

NY 100-55242

[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] were reviewed on
December 17, 1962, by Special Agent DAVID G. JENKINS.
These records contained the following information:

[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED]
Various New York informants who are aware of certain
aspects of communist activity in the New York City area
when contacted during December 1962, and January 1963,
and the subject's photograph exhibited to them, advised
that they were unable to furnish any information about
the subject.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

NY 100-55242
BU 101-1988

Title Oscar John Vago

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, at New York. b7c

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 101-1988)

DATE: 7/31/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-55242)

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO,
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)		
UNKNOWN		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____		101-1988-2
Residence Address		
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1-New York (100-55242)
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-1988)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-55242) P

DATE: 9/16/63

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO
SM - C
(CC:NY)

Re NY FD 122 dated 7/31/63

Efforts to ascertain captioned subject's current employment have been unsuccessful to date.

The following agency checks and investigative techniques were utilized with negative results in this regard during the past month:

1. [REDACTED]
2. NY State Motor Vehicle Bureau
3. Credit Bureau
4. Morning surveillances
5. Pretext telephone calls to residence.

NY is continuing its efforts to determine subject's current employment

2-Bureau (RM)
1-New York

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USM New York N Y	Oscar John Vago #C 133550	9-28-50	perjury before the Federal G.J.	6-20-52 3 yrs. 3 yrs SS 3 yrs So. Dist of N Y prob.
Fed Detention Hdg NY NY	Oscar John Vago #60513	9-28-50	perjury before Grand Jury	\$50,000.00 bail
SOS Army	Oscar John Vago #AA-FeI-182	chief engineer- structural FP 6-11-42		11/13 7-3
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 3-5-87 BY 3042/PWT/MS				
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Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Date and place of birth; 2-27-1898 Budapest Hungary Residence: 6607 99th St Long Island, NY (in 1950)			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
FD, New York N Y	Oscar John Vago #100-55242	3-28-50	perjury	
	Refer two copies of record on all inquiries re. Oscar John Vago, was, Oszkar Vago, John Murray, John Murray to BFD NYC NY their file #100-55242 per inf rec therefrom 2-10-51. Bufile #101-1988. (Ident FBI #519 746 A). FLASH CANCELLED: inf rec SAC NY 10-21-55.			
f Dept Wash DC	Oscar J. Vago	prt rec 1-27-40 PP for civil ident purposes		
	SECURITY FLASH: Oscar John Vago, aka. Oszkar Vago, John Murray, John Murray (FBI #519 746 A any information or inquiry received refer one copy of record to Subversive Control Section, Domestic Intel. Div and two copies o to BFD NY their file #100-55242, per inf rec 2-26-62. (Bu file #101-1988)			
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-1988)

DATE: 10/31/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-55242) P

SUBJECT: CAR JOHN VAGO
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(OO:NY)

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ReNYlet to the Bureau dated 9/16/63.

Attempts to surveill the subject on several occasions in the morning during the months of September and October, 1963 were unsuccessful. Subject was either not observed or was observed puttering around his residence until late in the morning.

Additional pretext telephone calls to his home were unsuccessful during the past month.

NY is continuing its efforts to ascertain the subject's current employment and will make every effort to bring this investigation to its conclusion.

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1-New York

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 101-1988)

DATE: 11/15/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-55242)

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SM - C
(OO:NY)Cards UTD
Cards Sent OO
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<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race
Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)	
Self-employed and Consulting Engineer, from residence	
Key Words	
Reference Number	Responsibility
Interested Agencies	3-5-87 2042/RW/KLS
Residence Address	ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 7-27-83 BY 1678 RDP/KLS Comp # 56,261

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1-New York

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EB:cmc

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI 101-1988)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-55242) C

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO
SM -C

DATE: 11/14/63

ReNYlet dated 10/31/63.

On 11/14/63, captioned subject was observed by
SAS of the FBI at his residence during the morning hours.

Through a pretext telephone call, directed to
the subject at his residence, on this date, SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ascertained that the subject is currently, self-
employed as a Consulting Engineer, from his residence.
[REDACTED]

An FD 122 reflecting the subject's new employment
status is being submitted forthwith.

There being no outstanding leads, this case is being
placed in a closed status.

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1-New York

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11/31

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE JAN 27 1964	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/6/63-1/15/64
TITLE OF CASE OSCAR JOHN VAGO		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY ald
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

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REFERENCE:

New York report of SA [REDACTED]
dated 1/28/63.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being furnished G-2,
First Army, NYC, [REDACTED]

The pretext on November 14, 1963 was a pretext
telephone call directed to the subject at his residence
by SA [REDACTED]

APPROVED <i>J. G. M. / J. G.</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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The pretext of July 30, 1963 was a pretext telephone call to the subject's former employment, James Ruderman, Consulting Engineer, New York, New York, by SA [REDACTED] b7c
No formal pretext was necessary as the subject was no longer employed there.

The pretext of January 15, 1964 was a pretext telephone call directed to the subject at his residence by SA [REDACTED] b7E
[REDACTED]

SAS [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] observed the subject at the May Day Rally on May 1, 1963.

The following SAS observed the subject enter the residence at 144-52 Jewel Avenue, Queens, New York, on February 6, 1963:

[REDACTED] b7c

The following SAS observed the subject enter the above residence on February 13, 1963:

[REDACTED] b7c

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

File Number Where Located

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Furnished to SA [REDACTED] b7c

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(c) NY T-2 [REDACTED] b1 ✓

(c) NY T-3 [REDACTED] (c) b1

The following informants were contacted with negative results regarding the subject on the dates indicated:

Informant

Date Contacted

Contacting Agent

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) to preclude any embarrassment to the Bureau in view of the subject's conviction in Federal Court during 1952 on a charge of perjury.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

[REDACTED] b1
(instant report).
(c)

- ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Copy to: 1 - G-2, First Army, NYC (AA611495)(RM)

Report of: [REDACTED] b7c
Date:

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.: JAN 27 1964
100-55242

Bureau File No.: 101-1988

Title: OSCAR JOHN VAGO

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Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides at 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens,
New York, and is self-employed as a consulting engineer
from his residence. Informant advised subject [REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] was of the
FBI observed the subject at May Day Rally, May 1, 1963.- C -
3-6-87
CLASSIFIED BY: 3042/PWT/als
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By means of a pretext conducted by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on July 30, 1963, it was determined that the subject was no longer employed by James Ruderman, Consulting Engineer, 84 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

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By means of a pretext conducted by an SA of the FBI on November 14, 1963, it was determined that the subject was self-employed as a consulting engineer, from his residence, 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens, New York.

By means of a pretext conducted by an SA of the FBI on January 15, 1964, it was determined that the subject resides at the above address and is self-employed as a consulting engineer from his residence.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party (CP) Meetings Attended

[REDACTED] NY T-1 advised that [REDACTED]

b1 b7D

[REDACTED] NY T-3 advised on [REDACTED]
that [REDACTED]

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b1 b7D

On February 6, 1963, SAs of the FBI observed the subject enter the above residence at approximately [REDACTED]

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NY T-1 also advised that [REDACTED] b1 b7D

(c) The informant stated that the subject [REDACTED] b1

(c) [REDACTED] b1
(c) [REDACTED] b1
(c) [REDACTED] b1

"The Worker" is an east coast
Communist newspaper.

On February 13, 1963, Special Agents (SAS) of the
FBI observed the subject enter the above residence at
approximately 7:45 PM.

Evidence of CP Sympathy

[REDACTED] b7D
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On May 1, 1963, SAS of the FBI observed the
subject at the above rally.

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See Appendix attached hereto for the characterization of the 1963 Union Square May Day Committee.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

[REDACTED] was reviewed during December, 1963, by SA [REDACTED]. No pertinent information identifiable with the subject was noted in these files. b7D b7C

NY T-1 and other New York informants who are aware of various phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area advised in December, 1963, after viewing subject's photograph, that they were either unable to furnish any additional information or were unable to furnish any information about the subject.

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APPENDIX

1963 UNION SQUARE MAY DAY COMMITTEE

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[REDACTED]

Records of the Department of Parks, New York City, reflect that a permit had been issued to the 1963 Union Square May Day Committee to hold a rally at Union Square Park Plaza, 17th Street between Broadway and Park Avenue South, New York City, on May 1, 1963, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The midweek edition of "The Worker," dated May 7, 1963, page 3, columns 3-5, contained a report of the May Day rally held on May 1, 1963, at Union Square Park Plaza, the theme of which was Peace and Peaceful Coexistence. According to the article, GUS HALL, Communist leader, and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, as New York State Communist spokesman, were among the speakers who "sounded the May Day keynotes of 'Peace,' 'Civil Rights,' and 'Job Security.'"

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper. 67D

[REDACTED]

On May 16, 1963, the Information Operator of the New York Telephone Company, advised that telephone number GR 3-8490 was changed to OR 9-9450. By means of a suitable pretext, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation determined from LOUIS WEINSTOCK, General Manager of "The Worker," that OR 9-9450 is listed to "The Worker" and that the May Day Committee has been disbanded.

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New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Bureau 101-1988
New York 100-55242

Title Oscar John Vago

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to New York report of
Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as
above. b7c

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are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO *gjm/bs* Director, FBI (Bufile- 101-1988)

DATE: 7/29/64

FROM : NEW YORK (100-55242) - C -

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO aka
SM-C
(OO: NEW YORK)Cards HTD
Cards Sent 00
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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)		
Structural Engineer, John Graham, Architect and Engineer, 444 5th Avenue, New York, New York		
Key Facility Data		
Geographic Reference Number	Responsibility	
Residence		

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New York, New York

May 15, 1964

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Bufile: 101-1988
NYfile: 100-55242

Re: Oscar John Vago

Subject is also known by the names Oszkar Vago, John Murray, and John Muray.

Subject resides at 164-13 73rd Street, Queens, New York, and is self-employed as a consulting engineer from his residence. Subject is married to Claire Vago, nee Weismann. The couple have two children--John and Susan, 26 years and 18 years respectively.

Subject was born on February 27, 1898, in Budapest, Hungary, is a white male, 5'6", 150 pounds, brown eyes, brown greying hair, thinning; ruddy dark complexion; medium stocky build; has a hernia scar.

Subject was indicted before a Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York on February 28, 1950, and charged with having committed perjury before the Grand Jury on September 20, 1950. The alleged perjury was based on the testimony of the subject that he was absent from the United States from 1929 to 1933, although he was actually absent only from December 3, 1932, to January 12, 1933. It was also testified that subject was not accompanied on this trip by his wife, Claire, when actually she had accompanied him. On June 20, 1952, subject was found guilty of the perjury charge by Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan (subject waived trial by jury), and was sentenced to a 3 year suspended sentence, and placed on 3 years probation. It is noted that after the subject was arrested and was unable to raise bail, he was placed in the Federal House of Detention, New York City. Also in this institution was one Jerome Eugene Tartakow, [redacted] In describing Vago, Tartakow, whose

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Re: Oscar John Vago

reliability is unknown, stated that subject's hatred for the United States Government was profound; that every statement contained a threat of destruction, of violence to America. Tartakow stated that subject "was not a mere Communist, but a revolutionist, and that even in the Communist Organization itself, that is a horse of a different color".

Confidential sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that subject

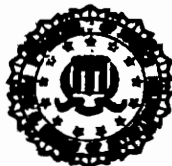
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On the evening of September 28, 1961, Special Agents observed several known Queens CP figures enter subject's residence. ✓ Harry Gold, a self-confessed Soviet Espionage Agent, related on September 14, 1950, that subject told Gold during his acquaintance that he, subject, was a CP member, and had attended CP meetings in the Forest Hills Section of New York City. ✓ Gold stated he first met subject in May, 1946 (X)(u)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

July 29, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

NYfile 100-55242
Bufile 101-1988

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SUBJECT:

OSCAR JOHN VAGO

REFERENCE:

Memorandum dated 5/15/64.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment:

Structural Engineer, John Graham
Architect and Engineer, 444 5th Avenue, New York,
New York

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Routing Slip
FD-4 (Rev. 10-13-58)

Date 7/29/64

To

☒ Director

FILE #

Att.

RIDELL BLDG.
ROOM 827

☐ SAC

Title TROPUS

☐ ASAC

☐ Supv.

☐ Agent

☐ SE

☐ CC

☐ Steno

☐ Clerk

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign.....Reassign.....

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline 10/1/1964

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue NOT RECORDED

☐ Expedite

☐ File 6 JUL 30 1964

☐ For information

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Recharge serials

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Return serials

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Send Serials

☐ Submit new change

☐ Submit report

☐ Type

The attached changes in residence and/or employment are being forwarded to the Bureau for dissemination to Secret Service.

ENCLOSURE

Copy to Secret Service

by routing slip for

☒ info See reverse side

date 8/3/64

by WLF/PM

SAC JOHN F. MALONE

Office NEW YORK

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 1/25/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/25/64-1/12/65
TITLE OF CASE OSCAR JOHN VAGO aka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY MS
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM-C	

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REFERENCE NY report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/27/64.

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DECLASSIFY ON: OADR

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On 1/12/65, SA [REDACTED] used the pretext on the subject's daughter [REDACTED]

On 10/10/64, SAS [REDACTED] observed the subject.

On 5/1/64, SA [REDACTED] observed the subject at the May Day Rally.

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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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AGENCY REQUEST REC'D DATE FWD HOW FWD BY		SUBV. CONTROL CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Number Where Located

[REDACTED] (c)

NY T-2 [REDACTED] (c)

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Other informants who were contacted during
December, 1964, concerning subject were as follows:

[REDACTED]

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Copy to: 1-G-2, First Army, NYC
(AA611495) (RM) *b7c*

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: New York, New York

Date: 1/25/65

Field Office File No.: 100-55242

Bureau File No.: 101-1988

Title: OSCAR JOHN VAGO

Character: SECURITY MATTER-C

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Synopsis

Subject resides at 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens, NY and is employed as a Structural Engineer at John Graham Architect and Engineer, 444 5th Avenue, NY, NY. Subject observed at May Day Rally 5/1/64, NYC and [REDACTED] *b1*

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DETAILS

I BACKGROUND

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Residence and Employment

On January 12, 1965, by means of a pretext by a Special Agent(SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation(FBI) it was determined that the subject resides at 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens, New York and is employed as a Structural Engineer at John Graham Architect and Engineer, 444 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

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Communist Party (CP)
Sympathy

"The Worker", issue of April 21, 1964, page 1, reflects that the May Day Rally of May 1, 1964, will be sponsored by the Greater New York Labor Press Club (GNYLPC).

A characterization of the GNYLPC appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

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NY T-2 advised that

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III MISCELLANEOUS

During December, 1964, certain informants who are familiar with some phases of CP activity in the New York City area were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject. These informants could furnish no information concerning the subject.

On December 21, 1964, SA [REDACTED] caused [REDACTED] New York, New York, to be checked concerning the subject. The Bureau of Special Services advised SA [REDACTED] that their records did not contain any recent subversive information concerning the subject.

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"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

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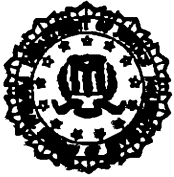
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New York, New York

January 25, 1965

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Title Oscar John Vago

Character Security Matter-C

Reference is made to the New York report
of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned
as above. b7c

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: JUN 25 1965

SAC, NEW YORK

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SUBJECT:

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, aka
SM-C
(Bufile 101-1988)
(NYfile 100-55242)(P)
(OO:NY)

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CLAIRE VAGO nee WEISZMANN, aka
SM-C

(Bufile 100-335813)
(NYfile 100-66457)(P)
(OO:NY)

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Submitted herewith to the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM for OSCAR VAGO and his wife, CLAIRE VAGO, reflecting their travel to France and Hungary as of June 9, 1965, and their return to the United States on or about August 26, 1965, to be used for dissemination, if deemed advisable by the Bureau.

Captioned subject and his wife reside at 164-13 73rd Avenue, Flushing, Queens, New York. OSCAR VAGO is employed as an Engineer, whereas his wife, CLAIRE VAGO, was last known to be employed by Amerikai Magyar Szo, 130 East 16th Street, New York, New York.

Several pretext telephone calls were made to the subject's residence in June, 1965, however, no answer was received.

4- Bureau (Encls 12) (RM)

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1- New York (100-55242) (OSCAR VAGO)

1- New York (100-66457) (CLAIRE VAGO)

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Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) were checked by SA [REDACTED] on June 18, 1965, and it was ascertained that the manifests for ship sailings for June 9, 1965, would not be made available until sometime after June 30, 1965, therefore, no verification of departure could be made at this time. b7c

(c) The attached letterhead memorandum is classified "Confidential" because it contains information furnished by [REDACTED] the unauthorized disclosure of which would jeopardize their future usefulness and at the same time, may be injurious toward the best interest of the National Defense. b1

The sources utilized in the attached LHM are as follows:

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

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Location

NY 100-55242-399, pp. 2 and 3

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(c) It is noted that no contact was made with the Foldes Travel Agency, the agency through which this tour was organized, inasmuch as past experience has proved that this travel agency is not too cooperative in matters of this sort. [REDACTED] b1

The pretext telephone call mentioned in the attached LHM was made by SA [REDACTED] b7E b7C

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will await results of passport check at Washington Field Office, which was set forth in separate communication.

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LEADS (CONT'D)

2. Will re-check records of INS, New York City, on or about June 30, 1965, to verify if the subject's names appeared on the travel manifests leaving New York on June 9, 1965.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

June 25, 1965

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100-66457

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Oscar John Vago
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Claire Vago nee Weiszmann
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All sources mentioned herein, unless indicated otherwise,
have furnished reliable information in the past.

Background

Oscar John Vago and his wife, Claire Vago, reside at
164-13 73rd Avenue, Flushing, Queens, New York. Oscar Vago
was last known to be employed as a Structural Engineer by John
Graham Architect and Engineer, 444 Fifth Avenue, New York,
New York. He was born on February 27, 1898 at Budapest,
Hungary.

Claire Vago was last known to be employed by the
publication, Amerikai Magyar Szo, 130 East 16th Street, New
York, New York. She was born on January 31, 1907, in Budapest,
Hungary.

A characterization of Amerikai Magyar
Szo has been set forth in the Appendix
attached hereto.

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Oscar John Vago
Claire Vago

[REDACTED] Reservation Department, Cunard Lines, 25 Broadway, New York, New York, advised on May 13, 1965, that the following persons had reserved space for the June 9, 1965, sailing of the "Queen Mary", and some had taken return passage. [REDACTED] that these persons were not booked as a tour but space had been allocated to several persons as a group. He stated they were not being sponsored as a tour by any group or individual, but that the travel arrangements were made through the Foldes Travel Agency, 1503 First Avenue, New York, New York. They were all sailing to Cherbourg, France. b7cD

[REDACTED] that Mr. Oscar Vago and Mrs. Claire Vago were two of the individuals who had reserved space for the June 9, 1965, sailing on the "Queen Mary" to Cherbourg, France, and that they had indicated they would return to the United States on the "Queen Mary", on or about August 26, 1965. [REDACTED] was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the Vagos.

The November 12, 1964, issue of the "Amerikai Magyar Szó" (AMS) on Page 12, contained a half-page advertisement captioned "Take Part in the Tour Organized by the Hungarian Word." The advertisement reflected that AMS readers and their friends would be able to visit Hungary on a tour being organized by AMS. The various dates of the tours were listed which included a tour scheduled for May 21, 1965, by airliner.

In this connection, by means of a pretext conducted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on April 26, 1965, it was determined from a woman in the office of AMS, 130 East 16th Street, New York, New York, that the newspaper had originally scheduled an air tour to Hungary leaving the United States on May 21, 1965, however, this tour never materialized. This woman stated that a tour had left by steamship on April 22, 1965, and another was to depart on June 9, 1965, on the "Queen Mary".

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Oscar John Vago
Claire Vago

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Subversive Information

A first source advised on [REDACTED] that

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A second source [REDACTED] furnished information indicating that [REDACTED]

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(S) Mrs. Bernice Riveria, 114 West 114th Street, New York, New York, in a signed statement dated October 9, 1950, furnished information concerning her knowledge of Oscar Vago, for whom she worked in 1948. Mrs. Riveria stated she first met Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vago through Mrs. Marilyn Bailey, for whom she was doing housework and that she had worked for Mrs. Bailey for a period of two and one-half years. After she met Mrs. Vago, she stated she was then engaged by Mrs. Vago to do housecleaning for her for a period of approximately two months. During her brief period of employment for Mrs. Vago, Mrs. Vago attempted to get her to join the CP on several occasions. Mrs. Vago told her that she and Mr. Vago were both members of the CP. She stated she saw both the names of Mr. and Mrs. Vago in a loose leaf note book kept by Mrs. Bailey, the latter of whom was Secretary or Treasurer of the CP in Queens and the names of members of the CP in this note book were kept in alphabetical order. Mrs. Bailey told her that this note book contained the names of CP members in Queens, and that she was requested to look up names in this book at the request of Mrs. Bailey. Mrs. Riveria stated that after she started working for the Vagos, it was then that she looked in the book and found the name of Oscar Vago and the name of Mrs. Oscar Vago. She stated the Oscar Vagos had numerous bits of literature in their apartment about the CP, that Oscar Vago received a Communist publication and that Mrs. Vago would play a record entitled "The Red Army Song" to which the children would march.

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Oscar John Vago
Claire Vago

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Descriptions

Name	Oscar John Vago
Race	White
Birth Date	February 27, 1898
Birth Place	Budapest, Hungary
Height	5'6"
Weight	145 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Gray, bald on top
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium dark

Claire Vago
White
January 31, 1907
Budapest, Hungary
5'4"
120-135 pounds
Short and stocky
Dark brown
Brown
Sallow

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Oscar John Vago
Claire Vago

APPENDIX

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"AMERIKAI MAGYAR SZO"
HUNGARIAN WORD INCORPORATED

Hungarian born JOHN LAUTNER, former Chairman of the Review Commission, Communist Party (CP), New York State, who was expelled from the CP in January, 1950, advised on October 12, 1950, that among Hungarian Communists in the United States, the "Magyar Jovo" (Hungarian Daily Journal) was regarded as their most important item of endeavor. It was published daily by the Hungarian Daily Journal, Inc., 130 East 16th Street, New York, New York. ZOLTAN DEAK was Editor and ALEXANDER ROSNER, Business Manager of the publication. LAUTNER advised that DEAK and ROSNER were recognized communists.

The May 27, 1953, issue of the "Magyar Jovo" announced it would cease publication as of June 9, 1953, and indicated that a new weekly, the "Amerikai Magyar Szo" would replace it.

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The masthead of the May 7, 1964, issue of the "Amerikai Magyar Szo" reflected that the newspaper continues to be located at 130 East 16th Street, New York, New York.

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1 - Mr. Haack

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Mr FARA

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CLAIRE VAGO, nee Weismann
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ATTENTION SAC, NEW YORK AND LEGAT, PARIS:

New York will verify subjects' return to this country and submit a memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Enclosed for Legat, Paris, are three copies of the above-mentioned memorandum. Information from enclosed memorandum may be furnished your sources who should be alerted for pertinent information about the Vagos while they are in France. In the event you determine that the Vagos contemplate travel elsewhere, you should immediately advise the Central Intelligence Agency locally and/or the appropriate Legat. For your information, Oscar Vago is included in the Security Index of the New York Office; his wife, Claire, is not, ~~SECRET~~

NOTE:

Oscar Vago is a long time Communist Party member who attended Communist Party meetings as recently as 1963.

Letter is classified "Confidential" since the enclosure thereto is so classified on the basis that it contains information from sources which information if revealed could compromise those sources.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/28/65

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FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT:

OSCAR JOHN VAGO aka
SM-C
(Bufile 101-1988)
(NYfile 100-55242) (P)

CLAIRE VAGO nee WEISZMANN aka
SM-C
(Bufile 100-335813)
(NYfile 100-66457) (P)
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 6/25/65.

Relet set forth travel information concerning the subjects mentioned above, together with a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Submitted herewith to the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM reflecting the date of departure and their point of destination, which may be used for dissemination if deemed advisable by the Bureau. It is noted that the ship the VAGO's boarded would dock at Cherbourg, France.

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will await results of passport check at Washington Field Office as was set forth under separate communication dated 6/21/65.

Will verify the return of captioned subjects on or about 8/26/65.

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- New York (100-66457) (CLAIRE VAGO)
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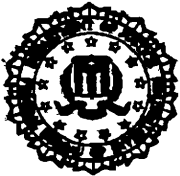
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File 100-55242
100-66457

New York, New York

JUL 28 1965

Oscar John Vago
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Claire Vago nee Weiszmann
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Travel Status

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), 20 West Broadway, New York, New York, were checked on July 20, 1965, at which time records were located for Claire Vago and Oscar J. Vago, both of whom travelled on United States Passport number E-700006, from New York, New York, on June 9, 1965, on board the British Royal Majesty Ship (RMS) "Queen Mary" en route to Cherbourg, France. The records reflect the Vago's travelled tourist class aboard the RMS "Queen Mary", the latter of which is operated by the Cunard Steamship Company, Limited, 25 Broadway, New York, New York.

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-1988)

DATE: 8/6/65

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-5598) (RUC)

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, aka
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(OO:NY)

ReNYlet to Bureau, 6/21/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are nine and two copies, respectively, of an LHM setting forth the results of a review of the files of the Passport Office, Department of State, by IC [REDACTED] b7c

Copies were made of the photo appearing on the passport application and will be forwarded to New York by routing slip when processed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/10/65

SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT:

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(Bufile 101-1988)
(NYfile 100-55242) (-C-)

CLAIRE VAGO, NEE WEISZMANN, AKA
SM-C
(OO:NY)
(Bufile 100-335813)
(NYfile 100-66457) (-C-)

ReNYlets to Bureau, dated 7/25/65 and 7/28/65.

Relets set forth the travel of captioned subjects.

Submitted herewith to the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM which reflects the return of the subjects to their residence, which may be used for dissemination if deemed advisable by the Bureau.

Pretext Telephone Calls

The pretext conducted to determine the residence of captioned subjects was a pretext telephone call made by SA [REDACTED] on September 8, 1965, to telephone number AX 7-3183, listed to OSCAR VAGO, 164-13 73rd Ave., Flushing, Queens, NY. [REDACTED]

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The pretext conducted to determine the employment of OSCAR VAGO was a pretext telephone call made by [REDACTED] on September 9, 1965, to telephone number LA 4-1510 listed to JOHN GRAHAM, architect and engineer, 444 Fifth Ave., NY, NY. OSCAR VAGO furnished the information. [REDACTED]

Miscellaneous

Inasmuch as the subjects have returned from their travel abroad, their residence and employment being the same, and the Bureau being in possession of all information to date, no report will be submitted at this time. The foregoing travel of OSCAR VAGO will be included at the time of the submission of the next annual report.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

September 10, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Bufile 101-1988
100-335813
100-55242
100-66457

Re: Oscar John Vago
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Claire Vago nee Weiszmann
Security Matter - C

Return from Travel Abroad

By means of a pretext conducted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on September 8, 1965, it was determined that Oscar Vago and his wife, Claire Vago, had returned from their trip to Europe during the last week in August, 1965, and are residing at their residence, 164-13 73rd Avenue, Flushing, Queens, New York.

By means of a pretext conducted by a Special Agent of the FBI on September 9, 1965, it was determined that Oscar Vago, employed as a structural engineer by John Graham, Architect and Engineer, 444 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, had returned to his employment, mentioned above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (101-1988)
Attention: 100-335813

DATE: 9-15-65

FROM : *WLF* ~~Director~~, Paris (100-2296) (RUC)

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ReBulet to Department of State 7-6-65.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/1/65-1/1/66
TITLE OF CASE OSCAR JOHN VAGO aka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
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		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C

REFERENCE: New York report of SA [REDACTED] 1/25/65.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being furnished G-2, First Army, New York City, [REDACTED] b7c

NYO (NY file 100-66457, [REDACTED])

The pretext conducted on 1/17/66, was a telephone call to subject's residence by SA [REDACTED] b7E

The pretext conducted on 1/17/66, was a telephone call to subject's employment by SA [REDACTED] b7E

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ADMINISTRATIVE (Cont'd)

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 20 West Broadway, NY, NY, were reviewed on July 20, 1965, by SA [REDACTED] b7c

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C. were reviewed on August 3, 1965, by ID [REDACTED]

The pretext conducted on September 8, 1965, was a telephone call to subject's residence by SA [REDACTED] b7E

INFORMANTS:

The New York informants mentioned in the Miscellaneous section of this report are as follows:

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4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
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6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____.
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(NY report of SA _____ dated 1/27/64).
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☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons) _____

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-1988
100-55242

JAN 24 1966

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Oscar John Vago

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 2)
U. S. Secret Service, New York City (RM)

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Copy to: 1 - SECRET SERVICE, NYC (RM)
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Report of: [REDACTED] b7c Office: New York, New York

Date: JAN 24 1966

Field Office File #: 100-55242

Bureau File #: 101-1988

Title: OSCAR JOHN VAGO

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides at 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens, NY, ✓
and is employed as a Structural Engineer at JOHN GRAHAM,
Architect and Engineer, 444 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY. ✓ In June,
1965, subject travelled to Hungary and returned to the US in
August, 1965. ✓ Certain NY informants contacted in December,
1965, could furnish no information concerning subject's
activities. ✓

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On January 17, 1966, by means of a pretext conducted by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to subject's residence reflected that he resides at 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens, New York.

B. Employment

On January 17, 1966, by means of a pretext conducted by a SA of the FBI to subject's employment reflected that the subject is employed as a Structural Engineer at JOHN GRAHAM, Architect and Engineer, 444 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

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DATE 7-27-83 BY 1698 RFP/CL

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

A. CP Sympathy

The February 12, 1965, edition of the "Amerikai Magyar Szó" (AMS), (American Hungarian Word) contained an article which stated that at a recent meeting of the Hungarian Social Club, OSZKAR VAGO spoke about the local problems (of New York) which the citizens must face daily.

A characterization of the "Amerikai Magyar Szó" appears in the appendix section of this report.

The February 25, 1965, edition of AMS contained an article which stated that at a meeting of the Hungarian Social Club on February 11, 1965, OSZKAR VAGO lectured on the local problems of New York. The primary theme dealt with the civil rights difficulties in New York.

The October 14, 1965 edition of AMS contained an article which stated that at a meeting of the Hungarian Social Club on October 8, 1965, the people who spent their summer vacations in Hungary presented an interesting program concerning the many new things they had seen in Hungary, the kind Hungarian hospitality and the good will of the World Federation of Hungarians which took the guests to various cities, cooperative farms and other interesting places. The article also stated that the VAGOs took some beautiful pictures of their trip which were received by the group with great enthusiasm.

III. FOREIGN TRAVEL

The November 12, 1964 edition of the "Amerikai Magyar Szó" page 12, contained a half page advertisement captioned "Take Part in the Tour Organized by the Hungarian Word". The advertisement reflected that AMS readers and their friends would

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IV MISCELLANEOUS



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The records of the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as caused to be searched by
SA [REDACTED] on January 12, 1966, reflected no
information identifiable with the subject.

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APPENDIX

"AMERIKAI MAGYAR SZO"
HUNGARIAN WORK INC.

Hungarian born JOHN LAUTNER, former Chairman of the Review Commission, Communist Party (CP), New York State, who was expelled from the CP in January, 1950, advised on October 12, 1950, that among Hungarian Communists in the United States, the "Magyar Jovo" (Hungarian Daily Journal) was regarded as their most important item of endeavor. It was published daily by the Hungarian Daily Journal, Inc., 130 East 16th Street, New York, New York. ZOLTAN DEAK was Editor and ALEXANDER ROSNER, Business Manager of the publication. LAUTNER advised that DEAK and ROSNER were recognized Communists.

The May 27, 1953, issue of the "Magyar Jovo" announced it would cease publication as of June 9, 1953, and indicated that a new weekly, the "Amerikai Magyar Szo" would replace it.

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The masthead of the April 29, 1965, issue of the "Amerikai Magyar Szo" reflected that the newspaper continues to be located at 130 East 16th Street, New York, New York.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 101-1988)

DATE: 8-29-66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-55242)(-c-)

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO
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(OO: NEW YORK)Cards UTD
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Re: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) Engineer, James Ruderman Consulting Engineer 84 Fifth Avenue New York, New York		
Key _____		
Geographic Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____		
Residence Address _____		

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

August 29, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BUfile 101-1968 Cond/m X/9/1/66

Nfile 100-55242

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM DATED 6-29-64

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: Engineer, James Ruderman
Consulting Engineer
84 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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DATE 3-5-87 BY 602/POT/CS

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telephone.

The SAS who observed the subject on 4/30/66 were

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INFORMANTS:

The following informants were contacted with negative results:

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report SA _____ (1/27/64).

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- ☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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Copy to:

- 1 - Secret Service, NYC (RM)
3 - 108th INTC, NYC (AA611495) (RM)
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Report of:

Office: New York, New York

Date:

1/24/67

Field Office File #: 100-55242

Bureau File #: 101-1988

Title:

OSCAR JOHN VAGO

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides at 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens, NY, and is employed as a Structural Engineer at James Ruderman, Consulting Engineer, 84 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY. The 2/17/66, issue of "Amerikai Magyar Szó", contained an article which stated that on 2/4/66, OSZKAR VAGO, at a meeting of the Hungarian Social Club, made an interesting presentation on current events. On 4/30/66, the subject was observed at the 1966 May Day Rally held in Union Square, NY, NY.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

By means of a pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on December 15, 1966, it was determined that the subject resides at 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens, New York, and is employed as a Structural Engineer at James Ruderman, Consulting Engineer, 84 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

CP Sympathies

The February 17, 1966, issue of the "Amerikai Magyar Szó" (AMS), (American Hungarian Word) contained an article which stated that on February 4, 1966, at a meeting of the Hungarian Social Club, an interesting presentation was made by OSZKAR VAGO on current events, particularly with regard to the prospective unemployment caused by automation, and with regard to the Viet Nam situation.

A characterization of the AMS appears in the appendix of this report

The June 9, 1966, issue of the AMS contained an announcement that OSZKAR VAGO would speak on current events on Friday evening June 10, 1966, at a meeting of the Hungarian Social Club.

On April 30, 1966, the subject was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the 1966 May Day Rally in Union Square, New York, New York.

A characterization of the 1966 May Day Rally appears in the appendix of this report

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Certain informants who are familiar with some phases of CP activities in the New York City area, were shown a photograph of the subject during December, 1966, and advised they could furnish no information concerning his activities.

APPENDIX

1.

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Hungarian Word Inc.

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The masthead of the May 19, 1966, issue of the "Amerikai Magyar Szo" reflected that the newspaper continues to be located at 130 East 16th Street, New York, New York.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE FOR A 1966 MAY DAY RALLY
Also known as New York Committee for
a May Day 1966

"The Worker" issue of April 10, 1966, announced that on April 30, 1966, the 1966 May Day Rally would be held at Union Square, New York City, sponsored by the Committee for a 1966 May Day Rally.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

The announcement made known by BOB HEISLER on behalf of the 1966 May Day Committee was made to "call a May Day Rally that will solidify the American peace and freedom movements with the world-wide movements for peace and freedom; the indivisibility of the demand for 'One Man, One Vote,' whether in Southeast Asia or Southern USA; and the continued need for international solidarity of the world's working people."

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On April 27, 1966, [REDACTED] Department of Parks, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City, furnished information reflecting that application for a permit was made and granted on February 23, 1966, to hold a mass meeting at Union Square Park, on April 30, 1966, to the New York Committee for May Day 1966.

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The purpose of the event was to support peace, civil rights and economic advancement.

The participating officers were listed as follows:

ERIK BERT
THEODORE R. BASSETT
ROBERT HEISLER
ARTHUR KNIGHT

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

APPENDIX (CONT'D)

COMMITTEE FOR A 1966 MAY DAY RALLY
Also known as New York Committee for
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The application was signed by ROBERT HEISLER and indicated no previous events were held in the parks by this organization.

The Masthead of "The Worker", issue of May 17, 1966, sets out ERIK BERT as Managing Editor of that publication.

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The "Catholic Worker" is a publication devoted to social problems and is published at 175 Chrystie Street, New York City.

"The Worker", issue of May 3, 1966, reported that the gathering in Union Square, Saturday, celebrated the Eightieth anniversary of May Day by calling for a halt to United States intervention in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 101-1988)

DATE: 7-24-67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-55242) *C*

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO
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(OO: NEW YORK)

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Re: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Date of birth	Place of birth	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) Structural Engineer, John Graham, Architect and Engineer, 444 5th Avenue, N.Y., N.Y.				
Key Facility Data				
Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____				
Interested Agencies _____				
Residence Address				

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE JAN 24 1968	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/14/67 - 1/19/68
TITLE OF CASE OSCAR JOHN VAGO aka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY pem
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	
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REFERENCE:

NY report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 1/24/67.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Copies of this report are being furnished to the
108th MI Group **[REDACTED]**

Subject's wife, CLAIR VAGO, is on the
NYO (Bufile 100-335813; NYfile 100-66192)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED (NONE)						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINUED:

The first pretext of 1/19/68, with respect to the residence of the subject, was a telephonic interview of an unidentified female at subject's residence, which was conducted by SA [REDACTED] b7C,E

The second pretext of 1/19/68, with respect to the employment of the subject was a telephonic interview of the switchboard operator at the office of JOHN GRAHAM, Architect and Engineer, which was conducted by SA [REDACTED] b7C,E

There is no Bureau approved characterization of the Hungarian Social Club. It is the subject of NY file 105-65997 and is in a closed status.

INFORMANTS:

The following confidential informants were unable to furnish information concerning the subject during December, 1967:

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
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Date photograph was taken 9/20/64.
 5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
 6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because
(state reason)

7. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) Never.
☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
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(NY Report of SA [REDACTED] 1/27/67).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 101-1988
NYfile 100-55242

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Re: Oscar John Vago

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONCopy to: 1-SECRET SERVICE, NYC (RM)
3-108th MI GROUP, NYC (AA 611 495)
(RM)Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: [REDACTED] b7c

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 100-55242

Bureau File #: 101-1988

Title: OSCAR JOHN VAGO

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides at 164-13 73rd Ave., Queens, NY, and is employed as a Structural Engineer at the office of JAMES GRAHAM, Architect and Engineer, 444 Fifth Ave., NY, NY. The May 4, 1967 issue of "Amerikai Magyar Szó" contained an article which stated that on May 12, 1967, OSZKAR VAGO would give a speech at the Hungarian Social Club. Certain confidential informants were unable to furnish information concerning subject during December, 1967.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDA. Residence

Through a pretext conducted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 19, 1968, it was determined that subject was at that time residing at 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens, New York.

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B. Employment

Through a second pretext conducted by a Special Agent of the FBI on January 19, 1968, it was determined that subject was at that time employed as a Structural Engineer in the office of JOHN GRAHAM, Architect and Engineer, 444 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

The May 4, 1967, issue of "Amerikai Magyar Szó" (AMS) (American-Hungarian Word) on page 15 contained an article which stated that on May 12, 1967, OSZKAR VAGO would give a speech at the Hungarian Social Club on the subject of "The Corruption of America".

A characterization of the AMS appears in the appendix attached hereto.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Certain confidential informants who are familiar with some phases of CP activities in the New York City area were contacted during December, 1967, concerning the subject and photographs of the subject were exhibited to them. These informants stated that they could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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"AMERIKAI MAGYAR SZO"
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The masthead of the March 23, 1967, issue of the
"Amerikai Magyar Szo" reflected that the newspaper continues
to be located at 130 East 16th Street, New York, New York.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
July 24, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BUfile 101-1988
File 100-55242

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO

REFERENCE: NY REPORT DATED 1-24-67

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: Structural Engineer, John Graham, Architect
and Engineer, 444 5th Avenue, N.Y.C.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: 3/22/68

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT:

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Re WFO airtel 3/13/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 10 copies of
an LHM, captioned [REDACTED] Five copies
of this LHM are being furnished to WFO and two to the Newark
Office.

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the disclosure of which could be detrimental to the defense interests of the US.

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The February 17, 1966, issue of the "Amerikai Magyar Szo" (AMS) (American Hungarian Word) contained an article which stated that on February 4, 1966, at a meeting of the Hungarian Social Club, an interesting presentation was made by Oszkar Vago on current events, particularly with regard to the prospective unemployment caused by automation, and with regard to the Vietnam situation.

A characterization of the AMS appears hereinafter.

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to be located at 130 East 16th Street, New York, New York.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-1988)

DATE: 7/30/68

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-55242) -C-

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO aka SM-C
(OO: New York)

Re Bureau airtel to Albany dated 2/8/68
captioned "Security Investigation of Individuals".

In connection with reairtel the NYO has reviewed
subject's casefile, reevaluated his SI status, and recommends
that he be retained on the Security Index.

In conducting this study consideration has been
given to the subject's age, physical capacity and his ability
to commit acts inimical to the United States.

Bureau (RM)
New York
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-93959)

DATE: 10-26-70

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-41613) (P*)

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SUBJECT: VISITORS TO HUNGARY
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Translation was made by SA [REDACTED] of the 7/25/70 issue of "Magyar Hírek" (Hungarian News) published in Budapest, Hungary by the Hungarian World Federation. This issue contained a photograph with the caption: Happy post-prandial conversation. Left to right: OSZKAR VAGO, leader of New York Hungarian Social Club tour; his wife KLARA VAGO, Editor of the American Hungarian Word (i.e.: Magyar Szó); ERNA FODOR, Budapest correspondent of the American Hungarian Word; FERENC JEHN and GYULA CINCAR, leaders of the Los Angeles Hungarian Workers Home.

Copies are made for Bureau, Los Angeles and New York files of individual [REDACTED]

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3 - New York (RM)
100-55242 (OSCAR VAGO)
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65-5598 (VAGO)
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New York and Los Angeles are probably aware of travel of these subjects to Hungary.

For information of Los Angeles in the [redacted] case, b1 b7c

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-1988)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-55242) (P)

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO
SM-C
(OO:NY)

DATE: MAY 14 1970

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM showing the subject's intention to travel abroad this summer.

The sources used in the LHM are as follows:

is Source 1
is Source 2

The LHM is classified "Confidential" to protect the identity of the sources used therein since the information they furnish, if disclosed, could possibly result in their identity being made known and thus prove detrimental to the national defense interests of the United States.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will verify the subject's departure and return to the United States.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

MAY 14 1970

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New York file 100-55242

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Oscar John Vago
Security Matter-C

Mrs. Oscar John Vago was born on February 27, 1898, in
Budapest, Hungary. He resides at 164-13 73rd Avenue, Flushing,
Queens, New York.

He is a white male, stands five feet six inches,
weighs 145 pounds, is bald on top with gray hair. He is married
to ~~Chire Vago~~ and has a son John and daughter Susan.

In the past he has been employed as a structural
engineer by John Graham Architect and Engineer, 444 Fifth
Avenue, New York, New York.

passport

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Oscar John Vago

He indicated he planned to visit relatives.

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Source 1
April, 1969

A documentation of "Amerikai Magyar Szó" is contained
in the Appendix attached hereto.

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Source 2
May 8, 1970

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Oscar John Vago

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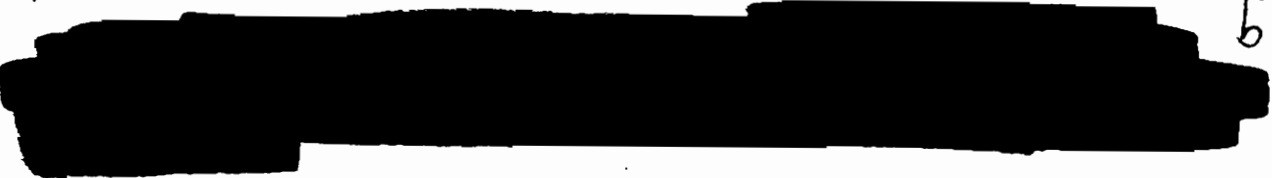
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"AMERIKAI MAGYAR SZO" (CONT'D)

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The New York City Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan as published by the New York Telephone Company for 1968-1969, lists Amerikai Magyar Szo publications as being located at 130 East 16th Street, New York City.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 101-1988)

DATE: 3/10/71

FROM : NEW YORK (100-55242)

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO
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(OO: NEW YORK)Cards UTD
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Re: _____

☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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Memorandum

Director, FBI (Bufile-

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DATE:

7/13/72

FROM : SAC NEW YORK (100-55242) (P*)

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO
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Recommend: ☐ ADEX Card ☒ ADEX Card changed (specify change only) ☐ Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
March 10, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Bufile 101-1988
NYfile 100-55242

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO

CHARACTER: SM - C

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 1/24/69.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: RETIRED

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE MAR 23 1971	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/20/68 - 3/12/71
TITLE OF CASE OSCAR JOHN VAGO aka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY bas
		CHARACTER OF CASE CONFIDENTIAL SM - SECRET	

REFERENCE:

NY report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated
1/24/69.

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By [Signature]								

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The following is a brief summary of the most recent subversive activity on the part of the subject together with the source of the information. It is believed this qualifies subject for category III of the ADEX.

[REDACTED] b1
Additional confidential informants could provide no information concerning the subject as of February, 1971. (Report of SA [REDACTED] dated, 3/23/71). b7c

Next report will be submitted to the Bureau on 4/5/73.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) copies of an FD-376, one of which is for transmittal to Secret Service, WDC.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

[REDACTED] (S) b1

The confidential informants mentioned in the details of the report, as being unable to furnish any additional information:

[REDACTED]
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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the ☒ Security Index ☐ Agitator Index ☐ Reserve Index.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the ☐ Security Index Card ☐ Agitator Index Card are current.
3. ☐ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card ☐ A ☐ B ☐ are current ☐ have been changed.
4. ☒ Changes on the ☒ Security Index Card ☐ Agitator Index Card are necessary and ☒ Form FD-122 ☐ FD-997 submitted to the Bureau.
5. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
Date photograph was taken 1964
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____

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7. ☒ This report is classified CoBfidential because (state reason) because information furnished by NY and NY 1-2, if revealed, could possibly result in the identity of the informants being made known, and thus prove detrimental to the National Defense interests of the US.

8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) never
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

of the need to preclude possible embarrassment to the Bureau in view of the subject's conviction in Federal court during 1952 on a charge of perjury.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the ☐ Security Index ☐ Agitator Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
10. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ☒ Security Index ☐ Agitator Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

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11. ☐ Subject's SI card is tabbed ☐ Priority I ☐ Priority II ☒ Priority III.
 - ☐ Subject's activities warrant such tabbing because (state reasons)
- the subject, who was born in 1898, continues to be affiliated with the CP.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Director
 United States Secret Service
 Department of the Treasury
 Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Oscar John Vago

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Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
 John Edgar Hoover
 Director

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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
 U. S. Secret Service, NYC (RM)

(1) WAB/Don 10-6-75

Enclosure(s) (1)

(Upon removal of classified enclosure, if any, this transmittal form



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

MAR 23 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to

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Bufile 101-1988

NYfile 100-55242

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Title Oscar John Vago

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent
[REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, at New York. b7c

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Copy to: 1-Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office:

New York, New York

Date:

MAR 23 1971

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

101-1988

Title:

OSCAR JOHN VAGO

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Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides at 164-13 73rd Ave., Queens, NY, and is retired. In the summer of 1970, the subject indicated he would travel to Europe, including, in his itinerary, Hungary, Poland, and the USSR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Miscellaneous information set forth. Confidential informants could provide no additional information concerning the subject as of Feb., 1971.

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DETAILS:

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I. BACKGROUND

Residence
and
Employment

By means of a direct inquiry to the subject's former employer, JOHN GRAHAM, Architect and Engineer, 444 5th Avenue, New York, New York, it was learned that the subject is now retired and continues to reside at 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens, New York.

Foreign
Travel

Passport

[REDACTED]

The July 25, 1970, issue of "Magyar Hírek" (Hungarian News), published in Budapest, Hungary, by the Hungarian World Association, contained a photograph with the caption "Happy Postprandial Conversation". Identified was OSEKAR VAGO, leader of New York Hungarian social club tour.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

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May 8, 1970

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NY T-1
April, 1969

A characterization of Amerikai Magyar Szó
is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

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Several confidential informants, who are familiar
with Communist Party (CP) and related activities, advised in

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February, 1971, that they could provide no additional information concerning the subject.

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were caused to be reviewed on February 26, 1971, by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] and they revealed no information identifiable with the subject.

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APPENDIX

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"AMERIKAI MAGYAR SZO"
HUNGARIAN WORD INCORPORATED

Hungarian born JOHN LAUTNER, former Chairman of the Review Commission, Communist Party (CP) New York State, who was expelled from the CP in January, 1950, advised on October 12, 1950, that the "Magyar Jovo" (Hungarian Daily Journal) was regarded as the most important item of endeavor among Hungarian Communists in the United States. On May 27, 1953, the "Magyar Jovo" announced that it was being replaced by the "Amerikai Magyar Szo" as of June 9, 1953.

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To: ☒ Director

Date: 3/1/73

Att.: DOMESTIC

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INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION

Title OSCAR JOHN VAGO

☐ SAC

☐ ASAC

☐ Supv.

OO: NY

☐ Agent

NYfile 100-55242

☐ SE

☐ IC

☐ CC

RE Bureau Memorandum 21-72,
dated 9/12/72, AND NY REP
OF SA [REDACTED] DATED 3/23/73.

☐ Steno

☐ Clerk

☐ Rotor #:

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign Reassign

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Handle

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Serial #

☐ Post ☐ Recharge ☐ Return

☐ Send to

☐ Submit new charge out

☐ Submit report by

☐ Type

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FILE HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND SUBJECT DOES NOT
MEET CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION ON ADEX AS SET
FORTH IN REFERENCED BUREAU MEMORANDUM.

1. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION IN FILE SINCE REREP,
2. SUBJECT NEVER INTERVIEWED AND NOT BEING

SAC JOHN F. MALONE

See reverse side

Office NEW YORK

* GPO: 1971 421-610

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NEED TO PRECLUDE POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT
TO THE BUREAU IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S CON-
VICTION IN FEDERAL COURT IN 1952 ON
CHARGE OF PERJURY.

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DOUGLASS COLLEGE
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

February 18, 1974

Director Clarence M. Kelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 12-3-86 BY 3042/PAT/CLS

Dear Mr. Kelley:

I hereby formally request that the Bureau furnish me materials related to the case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. This would include papers relating to the Rosenbergs, to David and Ruth Greenglass, to Max Elitcher, Harry Gold, Klaus Fuchs, and Anatoli A. Yakovlev. In addition, I am requesting papers relating to Abraham Brothman and Oscar Vago; these would, I believe, provide background information and may relate directly to the Rosenberg Case.

I am presently engaged in a historical and sociological study of the Rosenberg Case, and of the social and legal climate within which it took place. I am an associate professor of Sociology at Douglass College, Rutgers University, presently on a one year leave for the purpose of pursuing this research effort. I expect my work to result in the publication of scientific papers for sociological journals and a book.

I have already requested and received cooperation from the Eisenhower Library, Department of Justice, and the State Department. I look forward to receiving the cooperation of your department.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Alman

Emily Alman, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Rutgers University

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March 11, 1974

Dr. Emily Alman
Associate Professor
Douglass College
Rutgers University
The State University of
New Jersey
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

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DATE 3-6-87 BY 3042/PWT/CLS

Dear Dr. Alman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 18th.

In response to a prior request for copies of the Rosenberg case and pursuant to the fees we are authorized to charge, we conservatively estimate the cost to process this file to be well in excess of \$5,000. Under current policy, this fee will be evenly distributed among those qualified individuals who request access to the Rosenberg files prior to the initial dissemination.

With regard to your request for the files relating to Abraham Brothman and Oscar Vago, based on a preliminary survey, we likewise conservatively estimate the cost to process these files to be in excess of \$5,000.

In accordance with existing Department of Justice regulations, a 25 percent deposit, or \$2,500, payable by check or money order to the Treasury of the United States, will be required to initiate processing. The submission of a deposit will not necessarily guarantee that you will be afforded access to the aforementioned files.

For your information, we currently are attempting to resolve a myriad of legal questions which have arisen as a result of requests for release of the Rosenberg files.

1 - Office of the Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
1 - Bufile 62-115530 (FOI-REPLIES)

- Assoc. Dir.
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Dr. Emily Alman

Undoubtedly, we shall be subjected to the same experience with respect to the Brothman and Vago files. As a result, we have not disclosed any information from these files as of the present and we will not be in a position to disclose the files until the legal questions have been resolved. In addition, the publicity afforded to release of FBI files under the provisions of Attorney General Order 528-73 has created a backlog of requests which would receive priority over your request. You are being advised of this in order to avoid any misunderstanding which could arise with respect to when these files might be available.

If you desire us to process your request, please indicate in writing your willingness to pay fees as high as are anticipated. Thereafter, when we have resolved the legal questions involved and are in a position to begin processing, we shall correspond with you to make the necessary arrangements for the submission of a deposit.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: See Director to Attorney General memorandum, dated 3-8-74, captioned, "Attorney General Order 528-73." Emily Alman, nee Aaron, the subject of Bufile 100-338696, currently is a Category IV ADEX subject. She has been an officer in the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, both of which were cited by the HUAC as communist front organizations. Processing costs for the Rosenberg case based on estimate furnished to previous requesters. We have 3 main case files on Brothman; 65-56402 (164 sections); 93-645 (2 sections); and 100-365040 (8 sections). Vago is the subject of 101-19881 (1 section). Processing costs for Brothman and Vago files based on 171 sections of 50 pages each at \$5 per hour clerical review, plus 10¢ per page for reproduction.

MICHAEL MEEROPOL AND ROBERT MEEROPOL

216 Fort Pleasant Avenue
Springfield, Massachusetts 01108

February 20, 1975

Clarence M. Kelley
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Gentlemen:

The undersigned are the sons of ETHEL ROSENBERG and JULIUS ROSENBERG. We wish to obtain all of the records relating directly or indirectly to investigation and prosecution of our parents. We wish full and complete disclosure to us of any and all records data, memoranda, writings of every kind, in any form relating to this matter in your possession, care, or custody. This includes, but is not limited to:

All memoranda, all correspondence including but not limited to letterhead memoranda, minutes of meetings, conference letters, case reports, progress reports as well as work papers relating thereto, statements, interviews, and reports of interviews as well as notes and memoranda relating thereto, airtels, telex, burairtels, summaries, tapes, records, and transcripts of any data derived by any electronic or other surveillance devices, or any other writings of, to, from, and between, and among agents, employees, representatives, or individuals acting with or at the behest of

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the Justice Department, the FBI, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Mexico, Pardon Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Prisons, the United States Postal Department or Authority, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the State Department, the Atomic Energy Commission, the CIA, Intelligence Agencies of the Department of Defense, as well as of the Armed Forces, any state or local enforcement intelligence or investigating agencies, and writings received from or delivered to members of the United States Congress or any agency or employee or representative of the United States concerning or relating to any of the following for the period 1944 to the present:

- (a) Ethel Rosenberg, Julius Rosenberg, Morton Sobell, Anatolai Yakovlev, Klaus Fuchs, Harry Gold, Ruth Greenglass, David Greenglass, Max Elitcher, Oscar Vago, Abraham Brothman;
- (b) The investigation and prosecution of the case of the United States of America against Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and Morton Sobell, both prior to and after the execution of the Rosenbergs;
- (c) Post trial investigations of the case by any of the above persons or agencies;
- (d) All records pertaining to any of the witnesses called for the case of the United States against Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

Rosenberg and Morton Sobell and those included in the list of witnesses by the Government at the trial of said case;

- (e) The same is to include but is not limited to 50 volumes of material and 25 file folders recently acknowledged to be part of the files and records of the Department of Justice, or copies of the same in your custody relating to the case of the United States of America against Ethel Rosenberg, Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell.

Very truly yours,

Michael Meeropol

Michael Meeropol
a/k/a Michael Rosenberg

Robert Meeropol

Robert Meeropol
a/k/a Robert Rosenberg

MILTON H. FRIEDMAN

February 20, 1975

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Training	_____
Legal Coun.	_____
Telephone Rm.	_____
Director Sec'y	_____

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

re: Michael and Robert Meeropol
a/k/a Rosenberg request
files and records in the
matter of Ethel Rosenberg
and Julius Rosenberg et al.

Gentlemen:

OSCAR VAGO

The undersigned are attorneys for Messrs. Meeropol, and en-
close herewith their letter request for copies of files and
records pertaining to the above matter, as more particularly
set forth in that letter.

Their request is being made pursuant to the provisions of
the Freedom of Information Act, as amended. Please respond
thereto as expeditiously as possible and in accordance with
the time provisions set by statute. Our clients are aware
of charges for search and reproduction and are prepared to
pay any reasonable costs in respect thereto.

We would appreciate your response be sent to the undersigned
at the above address and a copy to Mr. Bender, c/o Consti-
tutional Litigation Clinic, Rutgers University - Law School,
175 University Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

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Very truly yours,

Marshall Perlin

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cc - Samuel Gruber, Esq.
Max R. Millman, Esq.
Morton Stavis, Esq.

William J. Bender

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March 13, 1975

1 - Mr. Mintz

Marshall Perlin, Esquire.
36 West 44th Street
New York, New York 10036

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DATE 10-28-86 BY 3042/PWT/DIC

Dear Mr. Perlin:

This will acknowledge your recent letter, with enclosures, requesting information from FBI files on behalf of Robert and Michael Meeropol. Your request was received on February 27, 1975.

On page two of the request of Messrs. Meeropol, a demand was made for all FBI records relating to several individuals, other than Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg, who were closely connected with this investigation. With regard to the release of these records, I must decline at this time to make them available.

As you may know, this Bureau presently has under consideration a request by Professor Allen Weinstein for our records relating to the Ethel and Julius Rosenberg investigation. A review of the voluminous records concerning this case was initiated in response to Professor Weinstein's request. We have encountered many complex and troublesome problems in attempting to resolve the questions of invasion of the personal privacy of the individuals who were the focus of this investigation, as well as the numerous individuals who cooperated with this Bureau and the Department of Justice in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Additionally, substantial portions of our investigation involve information furnished by individuals with express assurances of confidentiality or under circumstances where such assurances may reasonably be inferred.

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Marshall Perlin, Esquire

Professor Weinstein has instituted a suit against the FBI and Department of Justice, in connection with his request, to compel production of these records.

In view of the above, I feel that any release of documents to you at this time which relate to individuals other than the Rosenbergs could interfere with this pending litigation. The recently amended Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Title 5, U. S. Code, Section 552, specifically exempts from the disclosure requirements information contained in investigatory files the release of which would: interfere with an impartial adjudication, constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of an individual, or disclose the identity of, or information furnished by, a confidential source [Subsection 552 (b) (7) (D), (b) (7) (C), and (b) (7) (D)].

If you wish to resubmit your request for information relating to these individuals at a later date, after the pending litigation in this matter is resolved, we would be glad to reconsider your inquiry at that time.

You may appeal my decision in this matter by writing to the Attorney General, Attention: Freedom of Information Appeals Unit, Washington, D. C. 20536. The envelope and the letter should be marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Additionally, judicial review is thereafter available either in the district in which you reside or have your principal place of business or in the District of Columbia, the location of the records to which you seek access.

In response to the portion of the request for FBI records concerning Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, different considerations are present. Being the sons of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, the Meeropols stand in a unique position. No invasion of privacy concerns need be considered with respect to records which relate solely to Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg. However, the other exceptions provided in the current FOIA would be applicable in determining the information which could be disclosed.

As you can imagine, our records in this case are voluminous. A page-by-page review of them is necessary before release of any documents in order to protect the legitimate

Marshall Perlin, Esquire

interests of other individuals mentioned therein. Because of the voluminous records involved, our present backlog of other requests, and the legal and factual difficulties in applying the exemptions of the FOIA, it is anticipated a considerable length of time will be required to accomplish this review. We will undertake this project in the near future and will keep you advised of our progress on a regular basis.

You may be assured that your request is being processed as expeditiously as possible. Your cooperation is solicited in this matter.

In accordance with your desire, a copy of this correspondence is being directed to Mr. Bender, c/o Constitutional Litigation Clinic, Rutgers University - Law School.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

- 1 - Honorable Earl J. Silbert
United States Attorney
Attention: Honorable Michael Ryan
Assistant United States Attorney
United States Court House
Washington, D. C.
- 1 - Mr. Bender
c/o Constitutional Litigation Clinic
Rutgers University - Law School
175 University Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07102
- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General

Marshall Perlin, Esquire.

RE: Correspondent, who represents Michael and Robert Meeropol, sons of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg) is requesting in extremely broad terms all of the records relating to the Ethel and Julius Rosenberg case. It is noted that access to the Rosenberg files is currently at issue in a pending suit filed by Professor Weinstein under the FOIA (Weinstein v. Saxbe, U. S. D. C., D. C. Civil Action #2278-74). Although we wish to resist the release of any documents to the Meeropols which would be detrimental to our position in the pending suit, due to the unique position the Meeropols occupy as the natural sons of the Rosenbergs, it is felt a further review of the Rosenberg files should be undertaken in response to their request. This matter is being coordinated with Assistant U. S. Attorney Michael Ryan, Washington, D. C. who is handling the Weinstein case, and he has interposed no objection to this response. Ryan will be kept advised and any proposed release of documents will be cleared through him to insure no prejudice to the suit results.