Informant T-4 - [REDACTED] b2 b7D
- Confidential Informant T-5 - [REDACTED] b7D

REFERENCES: Reports of Special Agent ROBERT M. KING, dated November 4, 1950 and October 16, 1950, at New York City
Report of Special Agent HOLLIS W. BOWERS, dated October 30, 1950, at Washington, D.C.

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GIDEON M. HAYNES, 2420 Observatory Place, N.W., a former Group Chief in the Procurement Division, Treasury Department, and a supervisor of the subject, was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning VAGO.

Report of Special Agent FRANCIS J. DUANE, dated January 3, 1951, contains information concerning the association of the subject with DAVID BLOOM, now a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; JOSEPH ZALKIN and MORRIS H. BERKMAN, residents of Washington, D.C. BLOOM has been identified by an informant whose reliability is not known to this office as having been a member of the Communist Party. ZALKIN has been identified as having been affiliated with numerous Communist front groups during the period he resided in Washington, D.C. BERKMAN has been identified by a reliable informant of this office as having been a member of the Communist Party in the late 1930's.

In view of the association between the subject, BLOOM, ZALKIN and BERKMAN, the Bureau is requested to advise the Washington Field Office and the Philadelphia Office if these individuals should be interviewed in order to obtain positive information which would establish VAGO's membership in the Communist Party in Washington, D.C. in 1940.

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DAVID BLOOM

(Some of these references may be contained in Bloom's main file, but most are not).

The April, 1936 issue of the official FAECT Bulletin reflected that one David Bloom had been elected Recording Secretary of the Washington, D. C. Chapter of the FAECT. (61-7231-64)

On October 25, 1939, the Dies Committee entered into its record a list of Government employees affiliated with the Washington Chapter of the American League for Peace and Democracy. Among those so listed was David Bloom, 4141 Henderson Road, Arlington, Virginia, who was a Structural Engineer in the Public Buildings Division of the Treasury Department. (61-7582-Vol. 10, p.6414)

The records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities contain a

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(101-2489-28, p.11)(101-2597-10)

In the report of Special Agent Leland H. Milner dated October 12, 1949, at Washington, D. C. entitled "Harry George Stumpf; Departmental Applicant, Structural Engineer, Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D. C." it was stated that on September 29, 1941, Stumpf was interviewed by an Agent of the Washington Field Office in connection with his alleged membership in various front organizations. When asked if he had ever been a member of the American League for Peace and Democracy, Stumpf stated that he had become a member (date not set out) by a contribution of \$1 which he made "through a friend of mine who belonged to this organization -- Mr. or Mrs. David Bloom." (77-44015-8)

Physical surveillance disclosed that on March 9, 1946, Jules Koroshein departed from New York City at 5:35 p.m. and proceeded by Pennsylvania Railway to Wilmington, Delaware, where he was observed entering an automobile bearing Delaware license #38937, which was listed in the name of David Bloom, Appletree Road and Orchard Road, Arden, Delaware. (65-56402-567, 810, p.19)

On this same date, a highly confidential and reliable informant advised that among the names contained in an address book owned by Jules Koroshein was that of D. Bloom, 1806 Spruce, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (65-56402-973)

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ENCLOSURE

In the report of Special Agent Dawson Van Eps dated September 30, 1949, at Baltimore captioned "Frederick August Blossom; Security Matter - C" it is set out that Victor W. Faivre, 5004 Washington Boulevard, Wilmington, Delaware, manager of the Suburban Water Company at Claymont, Delaware, (temporary informant) advised that Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stephens of Arden, Delaware, gave enthusiastic support to the Progressive Party during the election campaign of 1948 and entertained David Bloom, a known Communist, at their home subsequent to a Progressive Party rally held at Arden, Delaware. (61-7692-74)

The report of Special Agent Dean L. Brackey dated August 25, 1949, at Baltimore entitled "Edmund Fusco Hurlong; Security Matter - C" stated that on February 24, 1949, Mr. Frank C. Starr, an engineer employed by the Dupont Company who resided on Cherry Lane, Arden Delaware, advised that during the past four years he had observed that Hurlong and his wife, "Bunny," had entertained an unusually large number of people, who, for the most part, were strangers in the town of Arden, and he believed this entertainment might have had some connection with Communist Party activity. Starr explained that the functions often took the form of camp fires or informal out-door gatherings. Starr pointed out that he had observed that both David Bloom and Jerry Lincoln, former residents of Arden, occasionally visit the Hurlong home. Starr added that Bloom and Lincoln had the reputation of being Communists in the Arden area. (100-353624-3)

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On October 25, 1959, the Dies Committee entered into its record a list of the Government employees affiliated with the Washington Chapter of the American League for Peace and Democracy. Among those so listed as Joseph Zalkin, 6323 Lason Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., who was an Engineer in the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department at a salary of \$3,200 per annum. (61-7582, Vol. 10, p. 4)

In the report of Special Agent T. W. Dawsey dated February 17, 1941, at Washington, D. C. entitled "American Peace Mobilization; Internal Security - C" it was stated that a highly confidential and reliable informant had furnished a list of the individuals who were listed in the active indices of the Washington Chapter of the American Peace Mobilization. This listing included Joseph Zalkin, 319 North Thomas Street, Arlington, Virginia, telephone CH 3776. (61-10498-407, p. 263)

The report of Special Agent J. S. McLeod dated January 11, 1941, at Richmond, Virginia, captioned "American Peace Mobilization Movement; Internal Security" stated that during the early part of September, 1940, this organization engaged in extensive demonstrations in Washington, D. C. At that time, the license numbers of the automobiles participating in the demonstrations and those in the near vicinity of the meeting place were noted. Among those cars was Virginia registration 100-120, which was listed to Joseph Zalkin, 319 North Thomas Street, Arlington, Virginia. (61-10498-331, p. 4)

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(A check was made of the Bureau files and references concerning Morris H. Berkman. This review reflected that Berkman was born May 10, 1899, in Ukraine, Russia, and was indicated as having been naturalized as a United States citizen on February 24, 1939. He is a graduate of George Washington University, Washington, D. C. and also attended University of Maryland and National University. From June 1926 to 1936, he was employed as a supervisor in an architectural office in Washington, D. C. From 1936 to 1940, he was employed as a public buildings administrator in Washington, D. C. and from 1941 to 1943, as an employee of the Federal Public Housing Authority in Washington, D. C. During the period from 1944 to 1946, he was employed at the War Plants Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio. On March 4, 1947, he worked as a structural engineer in the city of Glendale, California, and remained in that position until April 15, 1948. According to the latest information in the Bureau files he returned to Washington, D. C. in 1948 for the purpose of setting himself up in business as an architectural engineer.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK** NY FILE NO. **100-55242** BD

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TITLE OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Trial date set for 1/15/51, provided REMINGTON perjury trial completed by that date. Hearing on habeas corpus petition claiming illegal imprisonment because of excessive bail, held on 12/15/50. Petition denied, and bail continued at \$40,000. VAGO remains in custody of USM, SDNY. HARRY GOLD reinterviewed concerning association with VAGO. Additional employees of Abraham Brothman Associates interviewed. Bank account monitored.

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DETAILS:

Prosecutive Action

On December 4, 1950, upon the request of the Government, the date set for the VAGO trial was adjourned to December 5, 1950. On the latter date, again at the request of the Government, trial date was set for December 11,

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1950 on condition that HARRY GOLD would be available as a witness on that date. On December 11, 1950, the Government requested adjournment until February 4, 1951.

Judge SYLVESTER RYAN reserved judgment on that date, and on December 12, 1950, ordered the trial date set for January 15, 1951, with the understanding that VAGO was to be tried upon the completion of the WILLIAM REMINGTON perjury trial.

At that time, VAGO'S counsel, MOSES WEINMAN, made a request for reduction of bail to \$2,000, which was denied. On December 15, 1950, again before Judge SYLVESTER RYAN, VAGO'S petition for a writ of habeas corpus claiming illegal imprisonment because of excessive bail was dismissed, and bail was continued at \$40,000. VAGO continues to remain in the custody of the United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York.

Interview With HARRY GOLD

HARRY GOLD advised that on the first Friday in December, 1949, he came to New York from Philadelphia to the National Exposition of Chemical Industries at Grand Central Palace, New York. He related that he attended the exposition during the day, and that about 5:00 P.M. he called VAGO intending merely to give him his regards. However, he advised, VAGO was extremely insistent that GOLD visit him at his home, and GOLD complied with his request. He recalled that he arrived at VAGO'S home between 6:00 and 6:30, and that he remained until approximately 10:30 in the evening.

He stated that it was his impression that VAGO wanted to discuss the whole matter of relations at Abraham Brothman Associates with someone who had been directly connected with that setup.

GOLD recounted the story which he had told earlier about his having drawn up a list of charges of misconduct on the part of BROTHMAN which was approved by OSCAR at the time. During his visit at the VAGO home, GOLD said, VAGO informed him that BROTHMAN had made up a list of these charges formulated by GOLD, leaving out some of the ones concerning which he felt most vulnerable, and had asked VAGO to sign a typewritten statement that the charges were all baseless.

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VAGO advised that BROTHMAN had offered him \$600.00 for signing this statement, and that he had done it simply to obtain the money since he still felt that the charges were true. GOLD advised that VAGO at that time treated the signing as a joke, and appeared to be relating the incident merely for its humorous value. GOLD stated that VAGO had told him that BROTHMAN owed him about \$7,000 in back wages, and that the \$600.00 was all he ever received of that amount.

During the remainder of the evening, according to GOLD, the two reminisced over incidents at Abraham Brothman Associates, and GOLD received the impression that VAGO probably had asked him to his home in order to discover whether GOLD had any additional information concerning Abraham Brothman Associates which might be of interest to him.

During the conversation, VAGO informed GOLD that he and BROTHMAN had been extremely close friends at Abraham Brothman Associates up to the time that MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ was taken into the firm. VAGO stated that he believed that she had deliberately turned BROTHMAN against him, and stated that her dislike for him probably stemmed from the fact that VAGO was persistent in his demands for back wages.

At that point, GOLD observed that VAGO was a worrying type and constantly fretted about his financial affairs and his inability to provide for his children in the manner that GOLD said he wished to. GOLD recalled that VAGO was desperately poor, and that on more than one occasion VAGO was unable to furnish his son with sufficient money for school lunch.

With respect to VAGO'S ability as a draftsman, GOLD advised that he was extremely capable, but that at times he was guilty of being quite impractical. He advised also that VAGO apparently was able to work efficiently and talk at the same time so that although he accomplished a great deal of work, he was a constant distraction to other people attempting to work in the same room.

GOLD 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

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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 related that VAGO spent a very great deal of his time on Communist Party affairs, selling "Daily Workers", and contacting recruits, and that he constantly talked at the office of affairs and meetings held by the Communist Party. GOLD recalled that VAGO constantly deplored the fact that the laboring man in the United States was so politically unaware and unable to realize how much he was being exploited by the capitalists.

GOLD stated that the Communist Party was the center of existence for VAGO and that his social life also centered around the Party. He stated that to the best of his knowledge, all of VAGO'S friends were members of the Party. In this connection, he expressed the opinion that VAGO would be extremely averse to being used as a Government witness in any connection, since he would thus incur the censure of his entire circle of friends.

Throughout the interview, GOLD stuck firmly to his statement that he was sure that VAGO was not involved in espionage.

Bank Account

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that the VAGO account at the Sterling Bank and Trust Company at New York, 95-38 Queens Boulevard, had a balance on January 11, 1951 of \$128.05. The records reflect that on December 4, 1950, a check in the amount of \$544.01 was drawn by CLAIRES VAGO with herself as the payee, and on December 13, 1950, a check in the amount of \$500.00 was made payable to MOSES C. WEINMAN, attorney for VAGO. All other checks in the account appear to be of a routine nature for such matters as rent and utilities.

The informant advised that on November 13, 1950, \$705.00 in cash was deposited, on November 28, 1950, a check in the amount

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of \$165.00, on December 11, 1950, \$500.00 in cash, and on January 8, 1951, \$180.00 in cash were deposited.

The above information was obtained on a confidential basis and is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings upon the issuance of a subpoena.

Interviews with Abraham Brothman
Associates Employees

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN M. COLLINS:

ROBERT GERSON, Apartment 4H, 201 West 77th Street, New York, advised that he first became acquainted with VAGO in March of 1946, when he was hired by the firm of Abraham Brothman Associates. From that time until February, 1948, when he resigned, he was in almost daily contact with VAGO and also visited him socially on two or three occasions. In addition, he said they usually rode home from work together inasmuch as they resided in the same neighborhood at that time.

GERSON said that VAGO often spoke of life in Hungary and always expressed a desire to return to that country. However, GERSON stated that he always believed this to be only a dream and did not believe that VAGO really intended to return.

GERSON stated that he had read in the newspapers that VAGO had lied to the Grand Jury when he testified that he had been out of the United States from 1929 to 1933. GERSON stated that he knew of no reason why VAGO should perjure himself concerning that period, except that he might have been engaged in some type of work for the Communist Party at that time which he was attempting to conceal.

GERSON stated that he did not know positively that VAGO was a member of the Communist Party, but said that VAGO always followed the Communist Party line in any discussion which was held. He stated that he was unable to speak of specific instances, but that this was his present impression of conversations had with VAGO during that period.

He advised that VAGO was very active in affairs of the American Labor Party and the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, but stated that he knew of no espionage activity on the part of VAGO.

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ARTHUR P. WEBBER, 1334 Surrey Lane, North, Rockville Center, New York, stated that he was employed with VAGO in 1943 and 1944 at the Chemurgy Design Corporation, 420 Lexington Avenue. He advised that he had no information concerning VAGO'S early residence in the United States, but advised that VAGO had often indicated to him that he desired to return to Hungary for permanent residence.

He stated that he had no information that VAGO was ever involved in espionage, but stated that he always followed the Communist Party line in any political discussion. WEBBER was unable to furnish any specific instance concerning this, and advised that he could not say positively that VAGO was a member of the Communist Party.

EMIL Z. BARISH, 2144 78th Street, Jackson Heights, advised that he had known VAGO for about a year and a half, first at Chemurgy Design Corporation and later at Abraham Brothman Associates.

He stated that he knew nothing about any Communist activities on the part of VAGO and was unable to furnish any information concerning VAGO'S return to Hungary.

SOL FANSHEL, 86-20 162nd Street, Jamaica, declined to be interviewed concerning VAGO. FANSHEL is also a former employee of Abraham Brothman Associates.

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Messages Re EUGENE DENNIS

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that VAGO had sent ten telegrams on May 3, 1950, to Washington, D.C.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that the messages, in the form of night letters, read as follows:

"Urge stay of execution of DENNIS' sentence and urge immediate review of case."

Five of these messages were directed to the Honorable J. HOWARD MC GRATH, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., and five to the Honorable FRED M. VINSON, Chief Justice, Washington, D.C.

The following names were signed to the messages:

MARILYN BAILY
66-08 102nd Street
Rego Park

PEARL RICHMOND
6141 Saunders Street
Rego Park

OSCAR JOHN VAGO
6607 99th Street
Rego Park

DOROTHY HELLER
98-15 65th Road.
Rego Park

EDITH RAY
98-11 Queens Boulevard
Rego Park

It is noted that MARILYN BAILY, the wife of ARTHUR BAILY, former attorney for VAGO, has been previously described as a member of the Communist Party.

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Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised on June 3, 1948, that PEARL RICHMOND was Educational Director of the Rego Park Club of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that EDITH RAY is the Literature Director of the Rego Park Club of the Communist Party.

Mrs. STANLEY F. MIRSH, 10-43 65th Road, Forest Hills, New York, advised SA J. ROBINSON FIELD on June 18, 1950, that DOROTHY HELLER and CLAIRE VAGO were members of a group in the Parent-Teachers Association at Public School 157 whom she believed to be Communists.

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised on December 13, 1946, that DOROTHY HELLER, 457 West 57th Street, New York, was a member of the West Midtown Club of the Communist Party. It is not known whether the latter is identical with the above DOROTHY HELLER.

Association with JULIUS ROSENBERG

JEROME EUGENE ~~TARTAKOW~~, a prisoner at the Federal House of Detention, West Street, New York City, advised SAS ARMAND A. CAMMAROTA and JAMES P. LEE that he had become quite friendly with JULIUS ROSENBERG, who is presently awaiting trial on a charge of espionage, and that he has observed that ROSENBERG has been friendly only with OSCAR VAGO and EUGENE DENNIS in addition to himself. He stated that on one occasion VAGO furnished ROSENBERG with several sheets of paper, and the two of them spent most of the day working together over these papers.

TARTAKOW stated that ROSENBERG later told him that the papers contained complicated scientific material that would not be understood by TARTAKOW. He also related that on one occasion ROSENBERG had given VAGO a message to deliver to ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, who at that time was also a prisoner at the House of Detention.

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MAX ELITCHER, 164-18 72nd Avenue, Flushing, New York, advised SA VINCENT J. CAHILL that he knew of no association between VAGO and ROSENBERG prior to the time that both were incarcerated at the House of Detention.

It is noted that ELITCHER, a former classmate of ROSENBERG, has admitted that he was approached by ROSENBERG in 1944 and on several subsequent occasions for confidential information from the Navy Department.

DAVID GREENGLASS, brother-in-law of ROSENBERG, who has admitted espionage activity, also advised that he knew of no previous association between VAGO and ROSENBERG.

RUTH GREENGLASS, wife of DAVID GREENGLASS, who was aware of his espionage activities, also advised that she knew of no association. The GREENGLASS interviews were conducted by SA JOHN W. LEWIS.

Miscellaneous

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that after VAGO'S arrest by the F.B.I. a communication was directed by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Referring to previous confidential reports submitted by [REDACTED] concerning VAGO and simply advised that VAGO had been arrested by the F.B.I. b1

In a letter dated December 9, 1950, the F.B.I. Laboratory advised that the handwriting of VAGO had been searched through the National Security file without effecting identification.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York.

Will continue to maintain a mail cover at 66-07 99th Street, Rego Park, the residence of VAGO.

Will continue to monitor the VAGO bank account at the Sterling National Bank and Trust Company, 95-38 Queens Boulevard.

Will follow and report prosecutive action.

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ROBERT F. KANE at New York, New York, dated JAN 16 1968

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STERLING NATIONAL BANK
AND TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK,
95-34 QUEENS BOULEVARD, CHECKED BY
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to
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January 20, 1951

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Director, FBI

Re: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.
Oszkany Vago, John Murray,
John Murray
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bureau file 101-1988)

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Dear Sir:

On September 28, 1950, VAGO was indicted by a Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York, for Perjury committed before the Grand Jury September 20, 1950. Since his arrest on September 28, 1950, VAGO has been held at the Federal House of Detention, West Street, New York. On January 20, 1951, he was released on \$5,000 bail and restricted to the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. u

OSCAR JOHN VAGO. PHOTOGRAPH

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It is noted that a confidential informant has advised that VAGO has stated that he intends to flee the United States if released on bail. U

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All offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to place appropriate stops with United States Customs Service, the Immigration & Naturalization Service, and the Alien Tax Division of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. In connection with the latter, it is noted that VAGO has advised that he may leave the United States on a Hungarian passport although he, himself, is a naturalized citizen of the United States. U

All offices are also requested to place such stops as are practical with airlines, and steamship companies and any other logical places. It is noted that in a letter dated September 20, 1950, the Washington Field Office placed a nation-wide customs stop with the Collector of Customs requesting that the nearest office of the FBI be notified in case VAGO attempted to leave the United States. U

At the present time the United States Attorney at New York has authorized the arrest of VAGO in the event that he is apprehended making an attempt to leave the United States. In the event that VAGO is apprehended, the Bureau and the New York Office should be advised telephonically. Two photographs are being sent to all offices receiving copies of this letter to assist in the placing of stops. U

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The following is a description of VAGO: U

Name	<u>MRS. OSCAR JOHN VAGO</u>
Aliases	OSZKAR VAGO, JOHN MURRAY, JOHN MUPAY
Birthdate	February 27, 1898,
Birthplace	Budapest, Hungary
Height	5'6"
Weight	150 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown, graying and thinning
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Stocky
Occupation	Structural engineer
Employed	JACOB ARONOW, 12 East 48th Street, New York City
Social Security Number	Number - 090-05-9115
Citizenship	United States - naturalized September 29, 1938
Wife	CLAIRE VAGO
Children	JOHN VAGO, age 12 SUSAN VAGO, age 4
Residence	66-07 99th Street, Rego Park, Long Island, New York
FBI Number	519 746 A

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt
EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was:
Oszkar Vago, John Murray, John Muray

Date of birth: 2/27/98, Budapest,
Hungary

Ht: 5'6"

Wt: 150 lbs.

Eyes: Brown

Hair: Brown, graying and thinning.

Complex: Ruddy

Soc. Sec: 090-05-9116

Citizenship: U.S. NATURALIZED
9/29/38

Wife: Clair Vago

Children: John Vago, 12 yrs.

Susan Vago, 4 yrs.

Res: 66-07 99 St.,
Rego Pk..

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

DATE: 1/19/51

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R
Bureau File #101-1988

Re Washington Field report of SA FRANCIS J. DUANE, dated 1/3/51.

For the assistance of the New York Office there are being submitted herewith copies of the following reports relating to DAVID BLOOM:

Philadelphia report of SA JAMES E. FOGARTY, 8/4/44

Baltimore report of SA WILLIAM G. OSBORN, 5/17/49

Relative to the reliability of the informant who reported DAVID BLOOM a CP member in 1939, this matter is clarified in the report of SA FOGARTY, a copy of which is designated herein for New York. At the current time information of a subversive nature contained in the Pennsylvania State Police files is not available to the FBI. Therefore, no additional data relative to this informant is available.

However, on December 10, 1949 an anonymous source of known reliability (believed to have come from CP Headquarters, 250 S. Broad St., Philadelphia) furnished this office with a transfer form. This form bore the following information thereon: "Have had no contact for 2 years - they say but had been transferred & should have been contacted - Therefore, see them immediately, register for this year & get this year's dues." In addition, this transfer form bore the names DAVID & HILARY BLOOM, 4284 Parkside Ave., Phila., from Arden, Del.

The Philadelphia indices contain no information relative to LEON SPECTOR of Hollidaysburg, Pa. However, it should be noted that this city is covered by the Pittsburgh Field Division and accordingly it is suggested the New York Office consider restating this lead for Pittsburgh.

cc - New York (Encl.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont
 FROM : C. E. Heenrichs
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 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 18, 1951

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PURPOSE

To authorize immediate interviews of Joseph Zalkin and David Bloom, both of whom are known to have been fellow employees and associates of subject Vago in Washington, D.C., for any information which they may be willing to furnish concerning Vago's Communist affiliations during the period of his employment in Washington, D.C. during the period from 1938 to 1941.

DETAILS

As a result of a review of various references concerning Oscar John Vago, it was determined that in 1940 a Mr. Haines who was employed in the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department, advised that he had in his employ one J. H. Segal, one O. Vogo, and one Calpin, all of whom he stated were members of the Communist Party.

Pursuant to Bureau request, the Washington Field Division located and interviewed Gideon M. Haynes who was formerly Group Chief of the Procurement Division, Treasury Department, and a supervisor over subject Vago. Mr. Haynes however, was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning Vago, or relative to the previously mentioned information that was attributed to him concerning Segal, Vogo and Calpin.

The Washington Field Office advised, however, that in the report of SA Francis J. Duane dated January 3, 1951, there is information indicating the association of Vago with David Bloom, now a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Joseph Zalkin and Morris H. Berkman, both of whom are residents of Washington, D.C. According to the information furnished by the Washington Field Office, all three of these individuals have been identified as either being Communists or affiliated with Communist front groups during the period that Vago resided in Washington, D.C.

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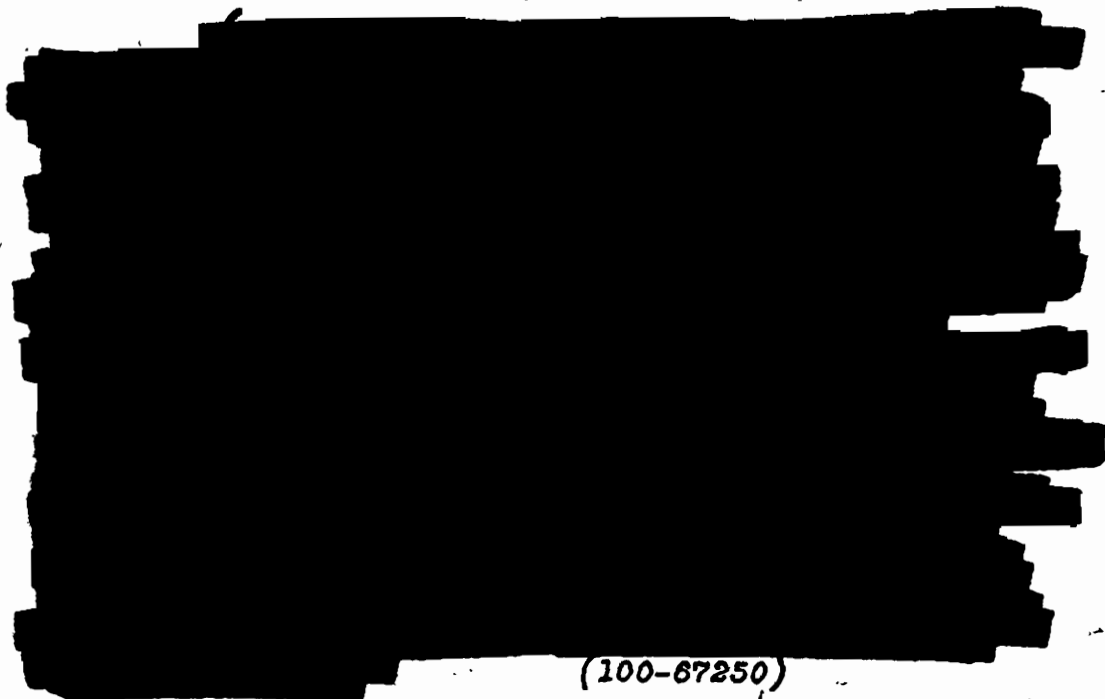
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Washington, D.C. Bureau authority was requested to have these individuals appropriately interviewed concerning their knowledge of the Communist activities of Vago in Washington, D.C.

A review made of the Bureau file, and references relative to David Bloom reflect that he was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 28, 1908. His parents were born in Russia and were indicated as being naturalized United States citizens. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1929 with a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering degree. Bloom was employed from April to December, 1932 by the Heavy Industry Trust of the Russian Soviet Government in Moscow, Russia. From October, 1934 to May, 1936 he was an associate structural engineer in the Procurement Division of the United States Treasury Department, Washington, D.C. He was employed as an assistant structural engineer in the United States War Department, Washington, D.C. from November, 1936 to February, 1937 at which time he returned to his former job with the Procurement Division in Washington, D.C. On April 1, 1940 he received employment in the Engineering Department of E. I. DuPont Company, Wilmington, Delaware, at which time he moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



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In the April, 1936 issue of the official FAECT Bulletin, it was noted that one David Bloom was elected as Recording Secretary of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the FAECT. (61-7231-64)

A physical surveillance on March 9, 1946 developed that one Jules Korchien, a business partner of Abraham Brothman and Oscar Vago, was observed entering the automobile registered to David Bloom, and on the same date a highly confidential and reliable informant advised that Bloom's name appeared in the address book of Korchien.

(65-56402-923)

A similar review of the files and references pertaining to Joseph Zalkin developed that he was born in Russia on April 26, 1894. His mother was born in Poland and his father in Russia. Zalkin came to the United States in 1911 and was naturalized as a United States citizen in New York City in 1919. He attended Cooper Union College in New York City from October, 1913 to May, 1916 and from 1917 to 1918. He received a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering degree from that college in 1918. Subsequently, he received a PE degree from the University of New York at Albany, New York in 1931.

Zalkin was employed from August, 1938 to December, 1939 as an assistant structural engineer in the Federal Works Administration, Washington, D.C. From December, 1939 to January, 1943 he was employed in that capacity by the War Department at Fort Myers, Virginia. He received employment as a construction engineer for the War Productions Board in January, 1943 and remained in that position until October, 1945 when he returned to his former position in the War Department Corps of Engineers. He is presently in the employ of the War Department.

According to a highly confidential informant known to the Bureau in 1940, it was learned that Zalkin's name appeared on the active indices of the American Peace Mobilization and the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, and the American-Spanish Aid Committee.

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and David Bloom. The records of the House Committee investigating Un-American Activities reflected that Zalkin was listed as a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action and the American League for Peace and Democracy. (121-7390 101-1989)

During the demonstrations engaged in by the American Peace Mobilization in September, 1940, the license number of Zalkin's automobile was noted to be among the automobiles participating in these activities. (61-10498-331 p.4)

Zalkin was the subject of a full field loyalty investigation, and as a result of which he was processed under Public Law #808, and no removal action was initiated. According to information received from the 116th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, Washington, D.C. on September 20, 1949, Zalkin has been restricted to non-sensitive duties. (121-7390)

A review of instant files and references concerning Bloom and Zalkin fail to indicate any information reflecting espionage activities on the part of these individuals.

While it is appreciated that Bloom and Zalkin, by reason of their Communistic activities and affiliations, may decline to furnish any information to the Bureau, it is believed that they should be interviewed on the possibility that they may disclose information of value concerning Vago's CP activities which might be used in connection with Vago's trial which is set for January 22, 1951.

The Washington Field Division has previously been authorized to interview Morris H. Berkman who was previously referred to in this memorandum.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Philadelphia Division be authorized to interview David Bloom and the Washington Field Office Joseph Zalkin for any information they may be in a position to furnish concerning Vago's Communistic activities while in Washington, D.C. There are attached hereto for your approval a teletype directed to the Philadelphia Division and a memorandum in lieu of teletype to the Washington Field Division authorizing these interviews.

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SAC, Washington Field Office

January 18, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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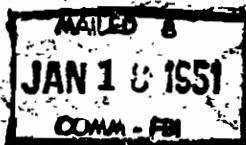
Reurlet January 3, 1951. Authorization is granted to interview Joseph Zalkin relative to his knowledge of Communist activities and affiliations of Vago while in Washington, D.C. during period 1938 to 1941. Submit teletype summary to New York Division setting forth results of your interview.

cc - New York

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WAS., PERJURY, ESP. R. REBUTEL JAN. EIGHTEEN

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INFO, MADE AVAILABLE BY ANONYMOUS SOURCE OF KNOWN RELIABILITY ON DEC.

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, PHILADELPHIA

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.; PERJURY, REP-R.

REURTEL NINETEENTH INSTANT. ADVISE IMMEDIATELY DATE ANONYMOUS INFORMATION
RE BLOOM FURNISHED BUREAU AND CAPTION OF COMMUNICATION. ALSO SUBMIT YOUR
RECOMMENDATION AS TO BLOOM'S INTERVIEW RELATIVE VAGO IN LIGHT INSTANT
INFORMATION, IT BEING NOTED ^{BLOOM} SUBJECT NOT IN SECURITY INDEX AND LAST
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT SUBMITTED BY BALDORNE DIVISION IN MAY, FORTY NINE.

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WAS., PERJURY., ESPIONAGE - R. JUDGE JEROME FRANK,
CCA, ISSUED ORDER FOR VAGO TRIAL TO BEGIN THIS DATE OR BAIL REDUCED.
HOWEVER, TRIAL NOW SET FOR OPENING UPON COMPLETION OF CASE NOW BEING
TRIED BEFORE DISTRICT JUDGE JOHN CLANCY WHO WILL THEN TRY VAGO CASE.
AUSA MYLES J. LANE WHO WILL HANDLE PROSECUTION OF VAGO CASE ESTIMATES
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cc - Mr. Belmont

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, ESPIONAGE - R.

RE WFO LETTER JANUARY THIRD, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND

FIFTY-ONE. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INTERVIEW DAVID

~~X~~BLOOM FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

AND AFFILIATIONS OF VAGO WHILE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

DURING PERIOD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT TO

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WAS, PERJURY, ESP - R, VAGO RELEASED THIS DATE ON FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH BAIL FURNISHED BY SISTER IN LAW, JOSEPHINE WINKLER, TWO EIGHT DASH FOUR FOUR FIFTIETH ST., WOODSIDE, LONG ISLAND. NO ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR VAGO TO REPORT. SPOT SURVEILLANCE BEING CONDUCTED. [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] ALSO PLACE STOP WITH PASSPORT DIVISION, DEPT. OF STATE AND BUREAU REQUESTED TO ARRANGE FOR DISPLAY OF PHOTOS TO [REDACTED]. LETTER BEING SENT THIS DATE TO ALL COASTAL OFFICES RE PLACING OF STOPS WITH US CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION, b7c ALIEN TAX DIVISION AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES.

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