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UNITED STATES GO emorandum DATE: 4/26/62 DIRECTOR, FBI (62-106323) TO MEW YORK (100-135206)(P\*) FROM 7/25/8975WEW/AB WALTER D. SCHNEIR SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING 135 18 Declassify on: OADR (ESPIONAGE) ReNylet, 2/14/62. On 4/18/62, AUSA EDWARD R. CUNNIFFE made available to SA EDWARD F. MC CARTHY a photo copy of a letter dated 4/14/62 to USA ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU, SDNY, from the subject, in which the subject request access to impounded exhibits and sealed testimony in the case US vs. JULIUS ROSENBERG. AUSA CUNNIFFE did not state what the USA would reply to SCHNEIR's request. Pertinent parts of the letter are set forth as fellows: "My wife and I have been working for some time on a book which deals, in part, with some of the atomic espionage cases of the early Fifties -including, of course, the Rosenberg case. the defendants at that trial, David Greenglass, drew four replicas of sketches that he had transmitted \ to an agent of the Soviet Union some years earlier." SCHNEIR goes on to say that for purposes of research and possible illustrations for his book, he wanted to obtain Photostat copies of the replicas which are identified as exhibits 2, 6, 7, and 8. SCHNEIR made mention that last year he had requested copies of 2, 6, and 7 from Mr. CUNNIFFE who was in charge of the ROSENBERG exhibits and received these subsequently. SCHNEIR requested . a copy of . exhibit 8 and certain sealed testimony connected with it. He states in the letter that the exhibit was impounded by the court and is presently, kept in Room 602. 2/- Bureau (62-106323)(RM) Me APR 80 1962 1 - New York (100-135206) Chastified by 3632 WMM: cah Except from GDS, Category 1 (3) dication Indefinite



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SCHNEIR also points out that the exhibit was not impounded upon action initiated by the USA but as a result of a request by the defense. He specifically points out that/page 702 of the ROSENBERG trial record the prosecution introduced exhibit 8 for identi and identified it as a cross-section sketch of the atomic bomb drawn by GREENGLASS. SCHNEIR states that apparently as a defense tactic EMANUEL BLOCH objected and asked that the exhibit be impounded. It • received in evidence with the agreement and was to be sealed after being shown to the jury. According to SCHNEIR, as GREENGLASS started to testify about the components of the sketch, BLOCH asked that the testimony be kept secret and after some discussion spectators were barred but the press was admitted during which time GREENGLASS testified about the sketch. After testimony by witness 67C the GREENGLASS sketch and testimony and some of "this material" was ordered impounded by Judge KAUFMAN.

SCHNEIR goes on to state that the testimony and artists versions of this sketch were widely published. SCHNEIR states that he makes a request to review this testimony and exhibit in the firm belief that the Department of Justice would not have the slightest reason or basis for objecting.

The above is for the Bureau's information.

It would appear that the subject is still in the process of preparing his book.

Is presently on vacation until 4/30/62.

It is contemplated he will be recontacted in accordance with the suggestion set forth in relet sometime in May, 1962, concerning the subject's book.

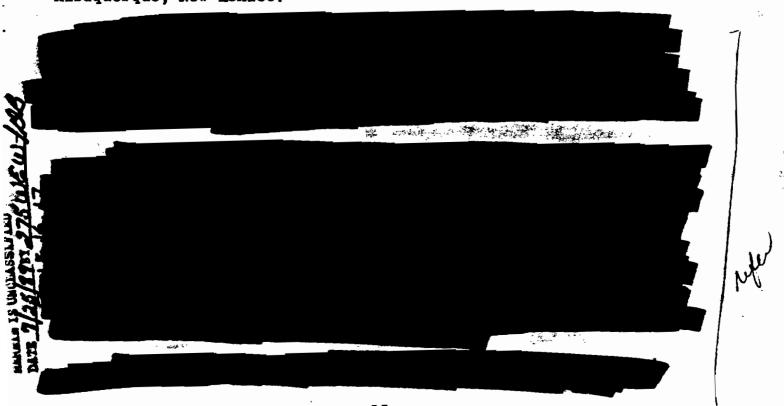
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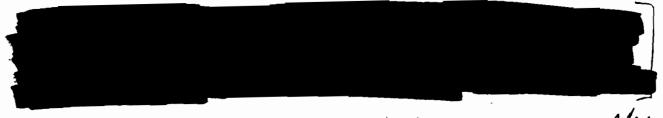
SCHNEIR'S letter of September 15, 1961, was referred by Mr. CONNOLLY to Mr. G. H. TENNEY, Group Leader, GMX-1 Division, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, for review. Mr. TENNEY subsequently informed Mr. CONNOLLY that he could not be of any assistance with regard to answering the four questions presented by Mr. SCHNEIR. Consequently a letter dated October 9, 1961, was directed by Mr. CONNOLLY to Mr. SCHNEIR telling him:

"I am sorry to say I can find no one here who wishes to comment on the material you submitted. The feeling is that whatever remarks were made by experts during the trial represents the extent to which the AEC chooses to discuss the matter."

SCHNEIR was referred to the Division of Public Information, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., and no further correspondence has been received from him at Los Alamos. Photostat copies of all correspondence referred to above is maintained in the Albuquerque file.

The following investigation was conducted at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico:





## At Albuquerque, New Mexico

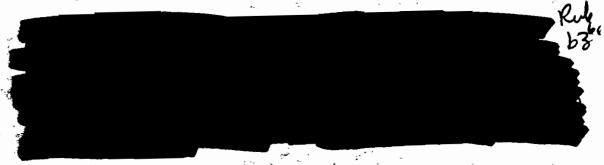
On November 13, 1961,

Albuquerque, New Mexico, made available a letter
which he had received from WALTER SCHNEIR dated September 5,
1961, together with his mply to SCHNEIR. The letter from SCHNEIR
reads as follows:

#### 'Dear

"I was in Albuquerque about a month ago doing some research on my book and tried to phone you, but you were out at the time.

I'm just about winding up some aspects of my research and, inasmuch as I've already discovered that you have an excellent memory, I thought I'd see if you could chrify a couple of small points for me.



"I realize that Im asking you about something that happened a long time ago, but I will be very grateful for any help you can give me.

"With best wishes.

"Sincerely,

/s/ WALTER SCHNEIR"

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Synopsis:

Subject wrote several letters to Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory (LASE), Los Alamos, New Mexico, inquiring about activities of DAVID GREENGLASS and asked specific questions about sketches made by GREENGLASS of lens mold experiments performed at Los Alamos. He showed an interest in obtaining "scientifically accurate" information about these experiments. AEC Information Office, Albuquerque Operations Office, furnished subject with the address of Dr. RALPH CARLISIE SMITH, former classification officer of AEC at Los Alamos. Subject made inquiry U. S. Civil Service, Albuquerque, concerning RUTH GREENGLASS.

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DETAILS:

## At LOS Alamos, New Mexico

On November 14, 1961, Riss PAT ECAMPREVS, Mail and Records, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, University of California, Los Alamos, advised that she had been unable to locate the original letter received at Los Alamos from WALTER SCHWEIR, but evidently his letter dealt with the period of time that DAVID GREENGLAST was at Los Alamos. On July 31, 1961, Mr. EDEARD A. CONNOLLY, Public Relations Office, wrote SCHWEIR: David Greenglass came to Los Alamos on august 5, 1944 and departed on February 20, 1946. During the entire period he was a T/S Sergeant.

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On September 7, 1961, SCHEIR & rected the following letter to Mr. COMMIX:

"Pear Mr. Commolly:

'Thanks so much for your letter of July 31. Unfertunately, a slight error requires clarification: Tou may that 'During the entire period he was a 1/5 sergeant." Insmuch as a 1/5 is a Cp., did you mean to say that or was he a 1/4 Sgt.?

'May I add that I feel researchly sure that Greenglass was not a 7/4 sergeant during his entire time at Los Alamos but became one during the latter part of his stay. Of course, I may be wrong on this.

"I wonder if you could also check the actual records (as opposed to secondary sources) on Greenglass to see whether you have a date for his various assignments on the Hill. When did he first begin work in the Technical Section, for example, and when did he become assistant foreman and then foreman of the "E shop? Also, do the records indicate his furlough dates, including three-day passes?

There is one other problem in historical research with which you may be able to meant me. I have copies of three sketches made by Greenglass of less mold experiments performed at los Alamos in 1944-45. It is terribly difficult to obtain any scientifically accurate information as to the purpose of those experiments and, specifically, the significance that the shetches would have had at the time (they are rough, non-scale drawings). As you may recall, when I was in Albuquerque and Santa Fe Max Boy was abroad and Gerald Tenney was unavailable on the only day I had free. I wonder if either of these gestlemen—or any other scientists you can suggest—would be prepared to look at these sketches and help to clarify their significance for me. If so, I will send you a set of the sketches as soon as I hear from you.

Again, thank you for your help and also for your efforts to set up some interviews for me on the Hill.

With best wishes.

Sincerely, /s/ WALTER SCHNEID. AQ 62-621

In raply to SCHEIR's letter of September 7, 1961, Mr. Committy directed a letter to him dated September 13, 1961, which is not out as follows:

## "Pour Mr. Schmeir:

"I was in error in maying that Grounglass was a sorgount during his stay at Los Alamos. He was a 7/5 corporal thomoghout the entire period. He came here \$/5/44 and terminated \$/35/46.

"Els two furloughs of record were 12/20/44-1/20/45 and 8/7/45-8/25/45, both with a Nov York City destination. We have nothing on paper to show what three-day passes he may have received.

"Her do we have any record that shows brouglass as assistant foreman or foreman of E shop. He could have been, of course, but you asked only for facts authenticated by our files. That we have is that he was first employed by Laboratory group E-5, then by E-1 (\$/30/44-11/30/44) and by E-4 (1/45-2/46). "X" was the name given to our Explosives Division during the war years. Its leader was Dr. C. B. KISTIARDWERY.

'We are certainly willing to look at the aketches you mentioned, but it is possible that any comment we might have would be classified. Send than alone and we'll see what we can make of them."

by letter dated September 15, 1961, SCHEER posed several questions to Mr. COMMOLIZ and exclosed with his letter exhibits 2, 6 and 7 with explanatory natural from the trial in New York in 1961. This natural is as follows:

WALTER SCHNEIR
42-34 ELBERTSON STREET
ELMHURST 73, N. Y.

September 15, 1961

Mr. Edward A. Connolly University of California Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory Office of Public & Employee Relations P.O. Box 1663 Los Alamos, New Mexico

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Dear Mr. Connolly:

I was glad to receive your letter today with the additional data about Greenglass. Thanks. With your help, we may avoid perpotuating the minor errors of a dezen or so other writers.

As for the sketches, I am sending them along herewith; also enclosed is some brief emplanatory material which may be useful in evaluating the significance of the sketches. The emplanatory material consists of trial excepts from testimony in which Greenglass was questioned about the sketches.

The three sketches are <u>replices</u> of sketches of lens mold experiments allegadly drawn by Greenglass in January and June of 1945 and upanomitted to the Russians. (The <u>replicas</u> were prepared by Greenglass in 1950 and 1951 and were introduced as exhibits at the Rosenberg trial.) As I mentioned in my earlier letter, it is terribly difficult to obtain any selembifically accurate information as to the purpose of the lens mold experiments depicted and, specifically, the significance that the shouthes would have had at the time. (I am quite sure there will be no question regarding security on these historical questions, inasmuch as the Justice Department undoubtedly checked the matter before turning the sketches over to me.)

Here are a few questions I would like very much to have answered:

- I Would those three sketches, and the information about them offered in the enclosed trial testimony, have "tipped off" Russian scientists to the flact that work on a nuclear weapon was in progress at Los Alamos?
- 2 desuring that the Soviet scientists already knew about the A-Bomb project, how valuable would these sketches have been in revealing to that any novel techniques for assembling the bomb; techniques, that is, that would not readily occur to competent scientists faced with the problem of bringing together fissionable materials so as to form an efficient critical mass?
- Would these sketches reveal the general priciple of implosion, as it was used in the bomb? Was implosion a completely unique and original principle that might otherwise have been kept secret for a long period of time?

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4 -Would possession of these sketches and the accompanying material have been likely to shorten the time required by the Soviet Union to develop and produce an A-Bomb. If, so, roughly how much time might they have saved?

What I would like most of all is to have scientists such as Dr. Roy, Dr. Tenney at all who actually worked in Dr. Mistiakowski's section during the war evaluate this material. While I realize that some of these questions are difficult, I will be grateful for whatever information I can get. These sketches, in effect, are very much a part (although a minor part) of the history of Los Alamos and I think it would be a splendid thing if now, once and for all, we could nail down just what their significance was.

Please give my regards to Dorothy McKibbin.

I will be eagerly awaiting your answer.

Sincerely,

Walter School

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# GREENGLASS LENS MOLD SKETCHES \_ (Exhibits 2, 6 and 7)

David Greenglass (born March 3, 1922) was stationed at Los Alamos as a T/5 corporal in the United States Army from about August 1944 to February 1946. He worked in various shops as a machinist for Dr. Ristiakowski's group.

These three sketches are <u>replicas</u> of sketches allegedly drawn by Greenglass in January (exhibit 2) and June (exhibits 6 and 7) 1945 and transmitted to the Russians. The <u>replicas</u> were prepared by Greenglass in 1950 and 1951 and were introduced as exhibits at the Rosenberg trial.

Greenglass testified that many different lens molds were tooled in his shop. Asked whether he could produce sketches "showing the developing process and the improvements" in the different lens molds, he said:

Greenglass: The sketches are-well, that was only the improvement in the

curve, and I didn't know that. The curve looked the same to me--maybe a little flatter or a little more tapered but I couldn't tell which curve was--I mean it would be very difficult to tell which one was the improvement over the other.

Cohn: You did not even know the formula for the curvature, did you?
Greenglass: That is exactly correct.

Note, all pertinent testimony by Greenglass about the exhibits has been included; excluded are legal objections etc.

#### EXHIBIT 2

Greenglass. ... I gave him some sketches of flat type lens molds...

Mr. Cohn. Now I want to come specifically to these sketches you told us about of this lens. Exactly do you remember how many sketches you gave him?

Greenglass. I gave him a number of sketches, showing various types of lens molds.

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Mr. Cohn. Tell us exactly what you gave Rosenberg with reference to the lens mold.

Greenglass. I gave him a sketch of the lens mold. I marked them A, B, C, the parts of the mold, and I defined what these markings meant. Hr. Cohn. Where were these definitions contained, on the same sheet of paper?

Greenglass. On a separate sheet of paper.

Mr. Cohn. The sketch was on one sheet and the description on another . sheet?

Greenglglass. That is right.

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Mr. Cohn. Now, Mr. Greenglass, have you, at our request, prepared a copy of the sketch of the lens mold which you furnished to Rosenberg on that day in January?

Greenglass. I did.

Mr. Cohn. Would you examine Government's exhibit 2 for identification (handing) and tell me if that is the sketch which you prepared.

Greenglass. That is the sketch that I prepared.

Mr. Cohn. Addressing yourself to Government's exhibit 2 in evidence, Mr. Greenglass, does that exhibit contain letters, "A", "B", "C"? Greenglass. They do.

Mr. Cohn: Now, what do these letters have reference to? Do they have reference to this other paper?

Greenglass. Yes, they have reference to another paper, where I put down the meaning of these letters.

Mr. Cohn. Would you tell us now, as best as you remember it, exactly what descriptive language was contained on this piece of paper you furnished Rosenberg along with this sketch?

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Greenglass. "A" refers to the curve of the lens; "B" is one frame; "C" shows approximately how wide it is.

The Court. All right, now you had better give us that slowly so that we can all understand it. "A" refers to what?

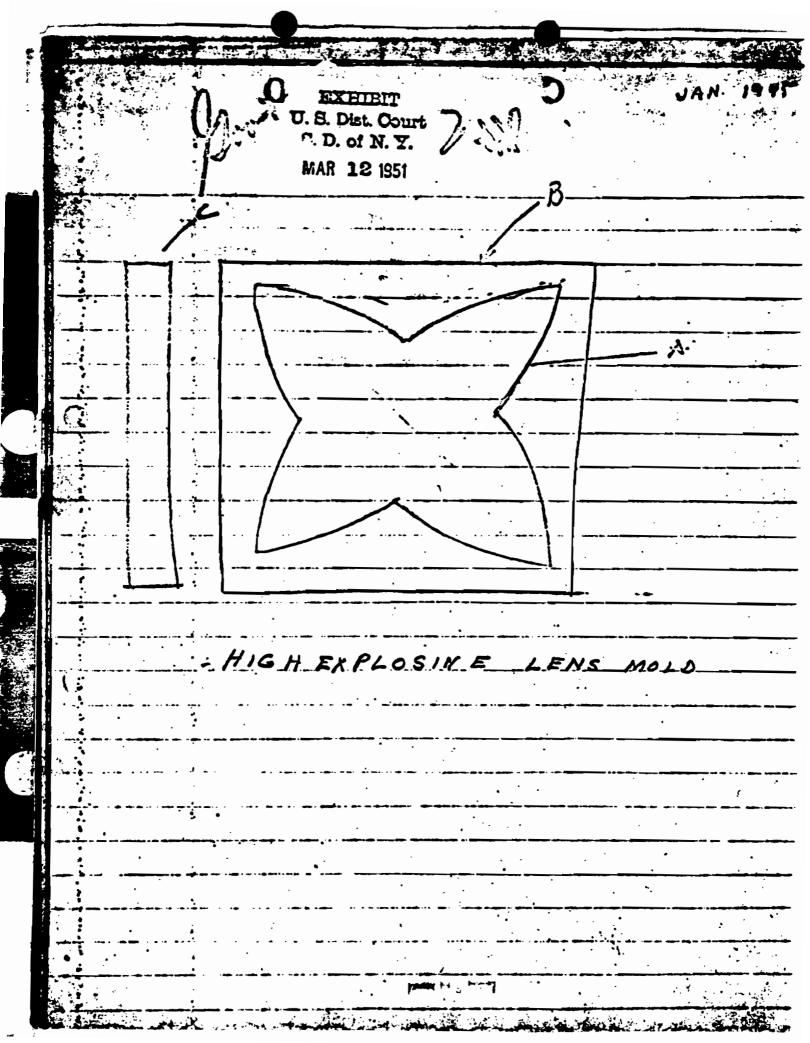
Greenglass. The curve of the lens, the outside curve; "B" to the frame and "C" to the width. It is a four-leaf clover design like; it looks something similar.

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Greenglass. It has four curves on it, and these--it is hollow in the center and was used to pour "H.E." into it:

Mr. Cohn. What do--mean by "H.E."?

Greenglass. High explosive. It then took on the shape, the H.E. took on the shape of the mold and the mold was removed and you had a high explosive lens.



## EXHIBITS 6 and 7

Greenglass. I gave sketches relating to the experiment set up; one

Cohn. Face view?

Greenglass: Face view of the flat type lens mold.

Cohn. Have you prepared, at our request, a sketch of this face view?

Greenglass. I have.

Cohn. Would you examine Government's exhibit 6 for identification? By the way, you prepared that on June 15, 1950, is that correct? Greenglass. I did.

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The Court: Is this to your present knowledge an exact replica of the sketch which you turned over even to the extent of the comments on the side?

Greenglass. It is.

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Cohn. Will you address yourself to Government's exhibit 6 in evidence and tell the jury what that represents?

Greenglass. I showed a high explosive lens mold. I showed the way it would look with this high explosive in it with the detonators on, and I showed the steel tube in the middle which would be exploded by this lens mold.

Cohn. Now did you prepare on that Sunday in June 1945 and give to Harry Gold on that same day, any other sketches concerning this high explosive lens mold for atomic energy?

Greenglass. I showed him a schematic view of the lens mold set up in

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an experiment.

Cohn. Now, have you similarly prepared for us a replica as you remember it, of the sketch which you gave Harry Gold on that day?

Greenglass. I did.

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The Court. What do you call this sketch, a schematic view of it?

Greenglass. Yes. Well, none of those are to scale. So they are all schematic.

The Court. What is the difference between 7 for identification, now being marked, and 6?

Greenglass, Well, this shows an experiment.

The Court. Actually, the mold being used in an experiment?

Greenglass. That is right. The set-up.

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Cohn. Does this sketch, Government's exhibit 7 in evidence similarly have letters such as the first one, A,B,C and D and so forth?

Greenglass. Yes.

Cohn. To what do those letters refer to?

Greenglass. They refer to the parts of this sketch.

Cohn. Were letters such as that on the sketch which you gave to Gold? Greenglass: That is right.

Cohn. Did those letters refer to descriptive material? Greenglass. They did.

Cohn. Where was this descriptive material?

Greenglass. On a separate sheet of paper.

Cohn. Did you give that descriptive material to Gold? Greenglass. I did.

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Cohn. Now, would you tell us just what you wrote on this other about of paper to describe this exhibit and the letters contained thereout

Greenglass. "A" is the light source which projects a light through the tube "E", which shows a camera set up to take a picture of this light source. Around the tube it is a cross-section of the high emplosive lens "C" and a detonator "B" showing where it is detonated, and the course is that when the lens is detonated it collapses the tube, implodes the tube, and the camera through the lens "F" and the film "D" shows a picture of the implosion.

The Court. Were there constant experiments going on? Greenglass. Constant.

The Court. And the sketches in 6 and 7 were what were considered an advance on these sketches marked as Government's exhibit 2? Greenglass. Yes.

The Court. Well, let us eliminate the word "Advance"; they were just another step?

Greenglass. That is right.

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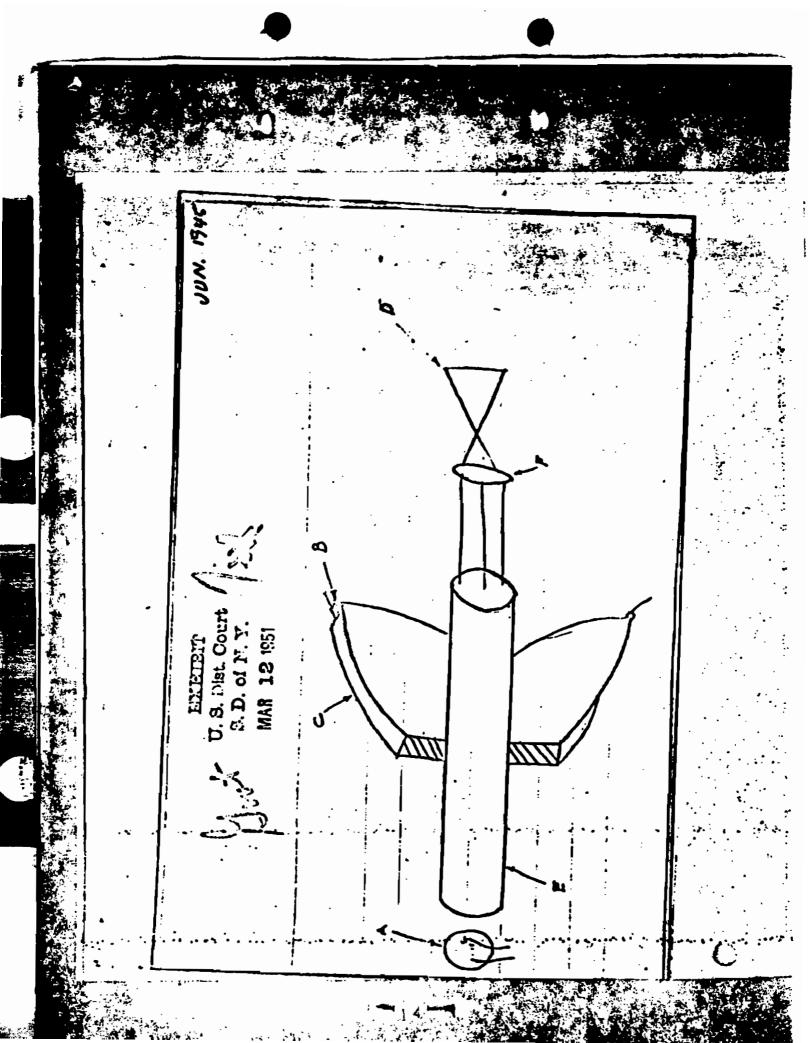
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On March 12, 1957, JOHN LAUTNER testified concerning his membership in the Communist Party. He further testified that while he had been a Communist Party member, he had known CLARA REICH to be a Communist Party member and that she had been attached to a branch in the Bronx, New York.

On October 9, 1950, Mrs. BERNICE
RIVERIA, 114 West 114th Street,
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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-6361)

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"AMERIKAI MAGYAR SZO" HUNGARIAN WORDD INCORPORATED IS-R-HÜ RA

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ReNylet and LHM dated 4/7/65, setting out details of a tour to Hungary sponsored by captioned newspaper.

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau eight copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. One copy is being furnished WFO for information. In addition, copies were sent to INS, 2nd OSI, DIO, and DCS-I, 1st Army, all in NYC.

It is noted that no contact was made with the Foldes Travel Agency since past experience has proved that they are not too cooperative in matters of this sort. Also,

In the event the other tours, originally scheduled | 0 | by AMS, and set out in re LHM, materialize, the Bureau will be advised promptly.

The pretext telephone calls mentioned in the enclosed LHM were made by SA SABINO P. CARONE using the pretext of

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION .
New York, New York May 24, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to

86-1840CV NFORMATION CONTAINED Amerikai Magyar Szo" Amgarian Word, Incorporated ternal Security-Russia-Hungary Registration Act

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

In this connection, on April 26, 1965, a suitable pretext telephone call was made to the offices of the AMS, 130 East 16th Street, New York City. An unknown woman answered, stating that the newspaper had originally scheduled an air tour to Hungary leaving the United States on May 21, 1965. However, according to this woman, this tour never materialized. She stated that a tour had left by steamship on April 22, 1965, and another was to depart on June 9, 1965, on the "Queen Mary".

On April 26, 1965, a suitable pretext telephone call was made to the Chelsea Travel Service, 222 West 23rd Street, New York City. An unknown woman advised that they had handled the April, 1965 tour for the newspaper, but they were unaware of any air tour by the newspaper scheduled for May, 1965.

The November 12, 1964 advertisement, mentioned above, also reflected that a tour would leave by ship in June (1965), under the leadership of Istvan (Stephen Wkocs, whose name has appeared as a writer for AMS.

The April 29, 1965, issue of AMS, on page 8. contained an announcement reflecting that Istvan Kocs would be in charge of the group leaving on June 9, 1965, on the "Queen Mary". Those interested were asked to contact the AMS office.

On May 13, 1965, Department, Cumard Lines, 25 Broadway, New York City, advised Lar Reservation 110

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"Amerikai Magyar Szo" Hungarian Word, Incorporated

that the following persons had reserved space for the June 9, 1965, sailing of the Queen Mary, and some had taken return passage.

stated that these persons were not booked as a tour but space had been allocated to these persons as a group. They were not being sponsored as a tour by any group or individual, but the travel arrangements were made through the Foldes Travel Agency, 1503 First Avenue, New York City. They were all sailing to Cherbourgh, France.

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## DATE OF RETURN

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advised that all of the above were tourist class reservations. He also stated that lower berths had been requested since the above travellers were elderly.

Was unable to furnish any background information or addresses concerning the above individuals.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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March 10, 1951

New York letter captioned \*OSCAR JOHN VACO, was. Perjury, Espionage - R, " dated January 31, 1951, requested that photographs of VAGO be exhibited to captioned individual who has admitted participation in Soviet Espionage Ring which operated in Washington, D.C., and New York during the 1920's and the 1930's.

On February 13, 1951, de SVESHNIKOFF was located at his present residence, 1607 17th Street, N.W. He declined to be interviewed or examine any photographs. He alleged that he had lost his job because of the FBI and, therefore, did not desire to have any other contact with the FBI. de SVESHNIKOFF stated that in the event the government desired any information from him, he expected to be paid the same fee as given an expert consultant. He also reported he intended to discuss the matter with his attorney.

It is to be noted that on September 14, 1950, de SVESHNIKOFF was permitted to resign his position as a Chemist at the Engineering Research and Development Laboratory, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, after the military had determined that he was a security risk.

de SVESHNIKOFF, a Security Index subject in this office, exhibited am uncooperative, belligerent and antagonistic attitude. He was advised that he was not obligated to enter into any discussion with representatives of the FBI.

On February 14, 1951, de SVESHNIKOFF telephonically contacted ... this office and advised that he had been ill the preceding day and that he was willing to be interviewed providing the interview took place in the office of his attorney, one FRANK KELLY, who has an office in the Investment Building, Washington, D. C. Subsequently, de SVESHNIKOFF advised that he would prefer to be interviewed at the University Club at 1165 16th Street, N.W.

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On February 16, 1951, photographs of VAGO were exhibited to de SVESHNIKOFF and he failed to identify VAGO or furnish any information pertinent to that investigation.

It is pointed out that in the past de SVESHNIKOFF has been interviewed by representatives of this office and has failed to furnish any worthwhile information. He has been most reluctant and uncooperative in these interviews.

In view of the attitude exhibited by de SVESHNIKOFF, it is recommended that in the future contacts with him should be made only when there is some positive indication that de SVESHNIKOFF is acquainted with the subject of a particular inquiry.

It is also recommended that when such situations arise and are also being considered by the Grand Jury at New York City, that de SVESHNIKOF be subposenaed before the Grand Jury in preference to having any further contact with him by this office. These suggestions are not, however, intended to preculde further contact with de SVESHNIKOFF by this office when the best interests of the Bureau will be served.

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Ar. Locd -Mr. Clegg ---Mr. Glavin -Bureau of Innestua Ka. Richols ... Mr. Rossn -united States Department of Instice Mr. Tracy -607 U. S. Court House Mr. Harbo -Foley Square Mr. Belmont -New York 7, New York Mr. Mohr -Tale Boom Min Gardy . May 10, 195 Director, FRI INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER NEW YORK DIVISION INTERNAL SECURITY 4C Bureau file # 61 -7341 Dear Sire Submitted herewith is information obtained by on as noted from the building located at 80 Fifth Avenue. This building is occupied by National Headquarters, INO, in New York City, Description of exhibit: Carbon copy of INO General Office Membership List for the followings LOCATION HIC (Queens) SA D.V. PITCHER الوال الما ما تعالى معالية المعالية الما ما الأداري الأرادي الأرادي الأرادية الأرادية الأرادية الأرادية ا Original and one photostatic copy of above being retained in he files, of this effice. ENCLABURE BEHIND PILE RECORDED . W INDEXED - 42 EDWARD SCHEIDT pecial Agent in Charge

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# INVESTIGATION OF UN-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

**HEARINGS** 

BEFORE A

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OMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEVENTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

FIRST SESSION

ON

H. Res. 282

TO INVESTIGATE (1) THE EXTENT, CHARACTER, AND OBJECTS OF UN-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES, (2) THE DIFFUSION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OF SUBVERSIVE AND UN-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA THAT IS INSTIBUTED FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES OR OF A DOMESTIC ORIGIN AND ATTACKS THE PRINCIPLE OF THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT AS GUARANTEED BY OUR CONSTITUTION, AND (3) ALL OTHER QUESTIONS IN RELATION THERETO THAT WOULD AID CONGRESS IN ANY NECESSARY REMEDIAL

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Re: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

(Jules Korchien) (Ursula Wasserman) CONFIDENTIAL

The following investigation concerning the activities of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, JULES KORCHIEN, and URSULA WASSERMAN, covering the period from June 6, 1946 to July 10, 1946, inclusive, is being reported by Special Agent FRANK D. O'BRIEN.

#### Re: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

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Confidential Informant has advised that BROTHMAN continues in his activities at his place of business, at 114 East 32nd Street, New York City. BROTHMAN has been doing work for the Chinese Government, the nature of which was previously reported as developing some types of resins. In connection with this project for the Chinese Government, a MR. WAN (phonetic) has been in touch with BROTHMAN regarding a report which he desired. The Informant reported that on July 8, 1946, WAN was in touch with BROTHMAN and requested a summary report of the work that was being conducted. WAN stated that a General CHU (phonetic) should receive this report as soon as possible.

The Informant also advised that on June 18, 1946, BROTHMAN was in contact with CivanDELBORN and SON FANSHEL. Both of these men are believed to be employees of BROTHMAN, and they discussed some type of project which they are working on. BROTHMAN stated that they desired to build a chemical industry to match the DuPont empire for \$5.26. It is not known who the "they" are, to whom BROTHMAN referred. However, he did stated that ELAVIN and he, BROTHMAN, had quite a tussle over the affair. SLAVIN is believed to be HARRE SLAVIN, 510 West 112th Street, New York City. Dontinuing on in this discussion, MANDELBORN stated that they are anxious to get the report out but that they did not desire to use their own stationery.

The contents of this entire discussion are being set forth below, and efforts will be made in the near future to ascertain for whom BROTHMAN is working on this project, and also the exact nature of it.

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- C: All right. You're all straightened out now, SOL (ph.) ?
- S: Right.
- C: Okay, All right, ABE (ph.)
- A: Hello
- C: Yeah.
- A: We had quite a tussic last night.
- C: Yeah.
- A: Uh, SLAVIN (ph.) and myself—uh, the main thing involved about this, uhin their anxiety to build a chemical industry for five dollars and twenty six cents ————.
- C: Yeah, a little louder, ARE, Please.
- A: I said in their anxiety to build a chemical industry complete to match the Dupont Empire for five dollars twenty six cents.
- C. Tas
- A: They, uh, uh, find the engineering charges on this thing running high, you see.
- C: Oh, do they?
- A: The first thing they do, of course, is to suspect that we're chiseling.
- C: Yeah
- A: -- so, wh, wh, the Commission or something that is investigating him appointed an expert to look over the set -- wh over our stuff.
- C: Oh, is that a , uh, a British expert or, uh, one of their men?
- A: It couldn't be a British expert so it's one of their men.

- C: Oh, I see. Well, I mean, I just wondered if it was one of there are on an expert...
- A: Listen, uh...
- C: I, uh...okay.
- A: You listen to me.
- C: Okay.
- A. I always suspected it is a....It's DR. ABBUANFELD (ph.)...
- C: Yeah
- A: ....who is their expert...
- C: Yeah
- A: ....and, uh, he comes back with the decision that we are drawing experimental plans on the, uh, to the extent that, uh....(indistinct).
- C: Oh, I see.
- A: See?
- C: Yeah, I got it.
- A: So I told him what did you expect it to be when you're asking for it to be (indistinct) within five dollars and twenty six cents.
- C: And you're asking for it without all the....you're asking for it this way and that way and conditions in which....uh, of course, they're experimental. They're not experimental. Tehy're eighteen ninety.
- A: Uh, well, the next thing was that....uh, while they shuffled back and forth, hither and dither and separations are made and in (indistinct)....in separation columns...
- C: Tech.
- A: You have the fact that, wh, this operation is taking place according to plaquette lines.
- C: T see.
- A: Now that wants to be said in the report.



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- C: I see. Well, I can't do that without telling them something about the processing aid.
- A: I know, uh, you don't try to prove it, you just state it.
- C: Oh I see, I see. I'll point out certain operations which are required like separations and these that are not done in separatory columns are done in the parts. It doesn't make any difference. Uh, that's...uh, I mean there's (indistinct) and yet giving them some data.
- A: Yeah.
- C: Okay.
- A: No, no data at all. You just say that process is taking place according to plaquette lines except, uh, with the operations of, uh....confined to a small amount of equipment involving shuffling of materials so that.... so that to keep it within the small amount of equipment.
- C: I see, uh....uh, uhuh. Okay, I can do that all right. There's no trouble about that. SOL'S taking care of the, uh, procurement aspect of the thing and the work we did on that....
- A: Yeah.
- C: ...and ...and uh, uh, and...well, here's something I said in the introduction, you see, uh...SOL...one thing SOL, uh, questioned, which he may be correct in, is this. He wondered whether or not he ought to mention the specific materials by name like TMT and so on.
- A: Yeah.
- C: I, uh...okay. That's all right then, and, also, the fact that, uh, reference is made to DDT and alkede (ph.) resins as cover-ups.
- A: Yeah.
- C: In other words, just talk to them just like we do to SIAVIN.
- A: Yeah.
- C: All right. Well, we won't write it on company stationary so there will be no change of anything going wrong.
- A: That's right.
- C: Okay.
- A: Now, the point of the thing is that you are to point out that we originally began a perfectly classic design in the beginning of the plan...





- A: ...but that we were notified of the limited sum of money they had avafor the entire project and hence had completely amended the thing.
- C: I did that already.
- A: Yeah?
- C: I've already done that....in great detail I point out all the changes the have taken place.
- A. Yeah.
- C: Okay.
- A: You will also point out the, uh...that the question of the Atchinson(ph. recovery was brought out to us and the work which we did on that.
- C: And we developed the work which proves that it's all right. I planned to do that, yeah.
- A: All right.
- C: Okay.
- A: You want to talk about the uh....
- C: I'll talk about the changes that have been made on the ballistype (ph.).
- A: Uh, what changes?
- C: Well, uh, they don't have to know that we, uh, didn't, uh, point out that we planned to design it one way. We had adapted our, uh...some of the wor to producing ordinary cordite and then, uh, decided we wanted to make ball-grain (ph.) powder all of a sudden.
- A: Yeah.
- C: Okay?
- A: Well, I... I don't think we have to go into that. I mean, that's a sort of a feeble one...
- C: Okay.
- As ....but I think what we had ought to do is to find a uh...the things that state facts and that we are attempting to restrict the (indistinct) to within the limit of a uh...of a uh limitation in the amount of money we could spend and that number two, we are attempting to cover the plant at the same time....







- G: Yeah.

  A: ...and that the cover of the plant involves thus, thus and thus, and that we had to....uh, in using equipment for several different (indistinct) resulted in something different from the classical features of it.
- C: Thuh and, uh, another thing....
- A: Is SOL on the phone?

efficiency.

- C: Yeah. Right.

  A: Uh, uh...a terrific squabble broke out between uh, uh, SLAVIN and myself yesterday in which I dressed him down (indistinct). Their expert, looking at the specifications and looking at the (indistinct) sheet, decided that, uh, that the plaque was an experimental plaquette and uh, (indistinct) made question marks over them. So I, uh, asked uh, SLAVIN, since he was so critical about (indistinct) his engineering help but there...uh, what he critical about (indistinct) his engineering help but there...uh, what he would think if I was to look at the door handle of an automobile and discover that the, uh, internal combustion engine that drove it was of low
- C: (Laugh)

  A: Uh, he had no answer for that so I said, now MR. SLAVIN, I said, either the man who looked at that thing and came to that decision was a genium or you're a liar.
  - C: (Laugh) I see. Well, okay, so we have an idea now as to how to proceed.
    You want to go into as great deal as is consistent with not telling them anything except, uh, what we had to do. I mean, no precious information.
    Okay? ....Hey ABE? ....ABE? Uh, just a minute ABE. SOL?
- S: I think he got cut off.
  C: Oh, I see. Hello...uh, hello. Uh look, SOL. Suppose, uh, you jitter
  the operator. You want me to do that?
- S: I'll take it. C: Well, uh, I guess maybe we'd better hang up, SOL, and dial.
- S: All right, hang Mp.

(PAUSE)

S: Hella?

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- S: ABE?
- A: Yeah.
- S: I guess we were cut off.
- A: Yeah, I'm on the phone now.
- S: Uh, is there anything further?
- A: What, uh...the only thing I was thinking when I think we were cut off...
  what I'm concerned with doing is pointing out that, uh, uh...there is no
  operation there which is being carried out in an experimental fashion
  whatsoever. The main difference (indistinct) is the amount of the equipment
  involved and the price of the (indistinct) operation.
- S: I do...are you getting that, CY?
- C: Yeah, I've got it.
- S: Okay. The main difference is in (indistinct) is the way we're handling the equipment, making one pot do three or four jobs but each job is being done exactly...as would...as if it were in it's own little pot.
- A: (indistinct) equipment involved never (indistinct.)
- S: uhuh.
- A: And that the difference is in the separate operation.
- S: I see. Well, I guess then that you want me to, uh, leave out the fact that we're working with sulphuric acid on a different cycle rather than with oleum and so on.
- A: No, no because (indistinct.)
- S: I can't hear that.
- A: (indistinct) oleum.
- S: Back in the TMT?
- A: Yeah.
- S: Okay.
- A: Pointed out to the fact that (indistinct).....
- CY: Ask JULES (ph.) if he wants to talk to ABE.
- SOL: Yeah. Well JULES does. ABE?

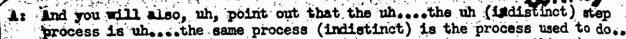
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ABE: Huh?

- S: JULES wants to talk to you, okay? He's on another wire. He'll be with you in a minute.
- A: Hello?
- S: Yeah, okay. Is there anything further, ABE?
- A: Yes.
- S: Yeah.
- A: You can point out in the (indistinct) that at one point we pointed out that he had nothing but ninety four per cent acid available for us...
- S: Yeah.
- A: ....and that with the ninety four per cent acid, uh, the acid does not do the same thing that we would get with (indistinct) oleum.
- S: That's right.
- A: Because we could not be certain that the (indistinct) would approve.
- S: Yeah.
- A: The uh, uh....the direction of the (indistinct) plate and....
- S: Okay, so now we'll, uh....
- A: We'll have to go back and use the design of the non-classic (ph.) lines of the uh, of the (indistinct).
- S: Yeah.
- A: The result of ... the exclusive result of ....
- S: Yeah.
- A: The uh, the exclusive result of the uh, uh....
- S: The possibility that they might not get oleum.
- A: That's right.
- S: Okay.
- A: And, uh....
- S: And if they get oleum....
- A: And if they get oleum it will return to the perfectly classic lines (indistinct).
- S: Okay, fine.





S: Okay, I'll do that. Now, uh, JULES says he wants to say something to you ARE. Okay hold on. JULES.

#### (PAUSE)

JULES: Uh, ARE. I didn't realize that MARION (ph.) wouldn't be in today so I can't get that letter off.

J: What I thought I'd do is this. Uh, I'm expecting a call from RUBIN (ph).

A: Yeah.

J: ...and uh, I'll suggest my going up to his house this afternoon.

Yeah.

J: If I can then I'll see BUDENBAUM (ph.)...

A: Yeah.

J: ...and uh, I'll talk to him ... see what I can do. Either tell him to get off the job or, or come right over and finish it.

(indistinct)

J: Uh, it's over in Kent Cliffs (ph.). I don't think you'd be able to find it just wandering the country side.

A: Yeah.

J: It's uh, near Carmel, New York.

A: I could meet you in Carmel.

J: Uh, I don't think he goes through Carmel when we get there.

At I see.

J: And I don't know just exactly when we would get there.

1: Where do you get off?

J: Well, he's going to drive up, you see.
A: Oh, I see.

J: Yeah.

A. Well, you give me a ring.

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J: I'll give you a ring from there.

1: Yeah.

J: Let me have your number again.

A: 3558 R2.

J: 3558 R2?

A: Yeah.

J: Okay, uh, SILVER (ph.) wants to talk to you ABE.

A: Yeah.

SOL: Go ahead SILVER.

SILVER: Hello. ABE: Hello.

S: Is, uh, MARION there?

A: Yes.

S: Uh, can I speak to her?

A: Sure, just one minute.

S: Yeah.

(PAUSE)

MARION: Hello. SILVER: MARION?

S: GUS (ph.) just called and he said he wants the DDT and chloral folder

that he left here. Do you knowhere it is?

M: The what? -S: He wants us to mail him the DDT and chloral folder. Do you know where





- M: Now, how would I know where it is. I don't handle it. CONFIDENTIALS: Well, I thought maybe you saw it.
- M: I put something to do with DDT away in the, uh, second drawer. There are a group of folders dealing with DDT in the second drawer. OSCAR (ph.) will show you where they are.
- S: All right, I'll look for them. When are you coming back?
- M: Probably tonight or tomorrow morning.
- S: Okay.
- M: All right.
- S: So-long.

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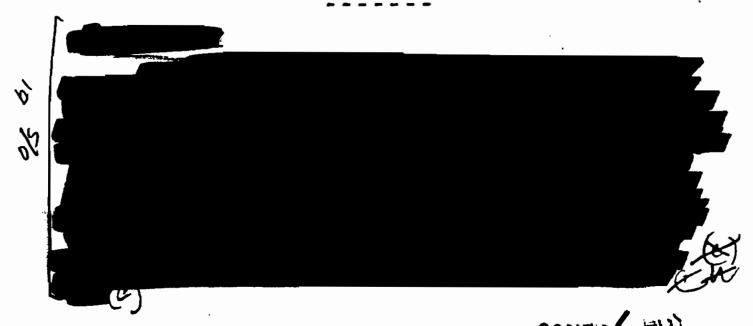
Efforts are presently being made to ascertain the identity of HARRY SLAVIN, 510 West 112th Street, New York City. Inquiry at this address failed to reveal any person by the name of SLAVIN residing there.

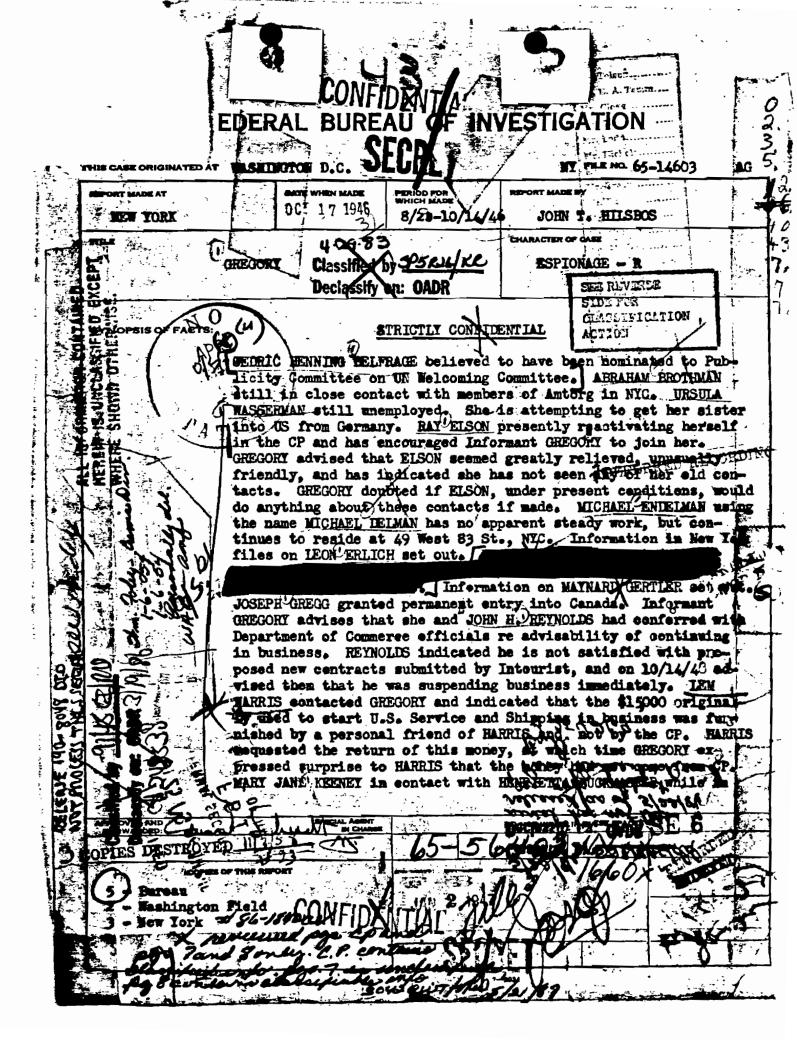
The Credit Bureau of Greater New York was checked against the name of SLAVIN with negative results.

Confidential Informant advised that BROTHMAN has made several telephone calls from Peekskill 3-558R2. It was ascertained that this telephone number is listed to ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, Furnace Dock Road, Peekskill, New York

According to the same Informant, on June 7, 1946. at attempt was made by one, LACATUR (phonetic), to get in touch with BROTHMAN, at which time BROTHMAN was not in, but OSCAR VAGO, one of BROTHMAN'S associates, spoke with LACATUR and said that the meeting with POWELL (phonetic) was off, but that they would meet at a later time in BROTHMAN'S office to discuss the Soviet Russia proposal.

Confidential Informant also advised that MIRIAL MOSCOWITZ, Secretary to BROTHMAN, had made a reservation for three persons to fly to Chicago on July 15, 1946, and to return to New York City on July 16, 1946.





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#### ABRAHAM BROTHMAN (URSULA WASSERMAN)



The following investigation of the activities of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and URSULA WASSERMAN, covering the period from September 7 to October 10, 1946, is reported by Special Agent FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN.

confidential Informant has advised that EROTHMAN is presently in the process of moving his offices from 114 East 32nd Street, New York City, to the CHATHAM-PHOENIX BUILDING, 2928 41st Avenue, Long Island City, telephone Ironsides 6-5451

In connection with BROTHMAN moving his offices, the aforementioned informant advised that JULES MORCHIEN, an associate of BROTHMAN, will continue to occupy the premises at 114 East 32nd Street. Informant also advised that KORCHIEN discussed his partnership relationship between BROTHMAN and himself with an unknown individual on October 2, 1946, and KORCHIEN made the statement that he drew no salary from the firm of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES; that he had to get his own work, and if the work was large enough BROTHMAN and the other members of the association would work with him, and for the present time KORCHIEN is to continue this relationship with BROTHMAN but retain a separate office at the original address of the firm (1)

Confidential Informant has advised that BROTHMAN continues to be in close touch with Russians who are members of AMTORG in New York City, and that on September 13, 1946, BROTHMAN was in contact with one Mr. KADIONOVICH who advised BROTHMAN that he was going back to Moscow and that his place was going to be taken by a Mr. KADIONOVICH stated that when he went to Moscow in October he would take up the questions that ABRAHAM had requested him to, and that he would send over the things that ABE had asked him to, but he had not received any answers from Moscow and planned to take it up in Moscow.

On September 19, 1946, the same informant advised that MTRTAM MOSKOWITZ, Secretary to BROTHMAN, was in touch with the DU PONT COMPANY in New York City, and wanted to know if the DU PONT COMPANY could supply one hundred and twelve thousand pounds a month of "Regular acrilic monoma (phonetic) and copalama (phonetic). The DU PONT people were very inquisitive as to what the material would be used for and MOSKOWITZ consulted an unknown person and stated that it would be used for mouldings. The DU PONT man then asked if it would be exported and she replied in the negative. The DU PONT people did not give any definite answer on the proposition.

MOSCOWITZ then attempted to contact Mr. MIEONOVICH (phonetic) of AMTORG but she was unsuccessful (D).

The same informant advised that BROTHMAN and KORCHIEN spent a week in Peekskill, New York, at BROTHMAN'S summer place which is located at Oak Lane and Purnace Dock Row, and they were believed to have returned

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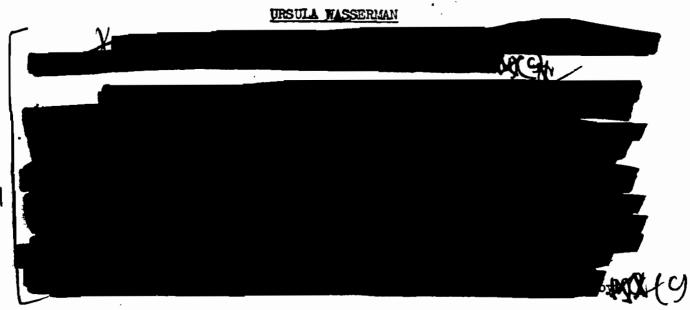
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to New York City on September 27th or 28, 1946 (X) (W)

On September 23, 1946, BROTHMAN was in contact with an individual known only as ELKIN, at which time ELKIN attempted to induce BROTHMAN to allow him to use his offices for purposes of impressing his client and BROTHMAN agreed to do this. It appeared that ELKIN is interested in the manufacture of textiles and BROTHMAN stated he was presently working on a big job for China (1)

Confidential Informant has also advised BROTHMAN attempted Madison Square Garden on September 12, 1946, at which time HENRYWALLACE made his speech regarding the foreign policy of the United States. The same informant advised that BROTHMAN had a lengthy discussion with OSCAR VAGO, one of his associates, at which time they discussed WALLACE'S speech, and BROTHMAN made the statement that he never saw anybody make such a big fool of himself than WALLACE did at the meeting. VAGO stated that it was the demise of a liberal who had been thoroughly deflated. BROTHMAN then had great praise for Senator CLAUDE FEPPER (V)

In connection with WALLACE'S speech the informant advised that on September 20, 1946, MIRIAM MOSCOWITZ, BROTHMAN'S secretary, sent a telegram to President TRUMAN criticizing the ouster of WALLACE, and another telegram to WALLACE urging him to head a hird party ticket. Both of these telegrams were signed by BROTHMAN



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#### Allegations of Oregory

In approximately May of 1940, Golos introduced Gregory to Abe
Brothman, who at that time resided in Massau Gounty, New York, and was suplayed in the Republic Steel Company, New York City, as an engineer. After Gregory met Brothman, he indicated that he had some blue prints to be copied and the copies delivered to Golos. All in all, Gregory met Brothman approximately ten times until some time in the fall of 1940. Sometimes Golos would meet Brothman to obtain these blue prints direct, but whenever these appointments could not be handled personally, Gregory would execute them. Gregory is unable to state how many separate blue prints were actually delivered since they were supplied in an envelope. On some occasions exples of the blue prints were delivered to Gregory by Abe; however, on other eccasions, it was necessary for Gregory to take the originals and have copies made which were delivered to Golos. The originals would be returned to Brothman at a later time. Brothman impressed upon Gregory that all originals hed to be returned to him immediately.

Some time during these happenings, Oregory Learned that these blue prints were of connervial kettles which were understood to be some type of sommercial vat. In the fall of 1900, Golos indicated to Gregory that he was somewhat discouraged with his dealings with Brothman and indicated that he was going to turn him over for handling to someone also. Gregory did not learn from Golos or anyone also to whom Brothman was then directed.

#### Background

Abraham Brothman was born August 15, 1913, in New York City, No is married and has one child. He was educated at John Winthrop Elementary School, Begitt Clinton High School, and Columbia University, specializing in accountancy and chemical engineering. He is presently actively engaged in the consulting engineering firm of A. Brothman and Associates with offices in Room 1606, 11h East 32nd Street, New York City. He is Chief Engineer of this firm, which during the war were consulting engineers for several industrial concerns engaged in war work, one of which was the Commission of Aeronautical Affairs of the Republic of China.

Jules Korchien, one of the partners of the firm of A. Brothman and Associates, is the International Vice President of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, and Technicians, an alleged Communist dominated union. In 1945 he was delegate to the Greater New York CIO Industrial Union Council and a member of the Architect Counciltee of the Matienal Council of American-Soviet Friendshy.

Jules Korchien is a known Communist Party member and is the paremost of Ursula Wasserman and a known contact of Mary Jane Keeney, both subjects is this investigation. He has also contacted numerous Communists and suspected Communists in New York City who have not as yet been identified with this investigation.

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Oscar J. Wago is known to be a member of the Communist Party in Queens, New York City, and Cerhart Wollan is a member of the Communist Party in Brooklyn, New York. Both Vago and Wollan are also partners in the firm of A. Brothman and Associates. Brothman himself is known to have been a signer of the Communist Party Mominating Petition in New York City in 1943.

#### Results of Investigation

Gregory has definitely identified Abraham Brothman from a photograph exhibited to him as the individual from whom blue prints were received and delivered to Golos and themse to the Soviet Government.

Investigation has determined that Brothman has continued at his place of employment with the exception of one week in January when he was a guest at the home of Fred Briehl, Kingston, New York, Briehl is a well known Communist in the New York area. He is known to have indicated to an official associated with the Bowen Engineering Company, Carwood, New Jersey, that he was developing resins in connection with his business for the Chinese Covernment.

On January 16, 1946, it was determined from a highly confidential source that William Browder, brother of Earl Browder, former Mational Chairman of the Communist Party - USA, had been in contact with Brothman's office in an attempt to interest them in his new pamphlet "Distributor's Guide. (U)

On Jamary 22, 1946, this same source advised that Milly, not otherwise identified, conferred with Miriam Markowits, Secretary to A. Brothman, and asked her if she were doing anything to better herself as a Communist Party member, stating that she had removed herself from the struggle. Contiming, Milly indicated that Miriam had no excuse now inasmuch as she did not have to worry about her boss, apparently referring to Brothman. Milly also indicated to Miriam that she should arrange her work so that she could go to the group and help out on the picket lines and also to do something in her community to let people know what is going on and combat the Christian Frontists. Miriam agreed with Milly, and she promised that she would shortly be back in the field.

On March 28, 19h6, a highly confidential source advised that Brothman was considering an offer given to him by the Maiser Corporation, which consisted of three means by which he might accept association or employment with the corporation. First, he was offered to accept employment with the corporation on a straight salary basis; secondly, the Maiser Corporation would take over the Brothman Associates: in its entirety using the office and its staff; and similarly, Brothman would go to work for the Maiser Corporation as a consulting engineer but retain his own business and the consultation work would be done in conjunction with his prepart activities.

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On December 16, 1966, Moscowitz advised a girl friend that
Erothman had talked with a group of Chinese who were members of the Chine
Enisabet Covernment but who, according to Moscow, are in sympathy with
the Soviet Republic inasmuch as Moscowy stated they had a very fine attitude
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Moscowitz also advised an unknown woman that she had lost her wallet and stated that her Gommist Party nembership book was in the wallet. It was later determined that the wallet was found. (2) (4)

Investigation thms far has failed to disclose that Abe Brothman has been directly in contact with any of the subjects in this investigation, however, he is still closely associated with Jules Korchien in the partnership of A. Brothman and Associates. Korchien on the other hand has been ship of A. Brothman and Associates. Korchien on the others who are known to in contact with subjects of this investigation and others who are known to be Communists or suspected Soviet explonage agents.

Brothman pointed out that the Kaiser Corporation was very much interested in his services inasmuch as he developed along chemical lines the use of fiber glass. Brothman discussed the chemistry involved in this process and said that the corporation appeared to be very much interested in his scientific knowledge along chemical and engineering lines. There is no indication to date that Brothman has accepted any of the affers made to him by this corporation. (C) (y)

A highly confidential source deemed to be reliable stated that en May 15, 1946, Rose Reuben of the American-Russian Institute conferred with Brothman, at which time Reuben asked Brothman if he could suggest or recommend some person who knew technical Russian. Reuben stated that the American-Russian Institute issued a pumphlet describing the technical phases of Soviet industries and that they needed a person to translate from Russian into English. Brothman suggested one Mill Reball who resides on Aqueduct Avenue, Bronx, New York, who had been used by his firm as a translator of Russian and thought he may be of some use to Rose Reuben (2)

On July 25, 1946, a highly, reliable source advised that Brothman was working on various plans dealing with the design of a plant for the manufacture of THT, and that other plants were required to be operated jointly with it to act as plausible shields for the original plant, and it was also decided to add a DDT plant and alkyd resin plant. It was further noted among the available material that there was a letter directed to the Government Purchasing Commission of the Soviet Union in the United States indicating that the total engineering fee to be paid to Brothman would be approximately \$650,000 It was further noted that Brothman received mail from the Mational Council of American-Soviet Priesdahip and the Bussian War Reliaf Society. (CX (4))

It was fur ther noted that on September 13, 1946, Brothman was in somtact with one Mr. Kadionovich of Antorg who advised Brothman that he was going back to Moscow and his place would be taken by Mr. Maioron. Kadionovich stated that when he went to Moscow he would take up the questions that Brothman requested and would send over the things that Brothman desired since he had not yet received any answer from Moscow (2) (4)

In October, 1946, Brothman moved his offices to the Chatham-Phoenix Building, 2928 Forty-first Avenue, Long Island City. Korchien will continue to occupy the premises at 114 East Thirty-second Street and for the time being is to continue his relationship with Brothman who will retain a separate office at the original address of the firm.

In Movember, 1946, Miriam Moscowits advised that Brothman is presently working on plans for an engineering project for the Chinese Covernment that will involve the expenditure of \$350,000.00.

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### DASHINGTON, D. C. MEN YORK CITY 3/6/47 JOHN T. HILSBOS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BRAHAM BROTHMAN continuing his activities in the development of plastics. WILFRED BENSON, a UN employee, while at the apartment of URSULA WASSERMAN called CAROL RIEGELMAN in Canada. Latter believed to be a contact of GERMINA/RABINOWITCH. One FRANCES/MCLERMAN, a contact of WASSERMAN, bears a close resemblance to unknown CATHERINE. JULES RORCHIEN left NYC for Puerto Rico 2/8/47. Background on KORCHIEN set out. HENRY HILL COLLINS in New York 1/28 to 1/30 and 2/14/47. in New York was in contact with NATHAN MITT. JAUCHLIN CURRIE in South America on mission for Argentine Covernment. No pertinent ac Livity on the part of RAY KISON. Information on LEONARD CHRLICH set out. It is not known if he is identical with the EHRLICH mentioned by GREGORY. Confidential Informant GREGORY departed for San Juan. Puerto Rico, 2/14/47 for a three weeks vacation. Her claim against Colonel JOHN RETNOLDS presently in the hands of her attorney. GREGORY in personal contact with HELEN TENNEY, at which time latter indicated her condition had been brought about mainly due to the invalidation of her passport in August, 1946. TENNAY failed to mention anything about her alleged ravings about being a Soviet spy. No indication that TENNEY is interested in talking to the authorities. during the resistance movement prior to the invasion. Information on HENRIETTA STOTZ and THUR MELSON set out. Dr. ABRAHAM MEINSTEIN tian 2/25/47, apparently on a

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The following investigation of the activities of AHRAHAM EROTHMAN were reported by Special Agent H. Courtney Clinch and covers the period from January 15, 1947 to February 15, 1947:

Senfidential Informant was as advised that EROTHMAN was continuing his activities in engineering work for the development of plastics. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John T. Hasbos dated January 28, 1947 at New York, wherein mention is made to conferences between HARRIXIEVINE of the Commonwealth Plastics Corporation located a Leo Minster, Massachusetts and AERAHAM EROTHMAN in regard to the developent of industrial projects for a Chinese known as Mr. MAN (phonetic).

In connection with this matter, the informant advised on January 29, 1947 that EROTHMAN in a conversation with one MISHKIN (phonetic), stated that he, EROTHMAN, never expected to hear from LEVINE again and it appeared from the conversation that negotiations then pending (probably the Chinese matter) were definitely broken off.

This same informant advised on February 5, 1947 that a Mr. WONG (phonetic), a Chinese, explained to EROTHMAN that the Chinese are dissatisfic with the terms of the contract, but that "if he came down with his terms, they would be willing to negotiate." EROTHMAN then advised WONG that he was completing the original contract and will talk it over with the Chinese. No mention was made of LEVINE during the conversation between the Chinese and EROTHMAN.

On January 18, 1947, Confidential Informant NYT advised that BROTHMAN told one NORMAN that a cable had been received from India indicating that a contract had been signed and that when he, BROTHMAN, acknowledges the contract, "they" will send the first payment of \$40,000.

This same informant advised that on January 29, 1947, a Mr. ATERS of the National City Bank, Long Island City, New York, had a conference with MIRIAMOSCOMITZ, secretary to AERAHAM EROTHMAN, at which time Mr. ATERS advised that a cablegram had been received by the bank on January 29, 1947 from VIJIPITTIE in Bombay, India stating that \$5,000 was being remitted by telegraphic transfer. It is to be noted that the name ECMBAY CHLORINE PRODUCTS, ITD., 20 People's Building, Bombay, India was reported as a mailing contact of EROTHMAN as set forth hereinafter in this report. Investigation to determine if this firm is the same as the determing a contact with EROTHMAN is being continued, although no prior information has been received concerning the type of work to be conducted by EROTHMAN for his contacts in India.

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It is to be noted that on February 12/ 1947, the above confidential informant advised of a contact between one MrX BREYER (phonetic) of SINGMASTER AND BREYER, Graybar Building, Lexington Avenue, New York City, at which time Mr. EREYER wanted to know if EROTHMAN would give him information on the production of DDT for HREYER's clients in Mettur, Madras, South India and further to inquire if EROTHMAN would erect a plant in India for EREYER's client. EREYER stated that his firm was composed of chemical and metallurgical engineers and that a client in India desired to produce one ton per day of DDT.

Both parties engaged in lengthy conversation concerning the desire at present in India for great quantities of DDT. EROTHMAN advised HREYER that DDT is the result of a mixture of Chloral (phonetic) and Chloral Benzol (phonetic). Mr. HREYER also stated that his client in India was very wealthy and at present is erecting an eight million dollar ammonia sulphate plant.

Reference is again made to the previous report of Special Agent John T. Hilsbos dated January 28, 1947, wherein it was set forth that BROTHMAN had been in contact with a Dry RUANI (phonetic), 183 Brown Street, Providence 6, Rhode Island. Information has been received from the Boston Field Division setting forth that investigation at 183 Brown Street and at the Physicians and Surgeons Exchange in Providence, was made with negative results.

It is further set forth that at one time one MARIO COTTOIENGHI, a chemist, had resided at 183 Brown Street and further that he had sailed for Italy on the SS Vulcania on June 20, 1946 from the Port of New York, returning to Providence in January, 1947. It was further advised that a permit to re-enter the United States was issued to OTTOIENGHI at Philadelphia on June 10, 1946, number 141-1552; that his wife's name was listed as ELISSA, and further that he is now the director of research for the Consolidated Distillers, which is located at Old Colony Avenue, Taunton, Massachusetts. Further investigation will be made to determine if the above individuals are identical.

On January 21, 1947, Confidential Informant advised that the Western Union office delivered a telegram to a woman in ERCHMAN's office stating Rolf-Mollan gives your name as a reference for a position to teach mathematics. Please wire collect your opinion as to qualifications and personality. All statements will be kept confidential. Signed, IRVING-CANNON, Dean of Engineering, Associated Colleges of Upper New York. It is believed that ROLF WOLLAN is identical with GERHARD NAWOLLIN, a partner in A. MEROTHMAN ASSOCIATES. According to the above informant, Mr. WOLLIN of A. BROTHMAN ASSOCIATES received this telegram from the above woman and advised that he would send a wire to IRVING CANNON in BROTHMAN's name and then write a letter stating he was no longer interested in the position. Efforts are being made to identify CANNON.

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1946, OSCARIVAGO, a partner of BROTHMAN, had a conversation with one HARTWEIL, telephone, Ironsides 6-8891, according to the above informant and HARTERLL desired that BROTHMAN contact him. Inquiry to ascertain the identity and background of HARTWELL is being

The above informant advised that a Mr. KUNEN (phonetic) contacted MIRIAN MOSCORITZ, BROTHMAN's secretary, and endeavored to make an appointment with BEOTHMAN. It is to be noted that a Mr. JAME NOWEN, 40 mest 40th Street, New York City is a known contact of JURES CONSCIEN, subject of an Internal Security case and an alleged paramour of URSULA WASSERMAN, a suspect in the instant case. Inquiry to determine the identity and background of KUNEN is being conducted. P31P10

advised that on January 23, 1947, BROTHMAN was in contact with a Mr. STRICKIER, who advised that he was in Atlantic City, New Jersey and his telephone number was Shore 2-9778. It is to be noted that the name SINGN H. STRICKLER, STRICKLERAND COMPANY 45 Church Street, Paterson, New Jersey, appears as a mailing contact of BROTHMAN and is hereinafter being reported as such. It is known that a CIO convention was taking place during the above period at Atlantic City and it might be possible that the above parties are identical. Reforts are being made to determine this.

On January 24, 1947, one COTTLIEB (phonetic) was in contact with OSCAR VAGO and according to the above informant, requested that EROTHMAN telephone him at Lambert 3-5883. Efforts are being made to determine the identity of this contact. , one VICTOR HANN,

telephotes atcliffe 5-7167, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, contacted one COID, an exployee of A. HROTHMAN ASSOCIATES and inquired if a machine described as an ozonizer (phonetic) would be ready.

advised that one RARIFCIIMAN (ph. and one SO FANSHEL, had a discussion concerning a meeting at which GIIMAN dominated the affair. The name of HERSHARABINOMITZ, who had been an emplo of ERCTHMAN, was mentioned and inquiry will be made to determine the background and identity of the above individual.

On February 12, 1947, one Dr. XPAIMA (phonetic), 1440 Broadway Room 1809, New York City, contacted EROTHMAN, according to Confidential and endeavored to arrange an appointment. Inquiry is being conducted to determine the identity and background of Dr PALNA 52, MI)

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The same informant advised that also on the above date, an unknown woman contacted OSCAR VAGO and informed him that BROTHMAN should call Wr. FIEIER at Evergreen 8-0036. Efforts are being made to determine the identity and background of FIEIER.

On February 14, 1947, according to the above confidential informant, HERSH RABINOMITZ was contacted by one CURTINGETTER, who advised that she was the legislative director of the PAC and that she was holding material for him and desired send it to him at his home. RABINOWIT advised RITTER that he resided at 129 West 89th Street, New York City and that he is chairman of PAC Number 231 and holds meetings at 5 Beekman Place, New York City in room 521.

The following names and addresses are the results of the mail cover on EROTHMAN's place of business during the above period of investigation:

Place of business: Chatham-Phoenix Building 29-28 41st Avenue, Long Island City, New York

Bombay Chlorine Products, Ltd. 20 People's Building, Bombay, India

Bothachlett 220 East 23rd Street, New York 10, New York

B. Hidt 283 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, New York

Simon H. Strickler and Company
45 Church Street, Paterson, New Jersey

Investigation is being conducted to determine the identity and background of the above contacts.

#### URSULA WASSERMAN

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John T. Hilsbos dated January 28, 1947 at New York in regard to the occupancy by WASSERMAN

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IEON TRLICH

RHOURS and GREGO arrived MIC evening of 12/6/45. They stayed at home of RHODES, ho Monroe Street, MYC. Both made contact on 12/7 at 20 East 53rd Street, MIC, believed to be A. B. WEINSTEIN, THEOU remining almost the whole day with WEINSTEIN. WEINSTEIN was a contact of CARLWINTER and RAIPH BOWMAN, as reported, in COMMAP investigation. WEINSTEIN'S background set out. BHODES and AREAD retiring to Wash., D.C.

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SYNOPSIS (CONTINUED):

Surveillance of AIEXANNER KORAL revealed no significant activity but KORAL maneuvers to locate surveillances. Employment record of KORAL reported,

seting of informant CHEGORI with LENGARRIS, COLONEL REYNOLDS and TED TAYER on December 7th reported. OREGORY unavailable for large part of week 12/9-15 due to illness. Surveillance of RAY EISON reflects she has been working at MFCL. Daily activities of BISON and identity of her contects, Mrs. JAMES E. HURLEY, JOSEPHINE L. SCHATZ, MURRAY/KANE and JOSEPHINE TANE reported. HARHY DELTER WHITE arrived MYC 12/5. Surveillance reflects WHITE was in contact with DR. AHRAHAM MOLFSON of Newark, N.J. He also met DR. MARTINGHANGH of HYC. WHITE peturned to Wash., D.C. from Newark on 12/7. BUTH TERRIT WHITE identified as daughter of HARRY. Surveillance of IAUCHLIN CURRIE to date reflects no unusual activities or contacts believed to be of significance to investigation. ALIAN R. ROSENHERG, together with WARREN R. SCHARFMAN, on 12/9 arrived NYC, remaining until 12/11. SCHARFMAN and ROSENHERG spent their time mainly in shopping for office furniture. MARY PRICE is still in Greensboro, North Carolina. Background Information on JAMES HERBERT HIBBEN, believed identical with individual who attempted to contact MARY PRICE in MYC, reported, Surveillance of MILDRED PRICE reveals no activities of significance, Financial information on ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and AS BROTHMAN AND ASSOCIATES from bank eccounts reported. FERRUCCIO MARINI is editor of L'UNITA DEL POPOLO, Italian language CP newspaper and has been active in CP activities for years. CP history of MARINI set out. Surveillance of AFRAHAM HROTHMAN reveals no activities of apparent significance to date. Information received from confidential source relative to EROTHMAN's activities reported. Summaries of information on JULIET STUART POINTZ CLASER, Mr. and MILLIAM HINCKIEY, IEW HARRIS, MATHAN and HELEN STLVERMASTER, JAUCHLIN CURRIE and SOL IDIER furnished WHITTAKER CHAMBERS reported.

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#### Re: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (A) ARTHUR F. REDMOND on November 28th, 29th, December 3rd through 7th, 1945:

J. C. HEADDEN of the National City Bank, New York City, made available the bank's records in connection with the personal and business accounts of ABRAHAN EROTHMAN. BROTHMAN has an account at the 32nd Street office of the National City Bank, I Park Avenue, in the name of A. BROTHMAN AND ASSOCIATES. This account was opened September 5, 1944 and is still an active account at the bank. The initial deposit consisted of \$1,270.00, made up of various checks. The bank's records indicated that the following were general partners in the firm of A. BROTHMAN AND ASSOCIATES: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, JULIST KORCHIEN, GERHARD N. WOLLAN, OSCAR J. WAGO. There had been a fifth partner, but his name had been taken off the record. This was EMIL Z. BARISH. For a reference the partnership had offered the CORN EXCHANGE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Forest Hills Branch, wherein OSCAR VAGO of 6607 99th Street, Forest Hills, had an account.

The account of A. BROTHMAN AND ASSOCIATES was examined from its opening deposit in 1944 through November 24, 1945. The average monthly balance was approximately \$1,000.00 each month until May 31, 1945, at which time there was deposited in this account a check in the amount of \$16000.00. As of July 1, 1945, the account had a \$7800.00 balance; August 1st, \$2700.00 balance, and September 1st, \$4500.00 balance. As of November 24th the account's balance was less than \$1,000, being approximately \$600.00. The deposit tickets covering the various deposits made in this account from its inception were examined. During the period under review, the company deposited at various times checks aggregating \$6,787.28. These checks had all been drawn on the CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Chicago, Illinois. These checks were for the most part each in the amount of \$500,00 and usually payable one a month, Likewise there were deposited in this account checks aggregating \$9.984.81. These checks were for various amounts and were all drawn on the FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Bridgeport, Connecticut. There was also deposited in this account \$17,275.00 in checks from the CHASE NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY. New York City. One check in the amount of \$16,000,00 was received and deposited on May 31, 1945.

deposited in its customers' accounts, it was not possible at this time to ascertai



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the drawer of these checks deposited in this account. Beginning in October of 1945, approximately \$4,000.00 in hash has been deposited at various times in this account, the deposits being on occasion usually \$500.00 in mash.

In examination was made of the thecks drawn against this account by means of the recordak copies in the bank's possession. The checks were mostly small items except the weekly payroll check which was approximately \$400.00 weekly

The current month of November's checks were still on hand at the bank and they were examined by the writer. Check #1124, payable to the New York Telephone Company was marked "For phone NE 9-6093". Likewise #1125, payable to the New York Telephone Company was marked "For phone MU 3-2670". The weekly payroll checks were drawn to cash and endorsed by MIRIAM MARKOWITZ. There was also a check drawn to EDWARD QUILL, which was marked Rent 85-03 57th Avenue, LAB". This check was deposited by QUILL in the Fidelity National Bank, Elmhurst, Long Island.

Mr. HEADDEN further advised that ABRAHAN BROTHMAN had opened up a personal banking account at their 32nd Street Branch on August 8, 1944. This account had been made over into a joint account an July 16, 1945 and the account was now carried in the name of A. and NAOMI BROTHMAN. The opening deposit consisted of \$653.85 of various small checks. During the period in January 31, 1945 to September 21, 1945, MIRIAM MARKOWITZ had a power of attorney to sign checks on this account of A. and NAOWI BROTHMAN. The deposit tickets covering the various deposits made in this account from its inception through November 16, 1945 were examined. These deposits consisted almost entirely of checks drawn apparently on the firm account of A. BROTHMAN AND ASSOCIATES. The withdrawals made from this account were all very small in nature. The current month's checks were still on hand and were examined. It was noted therein that check #324, payable to the New York Telephone Company was for phone number Peekskill 3558R. Likewise a check was drawn for the New York Telephone Company for phone number Ironsides 67769. There was also a check drawn to a CECILE HELIMAN for \$333.98. The explanation of this check was "payment on the house. Furnace -Dock Road". This check was endorsed CECILE HELIMAN, IR. S. HELIMAN, NATIONAL CITY BANK, Bronx Branch.

There was also an account earried at the 32nd Street Branch of the NATIONAL BITT BANK in the name of A. BROTHMAN and IRVING BENNETT. This account was opened on May 3, 1945 with a deposit of \$1,000.00, being a check drawn on the account of A. BROTHMAN AND ASSOCIATES. The account was inactive and was closed out on June 8, 1945, when the \$1,000.00 was withdrawn. This joint account with BENNETT was given the address of in care of the SYNTOMATIC CORPORATION, 114 East 32nd Street, New York City. This firm was indicated to

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manufacture aromatic chemicals. It was noted also in the file that this firm possibly had an account at the MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Mr. HEADIEN further advised that there was an account at the 32nd Street Branch of the NATIONAL CITY BANK in the name of A. EROTHMAN AND ASSOCIATES and/or Colonel LYNN/CHU or Mr. C. S. WAN. This account was opened on June 4, 1945 with a deposit of \$16,000.00, consisting of a check drawn on the BANK OF CHINA, New York Agency, 40 Wall Street, New York City. Further examination of this account disclosed a deposit made on July 18, 1945 of a single check in the amount of \$7,000.00. There was nothing on the deposit ticket to indicate the sources of this check. On August 3rd another deposit of \$7,000.00 was made in this account and on the deposit ticket there was a notation "FED". There have been no withdrawals made from this account and the balance as of November 24, 1945 was \$30,000.00. There was nothing in the bank's records which would disclose the identity and present whereabouts of Colonel LYNN CHU or Mr. C. S. WAN, other than the address of A. EROTHMAN, at 114 East 32nd Street, New York City.

A search of the indices of the New York Field Division disclosed that a LYNN CHI had been the recepient of a \$10,000.00 check on May 13, 1941. This check had been drawn by the SHANGHAI COMMERCIAL AND SAVINGS BANK LIMITED of Chungking. This item had cleared apparently through the CHEMICAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY of New York City.

The accountant's work papers in this examination of bank accounts are being retained as an exhibit in this file.

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RE: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Joseph Wohl on December 6th through December 11th, 1945:

The toll listings for IRonsides 6-7769, which telephone is the home phone of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN at 41-08 42nd Street, Sunnyside, Queens, were obtained and are as follows:

6/9/45 BROTHMAN at Croton 960, New York, collect Marine Company of the Company 6/11/45 to Tuckahoe 3034, New York from Mrs. BROTHMAN at Peekskill 3545J2 6/17/45 from HROTHMAN at Clifford 2814, Detroit. 6/18/45 from EROTHMAN at Madison 9500, Room 614, Detroit 6/19/45 9/20/45 BROTHLAN at Wabash 7450, Room 2318A, Chicago from BROTHMAN at Executive 9546, Washington, D. C. 9/27/45 10/16/45 to SILAS at Peekskill 1609W 11/6/45 from BROTHMAN at RIT 9805, Philadelphia 11/10/45 from BROTHMAN at KIN 8864, Philadelphia 11/10/45 from BROTHMAN at Baring 9714, Philadelphia

Teletypes have been sent to the Detroit, Chicago, Washington, and Philadelphia Field Divisions to ascertain the identity of the subscribers to these phones located in their respective field divisions, and also to secure the background and activities of these individuals.

The toll listings for the New York Area were determined to be

Croton 982 New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, Harmon Station

Croton 960 Chimney Corner Cabin Restaurant, Albany Post Road, Croton

Peekskill 3545J2 CHARLES COLDFARB, Inwood Lane, Peekskill

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BILAS HMAN, 1401 Lincoln Terrace,

No listing could be secured as this number is incompl Tuckahoe 0304

The indices of the New York Field Division were checked as STIAS INMAN and CHARLES GOLDFARB with negative results.

THE PERSON NAMED IN In an attempt to ascertain the specific type of work subject ABRAHAM EROTHMAN handled while in the employ of the HENDRICK MANUFACTURING COMPANY during the period he was furnishing blueprints to ARE GOLOS and Confidential Informant GRECORY,

It was further escertained that B. G. CANN was Sales Manager of the New York Office and Director of this corporation. The New York indices were checked with negative results as to B. G. CANN and contact with any person at the HENDRICK MANUFACTURING COMPANY was deemed inadvisable at the present of in view of the fact that on December 5th, 1945 Confidential Informant advised that subject, ABRAHAM EROTHMAN, is on excellent terms with the HANDLACK MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

With respect to the 2 motor vehicles bearing license numbers New York, 1945, 7G7214, and 7G7215, which registrations are to the ELLIOT MOTOR CAR CORPORATION, 136 Merrick Road, Amityville, Long Island,

ELLIOT is native born, 43 years of age, and married. A check of the indices of the New York Field Division was made with negative

With respect to the 1942 Buick bearing New York license number K411, and issued to the NELOC COMPORATION of 170 Broadway, which car was seen at the A.B.A. LARGRATORIES.

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ASSOCIATES of 114 last 22nd Street, New York City, that this was a parties with the following 12nd viduals listed as the active partners:

1-08 42 Street Sunnyside, Long Island

GERHART WOLLAN 28 Reeve Place Brooklyn, New York JULES KORCHIEN

46 Washington Square South

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66-07 99 Street

Forest Hills, Long Island

WOLLAN is native born and a graduate of Luther College and the University of Iowa in 1930 with a Master's Degree in Physics. He is 34 years old, having a 2B classification with his Selective Service Board.

VAGO is a naturalized Hungarian, 47 years of age, and a graduate of the University of Budapest, Hungary, in 1919 with a Civil Engineer's Degree.

JULES KORCHIEN is native born, a Cornell graduate in the class of 1924, and an architect by profession, and is 40 years of age.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John B. Nolan in an attempt to ascertain the identity of the individual who was taken to 1130 or 1138 Sterling Street, Brooklyns

A check of the 2 doors through which this unidentified individual entered reflected that these addresses should be 1136 or 1138 Sterling Place, and a discreet check of 1138 Sterling Place showed 2 families by the name of RAPPAPORT and MUNROE residing there. At 1138A Sterling Place, 3 families named WEISMAN, SCHWARTZ, and LEBOWITZ resided.

At 1136 Sterling Place Mr. and Mrs. M. PEHR resided, and 2 families named LIEMAN and SPLAR resided at 1136A Sterling Place. A further check of surrounding apartments reflected that the immediate neighborhood surrounding the above addresses is approximately 50% colored. A discreet check in the neighborhood to ascertain whether or not any of these individuals could be identical with those persons known to be employed at the A.B.A. IABORATORIES was made with negative results.

At the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, a search was conducted to ascertain whether any records existed for those individuals previously reported as the registered owners of the motor vehicles seen at the A.B.A. LABORATORIES.

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PERCY ESTRIDGE to whom car bearing license number 193085 is registered was determined to be in business under the name of PEACOCK ROLE LEAF at 85-03 57th Avenue, Elmhurst, Long Island. It is to be noted that this address is likewise the address of the A.B.A. LABORATORIES.

With regard to RAIPH HARABES who is listed as the registered owner of car bearing license number T3269, the records indicated that a Miss ANN HARABES resides at 33-07 37th Avenue, Astoria, Long Island, which is the address listed on the motor vehicle registration for RAIPH HARABES. Nothing further is reported on this individual.

With regard to GEORGE ERICKSON and NAT GOLDBLUM, registered owners of 2 of the other motor vehicles which were at the A.B.A. LABORATORIES at various times, no record was found at the Credit Bureau of Greater New York.

#### PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE

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Subject BROTHMAN left his home at 11:15 a.m. and drove to the A.B.A. LABORATORIES at 85-03 57th Avenue, Elmhurst, Long Island The subject had lunch with one of the employees at the A.B.A. LABORATORY during which time no contacts were observed, and at 5:50 p.m., the subject left the Laboratory and drove to the EXPERT BARBER SHOP. 87-17 55th Avenue. where he got a haircut, after which he returned to the Laboratory. At . 6:53 p.m. subject accompanied by a man wearing glasses drove to 114 East 32nd Street, and entered the building at 7:05 p.m. (A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATE maintain offices at 114 East 32nd Street.) A short time later, the subject and the man just described returned to the car with a woman, apparently subject's secretary, MIRIAM MARKOWITZ, and they all drove to the corner of West 49th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City, where the car was parked. Subject's secretary left the car going in the direction of the ticket office at Madison Square Garden. She returned shortly and subject drove west on 49th Street and North on 9th Avenue, apparently seeking a place to park. The car was lost in traffic in the vicinity of Madison Square Gerden, and the entrance to Eadison Square Garden was covered as well as the A.B.A. LABORATORY, the TERMINAL CARAGE, subject's residence, and 114 East 32nd Street, with negative results. It is to be noted that a large meeting was held at Madison Square Garden, which meeting was billed "Crisis Meeting, ICC. Arts and Science".

Subject was observed at a diner on the Southwest corner of Queens
Boulevard and Woodlawn Avenue with a girl believed to be his
secretary. At 8:10 p.m. subject and his secretary left the diner and walked
to the Iaboratory. The surveillance was discontinued at 12:50 a.m. on
December 6th, 1945, inasmuch as neither the subject nor his secretary emerged
from the Iaboratory, and no activity was observed therein.

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12/6/45 No activity of consequence was noted on this date, except that it was observed that subject and his secretary left the A.B.A. IABORATOR in subject's car driving via the Queens Midtown Tunnel to the vicinity of 32nd Street and Lexington Avenue, Manhattan, where the surveillance was discontinued because of lack of other traffic and impossibility to continue in a discreet manner.

**然是明显,这个个是是一个人的。** Subject left his residence at 11: 2 a.m. on this date and drove in his car to the A.B.A. IABORATORIES. At the time subject parked his car in front of the Laboratory, 4 cars previously observed were noted to be present. They were New York 707214, New York 409092, and New York 707215. Also noted was car bearing New York license 507631. At 11:45 a.m. a man arrived at the Laboratory in a black coupe bearing Minnesota license 513387. At 12:25 p.m. subject and 2 other men departed from the laboratory in this Minnesota car and drove to the REX DINER. The individual with the subject and the driver who has been seen frequently at the laboratory is described as 6 feet tall, 175 to 180 pounds, blonde hair, light complexion, 35 to 40 years of age, wears work clothes, and glasses with white gold rims. The driver of the Minnesota car was approximately 5 feet ten to eleven inches tall, 160 pounds, light complexion, light brown hair, sparce, 30 to 35 years of age, small moustache, dark trousers and cloth jacket, glasses, no hat. Subject and these 2 individuals returned to the Laboratory at 12:50 p.m., and at 1:02 p.m. the individual who drove the Minnesota car departed from the Laboratory alone in that car. At 8:15 p.m. the subject and his secretary arrived at the DOCKERY & McGRENN BAR & GRILL, 11 West 32nd Street, where they remained for an hour and a quarter? They then left the bar and grill and proceeded to 114 East 32nd Street, where they remained until 1:45 a.m. (114 East 32nd Street is the address of A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES. At 1:45 a.m. subject drove his secretary, MIRIAM MARKOWITZ to 154 8th Avenue New York City, and she entered that address at 2 a.m. The subject left and drove to his home at this time.

12/8/45 Subject left his residence at 12:05 p.m. and drove to his office building at 114 East 32nd Street, New York City, in his car bearing license 5N8976 where subject entered the building. At 1:10 p.m. subject accompanied by MURIAM MARKOWITZ, his secretary, and MULES KORCHIEN, his partner, went to the Hotel Vanderbilt Crypt at 33rd Street and Park Avenue for lunch. At 2:20 p.m. subject and his secretary returned to the office of JULES KORCHIEN and walked West on 33rd Street. At 4:45 p.m. subject left his office alone on East 32nd Street in his car and made a left turn into Lexington Avenue where he was lost in heavy traffic. At 9 p.m. subject was located in front of his office on East 32nd Street, and at 10:20 p.m. he left his office with his secretary and drove to Schrafft's Restaurant on 13th Street and 5th Avenue. They remained there until

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Il:10 p.m. at which time they entered subject's car and drove in a circuitous manner slowly toward Greenwich Village Area. The surveillance was dropped at this point because of subject's slow manner of driving and insufficient traffic cover. It was observed by surveilling agents that the subject and his secretary were acting in an affectionate manner and were apparently out on a date.

12/9/45 Subject left his house at 11:50 a.m. and drove to the A.B.A.

IABORATORIES where he remained until 1:05 p.m., at which time he emerged
in company of 2 other men who have had lunch with subject on previous
occasions, and entered the Minnesota car bearing license 513387 and drove
to a diner. They remained there for 45 minutes and returned to the A.B.A.

IABORATORIES. Subject left the Laboratory at 7:55 p.m. and returned home.
At 9 p.m. subject left his home with his wife and drove to the vicinity of
53-55 west 47th Street where the car was parked. Subject and his wife
left the car and were lost in pedestrian traffic. At 12:45 a.m. on
December 10th, 1945, subject and his wife returned to the car from the
direction of 6th Avenue, entered the car and drove home.

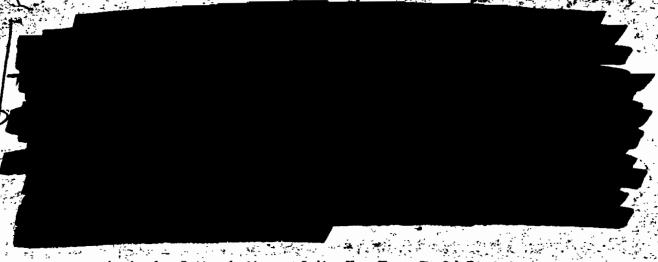
12/10/45 Subject left his residence at 10:20 a.m. and drove in his car to the front of the Madison Square Hotel located at 37 Madison. Avenue, New York City, where he parked his car and entered the hotel. In 10 minutes the subject emerged from the Laboratory in the company of one. Mr. MICHEL who described as approximately 35 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 150 pounds, small moustache, wearing gray felt hat and tan topcoat. Subject and Mr. MICHEL drove to the A.B.A. LABORATORIES arriving there at 11:05 a.m. At 2 p.m. subject and Er. MICHEL left the Laboratory and drove in subject's car to the HOWARD JOHNSON on 95th Street and Queens Boulevard in Queens, where they remained for a period of 2 hours, then returning to the A.B.A. IABORATORIES at 4:05 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. subject and Mr. MICHEL left in subject's car arriving at the Madison Square Hotel at 6 p.m. where subject dropped Mr. MICHEL. Subject then went to his office at 114 East 32nd Street where he remained until 7:55 p.m. and emerged with his secretary, MIRIAM MARKOWITZ, after which they drove to the DOCKERY & McGRENN BAR & GRILL at 11 West 32nd Street. They remained in a booth in this bar and grill until 9:30 p.m. at which time subject drove his secretary to 154 8th Avenue, New York City, where she entered. Subject then drove: by a circuitous route to his home in Sunnyside and entered his apartment at 10:05 p.m. remaining there for 5 minutes and then emerging with his wife with whom he drove to the A.B.A. LABORATORIES. Subject and his wife left the Laboratory at 12:55-a.m. on December 11th, 1945, and then drove home.

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On December 8th, 1945, Confidential Informant advised that the following conversation took place between OSCAR J. VAGO a partner of subjectBROTHMAN's, and one ROY JOHNSON:

JOHNSON told VAGO that he had been busy in camp (apparently an Army camp) learning riot control and how to break strikes. VAGO stated that that was very interesting and JOHNSON told VAGO that he, JOHNSON sent this information to the right people after which VAGO remarked that JOHNSON was right that the boys were learning riot control in camps.

A check of the indices of the New York Field Division as to ROY JOHNSON reflects that a ROY JOHNSON had signed the 1942 Communist Party Nominating Petition in the State of New York, and the address furnished at that time was 1522 Pacific Street, Brooklyn.



A check of the indices of the New York Field Division was negative with respect to these individuals, and request was made through Special Employee Investigator Wade Fuller to locate any information available at Immigration and Naturalization Service on R. MICHEL. Investigation was conducted with negative results inasmuch as no record could be obtained there without the first name of the individual.

At the Motor Vehicle Bureau of New York, license number 507631, New York, which had been seen at the A.B.A. IABORATORIES on December 7th, 1945, was checked, and the registration was furnished to FANNIE M. QUICK, Cedar Road, Westbury, Long Island, for a 1941 Hudson sedan. The indices of the New York Field Division were checked as to FANNIE MAGUICK with negative results.

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to check the registration of Minnesota license number 513387, which car to check the registration of Minnesota license number 513387, which car was seen on several occasions at the A.B.A. IABORATORIES, and contacts by the driver with ABRAHAM EROTHMAN were observed. The reply from the St. Paul Field Division indicated that this car was registered to one ROLF WOLLAN, Glenwood, Minnesota. It would appear that inasmuch as GERHART WOLLAN is a partner in A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES, that this car was driven by GERHART WOLLAN or a relative of WOLLAN.

It is contemplated that a thorough investigation of MIRIAN MARKOWITZ, 154 8th Avenue, will be instituted to determine her background and activities inasmuch as it is apparent that subject, BROTHMAN, is carrying on an illicit relationship withher and most of his time is spent with her both social and business.

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#### RE: ... ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

The following investigation of the activities of ABRAHAN BROTHMAN and URSULA WASSERMAN was reported by Special Agent H. COURTENAY CLINCH and covered the period from March 15, 1947 to May 15, 1947: (b)(2)

During the above period Confidential Informant party, mail covers, and investigation reflected that BROTHMAN appeared to be primarily concerned with, and devotes full time to the business ventures of A. Brothman Associates, however, matters of interest and possible importance to this investigation are being set forth hereinafter.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent JOHN T. HIISBOS dated April 17, 1947 wherein a conversation is set forth between MIRIAN MOSKOTTE and one NEEDLEMAN concerning an agreement, the subject matter of which is unknown.

MOSKOWITZ was agin in touch with MEEDLEMAN and that they discussed an automobile accident, MOSKOWITZ stating that she now has a copy of the damage estimate. It is possible that this accident may be the unknown subject matter referred to above. The Informant further advised that MOSKOWITZ and NEEDLEMAN then discussed the latest business ventures of A. Brothman Associates. MOSKOWITZ stated that the "Levine deal" mentioned in referenced report fell through, but that the DDT business in India is "going along nicely". MOSKOWITZ also stated that Dector POM (phonetic) had invited BROTHMAN to England during the menth of April to "sign with them". MOSKOWITZ mentioned that Dr. POM had been in the United States during the past month at the Hotel Alden and was interested in the manufacture of plastics. MEEDLEMAN did not express opinions as to the business ventures but appeared interested in the activities of BROTHMAN.



In reference to the business trip of BROTHMAN to England, suitable checks were made to ascertain his departure. All efforts met with negative results. The Washington Field Office also advised that a check of the Passpart Division of the State Department was made with negative results.

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In further reference to the above matter, Confidential Informant (D) 7) D advised that BERNARD MISHKIN, an associate of BROTHMAN, went to London, England on April 7, 1947 via Pan American World Airways and returned on Epril 12, 1947. It was ascertained from the above source that MISHKIN made this trip to see Dr. POMERANIAC in London concerning an agreement to manufacture plastics. The information was also ascertained that MISHKIN was a guest at the Dorchester Hotel while in London, England.

In regard to BROTHMAN's business venture concerning the manufacture of DDT in India, the above informant advised that on April 10, 1947 OSCAR VAGO, an associate of BROTHMAN received a cablegram from Bombay, India stating, "Re your cable February 10th. Promised DDT contracts and report not received. Please expedite". VAGO stated to this unidentified individual who gave him this information that it would be unnecessary to state the name of the sender as he was acquainted with him. It is believed the sender of this cablegram was The Bombay Chlorine Products Limited, 20 Peoples Building, Sir Pherozesha Menta Road, Bombay, India as set forth in reference report of Special Agent HILSBOS dated April 17, 1947.

On March 25, 1947 JULES KORCHIEN, former business associate of the subject and the subject of an active investigation in this office, contacted BROTHMAN and endeavored to arrange a luncheon date. BROTHMAN told KORCHIEN "nothing is going good" and stated that he would call KORCHIEN some time in the future and make a date for luncheon.

On March 28, 1947 an unknown individual contacted BROTHMAN and stated, "This is Handsome" (phonetic) and told BROTHMAN that early in the following week he was entertaining one HAROLD WINE (phonetic) at dinner and wanted BROTHMAN to come to dinner and meet WINE. "Handsome" stated that WINE was the assistant to MENDELL BERGE, is the representative of the Department of Justice to the Atomic Energy Committee, and also is preparing a chapter for a book now in preparation by the Carls (phonetic) Sommission and the University of Chicage on the Economic Consequence of Atomic Energy. "Handsome" further remarked that WINE was young, interesting, graduate of City College of New York, and that he has some problems to be solved. He further stated that WINE is level-headed and may be useful. "Handsome" did not elaborate on the meetalness of WINE.

On April 1, 1947 the Bureau advised that HAROLD WINE (phonetic) mentioned above was possibly identical with HAROLD HERMAN WEIN who was employed as an economist in the Anti-Trust Division of the Department.



On April 1, and April 2, 1947 a physical surveillance was maintained on ABHMAN BROTHMAN with negative results. On April 2, 1947 information was received from the Bureau advising that HAROLD HERMAN WEIN was at work on Epril 1, and April 2, 1947 at the Justice Building, Washington, D.C.

On April 7, 1947 additional information was received from the Bureau concerning the background of HAROLD HERMAN WEIN, possibly identical with HAROLD WINE (phonetic).

The indices of the New York Office reflect that a report concerning HARCED HERMAN WEIN was submitted to the Bureau on March 27, 1946 entitled, "HARCED HERMAN WEIN, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT - ECONOMIST", made by Special Agent CHARLES M. CURRY. The report verifies the above information as to his activities in New York City and in addition states that while attending Columbia University be majored in economics preparing an essay entitled, "The Economics of Karl Marx".

On April 10, 1947 an unknown individual who identified himself as "Handgome" again contacted BROTHMAN stating as would come to his office at 5:15 p.m. I surveillance was again instituted. At 5:12 p.m. on that date the Interment ascertained that the unknown "Handsome" had again contacted BROTHMAN stating he would see BROTHMAN at 2 p.m. the following day. The surveillance was conducted again on Marfill, 1947 with negative results. Continued efforts will be made to identify this unknown individual contacting BROTHMAN.

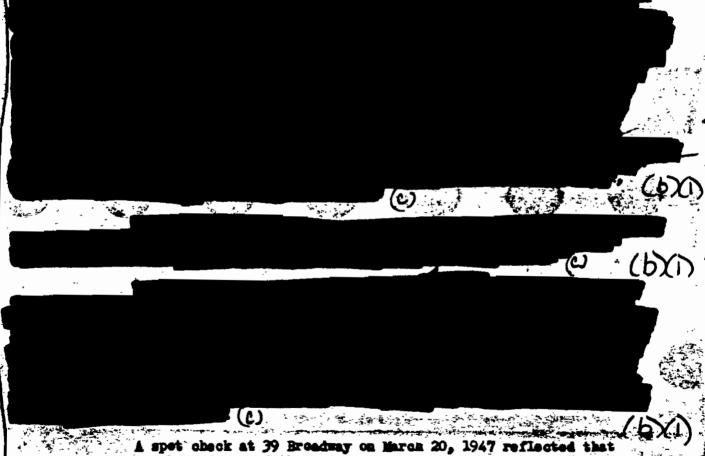
The above Informant advised that on April 3, 1947 am unknown
BCB contacted BROTHMAN stating he was anxious to see him in the near future. The
unknown BCB also stated he was anxious to make an agreement to meet with
LAUGHLIN CURRIE (phonetic), believed to be identical with a subject of this
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A mail cover maintained on ABRAHAM BROTHMAN's place of business, Chatham-Phoenix Building, 2928 41st Avenue, Long Island City, Mew York, reflected numerous correspondence with commercial houses, principally concerns directly dealing with chemicals. It was noted however, that BROTHMAN continues to receive correspondence from Dr. MARIO L. OTTO ENCHI, 183 Brown Street, Providence 6, Rhode Island whose background has been set ferth in previous reports. The above source did not reflect any further correspondence between BROTHMAN and M. SESON or MILLICENT (ERSON of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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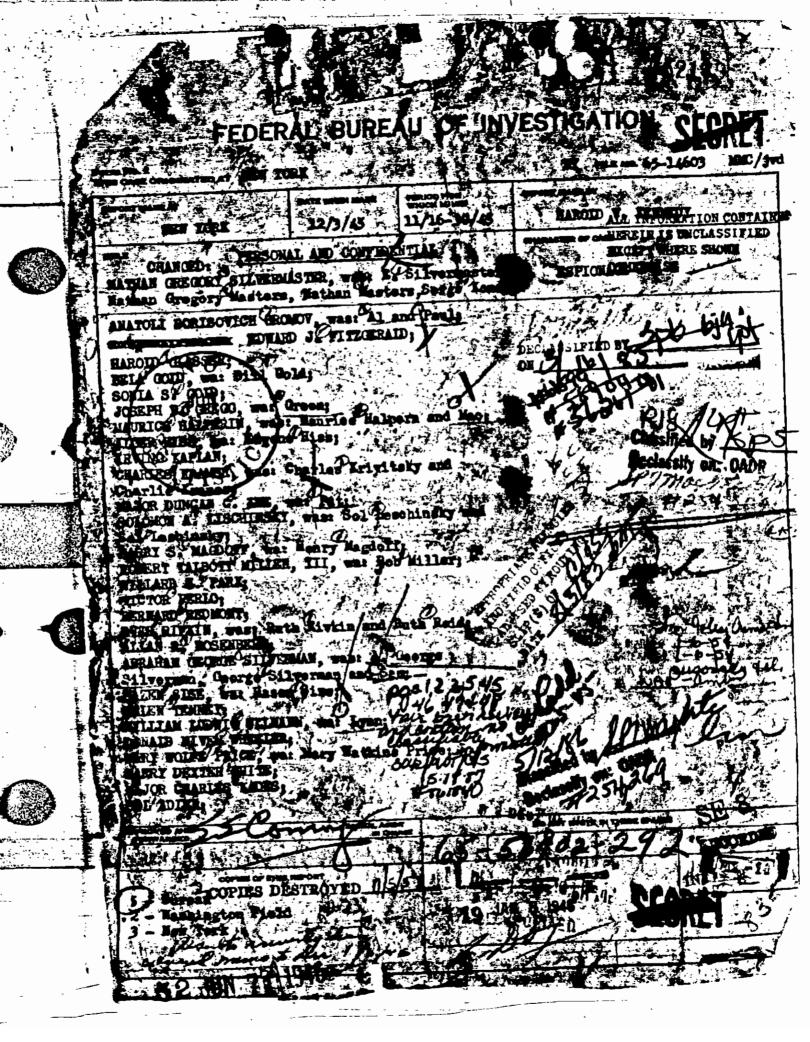


A spet check at 39 Broadway on March 20, 1947 reflected that WASSERMAN went to the offices of the United Seamens Service, Inc. at 12:30 p.m. and left the premises about 1 p.m. with a person believed to be JAMES OFFO HICKS described as fellows:

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#### PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Confidential Informant GREGORY on 11/21/45 had meeting with contact AL at Cavanaugh's Restaurant, BYC.
AL's actions pagey and only general discussion engaged in. Appointment made for EREGORY and AL to
meet at same time and place 1/21/46. AL identified
as ANATOLI B. GROMOY First Secretary of the USSR
Embassy, Vashington, D. C. He returned to Washington after this meeting.

OPETER T HELLER alleged IBI agent impersonator, who struck up acquaintance with Informant GREGORY in 4/45, is described as "crackpot" and "bag of wind" and is a former New York State Parole Commission Investiga tor who is not pro-Communist or pro-Russian. Backround data on HELLER secured and reported. RAY MLSON, C.P. member in MYC, has a contact, identity unknown, through whom she communicates with AL. She is a former contact of JACK, AL's predecessor. She is unemployed at present but was formerly vice-president of U. S. Service and Shipping Corp., MYC. Background data reported. MARY WOLFE PRICE, now in Gr eensboro, W. C. as employes of Southern Conference for Human Welfare, is believed to be C. P. member. She is a contact of LOUISE BRANSTEN and HELEN TENNEY PRICE is expected to geturn to EYC about 12/1/45.
Background of MILDRED PRICE, THOMAS JOHN BENNETT,
BRANSON PRICE, JOSEPH ZAK and SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TOR HUMAN WELFARE set Yorth. ABE BROTHMAN, former contact of GOLOS, is consulting engineer, NYC. Biographical data recorded. He is presently being physically surveilled. PETER CYREDDES, O.V.I. anployee with whom JACK and AL both sought contact is a newspaperman and writer by profession and maintains his residence in MIC. Identity and history re-

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The alias, MARCEL, is being substituted for the CHARCELLE, as an alias for NICHAEL NICHOLAS DELMAN.

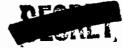
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These subjects are being added insamuch as informant ECORY has furnished information concerning their activities.





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#### Re: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

The fellowing investigation was conducted by Special Agent Joseph Wohl, on November 26 and 27, 1945.

Confidential Informant advised that ABE BROTHMAN was introduced to informant in May of 1940 by GOLOS and at this time EROTHMAN was alleged. ly an engineer in the employ of REPUBLIC STEEL in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Informant met BROTHMAN approximately ten times from the summer of 1940 mp until the fall of 1940 after BROTHMAN and advised informant that he wanted some blueprints copied and the copies transmitted to GOLOS. At times ARE BROTHMAN gave the blueprints to GOLOS and at other times to inferment. On the occasions of most of these meetings between BROTHMAN and informant they met in front of the MOSLER SAFE COMPANY at 32nd Street and Fifth ivenue. New York City. Informant also advised that on several occasions blueprints were obtained from BROTHMAN by informant, copied, and the copies given to GOLOS and the originals returned to BROTHMAN. Informant was not sure as to what the blueprints contained. However, informant felt that the blueprints were of commercial wats. In the Fall of 1940 GOLOS advised the informant that he was disgusted with ABE BROTHMAN and that he was turning BROTHMAN over to someone else. However, informant never ascertained to whom BROTHMAN was turned over.

The following information was secured from the files of the New York Field Division.

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN is actively engaged in the consulting engineering firm of A. BROTHMAN AND ASSOCIATES, a partnership, with offices in Room 1606 at 114 East \$2 Street, New York City. The partnership consists of the following individuals:-

ABRAHAM BROTHMAN GERHART WOLLAN OSCAR J. VAGO JULES KORCHIEN

This partnership began operation on August 15, 1944.

The files likewise reflect that JULES KORCHIEN is considered by the New York Office to be a Key Figure in the Communist Party; that he is International Vice President of the FEDERATION OF ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CHEMISTS, AND TECHNICIANS, a Communist dominated union; that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN signed the 1943 Communist Party nominating petition in New York City.

OSCAR VAGO is a member of the Communist Party in Queens, New York, and GERHART WOLLAN is a member of the Communist Party of Brooklyn, New York.



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At the New York County Clerk's Office, the certificate of doing business of A. BROTHMAN AND ASSOCIATES, which was filed on February 28, 1945, gave the following information, indicating that the partners in this organization were abraham BROTHMAN, 41-08 42md Street, Long Island City; JULES KORCHIEN, 46 Washington Square South, New York City; OSCAR J. VAGO, 56-07 99th Street, Forest Hills, Long Island; GERHART NAWOLIAN, 28 Reeve Place, Brooklyn.

Mrs. A. BROTHMAN, 41-08 42nd Street, Sunnyside - phone, IRonsides 6-7769. In connection with this listing, Special Agent Thomas G. Spencer exhibited the phone book to Confidential Informant of the New York Office, who recognised the exchange IRonsides 6 as that of ABE BROTHMAN, whose number infermant had checked in the phone book at the time of their meeting in 1940.

Investigation disclosed that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was registered at Local Draft Board No. 245, located at 30-97 Steinway Street, Long Island City. At Local Board No. 245, the Selective Service file of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN bore Order No. 52, Serial No. 4012. This file was examined and reflected that he resided at 41-08 42nd Street, Long Island City and at the time of registration in 1940 he was employed by the HENDRICK MANUFACTURING COMPANY, SO Church Street, New York City, which company had its factories at Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

The Selective Service file reflected that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was born on August 15, 1918 at New York City and was married to NAOMI METT on June 16, 1937. They have one child, ELSA HARRIET BROTHMAN, who was born on July 27, 1941 at the New York Hospital. His wife's mother, ANNA R. METT, who was sixty-two years of age resided with the family at 41-08 42nd Street, and was dependent upon ABRAHAM BROTHMAN for her support. Other relatives listed were HARRY BROTHMAN, father, fifty-six years of age, and BEATRICE RUTH BROTHMAN SCHNEE, a sister, twenty-seven years of age, both residing at 1566 Townsend Avenue, Bronx, New York.

The Selective Service file further reflected that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN was educated at the following schools: John Winthrop Experimental School; De Witt Clinton High School, Columbia College - Academic, Columbia University - Chemical Engineering.

The Selective Service file further reflected that on April 3, 1945 a letter was sent to the Local Board by OSCAR J. VAGO of A. BROTHMAN AND ASSOCIATES, setting forth an appeal on behalf of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, chief engineer and showing the work of A. BROTHMAN AND ASSOCIATES to be that of consulting engineers to the following concerns:



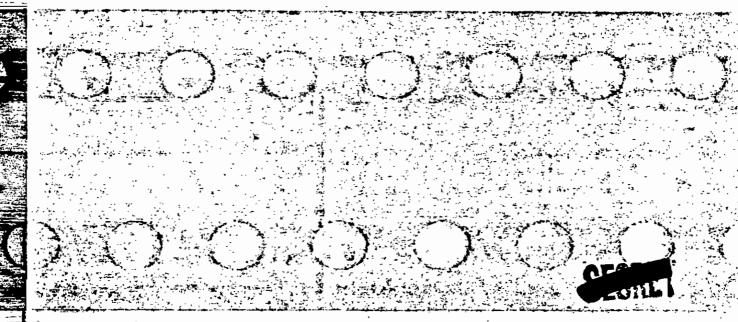


on the corner of Skillman Avenue and 42nd Street, with the entrance to the

building approximately fifty feet off the corner of 42md Street. oms a 1940 wix cylinder Pontiac sedan bearing Tim Tork Liense 5N-8976. It is ascertained that the color of the Pontiac is dark can.

Investigation reflected that the telephone number for A. BROTHMAN

AND ASSOCIATES at 114 East 52 Street, New York City, is Murray Hill 3-9670.



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- 1. BRIDGEPORT BRASS COMPANY of Bridgeport, Commecticut . Manufacturers of aerosol hombs for protective measures against disease to the Armed Forces of the United States.
- 2. GRAVER TANK AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC. Manufacturers of D-D-T. Water treating, etc. for Army, Navy, and Maritime Commission of the United States.
- 8. PALESTINE POTASH, LTD. D-D-T Plant in the Wear Bast.
- 4. COMMISSION ON AERONAUTICAL AFFAIRS OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA setting up plants for the production of plywood glues and bomber noses, turrets, and domes.

The Selective Service file for ABRAHAM BROTHMAN likewise contained a letter asking for his deferment, dated November 16, 1940, from HENDRICK MANUFACTURING COMPANY of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, setting forth facts that BROTHMAN was vitally employed by that company and was the inventor of many features for equipment for the production of aviation gas, artificial rubber, plastics, and general processing.

The description of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN obtained from the Selective Service File is, as follows:-

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11-08 42nd Street, Sunnyside,
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A. BROTHMAN AND ASSOCIATES,
Engineers, 114 E. \$2 Street,
Hew York City, Room 1606.

At 41-08 42nd Street, Sunnyside, Long Island, an inspection of the hall registry reflected that A. BROTHMAN - METT occupied apartment 5F at that address. This residence is in a six story apartment house, which is located



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Bo: ABRARAM MOTERAN, pa

The following is a summary of subject's activities as moted by purveilling agents, whose logs are being petained as emilitie in instant

from his bone at 41-08 42nd Street, Summyside, Long Island, to his office at 114 East Sind Street, Summyside, Long Island, to his office at 114 East Sind Street, Eaw York City, driving his personnl car to work. So appeared to have remained at his office all day and no pertinent activities were noted. He was not observed on the following day and confidential sources symilable furnished no information as to his whereabouts.

On December 22, 1848, subject was observed to leave his home and drive his ear to the corner of 64th Street and Madison Avente, New York Sity where he left the machine and shortly thereafter lest in traffic. He was, however, observed to return to his automobile at 12:86 P.M. accompanied by another man when he drove to the Beson House in Control Park South. Subject ENCINKE thereafter proceeded directly to his office from which he emerged shortly thereafter tegether with his office force for lanch at the Vanderbilt Botol, Park Avenue and Sird Street. At 4:25 P.R. he was observed to leave his affice with his secretary, MIRIAH MARKHITZ, and an unidentified man the group drove to 10 Avenue of the Americas where the unidentified man entered an apartment at 4:80 P.M. Further activities of ENCIPHAN and MISS MARKHITZ were not observed due to heavy traffic conditions.

The individual driven to the Borez House by SROTHAN on December 22, 1945, was not identified but was described by Special Agent John 6. Ruhl as follows:

Moight: 5' 20"
Build: Sloader
Bross: Gray hat and coat
Characteristics: Wears glasses

Special Agent Ruhl was of the opinion that this person wight be the Dr. BIJNETTEAL whom, according to information supplied by Confidential Information subject was supposed to meet.

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Confidential Informati Confident on December 84, 2015, that BROTESAN planned to work part of Christmas day, exposting to arrive at his office at approximately 1:00 Fel.

On Bosember 26, 1965, although subject was not abserved by surveillance uninterized in the neighborhood of his home, it is believed to spent the day there immuch as his our was observed to be so the groups rack in a nearly surage.

On Possenber 27, 1946, subject, accompanied by an unidentified blands haired girl, entered his office at 2:15 f.M. and were not observed again that day although surveillance was maintained to the close of the ordinary business day.

Informati indicated that MACTEMAN expected to work at his office until 9:30 F.E. and that he had a 10:00 e'clock appointment at the Russian Ten Rose. Physical surveillance on this date reflected that MACTEMAN and a blonde haired girl left his office at 5:56 P.M., visited a mearly bar for a short time and thereafter strolled in the neighborhood of his office which they received at 7:50 P.M. They left again at 9:56 P.M., then they proceeded by his automobile to the Russian Yea Soon at 150 Best 57th Street. After extering, they went directly to a table in the rear of the restaurant where they greeted an unknown man already coated at a table. Both eat down at the same table with this unidentified man.

At 12,05 A.M. on Documber 20, 1948, this unidentified individual left the Bussian Tea Room and proceeded by trollay to 112th Street and Broadway from where he walked east, entering 808-10 Nest 112th Street, and proceeded immediately to enter either apartment 24 or 25 at that address. Special Agent 5. N. Gollins furnished the following description of this unknown mans

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From the last mentioned date to Jamary 7, 1946, subject BROTHMS's activities were spot checked by Special Agent Joseph C. Ralah who verified

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MOTERIE's presence each day at his effice and motosthet his activities appeared to be wholly normal and rectime. From information proviously properted by highly confidential sources, it was known that MOTERIE planned to take a vecation of probably one week's duration at producte farm, Mallkill, New York. It was reported that he expected to travel by automobile, and MIRIAN MARKOWITE, his secretary, as well as "SI", apparently a business associate, planned to go with him. It was further reported by those reliable sources that subject's wife might join the group at Wallkill for the weekend. As of Jamary 15, 1966, it is believed that subject and the others are still at Prockeide Form in Wallkill incomes as confidential sources available indicate that he is still out of the sity.

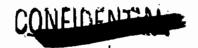
Information the following information was made available by Confidential

(phonotic), of the Enscian-American Institute, as to an interview desired by the Inter who stated he understands that MOTEMAN knows what the Bussians are doing in chemistry. An appointment was given him by BROTHMAN. BROTHMAN appears to be devoting considerable time to a project his firm has undertaken for Chinese interests; it is believed this pefors to the Commission on Agramentical Affairs of the Republic of thina, incomed as BROTHMAN had previously listed that agency as one of him eliente and further that agents located a joint bank account in the mans of BROTHMAN and two Chinese, one of when was a colonel.

On December \$4, 1946, according to this same informant, EROTRICK informed his wife that he had on that day had a wonderful lunch with Dr. BLUMENTKID who apparently belonged to some political group in which EROTEME plans to become active. The only descriptive matter he furnished concerning this person was to say that BLUMENTED and a Br. EXITEME (phanetic) who is staying at the Essex Rouse, are not "Jabotimeki-itee". It is believed that this individual may be the person when EROTEME was observed dropping at the Essex Rouse.

th December 25, 1945 this same source reported that Br.
BLUMENFELD communicated with EXCITALLY at the latter's affice and requested
that he come to BLUMENFELD's home at \$22 West 72nd Street, apartment 63;
It was learned from this same source that BRUTEMAY planned to accept
that invitation and that he expected to go to WEITEMAY's home with Br.
BLUMENFELD, when he more fully identifieds SCEEPE BLUMENFELD.

On December 28, 1945, this same informant reported that on that day an unidentified individual known only as "BER" had communicated





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with OSCAR J. MADO, business partner of MOTMAN, and informed him that he was very verried because he was being investigated by a man the claimed to be a lieutenest in the Counter Intelligence Corps. MADO was said to have expressed amanement "that they still permist in investigating". MAN proposed MADO to get to sene important person who sould do nearthing about it and MAN indicated that he had been in the Army as a staff beer forgetten. MAN indicated that he inquiries about which he is verried are being made in Japan and MAGO suggested that MAN go to the imports Daild or go to see MANTIN POPPER (phenotic), described by MAGO as a "big shot".

In Recember 29, 1945, according to this highly confidential informant, a person identified only as SID asked MOTHAN if the latter was going to the New Masses hall on New Year's New and MOTHAN was smalle to give a definite assure because he had a touch of fin.

on Jamuary 3, 1946, an unidentified weems attempted to communicate telephonically with one FRED BRIENL, Kingston, New York, but was teld there was no telephone listed for him. BRIENL is a well known Communist in New York.

Considerable information has been made available by Comfidential Information reflecting the nevements of MIKKL (DOC) as well as the fact that he is engaged in what appears to be routine work of a consulting engineer, appearently in various branches of the field. A complete account of such information is not being set out berein insamuch as it has been varefully reviewed and it is believed not pertinent to instant case; a record of it, however, is maintained in legs which are exhibits in instant case file and, in the event further developments make it advisable, such information will be more fully reported.

The services of Confidential Informant were enlisted James 8, 1946, and this informant will be in a position to report on activities at the laboratories, 85-03 57th Avenue, Eleburat, long Island, by this informant but it is to be noted that MOTHMAN is still out of the city.

A mail sever placed on A. MOTHLAN & ASSOCIATES, 114 Mast Mark Street, New York City, has reflected the receipt of a considerable quantity of correspondence from large and well known business



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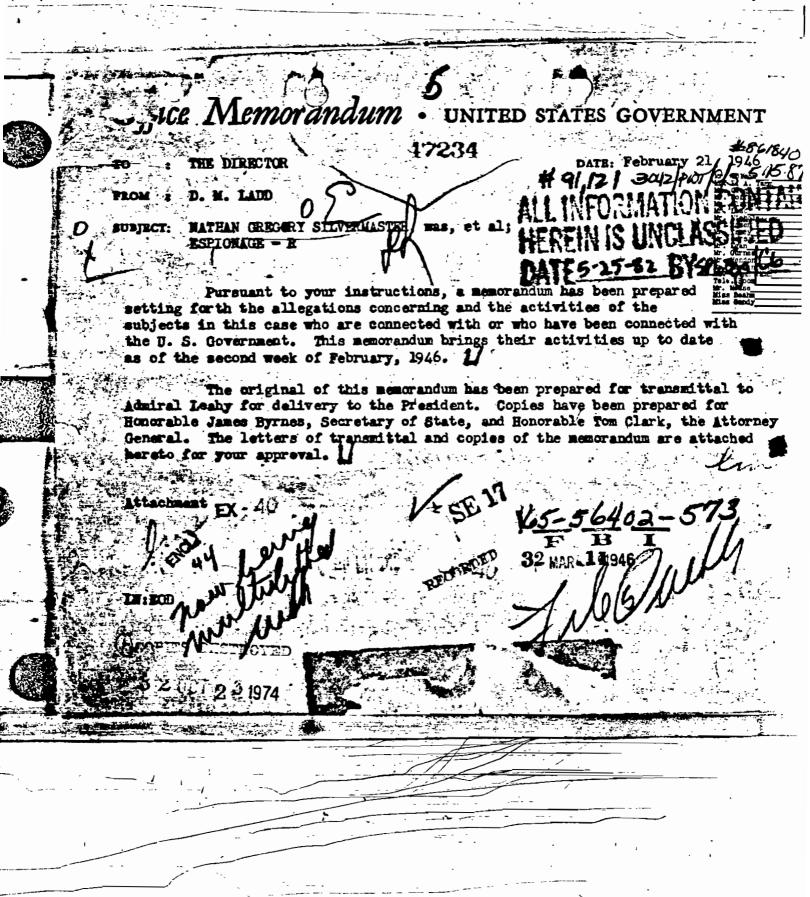


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Some time during these happenings, Gregory learned that these blue prints were of somercial kettles which were understood to be seen type of commercial vat. In the fall of 1940, deles indicated to Gregory that he was somewhat discouraged with his dealings with Brothman and indicated that he was going to turn him ever for handling to someone also. Gregory did not learn from Galos or anyone else to when Brothman was then directed.

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Abraham Brothman was born August 15, 1913, in How York City, the Sensol, Downto Clement High School, and Columbia University, specializing in accountancy and chemical engineering. He is presently activaly engaged in Home 1606, 114 East 32nd Street, How York City. He is Chief Engineer of this firm, which during the war were compaliting engineers for several industrial concerns engaged in war work, one of which was the Commission of Servancetical Affairs of the Republic of China.

Associates, is the International Vice President of the Federation of Architects, and Technicians, an alleged Communist dominated union. In 1945 he of the Architect Committee for the Mational Council of American-Soviet Friendship

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Googra J. Vago is known to be a member of the Communist Party in Queens, New York City, and Gerhart Wollan is a member of the Communist Party in Brooklyn, New York. Both Vago and Wollan are also partners in the firm of A. Brothman and Associates. Brothman himself is known to have been a signer of the Communist Party Meminating Potition in New York City in 1943.

#### Results of Investigation

gregory has definitely identified Abraham Brothman from a photograph exhibited to him as the individual from whom blue prints were received and delivered to Golos and thence to the Soviet Government.

Investigation has determined that Brothman over a period of the past month has continued at his place of employment with the exception of one week in January when he was a guest at the bone of Fred Briehl, Eingston, New York. Briehl is a well known Communist in the New York area. He is known to have indicated to an official associated with the Bowen Engineering Company, Carwood, New Jersey, that he was developing resins in connection with his business for the Chinese Covernment.

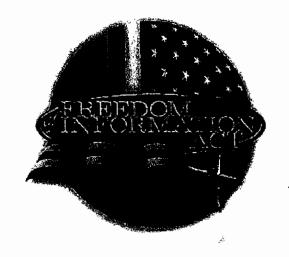
on January 16, 1946, it was determined from a highly confidential source that William Browder, brother of Earl Browder, former Maticual Chairman of the Communist Party - USA, had been in contact with Brothman's office in an attempt to interest them in his new pamphlet "Distributor's Guide."

On January 22, 1946, this same source advised that Milly, not otherwise identified, conferred with Miriam Markowitz, Secretary to A. Brothman, and asked her if she were doing anything to better herself as a Communist Party member, stating that she had removed herself from the struggle. Continuing, Milly indicated that Miriam had no excuse new insamuch as she did not have to worry about her boss, apparently referring to Brothman. Milly also indicated to Miriam that she should arrange her work so that she could go to the group and help out on the picket lines and also to do something in her community to let people know that is going on and combat the Christian Frontists. Miriam agreed with Milly, and she promised that she would shortly be back in the field.



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T-9 advised in May, 1950 that five of the messages referred to by T-8 were directed to the Honorable J. HOWARD MC GRATH, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. and five to the Honorable FRED M. VINSON, Chief Justice, Washington, D.C. Informant advised that the messages in the form of night letters read as follows:

"Wrge stay of execution of Dennis' sentence and urge immediate review of case."

Informant advised that these messages carried five signatures among which appeared the name PEARL RICHMOND, 61-41-Saunders Street, Rego Park.

With regard to OSCAR JOHN VAGO, HARRY GOLD, a self-confessed and convicted Soviet Espionage Agent advised on September 14, 1950, that VAGO was known to him as a CP member. GOLD stated that he first met VAGO in May, 1946 and last saw him in December, 1949. During the time he knew VAGO, GOLD advised that VAGO had told him that he was a CP member and was attending CP meeting in Forest Hills, Queens, New York. GOLD stated that when he first

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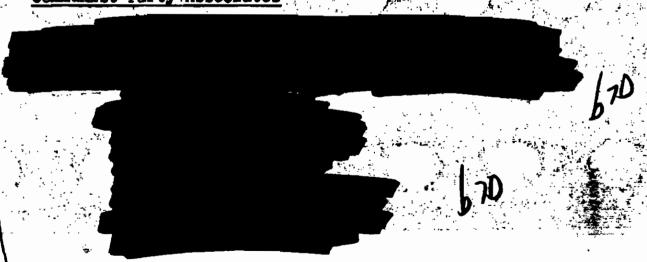
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The "Daily Worker" of May 6, 1957, reported that DENNIS was elected to the Communist Party National Executive Committee at a National Committee meeting held April 27, 28, 1957.

DENNIS was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York on October 14, 1949 for violation of the Smith Act.

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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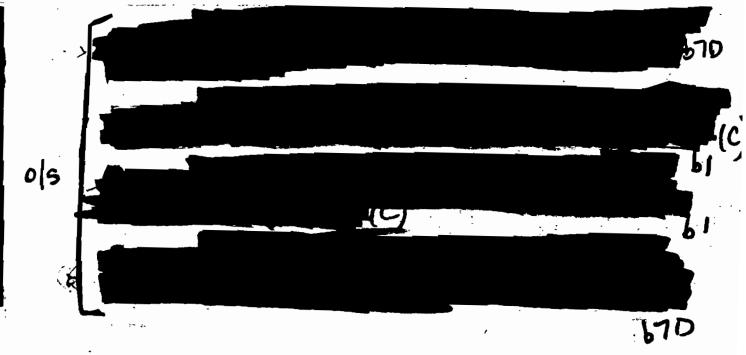
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The 1961-1962 Queens Telephone Directory discloses that telephone number AX 7-3183 is listed to OSCAR J. VAGO, 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens, New York, the subject's father.



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New York, New York June 8, 1962

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Re: John Paul Vago Security Matter-C



See appendix attached hereto for a characterization of the Eighth World Youth Festival.

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go 1,3 are undersitable ohn Paul Vago, a white male, was born on May 12, 1938 in Queens County, New York. He resides with his parents Oscar J, and Claire Vago at 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens, New York. He is single and is employed as a mechanical engineer by Hearst Magazines, Bighth Avenue and 57th Street, New York, New York.

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Re: John Paul Vago

#### IV. Description

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Residence

Male
White
May 12, 1938
Queens County, New York
5'9 3/4"
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Blue
Brown
Slender
Medium
Wears glasses
164-13 73rd Avenue
Queens, New York
Mechanical engineer
Father, Oscar John Vago
Mother, Claire Vago
Sister, Susan
All reside at 164-13 73rd Avenue

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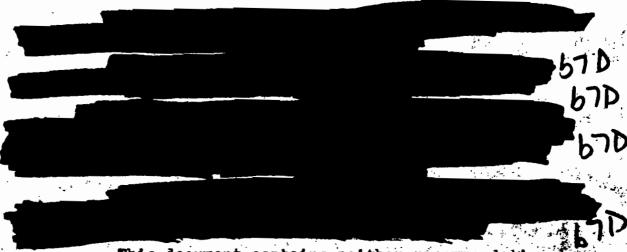
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#### II. Subversive Activity

The informants utilized in this memorandum, with the exception of NY T-3, may be characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past. NY T-3 may be characterized as having been in a position to furnish reliable information.

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IV. Description

Name John Paul Vago

Sex Male

Race White

Date and place of birth May 12, 1938, Queens County,

New York

Height 5' 11"

Weight 120 pounds

Hair Brown

Eyes Blue, wears glasses

Build Thin

Occupation Student, College of the City of

New York, New York City

Residence 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens,

New York

Passport No. 1488652

Relatives Father - Oscar J. Vago

Mother - Claire Vago



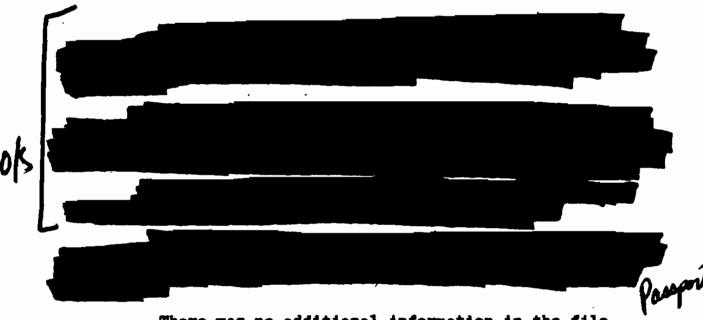
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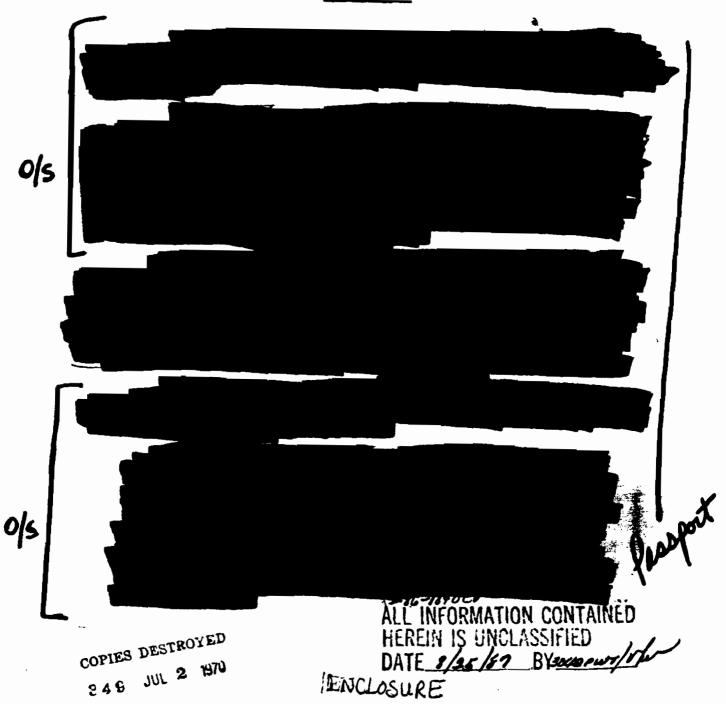


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Records of the Credit Bureau were reviewed by IC JOHN L. KAPP.

The pretext on 4/15/70, was a telephone call to subject's father at his residence by SA WILLIAM CLOUGH under the guise of jury duty. Subject's father advised that SUSAN VAGO is awaiting a call from the Board of Elections for a position as a teacher in the school system.

SA JOHN B. COULTON observed the subject on 4/1/70.

By FD-122, a recommendation is being made that subject's name be included on the SI of the NYO, Priority III.

A suitable photo of the subject is available.

This report is classified "Confidential" because of information furnished by the below noted sources. If the identity of these sources was disclosed, it could be injurious to the national defense.

Subject's father, OSCAR VAGO is on the SI of the NYO Bufile 101-1988, NYfile 100-55242.

Subject's mother is on the RI-B of the NYO, Bufile 100-335813, NYfile 100-66457.

Subject's brother, JOHN VAGO is on the SI of the NYO, Bufile 100-430673, NYfile 100-134729.

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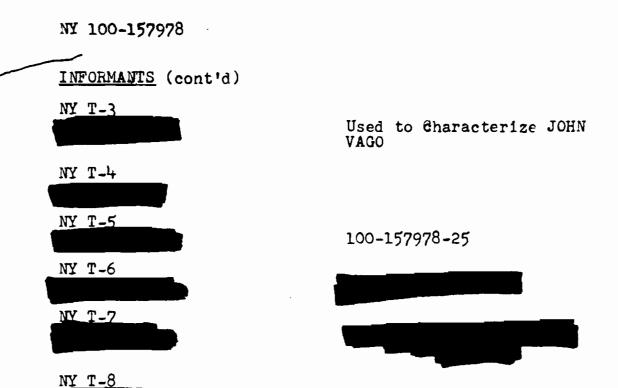
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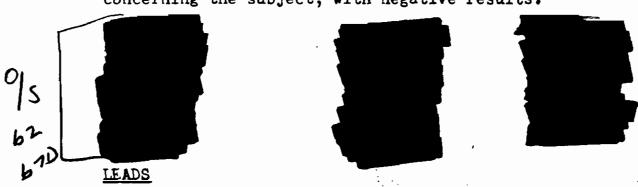
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The following New York informants were contacted concerning the subject, with negative results:



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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will await the Bureau's decision re inclusion of the subject's name on the SI of the NYO.

#### I. BACKGROUND

at 66-07 99th Street, Queens, New York.

#### A. Birth

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistice, Queens,
New York, as reviewed on February 25, 1970, reflected that
SUSAN RENEE VAGO, white female, was born on February 25, 1946,
at Boulevard Hospital, Queens, New York, to OSCAR JOHNS AGO,
white, age 48, born in Hungary, and CLAIRE WEISSMAN, white,
age 39, born in Hungary. The records further reflected it
was the couples second child and they resided at that time

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flect that OSCAR VAGO, 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens, New York, wife CLAIRE, had two children, son JOHN, born May 12, 1938, and daughter SUSAN, born February 25, 1946,

New York City, advised that in 1948, she worked as a house-cleaner for Mrs. OSCAR VAGO for about two months. Mrs. Said during this time, Mrs. VAGO attempted to get her to join the CP and told Mrs. That she and Mr. VAGO were both members of the CP.

On February 21, 1963, NY T-2 advised that OSCAR VAGO was present at a two session seminar dealing with the ideological struggle between the Soviet Union and China, which was organized by the Queens County CP, held at 144-52 Jewel Avenue, Queens, New York, on February 6, 1963 and February 13, 1963.

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On December 17, 1969, NY T-3 advised that JOHN VAGO was in attendance at a meeting of the New York County Committee, CP, United States of America (USA), held on December 15, 1969, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City.

#### B. Education

On February 24, 1970, Mrs. Registrar's Office, Queens College, Queens, New York, made available information which reflected that SUSAN RENEE VAGO, born February 25, 1946, resident of 164-13 73rd Avenue, Flushing, New York, attended Jamaica High School. 57) She attended Queens College from September, 1962 to June, 1966, and received a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Anthropology. Her father was listed as OSCAR VAGO and her mother as CLAIRE VAGO.

#### C. Residence

On April 15, 1970, a pretext by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ascertained that the subject resides at 164-13 73rd Avenue, Queens, New York.

#### D. Former Residence

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as reviewed in March, 1970, reflect that in June, 1969, the subject resided at 43-09 47th Avenue, Sunnyside, Queens, New York.

#### E. Employment

In Febrary, 1970, NY T-4 made available information which reflected that the subject was at the New York District CP office, 33 Union Square West, on February 13, 1970. NY T-4 said it appeared that the subject is employed by the District CP.

On April 6, 1970, NY T-5 advised that the New York District CP office is currently located on the 10th floor, 11 West 17th Street, New York City.

On March 3, 1970, NY T-6 advised that a meeting of the Bronx County Executive Committee, Communist Party, was held on February 24, 1970, at 2409 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York. According to NY T-6, it was mentioned at this meeting that a "Suzie" from the State office, CP, will be shortly taking her physical examination for a teaching position in the New York City Public Schools.

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A characterization of the DCA is contained in the Appendix attached hereto.

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On October 13, 1966, Lieutenant Chicago, Illinois Police Department, made available information which reflected that the subject's name was maintained in the National Office of the DCA, 180 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, at that time.

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#### C. Miscellaneous Activity

On September 24, 1968, NY T-8 made available information which reflected that the subject was asked to help address envelopes for a few days at the National Office of the CP, USA, New York City, for the campaign of CHARLENE MITCHELL, CP nominee for President of the United States.

According to NY T-8, subject agreed to help.

On July 17, 1969, NY T-4 made available information which reflected that JOHN VAGO was in contact with his sister SUSAN VAGO who was at CP Headquarters on that date.

On September 10, 1969, NY T-7 advised that the subject was in attendance at the Benjamin Davis Picnic held on September 7, 1969, at Monroe, New York, under the auspices of the Benjamin Davis Book Shop, 2529 8th Avenue, New York City.

A characterization of the Benjamin J. Davis Bookshop and Center is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

On September 19, 1969, NY T-7 advised that the subject was in attendance at a Memorial Meeting for HO CHI MINH, sponsored by the CP, USA, held on September 18, 1969, at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd Street, New York City.



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