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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: April 9, 1951

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: U. S. ATTORNEY IRVING SAYPOL

The Washington Times-Herald for April 9 carries a story datelined New York, April 8, quoting U. S. Attorney Saypol as stating: "We have sufficient information so that we are embarking on a series of prosecutions to stamp out this vice." Saypol had previously been discussing espionage. When asked if he was "embarking on a whole series of arrests," Saypol replied, "Oh, yes."

Supervisor Granville of the New York Office has advised that Saypol, when asked about this statement, stated that he had been misquoted; that what he was actually referring to was prosecutions and not arrests; that, specifically, he was referring to the case of William Perl and Oscar John Yago, and also the 30 odd cases which are under consideration by the U. S. Attorney's office on the basis of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

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None. For your information.

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Saypol Predicts New Spy Arrests

More Data Obtained, Says N. Y. Prsoecutor

NEW YORK, April 8 (AP). U. S. Atty. Irving Saypol said on a broadcast tonight his office is starting a whole new series of arrests for espionage.

Saypol, who recently obtained death sentences for two convicted spies, was asked if he expected further spy arrests.

"We have sufficient information so that we are embarking on a series of prosecutions to stamp out this vice," he said.

Saypol then was asked if he meant that he was "embarking on a whole series of arrests."

"Oh, yes," the federal attorney replied.

Saypol prosecuted Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, sentenced to death for plotting to spy for Russia. Their co-defendant, Morton Sobell, was sentenced to 30 years on the same charge.

After the radio show, Saypol was quoted as saying that the prosecutions would start soon.

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An article appeared in the Long Island Daily Star on November 19, 1943 indicating that a temporary planning committee had been set up to draw up plans for setting up child care centers in Sunnyside and Woodside.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION DISTRICT #2 NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
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The Sixth Assembly District of Queens County is comprised of the communities of Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Ridgewood, Rego Park, and Middle Village, New York, and the area surrounding these communities. Communist activities in the Sixth Section is carried on by four community clubs, organized in Forest Hills, Rego Park, Middle Village and Ridgewood. [redacted] (c)

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TITLE: COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION
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TITLE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, DISTRICT NO. 2, NEW YORK DIVISION

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In the March 7, 1944, issue of the Communist publication "VICTORY BUILDER" issued by the then New York State Committee of the Communist Party, was listed on page three, 101 Communist community clubs and the number of new recruits secured by each club as of February 26, 1944. It is to be noted that the list is comprised of clubs which have secured at least one new recruit during the recent recruiting drive. The Forest Hills club occupied third position on (C)

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. J. CONNOLLY dated September 15, 1941, at Washington, D. C., entitled "Washington Book Shop Association; Internal Security - C".

Transmitted herewith, under separate cover, are the original photographs of the lists obtained by the Dies Committee containing the names of alleged members of the Washington Book Shop Association. [redacted]

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Security risk information developed during course of FBI investigation of Atomic Energy applicants and employees set out.

Report made by KEITH G. TEETER

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DETAILS: Set out herein is an account of the affiliations and activities of those Atomic Energy applicants and employees concerning whom security risk information has been developed in the course of FBI investigation. These individuals have been in some manner connected with the Communist Party, Communist front organizations, Communist symbols or with other organizations of a subversive nature.

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OLIVER KENNETH KRAFT

KRAFT has been employed at UCRL since December 4, 1950, without access to restricted data. He terminated his employment on January 31, 1951.

In his Personnel Security Questionnaire (PSQ), KRAFT listed WILLIAM GERHARD, 5561 Marshall Street, Oakland, California, as a reference. San Francisco T-62, of known reliability, has advised that GERHARD was a subscriber to the "Daily Peoples World", a West Coast Communist newspaper.

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On April 6, 1951, ALTHOFF was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. He stated that in 1935 he served as a Shop Steward for the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians Union in connection with his employment by the WPA, Department of Parks, at New York City. In his capacity as Steward he was associated with JEWELL KORCHINE and OSCAR VAGO, whom ALTHOFF believed were Communists inasmuch as they both asked him to join the Communist Party. According to ALTHOFF, he refused to do this. ALTHOFF declared he had never been Secretary of the Communist Party in New York City and, in fact, had never been a member of the Communist Party anywhere. He stated that he had never made any remarks or statements to advocate the Russian system and that he had no desire to go to Russia. He stated he had read many Communist books and periodicals which he considered to be Communist publications, including the book "Das Capital" by KARL MARX, as well as the periodicals "New Masses" and the "Daily Worker."

CHARLES EDWARD POWLEY

POWLEY was born on December 18, 1919, at Paducah, Kentucky. From 1938 to 1942 he worked on the Ohio River as a deck hand on coal barges of the West kentucky Coal Company. He has been employed as a guard at the site of the Kentucky Project by the F. H. McGraw Company since January 23, 1951. He has not had access to restricted data and the determination of his clearance status is pending.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-190625)

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PETER PRENTKY, aka. Issie Prentki, Peter Isidore Prentky, was born 10/17/15, NYC. PRENTKY'S father, JACOB PRENTKY, his mother, SARAH PRENTKY (EPSTEIN), his brothers FRANK, MICHAEL and JOSEPH PRENTKY, and his sisters HENRIETTA KATZ, ANN CHERIS and EVELYN PRENTKY, were all born in Poland, but are now U. S. citizens.

[redacted]

On the Personnel Security Questionnaire submitted by PRENTKY signed on 5/12/47, it is reflected that PRENTKY was employed as a technical engineer for Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in February, 1944. This employment was terminated on June 4, 1947.

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The aforementioned Personnel Security Questionnaire listed his position as an engineer, Physics Department, Electronic Section. It is noted that PRENTKY'S clearance with the Atomic Energy Commission was terminated on 3/30/51.

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Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, (anonymous, a reliable and confidential source) [redacted] to Special Agents GENE P. FOPP, CHARLES O. BLAISDELL and STEPHEN A. MC GARR), advised that [redacted]

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In his Personnel Security Questionnaire dated February 26, 1944, Employee listed as one of his references, A. BROTHMAN. It has been learned that this individual is identical with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, of A. Brothman Associates, Queens, New York. It is known that this firm is composed in addition to BROTHMAN, of JULES KORCHIEN, OSCAR VAGO and

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GERHART WOLLAN. KORCHIEN is known to be an outstanding member of the Communist Party in New York City. VAGO and WOLLAN are both known to be members of the Communist Party in Queens and Brooklyn, New York, respectively. It is also known that MIRIAM MARKOWITZ, BROTHMAN'S Secretary, is a member of the Communist Party.

It is known that BROTHMAN'S Secretary was MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ not MARKOWITZ, as stated above.

BROTHMAN is native born, of Russian extraction. In 1943, he signed a Communist Party nominating petition. Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, [redacted] advised that BROTHMAN has been in contact with one FRED BRIEHL, a well known member of the Communist Party, and has been entertained at BRIEHL'S home in Kingston, New York. b7D b2

T-3 also advised that BROTHMAN, in discussing WINSTON CHURCHILL'S speech of March 5, 1946, said, "All this is sound and fury in Canada and the United States. Throughout the capitalist world today is full knowledge that they cannot undertake a war against the Soviet Union. Their own populations would not follow them. The world is on fire. The prestige of the British Empire and of America has fallen so sharply within recent weeks. It has been so clearly demonstrated that these countries are imperialist and out for the sole purpose of enslaving the rest of the world". BROTHMAN then continued to rationalize the position of the U.S.S.R., and to condemn the United States.

The same informant has advised that BROTHMAN has done work for Amtorg and was known to be working on an additional project for the Russians.

It is noted that ELIZABETH BENTLEY, a self confessed Soviet espionage courier and HARRY GOLD, a self confessed Soviet espionage agent, have both identified ABRAHAM BROTHMAN as an individual from whom they received information concerning chemical processes and equipment for purposes of making this information available to the Soviet Union.

Both BROTHMAN and MOSKOWITZ were convicted in the Southern District of New York, for obstruction of justice.

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SYNOPSIS:

Security risk information developed during the course of the FBI investigations of [redacted] Atomic Energy applicants and employees set forth.

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T-10,[u] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 7, 1950, furnished two address books containing numerous names and addresses, which books were known to be in the possession of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN. The following name and address was found in one of the address books: u

"James Jaffee AP 7-6377 N.Y. Pa, Born N.J. 11/13/24
440 Liberty, Brooklyn"

O/S In the Personnel Security Questionnaire executed by JAMES JAFFEE, he listed 440 Liberty Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, as a residence from April, 1946, to May, 1949.

Concerning ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, he was convicted on November 22, 1950, in the Southern District of New York on a charge of conspiracy to obstruct and obstruction of justice

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During the course of the trial of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, ELIZABETH BENTLEY, an admitted Soviet espionage agent, testified that she acted as a courier in receiving information from BROTHMAN and transferring same to her Soviet espionage superior, JACOB GOLOS, during 1941.

She further stated that during that same year, she was known to BROTHMAN as "HELEN" and during 1941 she made arrangements with BROTHMAN whereby BROTHMAN would be contacted by a new Soviet courier, whose identity was not known to Miss BENTLEY.

During BROTHMAN's trial, HARRY GOLD, a convicted espionage agent, testified that in about September, 1941, he received instructions from his Soviet espionage superior to contact an individual in New York City for the purpose of obtaining information. GOLD testified that he did contact this individual, who turned out to be ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, and on the original contact he told BROTHMAN that he was sent by "HELEN." GOLD testified further that subsequently he received various information, much of which related to chemical processes, from BROTHMAN.

On June 3, 1950, at the residence of HARRY GOLD, 6823 Kindred Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a search was conducted by the FBI under a waiver from GOLD's attorney which produced a letter addressed to "Mr. Harry Gold, 6823 Kindred Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania" and bore the return address "Oscar J. Nago, 6607 99th Street, Rego Park, New York." The letter was postmarked June 30, 1948, New York, New York. This letter contained, in part, the following statement:

C, P, Member

> "I hear that Stanton hired Jaffee from IPE (Emil's outfit) as something like a plant engineer."

On June 20, 1950, HARRY GOLD, upon being interviewed, advised that the JAFFE referred to in the above letter was JAMES JAFFE, chemical engineer, formerly with Industrial Process Engineering, 8 Lister Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

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The "EMIL" referred to was identified by GOLD as EMIL BARISH, a former partner in the company of A. Brothman Associates. C.P. member N.Y. Cal. N.J.

In the Personnel Security Questionnaire executed by JAMES JAFFE, he listed employment with Industrial Process Engineers, 5204 Hudson Avenue, West New York, New Jersey, from April, 1946, until July, 1948, and with Stanton Laboratories, 226 Krams Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from July, 1948, to August, 1949.

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Regarding OSCAR JOHN VAGO, the Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York, returned an indictment against him on September 28, 1950, charging that he committed perjury in testimony given under oath before the Federal Grand Jury on September 20, 1950. He was charged with giving false testimony concerning his country of residence from 1929 to 1932. He testified that during this period he was in Hungary when, in fact, he was in the United States continuously from 1925 to 1932.

6607 99th St. Rego Park, N.Y. C.P. member

The Federal Grand Jury before which VAGO appeared was conducting an investigation into possible violation of the espionage laws of the United States. VAGO was found guilty by Federal Judge SYLVESTER J. RYAN on June 20, 1952, and was sentenced to a three year suspended sentence and placed on probation for a period of three years.

HARRY GOLD, mentioned previously, advised on September 14, 1950, that VAGO was a member of the CP. He stated that during the period he was acquainted with VAGO, he had been told by VAGO that he, VAGO, attended meetings and was a CP member in Forest Hills, Queens, New York.

On October 2, 1950, HARRY GOLD, in a signed statement, advised that he first heard of VAGO through ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, previously mentioned, in 1943. At that time, GOLD was receiving technical information from BROTHMAN for transmittal to the Soviet Union. BROTHMAN desired that GOLD obtain financial assistance from his Russian superior so that VAGO could be worked into a position with an organization partly controlled by BROTHMAN. At this time, BROTHMAN described VAGO as a sincere and convinced Communist.

VAGO was to become a part of an organization whose purpose was to produce and design chemical processes for the Soviet Union. The venture, sponsored by BROTHMAN, was backed by Amtorg or Russian money. GOLD further stated that he first met VAGO in 1946 when VAGO was at that time a partner in the firm of A. Brothman Associates. GOLD stated that he was, during 1946, active in the Communist Party and completely in sympathy with the Communist cause.

As late as 1948, GOLD stated that VAGO indicated to him that he was active in the CP. GOLD further advised that he did not believe VAGO was engaged in espionage activities because he was too talkative.

Mrs. MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ, partner and secretary to ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, previously mentioned, upon being interviewed on May 15 and 16, 1950, advised that she went to work for A. Brothman and Associates in the early fall of 1944. At that time, the company was already formed and she did not know any of the members of the firm prior to her employment there. She stated that the members of the firm were ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, OSCAR JOHN VAGO, EMIL Z. BARISH and others. She advised that they were chemical engineers and located at 114 East 32nd Street, New York City. Cal, N.J. C.P. member N.Y.

OSCAR JOHN VAGO, 164-13 73rd Avenue, Flushing, Long Island, New York, advised SA W. WADE HOMESLEY on May 31, 1956, that he had never heard of any person by the name of JAMES JAFFE and to his knowledge had likewise never heard of the Stanton Laboratories or the Industrial Process Engineers.

T-36, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who has some [redacted] b1

T-36 further advised on [redacted] b1

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PETER PRENTKY, aka; Louis Prentky, (Peter Lodovic Prentky) 1-15 (19523)	ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - EMPLOYEE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Additional neighborhood investigation set out. Employee and wife both members of Communist dominated State, County and Municipal Workers of America. A. BROTHMAN, reference, is an associate of known Communists; has expressed Russian sympathies. Employee's parents and parents-in-law naturalized citizens. No criminal data, Identification Division, FBI.

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Bureau letter to New York, 6/12/47.

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It is also known that PHILIP JONAS was one of a number of individuals who communicated with Governor Dewey, of the State of New York, urging him to pardon MORRIS U. SCHAPPES.

In his Personnel Security Questionnaire dated February 26, 1944, Employee listed as one of his references, A. BROTHMAN. It has been learned that this individual is identical with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, of A. Brothman Associates, Queens, New York. It is known that this firm is composed, in addition to BROTHMAN, of JULES KORCHIEN, OSCAR VAGO and GERHART WOLLAN. KORCHIEN is known to be an outstanding member of the Communist Party in New York City. VAGO and WOLLAN are both known to be members of the Communist Party in Queens and Brooklyn, New York, respectively. It is also known that MIRIAM MARKOWITZ, BROTHMAN's secretary, is a member of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-5, a reliable Informant, has advised [redacted]

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BROTHMAN is native born, of Russian extraction. In 1943, he signed a Communist Party nominating petition. Confidential Informant T-5 has advised [redacted]

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them continued to rationalize the position of the U.S.S.R. and to condemn the United States.

The same Informant has advised that [redacted] has done work for Amtorg and was known to be working on an additional project for the [redacted]

From an examination of the records at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City, it was learned that Employee's father, as JACOB PRENTKI, was naturalized at New York City on June 4, 1900. At the same office it was learned that Employee's father-in-law, SIGMUND WEINBERGER, was naturalized at New York City on December 12, 1913.

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Employee's fingerprints have been searched through the files of the Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and no prior criminal data could be found.

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ARTHUR PHINEAS WEBER, wa. Artie Weber			ATOMIC ENERGY ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On interview subject denies he ever joined or agreed to join CP. Advises ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, about 1944, asked subject to join CP but subject put off BROTHMAN without giving refusal or agreement to join. Says once attended a CP meeting with PERCY NADEL, but did not join and attended said meeting only because he had been dinner guest of NADEL, who asked subject to accompany him to said meeting. Denies he ever was approached to engage in espionage on behalf of Soviets or that he ever did engage in any espionage. Concerning documents charged out to subject at Kellex, which documents could not be located at that company, subject says he recalls that one of these documents was sent from his section at Kellex to another section at Kellex for reproduction and was never returned. Subject cannot recall any details concerning the other three documents, which were drawings, and cannot recall that any other documents were missing from his section at Kellex. [redacted]

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SYNOPSIS (Cont'd): apparently is not identical with subject. CI, [redacted] could furnish no info regarding subject. DR. RAPHAEL ROSEN, who allegedly assisted subject in securing position at Kellex, presently employed at Standard Oil Development Co., Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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DETAILS: At New York, New York

INTERVIEW WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-1 CONCERNING SUBJECT

It is noted that MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ, former secretary and associate of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN in business, was convicted along with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN on November 22, 1950, in the Southern District of New York, on the charge of Obstruction of Justice.

[redacted], Confidential Informant T-1, [redacted]

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[redacted] MIRIAM MORKOWITZ and [redacted] GERTRUDE KOGAN, [redacted] invited ABRAHAM BROTHMAN [redacted] meeting, BROTHMAN made [redacted] Party leaders and in [redacted] BOULDER.

[redacted] October, 1950, Confidential Informant T-1 [redacted] BROTHMAN [redacted] that [redacted] years [redacted]

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which reflected in general that the subject recalled said document was lost while en route to R. D. JOHNSON's office at Kellex for reproduction.

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(It is noted that that was the address of A. BROTHMAN, subject's former business associate who was convicted on November 22, 1950, in the Southern District of New York, on a charge of Obstruction of Justice.)

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While employed at the Hendrick Manufacturing Company the subject made the acquaintance of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, whom subject said was of great assistance in teaching him the practical methods of engineering, while employed at the above company.

Further while the subject was employed at the Hendrick Manufacturing Company, HENRY GOLDWYNNE asked the subject and BROTHMAN to come with him and form the Chemurgy Design Corporation. The subject said that he and BROTHMAN agreed to GOLDWYNNE's proposal and left the Hendrick Manufacturing Company at that time, which was in June, 1942. The subject was one of the incorporators together with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and HENRY GOLDWYNNE, of the Chemurgy Design Corporation. The subject said GOLDWYNNE had indicated to him that he would receive certain shares of Chemurgy Design stock, which would make him a share-holder equal to the shares held by BROTHMAN and GOLDWYNNE. He said further that he had never received any shares of this stock of Chemurgy Design Corporation.

The subject advised that while he was employed at the Chemurgy Design Corporation he also had employment with CCNY teaching from the fall of 1942 or the spring of 1943 for a year and a half in the Evening Session of that school. He said the courses he taught were in the Engineering Department and at the campus of City College, rather than the Downtown Branch. He related that he taught the course entitled, "Principles of Chemical Engineering and Synthetic Rubber Manufacturing."

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The subject advised that he left the employ of the Chemurgy Design Corporation in July, 1944, to go to work for the Kellex Corporation. He related that after he was employed by Kellex he still worked part-time at Chemurgy Design until about the end of 1944. He advised that from July, 1944, to the end of 1944 he received some remuneration from the Chemurgy Design Corporation for work he was doing for them, but he could not estimate how much he had received. He advised that he had continued part-time work for Chemurgy Design because

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he had been doing work in regard to the Rufert Chemical Plant, then being constructed at Semour, Connecticut, and had not finished this work at the time he secured employment at the Kellex Corporation.

In regard to the manner in which he had secured employment with Kellex, the subject said that while he was with Chemurgy Design Corporation he had made the acquaintance of DR. RAPHAEL ROSEN, of the Standard Oil Development Company, who was doing some consulting work for the Kellex Corporation. The subject advised that DR. RAPHAEL ROSEN had suggested that he contact DR. MANSON BENEDICT in regard to securing employment with Kellex. The subject said he did this and that DR. MANSON BENEDICT had furnished him with an application for employment at Kellex.

The subject was questioned as to whether anyone might have interceded with DR. RAPHAEL ROSEN on behalf of the subject, in order that DR. ROSEN would send him to DR. MANSON BENEDICT at the Kellex Corporation. The subject said that this was quite possible but that he could not recall anyone so interceding. The subject was, in particular, asked if ABRAHAM BROTHMAN had attempted to aid the subject in securing employment with Kellex. However, the subject advised that BROTHMAN had not interceded for him in any way and on the contrary had had nothing to do with the subject's securing employment with Kellex.

The subject was asked if HENRY GOLDWYNNE might have interceded with DR. RAPHAEL ROSEN in regard to subject's employment at Kellex. The subject advised that it was quite possible HENRY A. GOLDWYNNE might have first spoken to DR. ROSEN with a view toward subject's securing employment with Kellex, but he said he could not recall definitely whether GOLDWYNNE had done so.

The subject volunteered the information that when ABRAHAM BROTHMAN had left the employ of the Chemurgy Design Corporation, BROTHMAN had formed the engineering firm

of A. Brothman Associates in about August of 1944. The subject advised that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN had suggested that he join this firm of A. Brothman Associates, but subject said he refused to do so in view of the fact that he wanted to have nothing more to do with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN at that time.

The subject related that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and the subject had also done work for the Regal Chemical Corporation and the Tedlee Corporation, which were allied corporations, on a contract for an aerosol bomb. The subject advised that this work had commenced about August or September of 1943 and that he worked at the above two named corporations together with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN on this aerosol bomb until about August, 1944. The subject said it was about that time when ABRAHAM BROTHMAN had a disagreement with the officials at the Regal Chemical Corporation and the Tedlee Corporation and had then "pulled out" of this work. The subject advised that about that time he had also had a disagreement with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and recalls that he last saw ABRAHAM BROTHMAN about September, 1944. The subject advised that he has not seen or had any dealings with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN since September, 1944.

The subject further related that while he was with the Kellex Corporation he had been sent by that corporation to school at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from about October, 1946, to about the end of September, 1947, where he studied the theory and practice of nuclear fission. He said that thereafter while he was employed with Kellex he made several trips back to Oak Ridge on behalf of Kellex. He advised that he cannot recall the exact number of these trips because most of them were to attend so-called "Information Meetings", which were meetings where representatives of various firms engaged in some similar contract work dealing with atomic energy would compare their notes as to the progress of their work on these contracts.

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The subject also recalled that he made several trips to Hanford Operations Office, in the State of Washington, which trips were on behalf of the Kellex Corporation on work being done by them in the atomic energy program.

From 1930 to 1933 subject resided at 619 Avenue T, Brooklyn, New York.

Relatives

The subject furnished information that his parents, IRVING and BERTHA WEBER are presently residing at 2005 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, New York. His brother, DAVID WEBER, is residing at 2404 Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York.

The subject advised that he has no other brothers or sisters and related that his only other immediate relatives are his wife and children, as follows:

Wife	JEAN BETTY WEBER, nee ABELMAN
Son	SHELDON WEBER, presently 6 years of age
Daughter	DIANNE WEBER, presently 3 years of age.

All of the above listed members of subject's immediate family reside with him at 1334 Surrey Lane North, Rockville Center North, Long Island, New York.

RE SUBJECT'S POSSIBLY AGREEING TO JOIN CP OR BEING APPROACHED RE ESPIONAGE

(It is noted that previous investigation has reflected information from HARRY GOLD, the admitted and convicted former Soviet espionage agent, indicating that in the fall of 1942 ABRAHAM BROTHMAN told GOLD that subject had agreed to join the Communist Party and further indicating that in early 1943 GOLD discussed with SEMEN SEMENOV, GOLD's superior in espionage, the advisability of recruiting subject

for Soviet espionage and that GOLD believes, but is not certain, that he wrote a report for SEMENOV recommending that the subject be recruited and used in the place of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN in Soviet espionage.)

The subject advised he recalls that shortly before he left Chemurgy Design, prior to July, 1944, ABRAHAM BROTHMAN had several conversations with the subject, which in general were requests by BROTHMAN for the subject to join the Communist Party. The subject said he cannot recall any of the words specifically used by ABRAHAM BROTHMAN in making such requests, but that he is definite and certain BROTHMAN, in substance, during these conversations requested subject to join the Communist Party. The subject further stated that he is definite and certain these requests made by BROTHMAN were to join the Communist Party itself and not any organization deemed by the subject to be a Communist front organization or any organization which was sympathetic toward Communism.

These requests made by BROTHMAN, according to the subject, were during 1944 over a six-month period up to about July, 1944, when subject left the Chemurgy Design Corporation. Subject further said he recalls that he did discuss the Communist Party, to some extent, with BROTHMAN in these conversations, but that whenever BROTHMAN requested him to join the Communist Party he would discuss the Communist Party in general with BROTHMAN and in this manner would not give BROTHMAN any flat refusal or any indication of willingness to join the Communist Party. The subject said that in other words he put off BROTHMAN whenever BROTHMAN requested him to join the Communist Party. The subject stated that he definitely never did join the Communist Party and definitely never told ABRAHAM BROTHMAN that he would join.

The subject advised that he cannot recall any conversations with BROTHMAN in 1942 or at any time prior to the beginning of 1944 in which BROTHMAN asked him to join the Communist Party.

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The subject advised he does recall that PERCY NADEL, whom he advised was an acquaintance of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and whom he met in company with BROTHMAN, also asked him to join the Communist Party. He advised that this PERCY NADEL resided on Lexington Avenue, but said that at the present time he cannot recall the exact address. Subject recalls NADEL told him that he belonged to a group or section of the Communist Party which met in downtown New York City, but he cannot recall if NADEL ever told him the name of the group or section to which he belonged. The subject said that whenever NADEL asked him to join the Communist Party he never gave NADEL a flat refusal or any indication of willingness to join, but as he did with BROTHMAN, he put off NADEL on the question of joining the Communist Party.

The subject further advised that he had gone to dinner at the home of PERCY NADEL, on Lexington Avenue, in New York City, on one occasion, the date or period of which he cannot recall. After dinner NADEL took the subject to a meeting of the Communist Party. Subject recalled that NADEL said this meeting was a meeting of the branch or section of the Communist Party to which NADEL belonged. The subject advised that he cannot recall the address at which this meeting was held, but believes it was in the vicinity of NADEL's home, not too far away. He recalls also that this was held in a regular meeting room and said there were no signs outside this room indicating it was a clubhouse or any branch of the Communist Party. The subject cannot recall the names of anyone else who was in attendance at said meeting of the Communist Party.

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The subject said he had attended this meeting only because he had been a dinner guest of NADEL, who indicated after dinner that he had to attend said meeting and requested that subject accompany him. The subject advised that he was not interested in attending this meeting but did so only at the urging of NADEL.

The subject also recalled that he had attended a meeting with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN at Webster Hall, New York City,

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in late 1942 or early 1943. He said he would describe this meeting as a meeting of Communist sympathizers, but not necessarily a Communist Party meeting. He further recalls that EDGAR SNOW, whom subject believes is now anti-Communist, was one of the speakers at this meeting. The subject further advised that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN submitted a question to the general panel at this meeting, which question was submitted in the subject's name. He said that apparently anyone who submitted a question to this panel at this meeting received a free yearly subscription to the publication, "New Masses". The subject said that shortly after this meeting he started to receive copies of this publication under the free yearly subscription. The subject stated that at the end of that year's subscription he refused to renew the subscription for "New Masses" because he found said publication to be "pro-Communistic".

He said that he has never been in sympathy with Communism at any time. The subject said he is aware that when he worked with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, many of BROTHMAN'S friends and acquaintances, particularly JULES KORCHIEN and OSCAR LAGO, indicated that they were sympathetic toward Russia and Communism. Further, ABRAHAM BROTHMAN indicated his sympathy toward Russia and Communism, but the subject said that at that time the United States was engaged in a war in which Russia was an ally. The subject said that accordingly he did not think too strongly of any expressions of sympathy for Russia or toward Communism. He said further that he, himself, never believed in Communism and had always preferred the American form of government to that of the Russian government. He said that probably he should have discontinued his association with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN because of BROTHMAN'S expressions of Communist sympathy. However, he advised that at that time he was a young engineer who was learning a good deal in the engineering field from his association with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and was doing engineering work that was of a type usually too far advanced for a young engineer. The subject said that despite the fact that he had not liked the Communist sympathies expressed by BROTHMAN and some of BROTHMAN'S associates, he had remained with BROTHMAN because of a desire to get ahead

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in the engineering field. The subject said he realized BROTHMAN seemed to associate mainly with persons who were sympathetic toward Communism and Russia, but the subject stated that he had never had any such sympathies despite his association with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN.

The subject advised that he had never subscribed to any Communist literature or pro-Communist literature. He related that he had received copies of the publication, "New Masses", which he described as "pro-Communist", but said that this had not been of his own doing but had been as a result of BROTHMAN's submitting a question to the panel at the meeting of Communist sympathizers, which subject described above. In particular, the subject denied that he had ever subscribed to the "Daily Worker". The subject also said that he had never resided at any address on Hunts Point Avenue in the Bronx, New York, and had no knowledge of any relative, friend, or associate who resided at any such address. He related that he had never received copies of the "Daily Worker" at any such address.

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The subject was advised that information had been received from a source deemed reliable to the effect that subject's name had been submitted to a superior in a Soviet espionage apparatus and had been recommended for recruitment into Soviet espionage. The subject said that if any such recommendation had ever been made, it had never been followed up, because he could not recall that anyone had ever approached him directly or indirectly for the purpose of recruiting him into Soviet espionage. The subject related that if anyone had so approached him he would gladly furnish this information because he knows that he never at any time engaged in espionage on behalf of the Soviet's or anyone else. The subject advised he can definitely state that no one ever suggested, hinted, or asked him to engage in espionage on behalf of the Soviets or anyone else.

The subject was shown a photograph of SEMEN SEMENOV and advised he had never seen this individual.

The subject related that at no time had he ever furnished any information regarding his work on atomic energy, while employed by the Kellex Corporation, to anyone. He said that at the time he had secured employment at Kellex ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, in a general way, had inquired of the subject as to what was going on at Kellex. The subject said that he had never indicated to BROTHMAN the nature of the work performed at the Kellex Corporation and said that BROTHMAN did not seem particularly interested in the work the subject was doing at Kellex, but had merely asked this question as a matter of conversation. The subject further advised that he had never sought the assistance of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN on any of the work he was doing at Kellex. He specifically denied that he had ever brought any maps or drawings of the Kellex Corporation to any place where ABRAHAM BROTHMAN worked with him or assisted him on same. He stated he had never told BROTHMAN or anyone else outside the employ of the Kellex Corporation the nature of the work he was engaged in at Kellex.

The subject advised that if the Soviets did have his name as a possible recruit for espionage and if anyone were to contact him for said purposes in the future, he would immediately notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It is noted that information has previously been set out from HARRY GOLD in this investigation to the effect that GOLD had first met the subject in person shortly after he had introduced ABRAHAM BROTHMAN to SEMEN SEMENOV, GOLD's Soviet espionage superior, and that at the time GOLD first met the subject in person, the subject said to HARRY GOLD, "Shake the hand that shook the hand!" Further, that GOLD had inferred from this remark that BROTHMAN had mentioned the meeting between GOLD, BROTHMAN, and SEMEN SEMENOV to the subject.

The subject was questioned as to his first meeting with HARRY GOLD and recalled that he first met GOLD somewhere near the offices of the Chemurgy Design Corporation, when the subject was going to lunch with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN. Subject said he would place his first meeting with HARRY GOLD in the early part of 1943. The subject said he cannot recall ever stating to HARRY GOLD any expression similar to "Shake the hand that shook the hand." He stated it is quite possible that he might have made the statement, but if he did he had no hidden meaning behind it.

The subject denied that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN had ever made mention to him that BROTHMAN had been introduced by

HARRY GOLD or anyone else to SEMEN SEMENOV, or to anyone who was engaged in espionage on behalf of the Soviets. Further, subject said BROTHMAN had never mentioned to him that he, BROTHMAN, had met anyone who was employed in, or an official of, the Soviet Government. The subject said, in fact, that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN had never in any way mentioned to the subject that he, BROTHMAN, was engaged in espionage activities. Accordingly, the subject stated that if he had made the statement, "Shake the hand that shook the hand", at the time he first met HARRY GOLD, said statement in no way would indicate, or was meant to indicate, that BROTHMAN had mentioned to the subject that he had been introduced to SEMEN SEMENOV by HARRY GOLD.

RE INFORMATION CONCERNING DOCUMENTS CHARGED TO SUBJECT WHICH WERE REPORTED MISSING BY THE KELLEX CORPORATION

The subject was asked if he could explain why four documents, including three drawings which had been charged to him while he was employed as head of the Process Engineering Section at the Kellex Corporation, could not be located by that corporation.

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Subject advised that shortly before he left the Kellex Corporation in 1949, he was questioned by the Security Officer concerning a document which dealt with a meeting subject had had with a DR. WILLIS at Richland. He said that as far as he can recall said document had been a report submitted by the subject himself of a meeting held by the subject with a representative of another firm engaged in atomic energy work. The subject further recalls that the document in question had been sent from the subject's section, known as the Process Engineering Section, to another section at Kellex headed by one ROBERT JOHNSON, in order that said document could be reproduced. Subject said it was his impression said document had been lost while en route to

Re PERCY NADEL

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In December, 1947, Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, furnished information that as of December, 1946, the name PERCY NADEL, born 1896, appeared on the membership list of Lodge No. 500, of the International Workers Order, which lodge met at 77 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

On January 20, 1950, the same informant furnished information that as of January, 1950, the name PERCY NADEL, born 1896, appeared on the membership list of Lodge No. 467, of the International Workers Order, which lodge met in Brooklyn, New York.

It is noted that the International Workers Order has been declared by the Attorney General to be a Communist front organization within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

It is noted that during the interview of February 27, 1950, the subject named PERCY NEDEL, 103 Lexington Avenue, New York City, as a known associate of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN.

In May, 1950, GERHARD NORVAL WOLLAN, Dahlonega, Georgia, a former business ~~associate of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN~~, advised Agents of the Atlanta Office that PERCY NADEL was one of the associates or contacts of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN in the latter's engineering business.

On October 24, 1950, PERCY NADEL, Room 1201, 154 Nassau Street, New York City, on interview by SA FREDERICK C. BAUCKHAM, advised that his contact with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was in connection with a process BROTHMAN was working on for the manufacture of thyoglyocolic acid. NADEL advised that in connection with this process he went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with BROTHMAN and stayed overnight at a hotel there. He stated that as a result of this trip he loaned BROTHMAN $300.00 on August 31, 1948, which money he said BROTHMAN has repaid.

NADEL said that since 1948 he has had no contact with BROTHMAN. He advised that he met HARRY GOLD on one occasion and OSCAR VAGO on one or two occasions, but only at luncheons. He advised that he had no knowledge of any other activities of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN.

In February, 1951, HARRY GOLD, the admitted and convicted former Soviet espionage agent, furnished the following information to SA JOSEPH C. WALSH concerning PERCY NADEL:

HARRY GOLD advised that PERCY NADEL, a close friend of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was a member of the Communist Party in the Bronx, New York. GOLD explained that he first met NADEL in ABRAHAM BROTHMAN's office on the latter's birthday in 1946. GOLD said this was the only time he personally met NADEL, but said that he had heard BROTHMAN speak of NADEL frequently. GOLD advised that it was quite obvious from BROTHMAN's comments that NADEL was a close friend of his and his wife, NAOMI BROTHMAN. GOLD said further that NADEL's membership in the Communist Party was frequently mentioned to GOLD by ABRAHAM and NAOMI BROTHMAN. GOLD said he was quite sure that PERCY NADEL was not a professional engineer, but he believed NADEL to be engaged in some business wherein NADEL had realized considerable wealth in the black market during World War II.

Furthermore, it was GOLD's impression that NADEL had financed BROTHMAN in BROTHMAN's aquisition of a plant in New Jersey.

GOLD described NADEL as about five feet nine or ten inches in height, in the middle forties, stocky build, graying hair, married (possibly divorced), with light blue eyes and a light complexion.

DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from personal observation and interview:

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA JAMES P. MARTIN, dated AUG 1 6 1951, at New York, are identified as follows:

T-1 [redacted]

T-2 [redacted]

T-3 [redacted]

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At Elizabeth, New Jersey

Will interview DR. RAPHAEL ROSEN, Standard Oil Development Company, Hirsch Tower, as to whether DR. ROSEN interceded with anyone at the Kellex Corporation, particularly DR. MANSON BENEDICT, in an effort to secure employment for subject with Kellex. In the event DR. ROSEN indicates that he did so intercede, he should be interviewed as to who had requested or suggested that he, DR. ROSEN, intercede for the subject, in order that subject might secure employment at the Kellex Corporation. DR. ROSEN should be specifically questioned as to whether ABRAHAM BROTHMAN ever urged DR. ROSEN to assist the subject in securing employment at Kellex. Further, DR. ROSEN should be interviewed as to the knowledge he possesses concerning subject's sympathies and activities. (It is noted that for assistance in conducting said investigation one copy of the report of SA JAMES P. MARTIN, in captioned case, dated April 6, 1951, at New York, is being forwarded as an enclosure with instant report.)

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
JOSEPH ZALKIN, Engineer (Structural), Corps of Engineers, War Department, Washington, D. C.	LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: JOSEPH ZALKIN, born April 26, 1894 in Russia, presently employed War Department as Structural Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Washington, D. C., in a non-supervisory capacity. I&N records reflect ZALKIN born April 13, 1892, Ekalermoslav, Russia. ZALKIN resides 319 North Thomas Street, Buckingham Village, Arlington, Virginia. Present investigation predicated on information received from a highly confidential source that JOSEPH ZALKIN's name appeared on the active indices of the American Peace Mobilization and the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. These organizations were declared by the Attorney General on November 24, 1947 as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. [redacted] This organization was cited as a Communist front organization by the HCUA on March 29, 1944. [redacted] At a special hearing before the CSC September 3, 1943 ZALKIN denied membership in any Communist front organization; however, he admitted he was associate of OSCAR J. WAGO and DAVID BLOOM and also admitted that he had received copies of "In Fact."

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HCUA cited this magazine on May 29, 1946 as a Communist front organization. Reliable informant of FBI advised that VAGO was member of WCDA, Washington Book Shop, Washington Committee for Aid to China and American Peace Mobilization.

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[redacted] Neighborhood investigation disclosed employee and wife considered loyal and patriotic citiznes. Inquiries among present co-workers and previous occupational associates developed that employee considered loyal individual. [redacted] unable to furnish any information regarding employee. [redacted] had no pertinent information pertaining to loyalty of employee. [redacted] has been utilized by the FBI in present investigation.

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REFERENCE: Bureau Letter to Washington Field Office dated May 17, 1948

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It should be noted that the employee admitted [redacted] this hearing [redacted] received copies of the magazine "In Fa[redacted] that he [redacted] that he was an associate of OSCAR J. VAGO[redacted] BLOC[redacted].

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A reliable informant of the Washington Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised that the name OSCAR J. VAGO, 4117 North Fourth Street, Arlington, Virginia, appeared on the "Members List" of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action in late 1940 or early 1941. The informant also advised that VAGO last paid his dues July 25, 1940 in the Washington Book Shop Association, and that his wife, CLAIR VAGO, last paid her dues in the Washington Book Shop Association on May 20, 1941. The informant added that the name OSCAR VAGO appeared on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Aid to China in the spring of 1941. The informant stated that in the latter part of 1940 or the early part of 1941 the name of OSCAR VAGO appeared in the active indices of the Washington Chapter of the American Peace Mobilization.

The Washington Book Shop Association has been declared by the Attorney General of the United States, on November 24, 1947, as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The Washington Committee for Aid to China was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report of March 29, 1944, as a Communist front organization.

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According to [redacted] the employee, while he was in the office, appeared to be a very close friend of OSCAR J. VAGO, who at that time was working in his division, and VAGO was suspected by several of the workers of being a Communist. [redacted] had no specific information concerning VAGO as to whether or not he was a Communist or the names of any of the workers who could furnish any information along these lines. He concluded by stating that he believed ZALKIN is a loyal citizen.

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[redacted] stated that OSCAR VAGO was also employed in his section at the time ZALKIN was there and he never recalled any incidents in his division whereby VAGO or any other workers were close to ZALKIN and although his men were suspicious that VAGO was a follower of the Communist line he never heard VAGO or any of the other workers make any remarks that VAGO was a Communist or in any other way disloyal to this country.

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War Department
Washington, D.C.
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There are enclosed herewith copies of the report of SA ROBERT M. HORNER dated May 11, 1951 at Washington, D.C., which sets out additional information regarding employee's connection with MORRIS BERKMAN which was not covered in the original report of SA RICHARD J. IRWIN dated July 13, 1948 at Washington, D.C.

It is noted that the latter report characterizes OSCAR J. VAGO as a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, Washington Book Shop Association, Washington Committee for Aid to China, American Peace Mobilization, and American League for Peace and Democracy.

Bufile 101-1988, re "OSCAR JOHN VAGO, was.; Perjury, Espionage - R," reflects that VAGO has been identified as a member of the Communist Party in the report of SA ROBERT M. KANE dated October 16, 1950 at New York. This report also notes that VAGO was a partner in A. Brothman Associates between 1944 and 1948, and that he was a friend of HARRY GOLD. This latter information is being called to the Bureau's attention in the event the Bureau desires the New York Office to submit a supplemental report on ZALKIN further characterizing VAGO.

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Synopsis:

Information concerning ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ, and ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and Associates, set out.

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REFERENCE: Bulet to Minneapolis, 6/8/56.
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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Information concerning GERHARD NORVAL WOLLAN and ROLF WOLLAN, brothers of the employee, and their employment by ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and Associates in New York, New York, will be set out in reports of other offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

New York T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in May, 1950, that in 1945, A. BROTHMAN, OSCAR J. VAGO, G. N. WOLLAN, etal, were doing business as A. BROTHMAN and Associates, at 114 East 32nd Street, New York, New York, and that in 1949, ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ were doing business as A. BROTHMAN and Associates, at 29-28 41st Avenue, Long Island City, New York.

On November 28, 1945, New York T-2, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and Associates was a joint partnership of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, JULES KORCHIEN, GERHART WOLLAN, OSCAR J. VAGO, and EMIL Z. BARISH, but that this latter person was removed from the partnership. New York T-2 advised that his first knowledge of this partnership was in September, 1944.

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was convicted after a jury trial on November 22, 1950, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violations of Title 18, Section 88 (1946 Edition) of the United States Code (Conspiracy to obstruct justice) and of Title 18, Section 241 (1946 Edition) of the United States Code (Inducing a person to give false testimony).

MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ was also convicted at the same trial for violation of Title 18, Section 88 (1946 Edition) of the United States Code (Conspiracy to obstruct justice)

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On November 28, 1950, United States District Court Judge IRVING R. KAUFMAN sentenced ABRAHAM BROTHMAN to five years imprisonment and imposed a fine of $5000.00 on one violation and two years imprisonment and imposed a fine of $1000.00 on the other, prison sentences to run consecutively.

On the same date, Judge KAUFMAN sentenced MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ to two years imprisonment and fined her $10000.00.

In imposing sentence, Judge KAUFMAN stated,

"The defendants in this case have not only been convicted of obstruction of justice, but what aggravated the case here is the fact that the obstruction of justice, serious by itself, was laid in the background of espionage...."

New York T-3, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on [redacted] b1 (c)

New York T-3 also advised on the same date, that OSCAR VAGO, who held CP membership book #9265, had transferred from the Industrial Branch to the 6th AD Branch, Queens.

New York T-4, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on [redacted] b1 (c)

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At 80 Centre Street
New York 13, N.Y.
June 26, 1952

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you no doubt know, I brought a proceeding against the Bail Fund of the Civil Rights Congress in the New York State Supreme Court for an injunction, dissolution and appointment of a Court Trustee. As part of my proceeding I was able to obtain the records of the Fund consisting of some 6400 depositors spread over 19 states.

I have completed the compilation and have decided in the interest of National Security that it would be best that this list be lodged with your Department and in accordance with that I have refused to allow anyone access to the names. This coming Monday the matter is on before the Court at which time I have every hope that the defendants will bow and accede to my demands. I intend to ask the Court if that happens to seal the records so that there will be no public listing of these names.

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Your agent D. P. Adams of the New York office has been most cooperative and I informed him on Tuesday that I was transmitting this list to you, which you will find enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

NATHANIEL L. GOLDSTEIN
Attorney General

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ABRAHAM BROTMAN working on plans for development of plastics plant for Chinese no longer interested in joint venture. GREGORY advises RAY ELSON returned $300 previously borrowed from GREGORY. States ELSON in temperamental mood because of failure of husband JOSEPH to secure employment. Says BROWDER rather cool in his attitude in last telephone contact. GREGORY presently having dispute with REYNOLDS over severance pay, which fact has upset her considerably. GREGORY interviewed by Assistant to AG JAMES McINERNEY. MILDRED PRICE returned from China 11/25/46, presently working for China Aid Council, NYC. ALLAN ROSENBERG while in NYC January 18-19 contacted NATHAN WITT, CP attorney. PETER RHODES working on novel for N. Y. Publishing Co., and is presently in NY for three months. [redacted] DR. ARTHUR WEINSTEIN [redacted] tains usual Communist contacts. Information on THEODORE BAMGOLD and contacts of other subjects set out. (RU)

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ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

The following investigation of the activities of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN is reported by Special Agent FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN and covers the period from December 16, 1946 to January 15, 1947:

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Confidential Informant [redacted] has advised that BROTHMAN is continuing his activities in engineering work for the development of plastics. In connection with the development of plastics it will be recalled that BROTHMAN has been working intensively with a Chinese known as Mr. WAN (phonetic) who is believed to be a member of a Chinese purchasing commission presently in the United States attempting to develop industrial projects which are to be operated in the United States for the Chinese.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent JOHN T. HILSBOS dated December 26, 1946 at New York, New York wherein reference is made to a conference which BROTHMAN held with one HARRY LEVINE of the Commonwealth Plastics Corporation located at Leominster, Massachusetts, at which conference BROTHMAN told LEVINE that the Chinese were interested in buying half interest in a plant for the manufacture of plastics. In connection with this deal Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on December 23, 1946 BROTHMAN held another conference with LEVINE at which time BROTHMAN advised LEVINE that he thought he could interest the Chinese in obtaining a half interest in the plastics plant which they had previously discussed. At this time LEVINE stated that about one million dollars would be needed for the operation of the plant, stating that he felt that the plant should be purchased outright rather than obtaining a lease. In the ensuing discussion LEVINE told BROTHMAN that the Chinese should put up one half million dollars and they, apparently referring to BROTHMAN and LEVINE, would put up the other half.

This same informant advised that on December 24, 1946 BROTHMAN held another conference with LEVINE, at which time BROTHMAN told LEVINE that the Chinese had decided not to go into the venture which they had previously discussed and which was referred to as a plastics manufacturing plant. BROTHMAN stated that the Chinese decided to go into the plastics business alone and did not desire to go in with anybody else inasmuch as the money that they had for this purpose had come from China for investment in the United States and that the reason they had decided to invest money in a plant in the United States was because of fear of what they thought might happen in China. BROTHMAN did not develop this statement any further and it is not known at this time exactly what he referred to when he mentioned the "fear" of what would happen in China. LEVINE accepted the statement from BROTHMAN and made no comment other than the fact that they would develop their own plant, apparently referring to BROTHMAN and LEVINE, at which time BROTHMAN told LEVINE that he would send OSCAR WAGO, an associate of his, to York, Pennsylvania to inspect

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a plant he referred to as the "East plant". The general facilities of the plant were discussed and both BROTHMAN and LEVINE agreed that the plant would be suitable for the purpose they desired. LEVINE then advised BROTHMAN that he would get in touch with a Doctor BERGMAN (phonetic) regarding the plant in Yori, Pennsylvania.

On December 26, 1946 the aforementioned informant advised that BROTHMAN held a conference with a Doctor BERGMAN's secretary and an appointment was made for BROTHMAN tomeet BERGMAN in his suite at the Hotel Salisbury, 123 West 57th Street, New York City. Investigation is being conducted to ascertain the identity and activities of Doctor BERGMAN referred to herein before by both BROTHMAN and LEVINE.

On December 26, 1946 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that MARIAM MOSCOWITZ, secretary to BROTHMAN, held a conference with one GARAVITO to whom she referred as a shipping agent and at which time she advi GARAVITO that the BROTHMAN associates were putting up a plant for a concern in India and that a shipping agent's services were desired by them. b2 b7D

On January 15, 1947 the aforementioned informant advised that BROTHMAN was in contact with one Doctor RUANI (phonetic), 183 Brown Street, Providence 6, Rhode Island. RUANI stated that he had a contact in Switzerla who was anxious to have a business connection with BROTHMAN in the business of plastics and BROTHMAN gave RUANI authority to contact the person in Switz on his behalf.

URSULA WASSERMAN

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WASSERMAN has been living at 10 Downing Street and [redacted] her own apartment at 110 Christopher Street also. [redacted]

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[redacted] presently employed Ameritex Corp., NYC.) MARY JANE KEENEY in New York 2/21 to 3/5. She met usual contacts; no unusual activity noted. [redacted] of GREGORY SILVERMASTER, [redacted] DAVID WAHL in New York 3/16 to 3/18; in [redacted]

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[illegible] March 5, 1947, in instant case, [illegible] negotiations were pending between BROTHMAN and the Commonwealth Plastics Corp., of Leominster, Mass., for the manufacture of [illegible], and with representatives of the CHINESE PURCHASING COMMISSION through an intermediary HARRY LEVINE, for the erection of a plant, and further, with a concern in India for the erection of a plant to produce [illegible].

During the above period Confidential Informant [redacted] b2 reported that all of the above negotiations were still in progress but that HARRY LEVINE, above mentioned had again threatened to withdraw from any of the negotiations. It has further been reported by this informant that no further contacts have been made by Brothman during the above period with any representatives in India. 57D

The above confidential informant has not reported any contacts between Brothman and the subjects of the instant case nor have any matters arisen which might possibly be related to espionage activities on the part of Brothman with the exception of certain specific information received by the informant which is being set forth hereinafter.

On February 17, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] b2 advised that MIRIAM MOSCOWITZ, secretary of Brothman, contacted the [illegible]HELMAN of the Anterg Corp., New York City. The informant states that MOSCOWITZ and Needelman discussed certain sentences and phrases in an agreement apparently being drawn up by Needelman. It could not be ascertained what the nature of the agreement was. However, Needelman mentioned a third party who lived in Manhattan who Brothman and Needelman would have to see together. 57D

The indices of the New York Field Division reflect the name Needelman may be identical with [illegible]HELMAN who is probably legal adviser at Anterg Corp., New York City; that he was the subject of a closed, Internal Security-R investigation in this office.

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On March [illegible], 1947, the above informant stated that one [illegible] JERRY (ph) contacted BROTHMAN and stated that he was a friend of [illegible]BURG (ph). JERRY advised that LABENBURG was in the same business as Brothman; that he was anxious for Brothman to meet LABENBURG and exchange ideas.

O/S A check of the indices of the New York Field Division was made as to the above names, with negative results. Further investigation to identify them is continuing.

On March 12, 1947, one JERRY [illegible] (ph) contacted BROTHMAN and stated that "LIFE" (presumably LIFE Magazine) is showing some interest in the "process" and he requested BROTHMAN to give him the name of the plant involved. BROTHMAN then stated it was the Bangatuck (ph) plant of the U. S. Rubber Co.

O/S The indices of this field division do not reflect any information concerning the above. Investigation is continuing.

On March 13, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] stated that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was in contact with his partner [illegible]. It was noted that BROTHMAN and VAGO spoke of the speech of PRESIDENT TRUMAN in a dispereging manner.

On March 14, 1947, the above informant advised that BROTHMAN contacted HARRY LEVINE at the COMMONWEALTH PLASTICS CORP., Leominster, Mass. During this contact the informant states, LEVINE informed BROTHMAN he was reluctant now to do any business with Brothman after hearing of the matters which occurred at the last meeting. LEVINE informed BROTHMAN that the situation left "a bad taste in his mouth"; that he did not accept the terms and he, Levine, would prefer to drop the deal.

The following names and addresses, the result of a mail cover on Brothman's place of business during the above period of investigation:

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On March 13, 1946, when information was received that the above H. GERSON was a correspondent of BROTMAN. A teletype was sent to the Knoxville Field Division which office has advised that one MILLICENT GERSON, believed to be identical with the above addressee, resides at 131 Chester Hall, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and is employed in the Nuclear Energy Propulsion Aircraft Division, Fairchild Corp., Oak Ridge, Tenn., as an associate physicist, and that said Gerson has frequent access to secret and confidential material. A teletype and report have been received from Knoxville indicating briefly that the above MILLICENT GERSON was born on May 24, 1925, normally resides at 1-E, 64-34 99th St., Forest Hills, L.I. N.Y. It was further pointed out that the above GERSON had been employed at Princeton University, N.J., at the Standard Oil Co. of California, La Habra, California.

The Newark and San Diego Field Divisions are proceeding with investigation as to her loyalty and contacts.

As to the addressee DR. MARIO L. OTTO LENGHI, reference is made to the report of Special Agent John Hilsbos dated January 28, 1947, in which background information on the above individual was set forth as being probably identical with an unidentified DR. ROMANI residing at 163 Brown St., Providence 6, Rhode Island.

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"Magyar Hirek" (Hungarian News) dated July 25, 1970, published in Budapest, by the Hungarian World Federation, contained a photograph of several persons, among them Oszkar Vago, leader of the New York Hungarian Social Club Tour, his wife Klara Vago, described as Editor of "Amerikai Magyar Szo" (Hungarian Word) and Erna Fodor described as Budapest correspondent of the American Hungarian Word.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
JULES KORCHIEN, with aliases	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject, a Key Figure, resides 4-A, 46 Washington Sq. So., NYC, sub-lessee of JORIS IVENS, Dutch Communist now Film Commissioner in Dutch East Indies; practices profession as architect, Rm. 1606, 114 E. 32 St., NY and is partner in A. BROTMAN & ASSOCIATES, Consulting Engineers formed 8/15/44 at this address with five partners, three of whom are known Communists. Subject possibly a member GREENWICH VILLAGE CLUB. Subject International V.P. of FAECT; 1945 delegate to GREATER NEW YORK CIO INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL; Chairman CIO HOUSING COMMITTEE; member of ARCHITECTS COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP; member of AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLANNERS AND ARCHITECTS; on "GI" COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS HOUSING COUNCIL. Subject was architect 6/44 for AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE remodeling. Registered as ALP voter 1944 describing himself as "single." (U)

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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 100-10589.
Report of Special Agent JEROME W. BROWER dated September 2, 1944 at New York, New York. (U)

DETAILS: The subject of this investigation is a Key Figure of the New York Field Division. (U)

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On February 15, 1945 (the subject) was observed (by the reporting agent) to enter the Celrite Building at 114 East 32nd Street, New York City. The following names appeared on the building directory:

O. J. VAGO, Room 1606
JULES KORCHIEN, Room 1606
E. Z. BARISH, Room 1606
A. BROTHMAN, Room 1606
CHEMURGY DESIGN CORPORATION, Room 1606
VAGO & MILLER, Room 1606

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BROTHMAN resigned, according to informant, on August 15, 1944 at which time he organized the consulting engineering firm of A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES, a partnership with offices in Room 1606, 114 East 32nd Street, New York City. The partnership consisted of the following: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, age 31; EMIL Z. BARISH, age 29; GERHART WOLLAN, age 34; OSCAR J. VAGO, age 47; JULES KORCHIEN, age 40. The partnership began operations, according to this informant, on August 15, 1944 and the style of business name was taken by the partnership on August 29, 1944. (u)

Confidential Informant T-6 stated that BROTHMAN was a native born citizen of Russian extraction, held a 2B classification under Selective Service, graduated from Columbia University in 1933 with a Chemical Engineering Degree and was employed by the HENDRICK MANUFACTURING COMPANY of Pennsylvania, but in July, 1942 became Vice President of the CHEMURGY DESIGN CORPORATION. (u)

BROTHMAN is known to the Bureau as a signer of the Communist Party Nominating Petition at New York City in 1943, in which petition he gave his address as 4108 42nd Street, Long Island City. (u)

Confidential Informant T-4 advised that it appeared BROTHMAN interested himself in such reading matter as the April, 1945 issue of "POLITICAL AFFAIRS," "TEXTBOOK OF DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM," "ECONOMICS OF BARBARISM" by J. KUCZYNSKY and M. WITT, "300,000,000 SLAVES AND SERFS" by KUCZYNSKY, and the May, 1945 issue of the "AMERICAN REVIEW OF THE SOVIET UNION," a quarterly published by the American Russian Institute, New York City. (u)

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BARISH is not known to this office (u)

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WOLLAN, also native born, graduated from Luther College with a Bachelor of Physics Degree and from the University of Iowa in 1930 with a Master's Degree in Physics. He likewise was formerly employed by the CHEMURGY DESIGN CORPORATION and this is his first venture also. (u)

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Confidential Informant T-7 [redacted]

VAGO is native of Hungary, T-6 stated, but is naturalized. He graduated from the University of Budapest in 1919 with a Civil Engineering Degree. All along, informant said, he had been in the employ of CHEMURGY DESIGN CORPORATION until becoming a partner in this new concern which is also his first venture in business on his own. (u)

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Informant T-8 advised that OSCAR JOHN VAGO with alias Oszkar Vago is a Structural Engineer residing in Rego Park, Queens. He was born in Budapest, Hungary on February 27, 1898 and was naturalized in 1938. He is known to be a member of the CIO COUNCIL and in March, 1944 was known to be a member of the REGO PARK CLUB of the COMMUNIST PARTY of Queens.

KORCHIEN, according to Confidential Informant T-6, was also employed by the CHEMURGY DESIGN CORPORATION until becoming a partner in the BROTHMAN enterprise which represents his first entry into business on his own account.

Information was also supplied by this source indicating that the A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES were engaged as consulting engineers and architects doing work principally for two accounts, namely, BRIDGEPORT BRASS COMPANY, Bridgeport, Connecticut and GRAVER TANK & MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Chicago on a contract basis. All expenses occurred in work done for these two concerns, informant explained, were paid by those concerns according to the contract arrangements. The work performed includes development work, plant design, process engineering and automatic equipment designing. Informant understood that operations of the enterprise had been on a satisfactory basis since the creation of the partnership and that the firm had no occasion to seek general commercial credit.

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Confidential Informant T-10 advised that [redacted] b1

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