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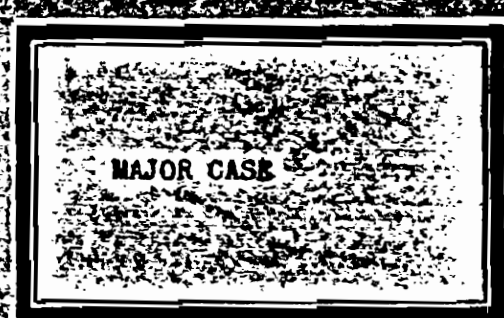
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# FBI Nabs Engineer as Spy Quiz Liar

By **NORMA ABRAMS**

A Hungarian-born engineer, ex-government employee and former associate of confessed spy Harry Gold in a Long Island City, Queens, engineering firm, was arrested in midtown by FBI agents about noon yesterday.

The prisoner, Oscar J. Vago, 52, of 66-07 99th St., Rego Park, Queens, was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_.

Commissioner Edward McDonald on a charge of perjury in connection with a federal grand jury investigation of espionage. Vago was held in \$50,000 bail for a hearing Monday.

The FBI disclosed that Vago was picked up in front of 18 E.

10th St. after a secret indictment had been returned earlier in the day by the grand jury. Vago is now employed by another engineering firm, Carol Management Co., 12 E. 48th St.

U. S. Attorney Irving H. Saypol said Vago, naturalized in 1939, was at one time a partner of Abraham Brothman and Miriam Moskowitz in the A. Brothman Associates chemical engineering firm at 29-28 51st Ave., Long Island City, while Gold was associated with the firm.

Brothman and Miss Moskowitz are awaiting trial on charges of



**Oscar J.  
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conspiracy to obstruct justice during the espionage investigation.

Saypol charged Vago lied when he appeared before the grand jury last Sept. 20 and testified that he had been out of the country from

1929 through 1933, whereas, Saypol asserted, he had only been out two months in 1933. Saypol added that this discrepancy in time was "material to our investigation."

The jury has been probing the connections of other U. S. citizens with Gold, who confessed forwarding atom bomb secrets to Dr. Klaus Fuchs, British physicist. Fuchs, now serving a 14-year prison term in England, admitted supplying Russia with atomic data.

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# FBI Seizes Gold Friend As Perjurer

FBI agents yesterday arrested a Hungarian-born structural engineer acquaintance of confessed Russian atom spy Harry Gold, on the street outside his midtown office, after he was indicted for perjury by the Federal grand jury investigating espionage activities.

Oscar John Vago, 52, of 66-07 99th St., Rego Park, Queens, was described by U. S. Attorney Saypol as a partner of Abraham Brothman,

Queens engineer, at the time Gold was an employee of the firm. Brothman, and another member of the firm, Miss Miriam Moskowitz, are free in \$25,000 bail each awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice during a grand jury investigation of espionage.



Arrested in front of 18 E. 48th St., a few doors away from his place of employment with the Carol Management Corp., at 12 E. 48th St., Vago was taken before U. S. Commissioner McDonald, who held him in \$50,000 bail for hearing Oct. 5.

Saypol said Vago's arrest on perjury charges resulted from his story to the grand jury last Sept. 20 that he returned to his native Hungary in 1929 and re-entered the U. S. in January, 1933. However, the grand jury charges that Vago lived continuously in this country from his entrance in 1925 until Dec. 1, 1932, hence the perjury charges.

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## Spy Case Witness Held as Perjurer

FBI agents yesterday arrested Oscar John Vago, 52, a structural engineer, whom they described as an acquaintance of Harry Gold, Philadelphia chemist and self-described atom spy for Russia.

Vago, who lives at 66-07 99th St., Rego Park, Queens, was arrested a few hours after he had been indicted on a perjury charge in connection with a grand jury investigation of espionage. He will plead to the indictment Monday.

U. S. Attorney Saypol said Vago, a native of Hungary but a naturalized American, formerly was a partner of Abraham Brothman, Queens engineer awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice in the spy inquiry.

The perjury charge grew out of Vago's testimony before the grand jury about a visit he made to Hungary. He said he was not accompanied by his wife, Claire, but Saypol said "the truth is that his wife went with him." The significance of this testimony was not explained by Saypol.

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# **HOLD ENGINEER AS NEW LINK IN ESPIONAGE PLOT**

Oscar John Vago, Hungarian-born engineer, was under arrest in \$50,000 bail in Manhattan today, under indictment on perjury charges in the Federal espionage investigation growing out of the confession of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, British physicist, that he had turned over to Russia atom bomb secrets he obtained in the United States.

Klaus is now serving a 14-year prison term in England, and awaiting sentence in this country after confessing to passing secret information on to Klaus is Harry Gold, Philadelphia bio-chemist. United States Attorney Irving H. Saypol in Manhattan disclosed that Vago, then a partner in A. Brothman Associates, chemical engineering firm of 29-28 41st Ave., Long Island City, had employed Gold. Vago's associates in that firm, Abraham Brothman and Miss Miriam Moskowitz, are under indictment on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice during an investigation of subversive activities.

## **Naturalized in 1939**

Vago, a naturalized American since 1939, was an employe of the Carol Management Corporation, 12 E. 48th St., Manhattan, when he was arrested by FBI men yesterday. He was held in \$50,000 bail, which he could not furnish, by United States Commissioner Edward W. McDonald.

Mr. Saypol said that Vago, questioned by a Federal grand jury, swore that he came to this country Jan. 12, 1925, returned to his homeland four years later and returned to the United States in January, 1933—whereas the fact was that he lived here continuously from 1925 until Dec. 1, 1932. Vago is also said to have told the grand jurors that when he left Hungary in 1925 he left his wife behind and she joined him later, but the fact was that she accompanied him.

Mr. Saypol declined to explain the significance of these discrepancies.

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# A-Spy Gold's Ex-Boss Held As Perjurer

Oscar John Vago, a former employer and acquaintance of admitted atom spy Harry Gold, was held in \$50,000 bail today on a charge he had perjured himself before a Federal grand jury investigating espionage.

U. S. Atty. Saypol charged that Vago, a 52-year-old Hungarian-born engineer, of 66-07 99th St., Rego Park, L. I., had lied when he told the grand jury last Sept. 20 that he had been out of the country between 1929 and 1933.

Actually, Saypol said, Vago had been away only two months in 1933 and, contrary to his testimony, had been accompanied by his wife.

Vago, according to Saypol, was formerly a partner of Abraham Brothman in a Long Island City chemical engineering firm when Gold worked there.

Brothman and a business associate, Miriam Moskowitz, of 151 Eighth Av., are under indictment on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice during a grand jury investigation of espionage.

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# ANOTHER SUSPECT IS HELD IN SPY CASE

Foreign-Born Engineer, 52,  
Is Indicted Here by U. S.  
Jury on Perjury Charge

The Federal grand jury's continuing atom spy investigation resulted yesterday in the indictment and arrest of a 52-year-old foreign-born structural engineer on a charge of perjury.

Arrested by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents at 1:45 P. M. in front of 18 East Forty-eight Street, Oscar John Vago of 66-07 Ninety-ninth Street, Rego Park, Queens, was held later in \$50,000 bail by United States Commissioner Edward W. McDonald.

Vago, according to United States Attorney Irving H. Saypol, was formerly a partner of Abraham Brothman in a chemical engineering company in Long Island City at the time when Harry Gold, confessed Russian atom spy, worked there.

Brothman, 32, of 41-08 Forty-second Street, Sunnyside, Queens, and another business associate, Miriam Moskowitz, 34, of 151 Eighth Avenue, are awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice during a grand jury investigation of espionage. They are alleged to have influenced the testimony of Gold before the panel.

## Came from Hungary in 1925

Born in Budapest, Hungary, Vago came to this country in 1925 and was naturalized in 1939. His wife, Claire, whom he married here, also came from Budapest. They have two children.

A civil engineer, Vago was graduated from the Royal Hungarian Technical University in Budapest. He took engineering courses at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, and worked for several local companies as a structural engineer.

He was employed for several months in 1938-39 as an engineer in the Federal Public Housing Administration and from November, 1939, to May, 1941, worked as a structural engineer designing reinforced concrete structures for

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Oscar John Vago

the Quartermaster Corps of the War Department.

Last Wednesday Vago was questioned before the grand jury by Thomas J. Donegan, special assistant to the Attorney General. The defendant told the panel he went back to Budapest in 1929 to visit his family and returned here in 1933. He added that when he left, his wife did not accompany him but joined him there later.

## Says Wife Accompanied Him

The grand jury charged, however, that Vago lived continuously in this country from 1925 to Dec. 1, 1932. At that time, they said, he did go to Hungary for two months and Mrs. Vago went too.

Mr. Saypol refused to reveal the purpose of Vago's visit to Europe and whether it had anything to do with espionage. Also, no explanation was given as to what Vago might possibly be trying to conceal by telling the panel he was out of the country four years when he was actually here.

At his arrest Vago was employed by the Carol Management Corporation, 12 East Forty-eighth Street. If convicted he faces a five-year prison sentence or a \$10,000 fine.

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# Friend of Gold Held in \$50,000 In Spy Inquiry

**Man Who Once Employed  
Russian Espionage Agent  
Is Arrested for Perjury**

Oscar John Vago, Hungarian-born structural engineer described as an acquaintance and former employer of confessed atom spy Harry Gold, was held yesterday in \$50,000 bail after he was indicted for perjury in connection with a Federal grand jury investigation of espionage.

Vago, fifty-two, of 66-07 Ninety-ninth Street, Rego Park, Queens, was an associate structural engineer with the Federal Public Housing Administration from 1938 to 1939. From November, 1939, to May, 1941, he designed reinforced concrete structures for the Quartermaster Corps of the War Department.

## Was Brothman Associate

He was formerly a partner of Abraham Brothman, in A. Brothman Associates, a Long Island City, Queens, chemical engineering firm. Brothman and Miss Miriam Moskowitz are already under indictment on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice during a grand jury investigation of subversive activities. When Vago was Brothman's partner, Gold, a Philadelphia bio-chemist, was an employee of the company, according to United States Attorney Irving H. Saypol. Gold is awaiting sentence on his admission to being a spy for Russia.

Vago, who came to this country from Hungary on Jan. 12, 1925, told the grand jury that he returned to his homeland in 1929 and re-entered the United States in January, 1933. The grand jury charged, however, that he lived continuously in this country from 1925 until Dec. 1, 1932.

Mr. Saypol refused to comment on the significance of the dates. The prosecutor said that Vago also told the panel that when he left for Hungary in 1929 he was not accompanied by his wife, Claire, but that she joined him later. His wife did accompany him when he left, Mr. Saypol said.

## Trip to Hungary Not Explained

The prosecutor refused to reveal what purpose, if any, Vago's visit to Hungary was designed to accomplish or whether the trip had anything to do with espionage. Vago, a naturalized American since 1939, is a graduate civil engineer of the Royal Hungarian Technical University of Budapest. Mr. Saypol said that Vago was employed by the Carol Management Corp., of 12 East Forty-eighth Street.

He was arrested by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents at 1:45 p. m. yesterday in front of 18 East Fortieth Street and was held in \$50,000 bail by United States Commissioner Edward W. McDonald.

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# FBI Arrests Engineer for Atom Spy Quiz

## Headed Firm Where Gold Was Employed

A 52-year-old Queens man is the latest suspect picked up in the widening atom spy ring investigations.

Oscar John Vago of 66-07 89th St., Rego Park, was arrested yesterday by FBI agents after a federal grand jury had handed up a perjury indictment against him.

Vago, a foreign-born structural engineer, was held later in \$50,000 bail by United States Commissioner Edward W. McDonald.

U.S. Attorney Irving H. Saypol said Vago formerly was a partner of Abraham Brothman in a chemical engineering company in Long Island City when Harry Gold, admitted Russian atom spy, worked there.

Brothman and an associate are awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice during the grand jury spy investigation.

Vago was employed by the Carol Management Corp., 12 E. 48th St. If convicted, he faces a five-year prison term of a \$10,000 fine.

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# A-Spy's Ex-Boss Gets Trial Nov. 13

Nov. 13 has been set for the trial of Oscar John Vago, 52, former employer of Harry Gold, the confessed atom spy, on a charge of perjury before a Federal Grand Jury investigating espionage.

Mr. Vago, Hungarian-born structural engineer of 66-07 99th St., Rego Park, Queens, pleaded innocent yesterday before Federal Judge William Bondy. He is being held in \$50,000 bail.

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# **Harry Gold's Associate Enters 'Not Guilty' Plea**

Oscar John Vago, fifty-two, Hungarian-born structural engineer described as an acquaintance and former employer of Harry Gold, confessed atom spy, pleaded not guilty yesterday before Federal Judge William Bondy to a charge of perjury before a Federal Grand Jury investigating espionage.

He is being held in \$50,000 bail. The court set Nov. 13 for trial on the recommendation of Assistant United States Attorney Roy M. Cohn. Vago gave his home address as 66-07 Ninety-ninth Street, Rego Park, Queens.

Vago was formerly a partner of Abraham Brothman, in A. Brothman Associates, a Long Island City, Queens, chemical engineering firm. Brothman and Miss Miriam Moskowitz are awaiting trial on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice during the grand jury investigation of subversive activities. When Vago was Brothman's partner, Gold a Philadel-

phia bio-chemist, was an employee of the company, according to United States Attorney Irving H. Saypol. Gold is awaiting sentence on his admission of spying for Russia.

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# **Perjury Trial Date Off**

Setting of a date for the perjury trial of Oscar John Vago, 52, of 66-77 96th St., Rego Park, Queens, was adjourned until today in Federal Court yesterday. Vago, described by the Government as a former employer of Harry Gold, confessed atom spy, lied to a federal grand jury, it is charged.

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## Spy Suspects' Cases Delayed

Action in a number of cases involving espionage was postponed yesterday in Federal Court until tomorrow because U. S. Attorney Irving H. Saypol was in Washington in connection with the Supreme Court appeal of 11 convicted Communist leaders.

Cases postponed were the trial of Julius Rosenberg and his wife, Ethel; the sentencing of Mrs. Rosenberg's brother, David Greenglass; and pleading by Morton Sobell.

A trial date will be fixed also tomorrow for Oscar John Vago, former employer of Harry Gold, confessed atom spy. Vago is charged with perjuring himself before a grand jury investigating Gold's espionage.

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The perjury trial of Oscar John Vago, 52, Hungarian-born former employer of atom spy Harry Gold, was postponed indefinitely by Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard yesterday. Vago was indicted because of discrepancies in testimony before a federal grand jury. Vago originally held in \$40,000 bail, was released last Saturday on \$5,000 bond.

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## MAN IN SPY CASE PAROLED IN LYING

~~Judge~~ Assails Government's  
Delay in Prosecuting Vago,  
Partner of Brothman

Criticizing the Government for not having prosecuted promptly, Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan placed Oscar John Vago, 54-year-old, Hungarian-born structural engineer, on three years' probation yesterday for committing perjury in 1950 before a Federal grand jury investigating a Russian atom spy ring. A sentence of three years in prison was suspended.

The jurist said the case "should have been promptly prosecuted by the Government, and not eighteen or twenty months afterward." Vago was found guilty by Judge Ryan after a brief trial without a jury.

On Sept. 20, 1950, the defendant, a naturalized citizen who came here in 1925, told the grand jury he went back to Budapest in 1929 to visit his family and returned here in 1933. A week later he returned before the panel, recanted his previous testimony and said he had lived continuously in this country from 1925 to 1932, when he left to spend two months in Hungary. The next day the grand jury indicted him for committing perjury in the first instance.

Vago, who lives at 66-07 Ninety-ninth Street, Rego Park, Queens, was a one-time partner of Abraham Brothman in a Long Island City chemical engineering company which employed, at that time, Harry Gold, confessed atom spy. Brothman was convicted in 1950 of conspiracy to impede the grand jury's investigation and is serving a seven-year sentence.

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Defense counsel said Vago had no intent to obstruct the grand jury investigation, but that his only motive in lying was to protect his citizenship, which was granted in 1939. Vago had overstayed a student's visa.

Judge Ryan held that the defendant had deliberately lied to the grand jury and the motive was not a mitigating force. The jurist said that a witness could not choose the time to recant in an effort to expunge the perjury.

Robert Martin, Assistant United States Attorney, told the court that the Government had information that Vago "has been an active member of the Communist party, has expressed a distaste for our form of Government and liked the Communist form of government."

Mr. Martin also said that Vago "has relatives who are members of the Hungarian Communist party, and we believe that some of those relatives are officials of the present Hungarian Government."

After imposing sentence, Judge Ryan said:

"You came here as an immigrant and you got all the privileges of United States citizenship, but I doubt that you met all the obligations that go with those privileges. If you hope to continue, you should begin to fulfill those obligations."

"There is no doubt you would not enjoy living in a country dominated by communism. But, if you don't like our way of life here, I think you could be easily accommodated if you wish to be sent back to Hungary or some other country dominated by Communist rule."

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## Atom Spy Witness Guilty of Perjury

Oscar J. Vago, 54, a Hungarian-born structural engineer, was found guilty of perjury today in connection with a grand jury atom spy investigation. Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan, lamenting the fact that Vago had not been tried months ago, suspended a three-year prison sentence and put him on probation for 3 years.

Vago, who came to this country in 1925, told a grand jury on Sept. 20, 1950, that he returned to his native Budapest in 1929 and did not come back here until 1933. A week later he corrected his testimony and said he had been in the United States continuously since 1925 except for a two-month visit to Hungary in 1932.

Vago, who lives at 66-07 99th St., Rego Park, was once a partner of Abraham Brothman, chemical engineer, who employed Harry Gold, confessed atom spy.

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## Gold Associate Convicted Of Perjury, but Is Freed

Oscar John Vago, a Hungarian by birth and a former associate of Harry Gold, confessed atom spy, was found guilty of perjury yesterday by Judge Sylvester J. Ryan in United States District Court, having chosen to be tried without a jury. In 1950, in testimony before a Federal grand jury which he corrected within a week, Vago said that he had been continuously in the United States from 1925 to 1932.

Judge Ryan, after Assistant United States Attorney Robert Martin acknowledged that Vago had not impeded the investigation in which he testified, suspended a sentence of three years and put him on probation for that period. Mr. Martin said the defendant had been an active Communist and had announced his preference for that form of government.

"You came here as an immigrant," said Judge Ryan to Vago. "and you got all the privileges of citizenship, but I doubt that you met all the obligations that go with those privileges. If you hope to continue, you should begin to fulfill those obligations."

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**On Probation:**

# Vago's Perjury Sentenced Eased

**By HOWARD RUSHMORE**

Oscar J. Vago, 53, of 66-07 99th st., Rego Park, Queens, was sentenced by Federal Judge Ryan today to two years in prison on a perjury conviction.

Ryan suspended the sentence and placed the Hungarian-born engineer on probation for three years.

The Government called Vago an active member of the Communist Party and said he was disloyal to the United States.

Asst. U. S. Attorney Robert Martin told the court the Government recommended a sentence of a year and a day.

**EMPLOYED A-SPY GOLD.**

Vago was arrested in 1950 in connection with the case of Abraham Brothman, another engineer who was tried and convicted on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice during a grand jury probe of A-bomb espionage.

Vago was a partner of Brothman and the two owned a chemical engineering company in Long Island City. Harry Gold, top Soviet spy courier now serving a 30-year sentence for espionage, was employed there.

Vago was indicted by the grand jury for testimony concerning trip to Hungary in 1929. At various times he was employed by the Federal Public Housing Administration and the Quartermaster Corps of the War Department.

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| 10     | 12/15/44 | LETTER HQ TO SAC NY                              | 1            | -        |   | See Bufile 101-1988                                                        |
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| 18     | 5-12-47 | MEMO TO FILE (NY)                                | 1            | 1        |   |                                                                            |
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| 20     | 2-23-50 | MEMO TO FILE                                     | 1            | 1        |   |                                                                            |
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| 82     | 10-5-50 | TELETYPE LA to HQ, NY                            | 1            | -        |   | See Bufile 101-1988                                                        |
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

New York, New York

JMG:ESS

November 6, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE:

**OSCAR VAGO**  
SECURITY MATTER (C)

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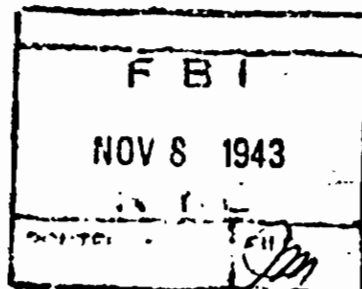
The attached material indicating membership in the Communist Party was obtained by Special Agents A. Robert Swanson, Stephen McGarr and the writer from a reliable and confidential source having access to the headquarters of the NEW YORK COUNTY COMMITTEE, 147 Fourth Avenue, New York City, on October 26, 1943.

For the purpose of clarification, it is pointed out that in the event letters such as "M", "Q", etc. appear on the transfer card, reference is had to the county to which the member is transferred - i.e. "M" designates the Party setup for Manhattan County, whereas "Q" refers to Queens.

It is further noted the transfer of the comrade was probably effected by reason of the dissolution of the industrial form of Communist Party sections.

In reporting this information, a "T" symbol should be used.

JEROME M. GARLAND  
Special Agent



100-55242-1

(Title)

(File No.)

1. Photostatic material indicating membership in the Communist Party.
2. Security Index Card of subject.
3. 25 standing photos and 2 negatives of subject taken during surveillance
4. Two front and side view photos of the subject.
5. Interview log on 9/28/50 re: Oscar John Vago.
6. Copy of signed statement of Harry Gold dtd 10/2/50.
7. Original signed statement of Max Birman.
8. Original signed statement of Russell Ballentine.
9. Original signed statement of Henry Schaefer.
10. Original signed statement of Bernice Riveria.
11. 2 photos of Claire Vago taken in 1925.
12. Original signed statement of Anna Kranker.
13. One ltr. written by Oscar J. Vago to the US Cypsum Co.
14. One ltr. written by Oscar J. Vago to the Caco Steel Co.
15. One photo of Oscar John Vago taken in 1932.
16. One photo of Oscar John Vago taken in 1938.
17. One photo of Oscar John Vago taken in 1933.
18. Original signed statement of Alice R. Trei.
19. Photostatic copy of ltr. from Oscar John Vago to Harry Gold.
20. Original signed statement of Emma Jahoda.

NOTE: ABOVE TRANSFERRED FROM 1B TO 1A.

21. 3/6/62 One photo & 3 negatives of Oscar John Vago.
22. 3/28/62 Two photos of Oscar John Vago. See ser. 371.

NOTE: ABOVE RETYPED FROM OLD EXHIBIT ENVELOPE dtd 8/17/54.

## Disposition:

23. 7/26/62 Two photos and 2 negatives of Oscar John Vago.
24. 9/7/65 7 1/2 photos and 1 negative of Oscar John Vago taken 9/2/50
25. 11/11/62 Enclosed photographs are 2 in color and 2 in black and white. They are of Oscar John Vago and are of the same person as the one in the 1932 photo.



**SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL TRANSFER** No. 180

Attention: Branch Membership Directors -

Upon receipt of this transfer, please sign and return to the State Office through regular section membership channels.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name OSCAR VAGO Book # 9265

Address 66-07 99<sup>TH</sup> ST. REGO PARK, N.Y.

Coming from: Branch C-8 Industrial Y

Going to: Branch GAD. QUEENS.

which meets Tuesday evenings at DOROTHY FREEDMAN  
72-72-112<sup>TH</sup> ST. FRESH MEATS 30-8-9167

Address of Branch Headquarters

Section 6<sup>TH</sup> A.D. County QUEENS

This comrade has reported and has been placed on the rolls of the above branch on 10/13/43

Date Reported

Signature of Branch Membership Director OB

VAGO, OSCAR JOHN

NATURALIZED (Hungarian)

COMMUNIST

ICC-55242

alias:

Oszkar Vago

Apartment 1-B

66-07 99th Street

Rego Park, New York (Res.)

Room 1601

114 East 32nd Street

New York, New York (Bus.)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of contributor)

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By R. A. Moulton  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No ☒

*See Serial 20*

Description:

*27 negatives + 3 photos of Subject (3 photos of SI (Serial 2/21/61 43))*

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OSCAR JOHN VAG  
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Photo Taken 2-17-50

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OSCAR VAG 1950

66-01 99th St Rego Park, N.Y.

Bus. Carol Mfg Corp.

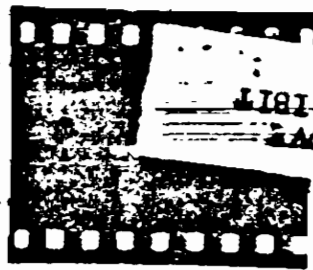
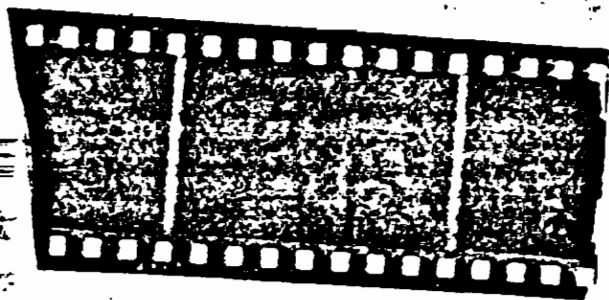
12 E. 48th St NYC

Henry Bolis - assist Super of residence.

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Date Received 9-28-58

From Photo Lab  
(Name of contributor)

(Address of contributor)

By Robert M. Kane  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No ( X )

Description:

2 photos of subject

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9-25-50 OSCAR JOHN VAGO

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120-55242 ~~1A4~~

Date Received 9-28-52

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of contributor)

By Robert M. Kane  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
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Description:

Interview log 9-28-52

File No. 100-55242-117  
IRS



## INTERVIEW LOG

Person interviewed OSCAR JOHN VAGOInterviewed by SA T.H. ZOELLER & R.M. KANEPlace FBI office, 100-554 Date 9-28-50Time of arrest 1:48 PM Place vicinity 14 E. 43 St, N.Y.C.Arrest made by SAs Thomas H. Zoeller & Robert M. KaneTime person interviewed was informed that he was not required to make a statement and that any statement made could be used against him in court 2:45 PMTime person interviewed was advised of the right of counsel 2:43 PMTime interview began 2:43 PM

Time guilt or participation in crime admitted \_\_\_\_\_

Time oral interview concluded 2:45 PM

Time preparation of statement commenced in longhand or time dictation began to a stenographer \_\_\_\_\_

By whom written in longhand or dictated \_\_\_\_\_

Time statement completed in longhand or the time dictation concluded \_\_\_\_\_

and turned over to the person interviewed for reading and signature at \_\_\_\_\_

Person interviewed completed reading statement at \_\_\_\_\_

and signed same at \_\_\_\_\_

Robert M. Kane  
Special Agent1AS  
NY 100-55421

From Phila. office -  
(Name of contributor)

(Address of contributor)

By SA ROBERT M. KANE  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No (4)

**Description:**

Description: Copy of signed statement of  
HARRY GOLD dated 10-2-75  
File No 100-55242-1612

File No. 100-55272-1

1A6



October 2, 1950  
Philadelphia, Penna.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was much taken with the arguments presented by "FRANKLIN." He at one time argued these points before a

Communist Party Club in Chelsea, which is a section of Manhattan.

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

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



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

"The next time this matter of irregularities in connection with VACO's entry into the United States came up, was in December of 1949. I was in New York City on a visit to the National Exposition of Chemical Industries at the Grand Central Palace. At 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. on the evening of the first Friday in December 1949, I called VACO just

to say hello, but OSCAR insisted I come over to his house for dinner and a talk. At the end of several hours of conversation, VACO again mentioned his fear of an investigation concerning the irregularities of his movements in and out of the United States of America in the late twenties or early thirties. This was the last time that I saw or heard from OSCAR JOHN VACO.

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

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

Witnessed by  
ROBERT G. JENSEN  
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
October 2, 1950, Philadelphia, Penna.  
RALPH J. T. CARTER, JR.  
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
October 2, 1950, Philadelphia, Penna."

Date Received 10-5-50

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of contributor)

By SA T. H. ZOELLER  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No (X)

Description:

Signed statement - MAX BIRMAN

File No. 100-55242-114  
1A1

New York City

October 5, 1950

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

I am employed as Vice-President of the White Construction Co., Inc., 95 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. I have been employed at this Company since 1919. I reside at 7551 - 196<sup>th</sup> ST., Flushing, L.I.

I have identified a picture of Oscar John Vago shown to me by Agent Zoeller as a man I first knew as John Murray. Vago, using the name Murray came to the Company in 1926 and was hired as a draftsman and designer by me. I did not know him previously. Vago left the Company in the early part of 1928 and returned in October, 1928. When he returned

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he told me his right name is Oscar J. Vago.

I asked him why he used the name Murray and he said he had had a bet with someone and had won the bet.

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

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

Max Dymally

Witnessed:

Thomas H. Zoeller, Special Agent, FBI, NYC

Date Received 10-5-50

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of contributor)

By SA T.H. ZOLLER  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No ( X )

Description:

Signal statement - RUSSELL BALLENTINE

File No. 100-55-242-115  
1A8



New York City  
October 5, 1950

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

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

I have identified a picture of Oscar John Vago shown to me by Agent Zoeller as a man I first knew as John Murray. Vago, using the name Murray came to the Company about 1926 and I worked in the same room with him. Vago, still using the name Murray left the company after a year or so. When he returned sometime before 1929 he was known as Oscar J. Vago. I do not know

why he used the name Murray, as <sup>he never gave any</sup> I never asked <sup>an explanation for it. (B)</sup> him about it. He left the company after three or four years, returning again for a short period of time in 1941.

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

Witnessed:

Thomas H Zaeller, Special Agent, F. B. I., NYC

Date Received 10-5-50

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of contributor)

By S. T. H. ZOFFLER  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No ( 4 )

Description:  
Signed statement  
HENRY SCHAEFER

File No. 100-55242-116  
1A9

New York City  
October 5, 1950

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

I am employed as chief accountant and assistant secretary of the White Construction Co., 95 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. I have been employed by this company since July 7, 1924. I reside at 12 M<sup>rs</sup> Kintz Ave., Lynbrook, L.I.

I have identified a picture of Oscar John Vago shown to me by Agent Zoeller as a man I first knew as J. Murray. Records of the company of which I have charge indicate Vago was employed by the company as J. Murray from 4/26/26 to 2/11/28. He was also employed as Oscar J. Vago from 10/29/28 to 12/3/32 and from 6/13/41 to 7/18/41. During the time Vago

was employed both as Murray and as Vago.  
I personally handed him his salary check  
each week.

I have read the above statements consisting  
of one page and ~~two~~<sup>three</sup> additional lines, and  
are true to the best of my knowledge  
and belief.

Henry P. Schaefer 1/5/50

Witnessed:

Thomas H. Zaeller, Special Agent, F. B. I., NYC

Date Received 10-9-50

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of contributor)

By SA VICTOR TURYN  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No (✓)

Description:

Signal Statement  
BERNICE RIVERIA  
File No. 100-55242-117  
1A10

607 Vescount House  
Galeys Square  
New York, N.Y.  
October 9, 1950

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

I am 26 yrs. old and reside at 114 West 114th Street, N.Y., N.Y. I completed the tenth grade of school and can read and write.

I first met Mrs. and Mrs. Oscar Vago through Mrs. Marilyn Bailey, for whom I was doing housework at the time. I worked for Mrs. Bailey for a period of approximately two and one-half years. After I met Mrs. Vago I was then engaged by her to do house cleaning, which I did for her for a period of  
Bernice Rivera



page 2

approximately two months.

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

I knew that Mr. and Mrs. Vago were members of the Communist Party because I saw both their names in a <sup>OR loose leaf</sup> ~~special~~ note book kept by Mrs. Bailey. Mrs. Bailey was secretary or treasurer of the Communist Party in Tucson and she kept names of members in this note book in alphabetical order. Mrs. Bailey told me herself that this note book contained the names of Communist Party members in Tucson. I saw this book many times and looked up names in the book at the request of Mrs. Bailey. After I started working for Mrs. Vago, it was then that I looked in the book and found the name of Oscar Vago and the name of Mrs. Oscar Vago.

Bernie Ruvio

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The Oscar Vago's had numerous lists of literature in their apartment about the communist Party. Oscar Vago also received the "Daily Worker" which I observed in the apartment. Mrs. Vago would also play a record entitled "The Red Army Song" to which the children would march.

The notebook I referred to earlier which was kept by Mrs. Bailey and contained names of members in the communist Party in Queens is described as follows: large loose leaf binder, light blue cover which cover appeared to have been a canvas of some sort.

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

Witness:  
Bernice Peruvia  
Victor Peruvia, Special Agent, F.B.I.

Date Received 11-9-50

From WFO  
(Name of contributor)

(Address of contributor)

By SA ROBERT M. KANE  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No (X)

Description:

2 photos CLARE VAGO

File No. 100-55242-118  
1A11



*Claire Vago.*

CLAIRE VAGO 1931



CLAIRE VAGO 1929

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Date Received 10-11-50

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of contributor)

By SA John H. Wagner  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No ( X )

Description:

Signatures  
ANNA KRANKER

File No 100-55242-119  
1A12

October 11, 1935

Pine Place,

Greenlawn, Long Island, New York

I, Anna Kranker, make the following statement to John H. Wagner who has identified himself to me as being a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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

I have checked my rental records and from these it is reflected that Oscar Vago was a tenant in the apartment house located at 22-81 37 Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York having occupied apartment 21 from January 15, 1931 to May 1, 1935 at which time he moved from this address. His wife lived with him during this entire period. I identified the photograph of Oscar Vago which was shown to me by Special Agent John H. Wagner as being the same Oscar Vago who was my former tenant.

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

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

Anna Kronher

Witness:

John H. Wagner, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date Received 10-11-50

From See serial 1139  
(Name of contributor)

(Address of contributor)

By J. T. Galt  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No ( )

Description:

File No. 62-55247-22  
1A13

One letter written by James Vargo  
to the H. J. Thompson Co. and dated  
Albany, N. Y. 11-15-50

OSCAR J. VAGO, P. E.  
6827 NINETY-NINTH STREET  
REGO PARK, L. I., N. Y.

September 18, 1950.

United States Gypsum Co.  
300 West Adams Street  
Chicago 6, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Kindly send me a copy of the latest  
edition of your complete catalog.

Thank you.

*Oscar J. Vago*

OJV/km

Date Received 10-11-52

From Sub. per 59  
(Name of contributor)

By J. H. Hall  
(Name of contributor)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No ( )

Description:

One letter written  
to the Coca Cola Co.,  
dated 9-15-52

By Oscar J. Vargo  
2770 1/2 W. 46th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

File No. 65-242-1A14

V  
OSCAR J. VAGO, P. E.  
897 NINETY-NINTH STREET  
REGO PARK, L. I., N. Y.

September 18, 1950.

Ceco Steel Products Corp.  
5701 West 26th Street  
Chicago 50, Ill.

Gentlemen:

I will appreciate your sending me your latest catalog of your products other than those used in reinforced concrete construction.

Thank you.

*Oscar Vago*

OJV/mg

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Date Received 10-9-50

From WFO  
(Name of contributor)

(Address of contributor)

By R. M. Kane  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No ( X )

Description:

1932, 1933 & 1938 photos of Ugo

File No. 100-55242-29, 30, 31

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO

*Oscar Vago*



OSCAR JOHN VAGO  
1938



*Oscar John Vago*

OSCAR JOHN VAGO  
1933



OSCAR JOHN VAGO  
1932



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Date Received 10-17-50

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of contributor)

By John H. Wagner  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No (x)

Description:

Sign statement - Oliver R. Grier

File No. 100-55242-152  
1A18

October 17, 1950

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

I reside in apartment 4A at 25<sup>th</sup> Sicken Street, New York City and my husband, Peter Trei, and I have owned the apartment house located at this address since August 1, 1944. From August 1, 1935 to August 1, 1944 we were superintendents of this apartment house.

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

However, I do recall that several months after Vago moved into apartment 7B his wife gave birth

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to a child.

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

Alice R. Trei

Witness:

John H. Wagner, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date Received 11/50

From Philadelphia office  
(Name of contributor)

(Address of contributor)

By R. M. Kane  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No (X)

Description:

Photostatic copy - letter from  
Vogt to Harry S. Lee  
File No. 1A1 - 55242-1633

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Wm. J. 343  
405-99th  
Rd. Rd. 24



MR. HARRY GOLD  
6823 KINORED STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Thursday, 11 PM

Dear Harry,

Would you be good enough  
to let me know, as if you  
don't know please let me  
know what is the status  
of the sale of the "Old  
Oak" (Lumber and  
other materials) and  
of the 1st E.C. Chicago  
Elevator. Also whether  
you could get another  
winter pickup truck?

How are you? What's  
news on the job front?  
I hope you managed  
in locating your car.  
I had a talk with Bernie  
a few days ago. It seems



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date 18, see as an agent  
of AB, in the name of,  
an important co-plaintiff  
but why be aware that is  
a big difference for me to  
see the time, the purpose  
probably was to see a letter  
I am a copy of which I  
have a larger but there  
— no the purpose was to see  
real, so far I think that  
the two had to do with  
IPE (Coul's wife) and  
there was a plan to see  
when will you be up in 1942  
I would very much like to  
see you.

I would appreciate meeting  
around to my previous

Oh yes, I spoke to Bill Clark

Wesley He's having a tough  
time finding a place  
He's looking for more plant  
production for the 100 bush  
low to low to low. He says  
that with 10 and we are  
not at 9 PM and then  
it goes to 10 PM.

During  
the  
P.S. Year (1973-74)  
is a very strong  
the opportunity.

P.P.S. you did not forget  
the long day of the  
for the convention. The  
name is Syrus.

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Date Received 11-10-50

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of contributor)

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(Address of contributor)

By John H. Wagner  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No (X)

Description:

Sign statement - Emma Jahoda

File No 100-55242-154  
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191-10 122 Bureau

St. Albans 12, Long Island, New York

November 10, 1950

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

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

I recognized the pictures of Oscar John Vago taken in 1922 and 1933 and the picture of Claire Vago <sup>E.J. shown to me by SA John Newaguel E.J.</sup> taken in 1931, as tenants in the above apartment house at the time I became superintendent. However, I do not recall the length of their tenancy nor when they moved from

- page 1 - E.J.

28-20 37 Street but do recall that they moved from this address before I left as superintendent.

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

Mrs Emma Jahoda

Witness:

John H. Wagner, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FD-340 (4-7-60)

File No. 100-55242-1A21

Date Received 2/21/62

From Photo Fisher  
(Name of Contributor)

(Name of Contributor)

By SAs Louis E. Brown & Gene C. Ralph  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ☐  
No ☒

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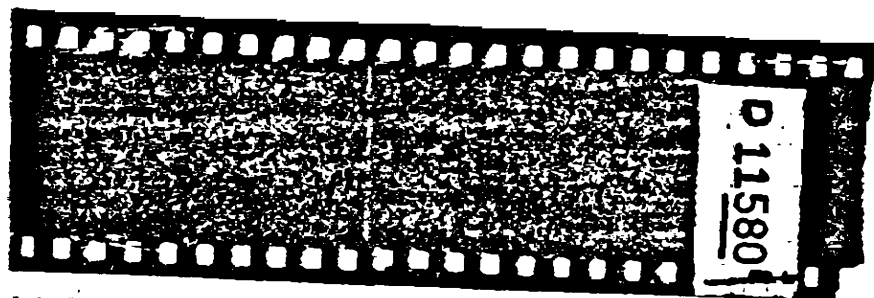
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Oscar John Vugo.

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Oscar John Vago  
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File No. 100 - 55242 - 1A22

Date Received 3/14

From 3/15  
(Name of Contributor)

Bur St.  
(Address of Contributor)

By Louis E. Brown  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ☐  
No ☒

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2 photos of  
Oscar John Vago  
File # 371

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FD-340 (4-7-60)

File No. 100-55242-1A23

Date Received 6/24/62

From Photo Fur  
(Name of Contributor)

Sis Louis E. Brown & Sons, Ltd.  
(Address of Contributor)

To Be Returned

Yes ☐

No ☒

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2 photographs and negatives of  
Oscar John Vago.

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File No. NY 100-55242 - 1A24  
Date Received 8/9/65 TC  
From PASSPORT OFFICE  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Wash., D. C.

(CITY AND STATE)

By DC T. NORTON  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes ☐  
No ☒

Description:

4 photos and negative of  
OSCAR JOHN VAGO taken 9/20/64.

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*Oscar Wago*

OSCAR JOHN WAGO  
9/20/64



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9/20/64



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9/20/64



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OSCAR JOHN WAGO  
9/20/64

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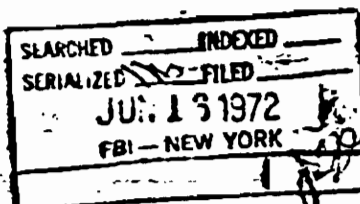
File No. NY 100-55242-1A<sup>25</sup>Date Received January, 1972From FBI, NY  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By W. H. SIRENE  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes  
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes  
☒ No**Description:**

Enclosed photographs taken in Jan., 1972, and identified by one or more sources of known reliability as being OSCAR VAGO.







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BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received SEE BELOW

OSCAR VAGO, was

100-55842-1B

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent SEE BELOW

Source from which obtained SEE BELOW

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for which acquired INVESTIGATION

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List of contents:

- ✓ 1. Photostatic material indicating membership in the Communist Party.  
See serial 1.
- ✓ 2. Security Index Card of subject. See serial 10.
- ✓ 3. Photograph copy of a three page report by Oscar Vago re: Various  
phases of the work of the C.G.A. See serial 11.
- ✓ 4. 5 standing photos and 2 negatives of subject taken during a surveillance.  
Submitted by SA R.A. Minihan. (3 photo SI dated 2/21/52 48)

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BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 9-26-50

OSCAR JOHN VACC, was

100-55242-1B

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent R.M. KANE

Source from which obtained SEE SERIAL 57

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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List of contents:

- Two photostatic copies of the personnel file of the subject which were obtained from Mr. J. J. Turner, where the inactive files of General Services Administration are kept.

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Date received 9-28-50

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, Was

100-55242-1E  
(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent R.M. KANE

Source from which obtained PHOTO LAB

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List of contents:

6. Two front and side view photos of the subject.

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Date received 9-28-50

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was

100-55242-1B

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent ROBERT M. KANE

Source from which obtained ROBERT M. KANE

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List of contents:

✓ 7. Interview log on 9-28-50 re Oscar John Vago.

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OSCAR JOHN VACC, was

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List of contents:

- X 8. Copy of bench warrant dated 9-18-50.
- X 9. Copy of indictment dated 9-28-50.

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Date received 10-16-50

OSCAR JOHN VACO

100-55242-1B

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent ROBERT M. KANE

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List of contents:

✓ 10. Copy of signed statement of Harry Gold dated 10-2-50

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Date received 9-21-50

OSCAR JOHN VADO

100-55242-1B  
(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent R. W. KANE

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## BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 9-26-50OSCAR JOHN VAGO100-55242-15

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent ROBERT M. KANE  
Source from which obtained INS  
Address 70 Columbus Ave. NY  
Purpose for which acquired INVESTIGATION  
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List of contents:

12. Ins documents reflecting Vago's entry into US, investigation of status by INS and naturalization.

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Date received 9-27-50

OSCAR JOHN VAGO

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(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent R.M. FANE

Source from which obtained SEE SERIAL 54

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List of contents:

13. Photostatic copy of forms contained in Vago's Army Civilian Personnel File at AGO, St. Louis.

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**BULKY EXHIBIT**

Date received 10-5-50

OSCAR JOHN VAO

100-55242-1B

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent T.H. ZOELLER

Source from which obtained T.H. ZOELLER

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for which acquired INVESTIGATION

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List of contents:

- ✓ 14. Original signed statement of Max Birman.
- ✓ 15. Original signed statement of Russell Ballentine.
- ✓ 16. Original signed statement of Henry Schaefer.

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OSCAR JOHN VACO

100-55242-1B

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent VICTOR TURYN

Source from which obtained VICTOR TURYN

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List of contents:

- ✓ 17. Original signed statement of Bernice Riveria.

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO

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Submitted by Special Agent R.M. FAYE

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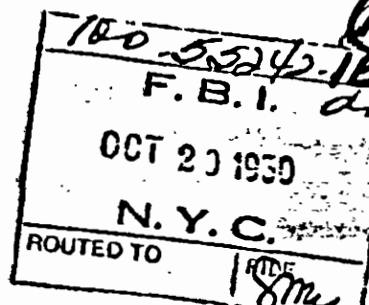
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List of contents:

18. 2 photographs of Claire Vago taken in 1925.

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO

100-55242-1B  
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Submitted by Special Agent JOHN H. WAGNER

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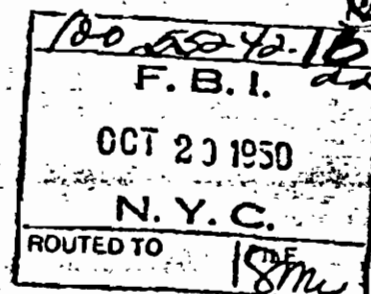
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List of contents:

19. Original signed statement of Anna Kranker.

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was

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Submitted by Special Agent R. KANE

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List of contents:

- ✓ 20. One letter written by Oscar J. Vago to the U.S. Gypsum Company, 300 West Adams Street, dated 9-18-50.
- X 21. One 108 page directory of building materials published by the U.S. Gypsum Company.
- ✓ 22. One letter written by Oscar J. Vago to the Ceco Steel Company, 5701 West 26th St., Cicero, dated 9-18-50.
- X 23. One copy of the Ceco Residence Casements catalogue.
- X 24. One copy of the Ceco Industrial Windows Projected Windows catalogue.
- X 25. One copy of the Ceco Architectural Projected Windows catalogue.
- X 26. One copy of the New Beauty in Steel Casements catalogue.
- X 27. One copy of the Ceco Metal Screens and Storm Windows catalogue.
- X 28. One copy of the Ceco Steel Roof deck catalogue.

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Submitted by Special Agent R.M. KANESource from which obtained WFO

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- ✓ 29. One photo of Oscar John Vago taken in 1932.
- ✓ 30. One photo of Oscar John Vago taken in 1938.
- ✓ 31. One photo of Oscar John Vago taken in 1933.

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Date received 10-17-50

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was

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(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent JOHN H. WAGNER

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List of contents:

32 Original signed statement of Alice R. Trei.

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Date received 11-1-50

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was

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List of contents:

✓ 33. Photostatic copy of letter from Oscar John Vago to Harry Gold.

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Date received 11-10-50

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was

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(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent JOHN H. WAGNER

Source from which obtained EMMA JAHODA

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose for which acquired INVESTIGATION

Location of bulky exhibit IN CABINET WITH FILE

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit RETAIN

ESTIMATED DATE OF DISPOSITION TO BE DECIDED AT CONCLUSION OF CASE

List of contents:

✓ 34. Original signed statement of Emma Jahoda.

*Transferred to 1A*

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**BULKY EXHIBIT**

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was

100-55242-1B

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_

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*[Signature]*

Re Oscar Vago

100-55242

The indices have been searched on  
this file for references on the subject's  
name and aliases with negative results.

John M. Hamell

Special Agent

12-10-43

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

June 2, 1944

HNL:IV

MEMORANDUM:

RE: **OSCAR VAGO 100-55242**  
SECURITY MATTER - C

66-07 99256

*member at* The above individual, whose address is Rago Park,  
was Largo of Rago Park Club, Communist Party, Queens  
County, as evidenced by the following sources.

(1) A list of Communist Party functionaries made available to Special Agents HOWARD W. LITTLE and ROBERT H. FLATLEY through a trash cover maintained at Queens County Communist Party Headquarters, 46-14 Queens Boulevard, Sunnyside, on March 29, 1944. (See File #100-26603-1A205) *Letter indicates he is*

*in the C.I.O. Council*

(2) A highly confidential and reliable source having access to lists of Communist Party Club officials maintained at the residence of JOSEPHINE SASSANO, 41-12 25th Avenue, Astoria, Long Island, Queens County Organizational Secretary of the Party. The source made this information available to Special Agents HOWARD W. LITTLE and THEODORE C. KIRKPATRICK on ~~Mar~~ <sup>May</sup> 22, 1944.

In setting out the above information in reports, the source should be given a temporary confidential informant symbol.

If the indices reveal an existing case file on the above individual, it is suggested that this memorandum be placed therein. In the event no case file exists, a new case file should be opened.

HOWARD W. LITTLE  
THEODORE C. KIRKPATRICK  
Special Agents

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United States Department of Justice  
New York 7, N.Y.

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July 15, 1944

MEMORANDUM

RE: OSCAR VAGO  
6607 99th Street,  
Rogo Park, N.Y.  
SECURITY MATTER (C)

*Send ref.  
#9*

On June 30, 1944 [REDACTED] Sunnyside Post Office, Queens, N.Y. (whose identity should be kept confidential) advised Special Agent John A. Hanley and the writer that the Second AD Sunnyside branch at 4314, Queens Boulevard mailed a letter to captioned individual. The contents of this letter are unknown.

*b7D*

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LEO H. FRUTKIN  
Special Agent



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

REM:FCB  
100-55252

New York, N.Y.  
September 12, 1944

**MEMORANDUM**

Re: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, with aliases  
SECURITY MATTER - C

A review was made of subject's case file with a view to determining whether the data contained in the case file concerning subject's latest address and employment is the same as that shown on the Security Index Card on file in the New York Field Division.

It was noted that the latest information in the file is the same as that on the Security Index Card. The data for the Security Index Card was reported as of April 6, 1944, in the report of Special Agent Vaughan Veale at New York City.

ROBERT K. MCCARTHY  
Special Agent



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, 7, New York

TCK:NB  
100-55242

March 23, 1945.

MEMO

RE: OSCAR VAGO  
SECURITY MATTER (C)

Attached herewith are photographs of a three-page report by the above subject regarding the various phases of the work of the Communist Political Association.

It is not known when nor on what occasion this report was submitted by the subject.

The above information was furnished on March 3, 1945 to Special Agents Howard W. Little, Edward R. Hays, Rollin A. Stanley and the writer by a confidential and reliable source having access to the records of Queens County Headquarters, CPA, 46-14 Queens Boulevard, Sunnyside, Long Island, New York.

THEODORE C. KIRKPATRICK  
SPECIAL AGENT

*See Exhibit  
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New York, N. Y.

PC:MB  
100-55342

March 23, 1945.

MEMO

RE: OSCAR VAGO  
SECURITY MATTER (C)

Attached herewith are photographs of a three-page report by the above subject regarding the various phases of the work of the Communist Political Association.

It is not known when nor on what occasion this report was submitted by the subject.

The above information was furnished on March 8, 1945 to Special Agents Howard W. Little, Edward R. Hays, Rollin A. Stanley and the writer by a confidential and reliable source having access to the records of Queens County Headquarters, CPA, 45-14 Queens Boulevard, Sunnyside, Long Island, New York.

THEODORE C. KIRKPATRICK  
SPECIAL AGENT

100-55342-11

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**



New York 7, New York

MEMO

RE:

*\*100 55242*  
OSCAR VAGO

66-07 99th ST REGO PARK

SECURITY MATTER - C

On

*10/4/46*

it was determined through a trash cover maintained on Queens County CP Headquarters, 46-14 Queens Boulevard, Long Island City, that the above individual's name appeared on a list indicating that he is a member of the Communist Party, District #2, Queens County, and holds the following position: *member Rego Section*

This trash was made available through Confidential Informant ND 301 who had legal custody thereof.

If this information is incorporated in a report is is suggested a temporary informant symbol be used.

This list may be found in the exhibit file of the New York Field Office file 100-26603-C41.

FREDERICK C. BAUCKHAM,  
SA

If no case file open 100-

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York 7, New York

2/21/47

MEMO

100-55242

RE:

Oscar Vago

SECURITY MATTER - C

A trash cover maintained on Queens County C.P. Headquarters, 46-14 Queens Boulevard, Long Island City New York, on 2/10/47 reflected the following information concerning the subject, set out below 2/10/47

This trash was made available through Confidential Informant WD-301, who had legal custody thereof.

If this information is incorporated in a report, it is suggested that a temporary informant symbol be used.

It is suggested that this memo be made a part of the case file on the subject if such exists. If no case file exists it is suggested that a new case file be opened and this memo be made a part thereof. The original document is maintained in 100-26603 - 1A 283

Remarks:

The following notation believed to pertain to subject is set out as follows.

I would like to return eight copies of the People against the the trusts they were picked up by Oscar, the branch chairman without my knowledge. In the meantime had taken an adequate supply of this pamphlet.

Sincerely  
C. K.  
(Chas Tylor let. dir)

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United States Department of Justice  
New York 7, New York

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MEMO

RE:

Oscar Vago *NY*

100-55242

SECURITY MATTER - C

A trash cover maintained on Queens County C.P. Headquarters, 46-14 Queens Boulevard, Long Island City New York, on 1/24/47 reflected the following information concerning the subject, set out below.

This trash was made available through Confidential Informant ID-301, who had legal custody thereof.

If this information is incorporated in a report, it is suggested that a temporary informant symbol be used.

It is suggested that this memo be made a part of the case file on the subject if such exists. If no case file exists it is suggested that a new case file be opened and this memo be made a part thereof. The original document is maintained in 100-26603 - 1A ~~883~~ **883**

Remarks:

*Subject appeared on a list of names believed to pertain to those who bought bonds of \$50 denominations which Queens C.P. issued to facilitate the purchase of a building for Jamaica C.P. Hdqrs at 107-04 J. Bldg. Jamaica. (50 bond) appeared after subject's name.*

1A-8333-37P3, 94P7, 375-65-14603

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10-26699-1A38

10-59086-23, 22 PE 6607-9981 Forest Hill

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C41-41P12, 24, 35, 53

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New February 20, 1947

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RE:

SECURITY MATTER - C

A trash cover maintained on Queens County C.P. Headquarters, 46-14  
Queens Boulevard, Long Island City, New York on 1/20/47 re-  
flected the following information concerning the subject, set out below.

This trash was made available through Confidential Informant ND-301  
who had legal custody thereof.

If this information is incorporated in a report, it is suggested that  
a temporary informant symbol be used.

It is suggested that this memo be made a part of the case file on  
the subject if such exists. If no case file exists it is suggested that a new  
case file be opened and this memo be made a part thereof. The original  
document is maintained in 100-36603 - 1A 883

Above caption appeared on list of names believed to have been canvassed  
Remarks:  
for contributions to C.P. sustaining Fund Drive of 1947.

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P. C. BAUGHMAN

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N. Y. C.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

MAY 8, 1947

RE: OSCAR VAGO

SECURITY MATTER - C

Information set out below, concerning the captioned matter, was furnished by EDWIN H. EILERS and FREDERICK C. BAUCKHAM on 4/28/47 by Confidential Informant ND-301 who had legal custody of same.

If this information is incorporated in a report, it is suggested that a temporary informant symbol be used. The original material is maintained as an exhibit in New York file 100-26603 - 1A 883.

## REMARKS:

The subject was indicated to receive a letter, requesting him to call ST 4-8764 as soon as possible to make an appointment (to see Dave Rosenberg, Queens County Executive Secretary?) ST 4-8764 is the telephone number of the Queens County C.P. Hdqts.

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EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York 7, New York

MEMO

May 17, 1947

RE: OSCAR YAGO

66-07 99th STREET, FOREST HILLS, LONG ISLAND, N.Y.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Information set out below, concerning the captioned matter, was furnished to SA's EDWIN H. MILLERS and FREDERICK C. Pauckham on 4/28/47 by Confidential Informant ND 301 who had legal custody of same.

If this information is incorporated in a report, it is suggested that a temporary informant symbol be used. The original material is maintained as an exhibit in New York file 100 26603-1A-883.

REL. RKS:

The informant furnished a mimeograph list of clubs and sections of the Queens county C.P. upon which there appeared the names listed opposite the clubs, some of which are known to be club presidents. It is possible that all the names listed are the present presidents of the clubs beside which their name appears. The subject was listed in the Rego Section, Trylon Club.

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100-55242

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EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

Memo for file - Feb 23, 1950

Re: OSCAR JOHN VAGO  
100-55242

Rebulet Feb. 13, 1950

Physical surveillance was conducted by the writer and SA T. C. CURRAN, Feb 16, 1950, by the writer on SA BERT TAYLOR, Feb 16, 1950 and by the writer and SA's Bert Taylor and T. C. Curran on Feb 17, 1950 in an attempt to identify <sup>subject</sup> and secure a photo.

Surveillance indicates subject leaves his residence at 66-07 29<sup>th</sup> St Forest Hills, N.Y. at about 8:15 AM each morning and proceeds to the 67<sup>th</sup> Ave Subway Stop of the Independent Subway lines.

A photograph of subject was taken from Bureau Car N-1 on Feb 17, 1950, copies of which were furnished the Bureau and Boston Office (65-15136). The negative and copies are being placed in the <sup>F.B.I.</sup> ~~envelope~~ <sup>the case file</sup>.

FEB 23 1950

N. Y. C.

SA Richard A. Minick

FEB 23 1950

100-55242-20

New York, New York  
July 7, 1950

MEMO

RE: MARILYN BAILEY  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Mrs. BERNICE RIVERIA called in person at the New York Office on June 19, 1950 and furnished the following information to Special Agents JOSEPH F. MC CORRY and DAMON W. PITCHER:

Mrs. RIVERIA stated that she was formerly employed by Mrs. MARILYN BAILEY, 66-88 102nd Street, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York. Mrs. RIVERIA advised that Mrs. BAILEY and her husband ARTHUR W. BAILEY, wife both members of the Communist Party and that Mrs. BAILEY was also Treasurer of the Local Club of the American Labor Party.

Mrs. RIVERIA further stated that Mrs. BAILEY had tried on several occasions to recruit her into the Communist Party and that she had refused. She further advised that Mrs. BAILEY was a subscriber to the "Daily Worker", and that she had been instructed by her to place old copies of the "Daily Worker" in the "dumbwaiter" and not to throw them in the trash.

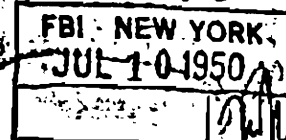
Mrs. RIVERIA went on to say that she also met two friends of the BAILEYS who were also members of the Communist Party. They were OSCAR VAGO, 99th Street, Queens, Long Island, and BERT WEIMAN, Cabrini Boulevard. RIVERIA also stated that she still has in her possession a duplicate set of keys to the apartment but that the BAILEYS do not know of the existence of these keys.

Mrs. RIVERIA furnished the following descriptions:

|            |                                                                   |
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| NAME:      | ARTHUR WILLIAM BAILEY                                             |
| Residence: | 66-88 102nd Street,<br>Forest Hills, Long Island<br>Apartment 1 A |
| Race:      | White                                                             |

CO: 62-6863 (BERNICE RIVERIA)  
100-55242 (OSCAR VAGO)

PCB:ARW  
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MEMO

Height: 5' 9"  
 Weight: 160 lbs  
 Age: 31 to 33  
 Hair: Black  
 Eyes: Brown  
 Occupation: Lawyer, employment unknown

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NAME: MARILYN BAILEY  
 Residence: 66-08 102nd Street,  
 Forest Hills, Long Island  
 Apartment 1A  
 Race: White  
 Height: 5' 6"  
 Weight: 120 lbs  
 Age: 28  
 Hair: Black  
 Eyes: Brown  
 Occupation: Housewife

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NAME: OSCAR VAGO  
 Address: 99th Street,  
 Queens, Long Island  
 Race: White  
 Nationality: Hungarian  
 Height: 5' 6"  
 Weight: 175 lbs  
 Hair: Black, slightly bald  
 Marital Status: Married, 2 children  
 Occupation: Office Worker, NYC

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NAME: BERT WEINMAN  
 Residence: Cambrini Boulevard,  
 Bronx, New York  
 Race: White  
 Height: 5' 11"  
 Weight: 175 lbs.  
 Age: 28 - 30

MEMO

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| Hair:       | Black                                                                      |
| Eyes:       | Brown                                                                      |
| Occupation: | Unemployed, but believed to be a student at a Law School in New York City. |

Mrs. RIVERIA stated that she was born August 9, 1924 in Baltimore, Maryland and has been separated from her husband ANTONIO RIVERIA for the past seven years. She is presently employed as a maid by DAVID LEVITAN, 99-31 68th Avenue, Queens, New York and resides at 114 West 114th Street, New York City.

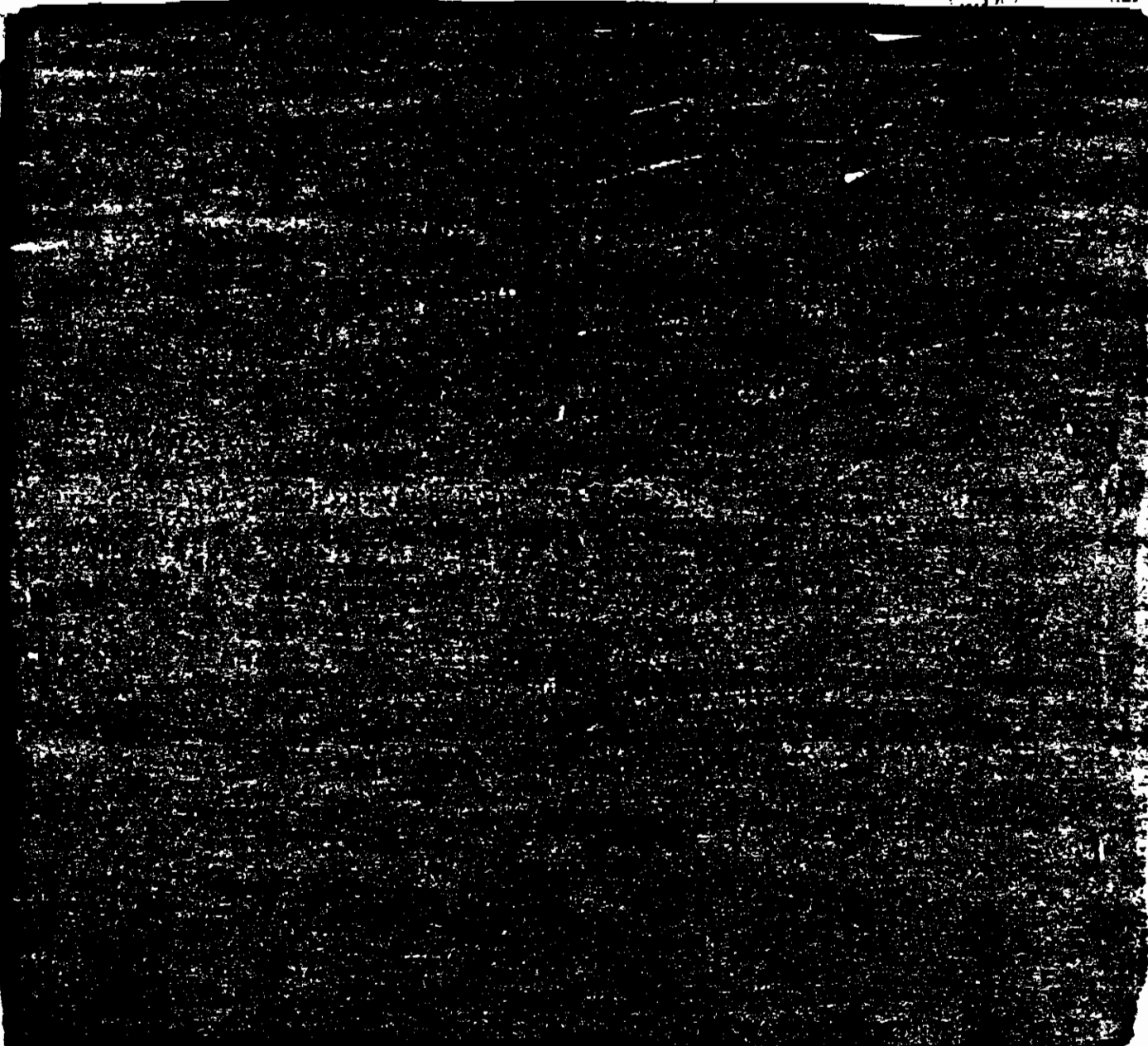
Mrs. RIVERIA stated that after she resigned her employment with Mrs. BAILEY she went to Baltimore to take care of her mother who was ill. While in Baltimore she went to the Baltimore Office requesting advice as to what disposition she should make of the extra set of keys to the BAILEYS' apartment and she was advised by an agent, whose name she could not recall to contact Assistant Agent in Charge ALLEN BELMONT of the New York Office upon her return to New York City.

Mrs. RIVERIA can be reached at her residence through telephone MD 6-1146, but the identity of the agent calling should not be divulged over the phone because this number is not listed in the name of Mrs. RIVERIA.

FERRIN C. BYARS, SA

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607 U.S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, New York

100-55242

September 24, 1950

Hon. Joseph A. Doyle

U.S. Post Office  
Flushing, New York

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that a cover be placed on all mail, including special delivery and registered mail, of the following for a period of thirty days:

Oscher John Vago  
66-07 99th St.  
Forest Hills, LI

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return cards

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tracings

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt

Special Agent in Charge

RCE:DD

100-3242-30

New York, New York

September 19, 1950

MEMO

RE: OSCAR J. VAGO  
ESPIONAGE - R

On September 19, 1950 OSCAR J. VAGO, who was under surveillance by the writer was observed depositing letters in a letterbox on the Northwest corner of 48th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City. Through the courtesy of [REDACTED] of the Grand Central Station Post Office, New York 17, New York, the sealed envelopes were made available to the writer. All of these letters contained a printed return address on the flap of the envelope printed in blue ink as follows:

"Oscar J. Vago, P.E.  
6607 Ninty-ninth Street  
Rego Park, L.I. N.Y."

These letters were all addressed by typewriter as follows:

1. Flexicore Co., Inc.  
Dayton 1, Ohio
2. United States Gypsum Co.  
300 West Amsterdam Street,  
Chicago 6, Ill.
3. Detroit Steel Products Co.  
2250 East Grand Boulevard  
Detroit 11, Mich.
4. Cemenstone Corp.  
Neville Island,  
Pittsburgh 25, Pa.
5. Phillip Carey Mfg Co  
Lockland Cincinnati 15, Ohio
6. Great Lakes Steel Corp  
Stran-steel Division, Penobskot Building, F. B. I.  
Detroit 26, Mich.

HGF:ARV  
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7. Porete Mfg. Co.  
North Arlington, N.J.
8. Crane Co.  
836 So. Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.
9. Trucon Laboratories  
Cement Tile Division  
Detroit 11, Mich.
10. American Institute of Steel Construction,  
101 Park Avenue  
New York 17, New York
11. Ceco Steel Products Corporation,  
5701 West 26th Street,  
Chicago 50, Ill.
12. Air Reduction Company  
60 East 42nd Street,  
New York 17, New York
13. Flochart Foundry Company,  
94 Polk Street,  
Newark 1, New Jersey
14. Brickcrete Association  
4669 So. Division Avenue,  
Grand Rapids 8, Mich.
15. Davidson Brick Company  
4701 Floral Drive,  
Los Angeles 22, Cal.

HAROLD F. GOOD, SA (A)



United States Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington 25, D. C.

September 20, 1950

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, with alias Oszkar Vago

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, is interested in OSCAR JOHN VAGO, wa. as above, a United States citizen, who may attempt to leave the United States with his wife and children. VAGO is described as follows:

Born: February 27, 1898

Place of Birth: Budapest, Hungary

Present Residence: 6607 99th Street, Rego Park,  
Long Island, New York

Race: White

Height: 5' 7"

Weight: 165 pounds

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Brown

Build: Medium to heavy

Naturalized: 1939

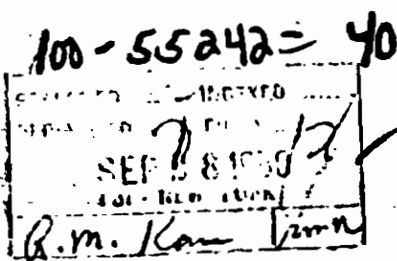
Wife: CLAIRE VAGO nee WEISMAN, born 1907,  
Budapest, Hungary; naturalized 1931.

Children: JOHN, age 12; SUSAN, age 4

In the event this individual attempts to leave a port in your district, it would be appreciated if you will notify by telephone, collect if necessary, the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and at the same time notify that office that the New York Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is particularly interested in VAGO.

VAGO should not be unduly detained or otherwise made aware that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is interested in him.

Very truly yours,



GUY HOTTEL  
Special Agent in Charge

1 Copy N.Y.D.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
607 United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, New York

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

September 22, 1950

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent  
New York Telephone Company  
140 West Street  
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office it is requested that information be furnished concerning toll calls charged to ILLINOIS 9-6584 during the last six months. This number is reported to be listed to OSCAR JOHN VACO, 66-07 99th Street, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*  
EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
Special Agent in Charge

WHS:ws  
100-55242



SEP 26 1950

100-55242-46



607 U.S. Court House  
Poloy Square.  
New York 7, New York

September 25, 1950

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

Re: Oscar John Vago, with alias  
Oszkar Vago

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation in this office  
it is requested that you make available for photostatting your files  
98943-969 and 2270-310521A pertaining to the above captioned individual.

In reply please refer to our file 100-55242.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHWEINT,  
Special Agent in Charge

RAK:APK  
100-55242

100-55242-517

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: September 26, 1950

FROM : SAC, Saint Louis

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, aka.  
ESPIONAGE - R

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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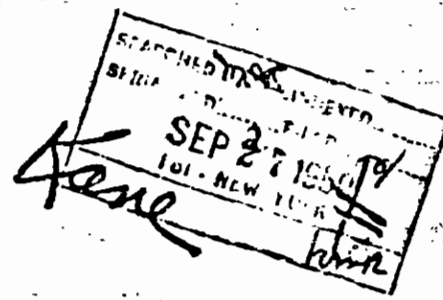
Re New York teletype September 22, 1950, and St. Louis teletype  
September 26, 1950.

Enclosed herewith are two sets of photostatic copies of forms  
contained in subject's Army civilian personnel file at RACAG.

RUC.

EEK:mr  
65-1578  
Encl.

*1 copy to SAAG  
memo T. J. ...*



100-55242-55

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: September 27, 1950

FROM : SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, Was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

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Reurtel September 21, 1950 in which you request certain information be obtained from the Flochart Foundry Company and the Forete Manufacturing Company, both New Jersey. Reference is also made to mytel to New York dated July 22, 1950 in which it was advised of Newark's initial contacts with the representatives of the above two firms.

ROBERT MOORE, President of the Flochart Foundry Company, 94 Polk Street, Newark, New Jersey, was able to recall that on about the 20th of October he received a letter from one OSCAR JOHN VAGO of Long Island City, New York. He stated that he no longer had this letter but that his recollection was that it was a one sentence request for company catalogues which are generally furnished to those people requesting them. MOORE advised he maintains a close record of all outgoing, as well as incoming correspondence, and that a check of these records failed to reflect any previous correspondence from or with VAGO.

MOORE stated that as is his practice in regard to such requests he forwarded to VAGO three catalogues dealing with Flochart designs on construction castings. MOORE stated that none of the information contained in these files was of a classified nature and that it was his belief that VAGO's request for these catalogues was prompted by Flochart Company advertisements in such publications as "Sweets file—architectural catalogue service" which advertisements are designed to solicit such inquiries.

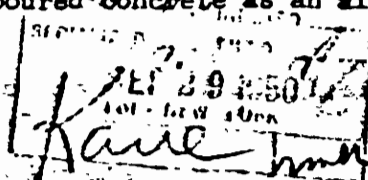
ERNEST WALTER, President of the Forete Company, advised that his firm also advertises in such publications as "Sweets file". He stated that in response to one of their advertisements they received a letter from VAGO on September 18 in which he requested the company's general catalogue. WALTER advised that in response to this letter the company's catalogue on "Pre-Case and Poured in the Field Light-weight Concrete Products" was mailed to VAGO. At the time this catalogue was mailed to VAGO, the company invited him to request information regarding their patented "Alpha Composite Construction Process" as such information would be of use to him.

Accordingly, on September 23, 1950 a second letter was received from VAGO in which he requested information regarding the Alpha Process.

WALTER explained that the Alpha Process is one on which the Forete Company has patent rights. He stated that Alpha Process is used in the manufacture of buildings and bridges where both steel beams and concrete are used. This process, which makes use of poured concrete as an aiding support to

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steel beams instead of merely a flooring surface through the use of metal spirals which connect the concrete to the supporting steel beams, is said to result in more stable construction with a 40 per cent decrease in the use of steel.

Neither of the above two contacts was able to furnish any additional information regarding VAGO.

Inasmuch as there appears to be no other leads to be covered in this area regarding this matter, this is being RUC'd.

New York, N. Y.  
9/28/50

MEMO

Re: OSCAR JOHN VAGO  
ESP. R

SAAG T. J. Donegan called me today, at which time I advised him we contemplated making arrest of VAGO immediately upon the issuance of the warrant. He said they originally considered the issuance of a complaint and a commissioner's warrant, but that some question had arisen as to whether SA Kane should sign the complaint. I explained to Mr. Donegan that we contemplated making arrest immediately upon the issuance of the warrant. He asked whether it would be an advantage to issue a commissioner's complaint and I told him that that was a matter entirely up to himself and the United States Attorney's Office. He then stated that they would issue a bench warrant for VAGO and that he would be arraigned before a Judge. I pointed out to Mr. Donegan that we were not making any recommendation as to the procedure to be followed with regard to the issuance of the warrant.

ROBERT R. GRANVILLE, SA

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9/28/50

MEMO

Re: OSCAR JOHN VAGO  
ESP. R

Inspector A. H. Belmont, Bureau, called and advised that it was satisfactory with the Bureau to merely confirm the arrest of VAGO. With regard to the question of hold off on arresting him until such time as he is home, Mr. Belmont stated that we should, upon the issuance of the indictment and the warrant, make the arrest immediately or as soon thereafter as possible and should not wait to make the arrest at his home.

ROBERT R. GRANVILLE, SA

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Mr. Whelan advised  
Mr. Belmont Vago arrested  
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New York, N.Y.  
9/28/50

MEMO

Re: OSCAR JOHN VAGO  
ESPIONAGE - R

I called Inspector Carl Hennrich, Bureau, 11:15 A.M. today and advised him that a sealed indictment had been returned on OSCAR JOHN VAGO and that a bench warrant had been issued today charging that on 9/20/50, OSCAR JOHN VAGO unlawfully committed Perjury before Federal Grand Jury, SDNY, in violation of Title 18, Section 1621, U. S. Code. Bench Warrant signed by Judge John C. Knox, issued by USA Irving H. Saypol. I also dictated the indictment, which is set forth, as follows:

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-v-

OSCAR JOHN VAGO

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The Grand Jury charges:

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

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

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

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

"Q. In Hungary? A. Yes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That the aforesaid testimony of the defendant, as he then and there well knew and believed, was untrue in that the defendant was in the United

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States during the period of time from 1925 until on or about December 1, 1932, and his wife accompanied him when he went to Hungary in 1932. (Title 18, Section 1621, United States Code.)"

I explained to Mr. Hennrich that upon his arrest the Bureau would be immediately notified; that we contemplated bringing him into the office, photographing and fingerprinting him, conducting an interview, and attempting to obtain a waiver of search for his residence. I advised the Bureau would be kept informed of all developments.

ROBERT R. GRANVILLE, SA

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

New York, N.Y.  
September 28, 1950

RE: OSCAR JOHN VAGO  
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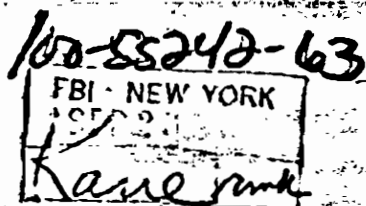
Inspector Hennrich of the Bureau called at 5:15 P.M. on 9/27/50 with regard to the proposed indictment of VAGO and desired to know specifically what the counts would be in regard to this matter. I told him that we had been confidentially advised that VAGO had testified on 9/20/50 before the Grand Jury that he left the U.S. in 1929 for Europe and remained there until 1933 and he also testified that his wife did not accompany him on this trip but joined him there in 1932.

On 9/27/50 VAGO had gone before the Grand Jury and stated he had remained in the U.S. from 1929 to December 1932, and further under questioning VAGO had stated he had left the U.S. in December 1932 and had returned on January 12, 1933. During this trip he was accompanied by his wife. He admitted perjury before the Grand Jury and we feel that this was probably based on the fact that on the night of 9/26/50 we interviewed individuals of the White Construction Company, New York City, who had disclosed that VAGO had worked there continually from October 29, 1928 to December 3, 1932, and during this period he had received compensation from the White Construction Co., and, further, that this information had been furnished to SAAG Donegan who utilized it in his questioning of VAGO before the Grand Jury.

I explained to Mr. Hennrich that it was the opinion of Mr. Donegan that this was a material fact and that it was contemplated VAGO would be indicted sometime on 9/28/50 and a bench warrant issued. I explained to Mr. Hennrich that Mr. Donegan had requested the FBI to make the apprehension, and that the details would be sent to the Bureau on 9/27/50 setting forth the above information and that we were not recommending a press release but only confirmation of the arrest.

At 10:15 A.M. on 9/28/50 I called Mr. Belmont of the Bureau and advised him we were contemplating the issuance of a sealed indictment in order to preclude any premature disclosure prior to the arrest and that the question had arisen whether or not we should hold off making the arrest until VAGO returned to his residence that night. Mr. Belmont brought up the point that the search incidental to the arrest on the perjury indictment was

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restrictive and it might be a better procedure to make the arrest immediate and interview VAGO and obtain a waiver of search for his residence. I told Mr. Belmont that we would attempt to obtain a waiver of search in any event. I also said we would discuss with Mr. Donegan the advisability of making the arrest and that any search incidental to the arrest would be made prior to any other action taken.

Mr. Belmont said he would let me know on the morning of 9/29/50 regarding the questions we should answer in regard to this case.

ROBERT R. GRAVILE

- ...MR. CONLEY
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- ...MR. GRANT
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New York, N. Y.  
9/28/50

MEMO

Re: OSCAR JOHN VAGO  
ESP. R.

Today, pursuant to instructions of ASAC W. M. Whelan, Col. Mayer, of M.I.D., was given the details concerning VAGO's employment with the War Department.

ROBERT M. KANE, SA

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New York, N.Y.  
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**MEMO**

**Re: OSCAR JOHN VAGO**

I called Mr. Maguire, Bureau, 4:10 P.M., today and advised him that, unless the Bureau instructed to the contrary, we would furnish to the press copies of the photograph of VAGO. During this conversation, Mr. Maguire stated it would be satisfactory for us to answer press inquiries and fill in on the background of VAGO such as place of birth, address, marriage, etc.

**ROBERT R. GRANVILLE, SA**

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 MR. WINTERROWD  
 MR. HOLLOMAN  
 MR. GANDY

New York, N.Y.  
 9/29/50

MEMO

Re: OSCAR JOHN VAGO

I advised Inspector A. H. Belmont, Bureau, 4:35 P.M., today that VAGO had just been arraigned before USC Edw. McDonald and held in \$50,000. bail. I pointed out that his attorney had not shown up at the arraignment and Mr. McDonald advised that, if his attorney could show good cause, he would consider a reduction of bail. I said that VAGO will be brought before a Federal District Judge on Monday, 10/2/50, to plead to the indictment. I said Mr. Saypol had, in requesting \$50,000. bail stated VAGO was an associate of BROTHMAN and MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ as well as a friend of HARRY GOLD and that it had been his, Mr. Saypol's experience that, in connection with some of the subjects in these cases they had instructions to flee the country or had attempted to flee.

ROBERT R. GRANVILLE, SA

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Oct. 2, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

OSCAR JOHN VAGO  
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Perjury

On the above date the writer received a phone call from Mrs. James Campbell Lewis 22 E. 73 St, N.Y.C.. Mrs. Lewis has for some years supplied information on a voluntary basis to this office. It has been found her reliability is far exceeded by her enthusiasm.

Mrs. Lewis, Hungarian by birth, stated that she recalls there was a Commissar in the Communist government of Bela Kun in Hungary (1919) by the name of Vago Wilhelm. She believed that in 1919 this individual was in his late twenties. She never saw him but recalls seeing pictures of him, and was impressed by the resemblance to the subject Oscar Vago.

Mrs. Lewis suggested that anyone who had been in a responsible position in theorthy government should be able to tell from pictures of Oscar Vago whether or not he is identical with Vago Wilhelm. She further suggested an interview with Oscar Jaszi formerly Minister of Interior in the government which preceded the Kun regime. Jaszi, Mrs. Lewis believes, is now a professor at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. ✓

John L. O'Mara, SA

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October 2, 1950

Bureau of Internal Revenue  
Alien Tax Division  
292 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

RE: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, also known as.  
OSZKAR VAGO  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R & P

This is to confirm a telephone request made on September 26, 1950, to Miss Grace Seins of your office, requesting that a stop be placed on Vago in order that this office may be advised in the event that he departs from the United States.

Vago, a naturalized United States citizen, was born on February 27, 1898 at Budapest, Hungary, and presently resides at 66-07 99 Street, Forest Hills, New York.

It is requested, only, that this Office be advised of Vago's departure and not that he be detained.

In reply, please refer to our File #100-55242.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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RE: OSCAR JOHN VAGO  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. McGuire wondered whether we had any agreement up here, implicit or otherwise, not to say anything on these indictment cases. I advised there is no such agreement; that as a result of my recent discussion with Mr. Saypol on SS cases he told me it is his policy not to make releases until the time of the arraignment in Bureau cases - that at the time we make the arrest it is our release; that no distinction was drawn between indictments and complaints; that I personally feel we have just as much right to make a release on a story of an arrest based on an indictment as we have on an arrest based on a complaint. - 74

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Mr. McGuire said he and Mr. Belmont had pointed out that they felt it improper for the FBI to make the release as we could not discuss what VAGO said before the grand jury as it may be contempt of court; that we could not have called VAGO a spy - that Saypol did; that even if we had put out a quick release before VAGO was arraigned just saying we had arrested him, the press would still have gone to Saypol and quoted him.

I pointed out that in all the publicity I saw on this Saypol was completely within the proper line; that he did not say anything out of line. Mr. McGuire said Saypol did not go into details but he tied VAGO in with GOLD where as a matter of fact his association had been with BROTHMAN.

I said that these type of cases are in a special class; that in some instances the publicity emanated from the Attorney General and the Director, some from the Bureau and in one instance the Bureau told me to make a release; that we always inquire as to the Bureau's wishes; that it is not the type of thing where routinely we would be expected to make a release on; that we also have to consider whether a release would be bad for the case at that time; that each case of this type would have to be considered on its own merits.

I agreed that there was some merit to his point about this arrest being based on sealed indictment, but on the other hand we had made the arrest and if the US Attorney could release the story why couldn't we have done it. I said I did not see how he could prove the Bureau should not have made the release; that on the other hand I did not see how he could prove we should have made the release; that I felt the less said the better; that, however, in the future we should more carefully consider the matter of making a release in situations similar to this.

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EDWARD SCHEIDT  
SAC



SAC, ATLANTA

October 4, 1950

SAC, KNOXVILLE

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, wa  
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ESPIONAGE - R

Relet from New York to Director dated September 20, 1950,  
a copy of which is enclosed to Atlanta, together with a photograph  
of subject.

It is requested that the lead set forth in referenced letter  
to display a photograph of the subject to ALFRED M. BLACK for  
possible identification be covered by the Atlanta Division.

It is noted that BLACK is presently incarcerated at the  
USP at Atlanta, Georgia.

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OSCAR JOHN VAGO, WAS, ESP R. REURTEL OCT. THREE. PROF. OSCAR JASE  
OBERLIN, O. ADVISED VAGO WILHELM AND SUBJECT NOT KNOWN TO HIM BUT  
SUGGESTS THAT MR. GONDOR, ANTI COMMUNIST EDITOR OF NY WEEKLY QUOTE  
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SAC, Miami

October 5, 1950

SAC, Los Angeles

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.

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Reurlet dated 9/26/50.

The results of the interview conducted by this office with PAUL CROUCH, being submitted for your information.

PAUL CROUCH of Miami, Florida, was interviewed in Los Angeles by SA H. RAWLINS OVERTON on October 3, 1950. A photograph of the subject was exhibited to CROUCH who advised he did not know the subject's name but feels that he is quite sure that he had seen him in the company of LOUIS GIBARTI and JACOB GOLOS in New York City between 1934 and 1936 on several occasions. CROUCH does not know whether the subject was a member of the Communist Party or whether the occasions he had seen him with GIBARTI and GOLOS were in any way connected with the affairs of the Communist Party. CROUCH further did not recall the particular dates, times, or places when he had seen the subject in New York City. CROUCH stated that although the subject's appearance was familiar to him from the photograph that he would be unable to make positive identification of the subject.

CROUCH identified JACOB GOLOS as a member of the Control Commission, CP USA, and a member of the Hungarian Bureau, CP USA. He was attached to the staff of Ujelone, a Hungarian newspaper.

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To : SAC, New York

DATE: 10/1/50

FROM : SAC, Miami

SUBJECT: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, wa.

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(N. Y. file 100-55242)

Reurlet to the Bureau dated September 20, 1950, cc to Miami, requesting photograph of subject be exhibited to PAUL CROUCH.

By letter dated September 26, 1950, Los Angeles was requested to handle inasmuch as CROUCH was in that city.

A copy of Los Angeles letter dated October 3, 1950, setting forth result of interview with CROUCH is enclosed herewith, as it appears Los Angeles did not send copy thereof to you.

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New York, New York  
October 16, 1950

MEMO

RE: OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.  
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In connection with the report of SA ROBERT M. KANE dated  
October 16, 1950 at New York, New York, the following references  
were checked, all of which are believed to be pertinent to the subject  
or to his wife, CLAIRE VAGO:

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