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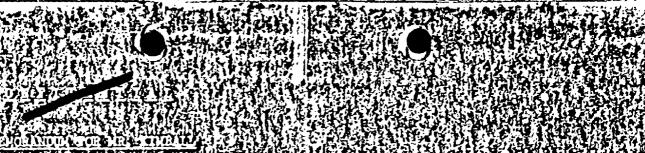
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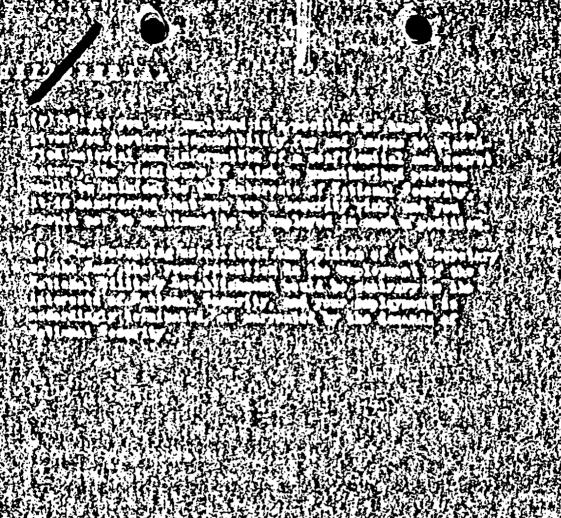
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NAVAL ORDNANCE LABORATORY White Oak, Maryland

13 May 1949

From:

Naval Ordnance Laboratory Loyalty Board

To:

Commander, NOL

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Investigation of Mr. Wm. Danziger, Electrical

Engineer P-4, NOL Employee.

Refs:

(a) Intelligence Officer Code 32 Serial 0013 and

enclosures thereto.

(b) NCPI 29 and revisions thereto under NCPI Cover

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(c) Informal discussion, Loyalty Board with

Wm. Danziger, 10 May 1949.

Encls:

(A) (RW) NOL Loyalty Board Interrogatory, questions 1-14, dated 18 March 1949.

(B) (HW) NOL Loyalty Board Interrogatory, questions

15-28, dated 25 March 1949.

(C)(HW) Wm. Danziger's notarized reply to enclo-

sure (A), dated 23 March 1949.

(D)(HW) Wm. Danziger's notarized reply to enclosure (B), dated 5 April 1949.

- l. The findings and recommendations of the NOL Loyalty Board in the case of William Danziger are based primarily upon consideration of information contained in reference (a) and enclosures (C) and (D). This information has been supplemented to a limited extent by the record of the subject employee available in the files of the Personnel Department, NOL, and informal conversations between members of the Board and William Danziger, reference (c).
- 2. The Board has followed procedures required by reference (b).
- 3. The conclusions of the Board, after consideration of the information listed in paragraph 1, are unanimous and are as follows:
 - (a) Questions of fact.
 - (1) The William Danziger named in reference (a) and the subject William Danziger employed at NOL are one and the same person.



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- (2) The Sylvia Ehrlich Danziger named in reference (a) is the wife of the subject William Danziger.
- (3) No evidence to support any charge of disloyalty against William Danziger has come to the Board's attention nor is there any evidence of his belief in or sympathy for any form of government other than that of the United States.
- (4) Sylvia Ehrlich Danziger was a dues-paying member of the Communist Political Association between May 1944 and April 1945, and attended several meetings of Communist Party clubs or groups between July 1943 and April 1945.
- (b) Questions of opinion.
- (1) William Danziger apparently never has been a member of nor active in any organization named in the Attorney General's List of Organizations Issued Pursuant to Executive Order 9835. His admitted attendance at several meetings of the American Peace Mobilization during 1940 and 1941 appears to have been casual and does not reflect unfavorably on his loyalty to the United States.
- (2) William Danziger has associated with a few suspected Communists and/or Communist sympathizers from time to time, but all such associations appear to have been due to proximity in residence or employment, or common membership in a trade union. That is, the Board must presume such associations to have been accidental, since there is no evidence that Danziger has sought or continued these acquaintances because of any Communistic beliefs such acquaintances may have held.
- (3) Confidential Informants LA T-2 and LA T-3, who presumably are husband and wife, have furnished statements in reference (a) which are derogatory to William and Sylvia Danziger. The Board has chosen to discount this information in so far as it applies to William Danziger, for two reasons:



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- (a) Statements made during a rgumentative discussions do not necessarily indicate the convictions of all participents. Furthermore, statements in support of Communism alleged to have occurred during these discussions should be credited principally to Sylvia Danziger, since she is or was an active Communist.
- (b) William Danziger's answer to question 28, taken in conjunction with the statement by LA T-2,

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this circumstance, it is possible that the statements by LA T-2 and LA T-3 are malicious in part.

- 4. William Danziger's employment record, as indicated by reference (a), personal references, and his work at this Laboratory always has been exceptionally good. He is industrious, highly intelligent, efficient, and effective. In general, his efficiency ratings have been excellent and he has received at least one official commendation for his work.
- 5. Resommendations. In view of the facts and circumstances outlined above, this Board recommends:
 - (a) That the Commander, Naval Ordnance Laboratory, inform Mr. William Danziger in writing that:
 - "1. The Naval Ordnance Laboratory Loyalty Board has reviewed all presently available information and finds you, Mr. William Danziger, to be loyal to the Covernment of the United States of America.
 - "2. This decision is subject to post-audit by the Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service Commission on the record transmitted, with respect to matters of procedure and also subject to the right of the Loyalty Review Board of the Commission to institute a review of the case on its merits. In the event of a review of the case on its merits, you will be given due opportunity to be heard."



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- (b) That the present report be accepted by the Commander, Naval Ordnance Laboratory, as discharging the duties of this Board as defined in reference (b), Section 3, DISLOYALTY REMOVALS, pursuant to Executive Order 9835 of 21 March 1947.
- (c) That the Commander, Naval Ordnance Laboratory, forward the files of the subject case as provided in NCPI 29.3-7c(1).
- 6. By separate memorandum, this Board will make further recommendations to the Commander, Naval Ordnance Laboratory, on questions of security risk as defined under NCPI 29.2-4.
- 7. An extra copy of the present memorandum, without enclosures, is furnished herewith in case the Commander, Naval Ordnance Laboratory, desires to transmit this Board's more detailed findings to Mr. Danziger.

D. E. Marlowe	(Date)
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W. H. Watson (Captain, USN)	(Date)
/s/ W. H. Watson	27 May 1949
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Reliable information has been received which raises a question concerning your loyalty to the government of the United States. Your replies to the following questions must be notarized and returned to this office within five days?

- 1. What is your full name and present address?
- 2. When and where were you born?
- 3. Where else have you lived (specific addresses) and for what periods of time since 1938?
- 4. Have you ever known anyone else whose name is the same or similar to yours? If so, explain, and reveal fully how closely you were associated with this person at work, socially, or otherwise?
- 5. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action?
- 8. Are you or have you ever been a member of the American Peace Mobilization?
- 7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Washington Bookshop Association?
- 8. Do you approve of communistic theories as a basis for a government?
- 9. Have you ever expressed admiration for the practical application of the communistic theory of government in Russia or elsewhere?
- 10. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party or any of its affiliates?
- 11. Are you or have you ever been a member of any of the organisations listed by the /ttorney General of the United States as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835?
- 12. Have you ever associated with any individuals who/have reason to believe are or ever have been members of or sympathetic with the Communist Party? If so, give their names, addresses and extent of your association.
- 13. Have you, at any time, made a statement that you preferred the Aussian communistic form of government over the existing form of Government in the United States?

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14. Information has been received that you have relatives and/ or members of your immediate family who are Communists or who have indicated sympathies with Communistic principles and policies. If so, list their names and addresses, and the extent of your association.

18 March 1949.

L. H. formbaugh, Chairman Naval Ordnance Laboratory Loyalty Board.

To: William DANZIGER

Receipt of your answers to the interrogatories submitted to you on 18 March 1949 is acknowledged. The additional interrogatories below are submitted for your reply. Your replies to them must be notarized and returned to this office within five days.

- 15. In your enswer to question 6, you state that you have attended some meetings of the American Peace Mobilization.
 - (a) How many meetings did you attend?
 - (b) How frequently were meetings being held during the period you attended? About how many other persons attended these meetings on an average?
 - (e) How did you learn of these meetings? What attracted you to them?
 - (d) At what addresses and on approximately what dates did you attend meetings? In particular, what were the dates of the first and of the last such meetings you have attended?
- 16. In your answer to question 6, you indicate uncertainty as to whether or not you could have been regarded as an actual member of the organization called the American Peace Mobilization.
 - (a) Did you ever apply for membership orally or in writing?
 - (b) Did you ever sign any petitions or other papers circulated by the organization?
 - (e) Did you ever personally give your name or address to the organization or to a person calling himself a representative of the organization?
 - (d) Did you ever pay dues or make contributions in amounts set or suggested by the organization or its representatives?
 - (e) Did you make any voluntary contributions in money to the organization at its meetings? At your home? If so, was your name taken in connection with such contributions?

- 16. (f) Did you ever receive through the mails any literature, letters, or other printed or written material bearing the organization's name? If so, can you describe such materials as to neture and quantity?
 - (g) Did you distribute any literature originated by the organization?
 - (h) Did you ever solicit others to join this organization or ask others to attend its meetings?
 - (1) To what extent did you participate in the organization's activities? In particular, did you ever speak at its meetings, or serve as a member of a committee or appointed group?
- 17. In your enswer to question 6, you indicate that you hoped the American Peace Mobilization might aid in the preservation of peace for the United States. State what actions, doctrines, or policies advocated at meetings you attended or in literature you received were your principal bases for this belief.
- 18. If you ever attended any meetings of or sponsored by the American People's Mobilization, give the places and approximate dates.
- 19. Have you attended any meeting of the League Against War and Fascism, the League for Peace and Democracy, or other organization preceding, succeeding, or related to the American Peace Mobilization?
- 20. At which of the ten places of personal residence you have listed in answer to question 3 may you have received with reasonable regularity either the "Peoples World," published in San Francisco, or "Political Affairs," published in New York; Did you subscribe to or pay for either of these publications;
- 21. When and where were you married?
- 22. Since your marriage, has your wife been continuously domiciled with you at the identical residences you have listed in enswer to question 3? If you recall any exceptions, list the places and dates.



- 23. (a) What is your wife's full name"
 - (b) Do you know of any other names or aliases which may have been used to identify your wife?
- 24. Does the word Tucker signify anything to you by association with your wife:
- 25. Do you recall any women whom a comparative stranger could have mistaken for your wife because of similarity in appearance or name, or because of associations such as nearby residence, or frequent or prolonged visits to your home?
- 26. Do you recall having loaned, between 1942 and the present, any car registered in your name to any woman other than your wife, particularly any woman who conceivably could be mistaken for your wife? If you recall any such instances, including short periods of an hour or more, list significant information, such as places, approximate dates, times of day, and names or circumstances.
- 27. In amplification of your answer to question 14, do you wish to comment in any manner which might tend to refute or to substantiate an allegation that your wife is or has been associated with one or more organizations or affiliated groups listed as "Subversive" by the Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order 9835 (organizations listed in Group IV, page 15, in NCPI 29.6-Encl. 1, of which this Board has furnished you a copy)?
 - 28. It is alleged that during your employment by the U.S. Navy your wife has been an active member of the Communist Political Association (CPA). More particularly, it is alleged that she:
 - (1) Visited meeting places and/or clubs believed to be maintained by or for the CPA.
 - (2) Subscribed to publications sponsored by the CPA.
 - (3) Paid membership dues to the CPA.
 - (4) Applied for transfers between CPA groups on dates and to places corresponding with your own changes of residence.



- 28. (a) Do you wish to state any reasons which may cause you to believe that the allegations numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 cannot possibly be true, or alternately, that these allegations may be true?
 - (b) State the extent to which you may have participated knowingly or unknowingly in acts upon which the allegations numbered 1 and 2 could be based.

You have a right to refuse to enswer such questions as you may choose. However, in each such ease, this Board would appreciate your statement of reasons for refusal.

L. H. Rumbaugh, Chairman Naval Ordnance Laboratory Loyalty Board.

25 March 1949.

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To: L. H. Rumbaugh, Chairman Naval Ordnance Laboratory Loyalty Board

I have endeavored to answer your questions concerning my loyalty completely and accurately. I am certain that all questions onn be resolved. Please be assured of my continued cooperation with any efforts that you may put forth to establish my loyalty.

- 1. My name is William Danziger. My present address is 1909 19th St. N.W. Washington, D. C.
 - 2. I was born on April 18, 1918 in New York City, New York.
 - 3. I have lived at the following places since 1938.
 699 Beck St. New York City through Oct, 1938.
 1466 Columbia Road NW Wash, DC Nov. 1938 Jan. 1939
 1316 Delafield Pl. NW Wash DC several weeks in Dec. 1938
 2517 K St. NW Wash. DC Feb 1939 to Jun 1940.
 2819 S St. SE Wash. DC July 1940 to Aug. 1941.
 304 E. 178th St. New York City-Sept. 1941 to Apr. 1943
 905 Senate Dr. San Pedro, Cal. Apr. 1943 to May 1943
 2270 Belmont Av. Long Beach Cal May 1943 to Apr. 1945
 4342 Halley Ter. SE Wash. DC May 1945 Jun 1946.
- 4. I have never known anyone whose name was the same or similar to mine.

1909 19th St. NW Wash. DC - July 1946 to present.

5. I do not recall any organization called the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. I am not now and believe that I have never been a member of this organization.



- 6. I attended some meetings of the American Peace Mobilization. I became interested in this group because of my sincere concern for maintaining peace. I felt that our country was powerful enough to act as a-stabilizing influence on the world and by proper action could prevent the outbreak of a new global war. I consistently voiced my support for the possibilty for maintaining peace until we were attacked at Pearl Harbor. This attack wiped away any hope for peace in the world. (Shortly after Pearl Harbor, I resigned my non-defense job to return to the field of Ordnance design). While I do not specifically remember signing up for membership in the American Peace Mobilization, it is quite possible that I was a member.
- 7. I am not now nor to the best of my knowledge have I ever been a member of the Washington Bookshop Association. In fact, I am practically certain that I have never made a purchase from the bookshop operated by that organization. It seems to me that the trade union I was a member of (Pederation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, CIO) held its regular meetings in space leased from the organization. I attended several such meetings; however the business transacted there was not in any way connected with the Washington Bookshop Association.
- 8. I know little of communist theory. My recollection from a college economics course is that it means government ownership and operation of all business and industry as well as complete control of the individual. It is true that I have always favored the idea of direct control by the government of such functions as the postal system, matters of defense and matters of public welfare such as social security, old age and unemployment insurance. I strongly favor the extension of government control to compulsory health insurance and to the abolition of the poll tax. I believe in government control of education; provided there is no interference with voluntary religious education. However, I am certain that private business under our free competitive democratic system can supply our living needs at lowest cost and still provide for the greatest individual freedom.

 Our, as yet unsupassed, standard of living amply attests to that.
- 9. I have never expressed admiration for the practical application of the communist theory of government in Russia or elsewhere. During the war I no doubt praised the achievements of Russia's army on the battlefield. These remarks were made without regard to communist theory and merely dealt with a particular victory of an ally. On the other hand, I have deplored the use of slave labor and forced labor in Russia. I could never reconcile the practises of the Russian form of government with the democratic ideal with which I was raised.
- Party of any of its affiliates.
- 11. To the best of my knowledge, with the possible exception of the American Peace Mobilization, I am not now nor have I ever been a member of any of the organizations listed by the Attorney General.

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- 12. I move in circles of socially conscious people. Many of my friends as well as I myself are active trade union members. Such problems—as segregation in the District of Columbia, federal aid to education, unemployment insurance for federal employess, the loyalty order are frequent topics of discussion. In so far as I would be able to detect, I have never associated with any individuals whom I had reason to believe are or ever were members of or sympathetic with the Communist Party.
- 13. I have never made a statement that I preferred the Russian communist form of government over the existing form of Government in the United States. Frankly, I just do not think in terms of preferrance. This is my country. My country has treated me well and I'm thriving in it. I was born of immigrant parents and I learned at an early age the stories of persecution elsewhere. I am fortunate enough to be working directly for the government. I have always taken this responsibility seriously. For more than ten years I have held positions of responsibility and trust. I have worked during peace and war and peace again. My performance is a matter of record.

By the way, I have never been one to hold back in the exercise of my right to free speech without reprisal. Thus you can feel certain that I have always aired my opinions freely. I firmly believe in our kind of democracy and have frequently voiced my opposition to totalitarianism of both the fascist and communist type.

14. To the best of my knowledge, none of my relatives and/or members of my immediate family are Communists or have indicated sympathies with Communist principles and policies. I have had only occasional contact with most of my family since they are located outside the Washington, D. C. area.

/s/ William Danziger

Attest: Alfred L. Pace Notary Public, Dist. of Col. March 23, 1949 Com. Exp. Dec. 14, 1950

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5 April 1949

To: L. H. Rumbaugh, Chairman Naval Ordnance Loyalty Board

Below are my replies to the additional interrogatories submitted to me on 26 March 1949. I appreciate the additional time granted me; for personal reasons I was unable until yesterday to find the time to prepare the reply.

15. It is of course understood that the meetings of the American Peace Mobilization were held almost ten years ago. I do not pretend to be able to recall with any great accuracy; the meetings I attended represented only an insignificant item in my life.

(a) Think I attended about five meetings.

(b) The meetings were held about once a month. I recall groups of about forty people on the average.

1. (a) I probably learned of the meetings through a friend. I

was attracted because of my interest in peace.

- (d) The meetings were held at a community settlement house in southeast (Friendship House). I do not recall the exact dates. I lived in the southeast section between June 1940 and August 1941 and the meetings were held during this period.
- 167 (a) I do not remember applying for membership either orally or in writing.

Tage (b) I do not specifically recall signing any petitions but it is quite possible that I did.

make (c) I never gave my name or address to the organization except

possibly through a petititon.

- (d) It is quite possible that I made some small contribution but I certainly never paid any regular dues or made any regular contributions.
- † Yellow (e) It do: not recall making contributions but it is quite possible that I did. My name and address might have been taken
- (f) I do not remember receiving any material through the mails bearing the organization's name but here again it is quite possible that I did.

『 (g) I never distributed literature originated by the

organization.

- (h) I never solicited others to join the organization or ask others to attend the meetings. However I saw nothing wrong in attending the meetings and it may be that I mentioned my attendance to others.
- (i) I do not recall speaking at the meetings but it is guite possible that I asked a question or made a comment. aid not serve on any committee or appointed group.



- 17. I felt my country was powerful enough to prevent the outbreak of war. As I recall the organization supported a defense program and believed in the active extension of our kind of democracy through out the world.
- 18. I never heard of an organization called the American Peoples Mobilization.
- 19. I never attended any meeting of the League Against War and Fascism, the League for Peace and Democracy, or other organization preceding, succeeding, or related to the American Peace Mobilization.
- 20. I never subscribed, paid for or ever received either regularly or irregularly any copies of the publications referred to. i.e. Peoples World and Political Affairs.
- 21. I was married on November 27, 1938 in New York City.
- 22. My wife has continuously been domiciled with me at identical addresses since our marriage except for about two months (April, May 1943) when she was in Los Angeles. She also spent about two days a month in Los Angeles for the period May 1943 through November 1943 in connection with visits for medical attention.
- 23.a)My wife's full name is Sylvia Ehrlich Danziger.
 b)I know of no other names or aliases which may have been used to identify my wife
- 24. My wife's maternal grandparents were named Tucker. She has several uncles and cousins with this name.
- 25. Except for a two year period I have always lived in multiple dwellings. There may have been women who could have been mistaken for my wife but I do not recall any.
- 26. I owned no car in 1942. I purchased my present car in May 1943: My wife got her driver's license only last month. She never drove any car before that time. Until April 1945, I was a member of a ride sharing club. My car was at home on alternate days. Practically all the women in the vicinity of my residence drove the car at one time or another. These trips were made both with and without my wife. We lived in the suburbs and a car was the only mode of transportation into town: There were probably others but below are the names of neighbors on Belmont Ave who drove my car whom I can remember:

Mrs. Bernice Balduff

Mrs. Dorothy Rogers

Mrs. Fay Templeman

Mrs. Alix Caulfield

Mrs. Violet Joness

The circumstances dates, etc. I cannot hope to recall. From April 1945 to the present I do not recall loaning my car.

27. My wife attended meetings of the American Peace Mobilization with me. Except for the Ladies Auxiliary of the United Public Workers she has never been associated with any other organizations.

28. The believe that the allegations that my wife was an active member of the Communist Political Association (CPA) cannot possibly be true. I have checked the index of the New York Times and found that this organization was in existence from about May 1944 to July 1945. On November 15, 1943 my wife completed a difficult pregnancy. Delivery was made by Caesarian section and a tumor removed at the same time. For months both before and after delivery I remember that she rarely went out except for necessary medical treatment. As mentioned in question 26 my wife never drove our car and it was ordinarily difficult for her to get out alone. It was during the war and I was of course working long and irregular hours. As she recovered she did get out from time to time. (Some sort of bus service was instituted from our development to town - I do not recall the date it was established but the schedule was discouragingly poor) I cannot remember the exact dates but the things my wife did which are mentioned below cover the period from about May 1944 to April 1945. She took a ten week sewing course at the Singer Sewing Machine Co. in Long Beach, she worked as a laboratory technician in St. Mary's Hospital for about a month while the regular technician took a vacation, she went with other women of the neighborhood to roll bandages for the Red Cross, she belonged to a neighborhood sewing circle which met once a week, she participated in a neighborhood abortive effort to organize a cooperative food market (we lived three miles from the nearest store). This latter aroused the anger of established business interests and resulted in a court case at which my wife was called to testify. The above activities coupled with her limited time, her inability to drive and the responsibility for our home and the upbringing of our now 52 year old daughter lead me to believe that the allegations cannot possibly be true.

We arrived in crowded Washington in May 1945 and it was some time before I found a place to live. During this period I worked regular hours and my wife was not engaged in any outside activities.

/s/ William Danziger.

Signature witnessed - April 5, 1949

Blanche E. Hutchinson Notary Public

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NOL Loyalty Poard

To:

Commander, Naval Ordnance Laboratory

Sub.1:

Public Law 808, 77th Congress, in Relation to NOL Employee William Danziger, Electrical Engineer P-4.

Refsi

- (a) 10-PRNC Serial 0013 dated 15 Dec. 1948, confidential file on William Danziger.
- (b) NCPI 29 (Instruction 29 "Charges and Removals Involving Disloyalty, Subversive Activity, and National Security," and revisions thereto under Cover Sheet No. 90, dated 16 Feb. 1949).
- (c) NOL Loyalty Board confidential memorandum to Commander, NOL, subj. "Investigation of Mr. Hm. Dansiger, Electrical Engineer P-4, NOL Employee," dated 13 May 1949.

Rnol:

- (A) (HW) Non-verbatim notes on informal conversations between William Danziger and NOL Loyalty Board on 10 May 1949.
- l. Reference (a) contains information on the subject employee, William Danziger. Part of this information consists of facts and allegations requiring further action in accordance with the provisions of reference (b).
- 2. By reference (c), the NOL Loyalty Board has recommended that William Danziger be cleared for loyalty purposes. However, reference (b) defines two essentially separate procedures applicable to the subject case. NCPI 29.2-3 and NCPI 29.2-4 distinguish between cases involving loyalty and cases involving national security.
- Security cases and hence subject to consideration for further action by the head of the employing activity in accordance with procedures specified in MCPI 29.4.
 - A. It is understood that in contrast to loyalty cases, evidence bearing on security cases, in connection with organizations, need not be confined to organizations on the Attorney General's list of organizations issued pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

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Although the NOL Loyalty Board has recommended in reference (c) that William Danziger be cleared for loyalty purposes, the Board has felt that derogatory evidence in references (a) is sufficient to raise a serious question as to Danziger's fitness and reliability for holding his present position.

Evidence Bearing on Pitness and Reliability.

- 6. William Danziger presently is employed in the Acoustics Division of the Haval Ordnance Laboratory. A large fraction of the work of this Division is of Confidential or higher classification and involves the military security of the United States. The following associations, habits, and characteristics of William Danziger reflect unfavorably on his reliability for his present position.
 - (a) His wife, Sylvia Ehrlich Danziger, is or has been for a number of years an active member of certain Communist organizations which are defined as Subversive under Group IV of the Attorney General's list and also are listed under Group VI as proscribed by the Hatch Act in the opinion of the Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service Commission. Evidence in reference (a) substantiates that her Communist activities have included the payment of dues, receipt of membership cards, repeated attendance at meetings, and subscription to publications prescribed by the Communist Party or its affiliated groups. Furthermore, her connections with Communist activities appear to be of a calculated and continuing nature since she has transferred her party membership from the East to the West Coast and back again to corsespond with major geographical changes in residence.

with his wife, the Board must conclude that the relationship constitutes a definite security hazard in his employment at the NOL.

(b) William Danziger's judgment and discretion apparently are "blind" where inferences of Communist activity are concerned. In reference (c) and again in the conversations reported in enclosure (A), he denies that he has ever associated with any individual whom he has reason to believe is or has been affiliated with or sympathetic to the Communist Party. And yet:

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- (1) As indicated in paragraph 6(a), his wife appears to have been a practicing Communist beyond any reasonable doubt.
- (2) At least two intimate friends (Max Elitcher, Mark Harris) are cited in reference (a) as known or suspected Communists.
- (3) His small child attended, and his wife assisted at, the Inter-racial Mursery School Project, lith and R Sts., N.W., of which the controlling officers, Chairman and Treasurer, are named by reference (a) as members of the Communist Party.
- (4) He is an active member of Local #3, UPWA, which is cited in reference (a) as a Communist-dominated local.
- (c) It is possible that this is a "cultivated blindness; since he states (enclosure (A)) that he has little concern as to whether or not his friends have Communistic affiliations or sympathies. In support of this, we may note:
 - (1) His detailed argument (reference (c)) contending that his wife could not possibly have been a Communist only presents substantial supporting evidence covering his wife's period of advanced pregnancy and early post-natal care between August 1943 and April 1944. This period corresponds with the only lengthy period during her entire West Coast residence for which reference (a) reports no Communist activity on her part.
 - (2) He states in reference (c) that he knows little about Communism except for information incidental to a college course in economics over ten years ago. However, according to references (a) and (c), he has since associated with Communists; he has been active in a Communist-dominated labor union local; he subscribed to the newspaper PM; he was a member of Consumers Union; he has argued Communism with two confidential informants; and he has stated that he has always been active and outspoken in socially-conscious groups interested in a variety of social and economic reforms.

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- 7. None of the single incidents and allegations enumerated in paragraph 6 above are sufficient to impugn the reliability of William Danziger. Collectively, however, they appear to form patterns which reflect personal attitudes, indiscretions, and lack of judgment which are inconsistent with the position of trust which Mr. Danziger presently occupies.
- 8. To the extent that this Board may assume the prerogatives of a jury, it has not been convinced that Mr. Danziger's replies to its interrogatories and informal questions have been completely frank.

Degree of Security Risk Involved.

- 9. The Foard believes that there is no position within the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in which a professional engineer or scientist can be employed effectively if he is denied access to classified information. In fact, technical employees at Pr.

 Danziger's level of responsibility and competence must have access to classified materials and information in considerable quantity and on several projects or programs simultaneously in the regular performance of their duties.
- 10. In his present position, Wr. Danziger necessarily has access to much classified information on many of the underwater weapons and undersea warfare programs of this Laboratory and the Bureau of Ordnance. He also is actively engaged in two additional projects of CONFIDENTIAL classification which are parts of a program of higher classification under the general cognizance of the U.S. Air Force.
- 11. The present status of the above several projects and programs in the Acoustics Division is such that only nominal serious additional security compromise normally would occur prior to about 1 September 1949. Beginning in early September, the receipt by the Acoustics Division of new and additional data and information of a classified nature in considerable quantities is anticipated.

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SUMMARY

- 12. The Board has reviewed facts and allegations contained in reference (a) and has questioned Mr. Danziger as recorded in reference (c) and in enclosure (A). The Board concludes that these facts and allegations collectively constitute sufficient evidence to justify application of the provisions of NCPI 29.4. To quote from NCPI 29.4-2, the Board concludes that "the evidence at hand does not provide reasonable grounds for a belief of disloyalty but is sufficient to require continuing surveillance, and the employee occupies a position giving him access to classified material and information of such nature that their disclosure would be inimical to the interests of the national security, and his presence on the job constitutes a threat to national security.
- 15. This Board concludes that the security hazard concomitant to Mr. Danziger's indefinite employment at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory outweighs the value of his services to the Laboratory and that the loss sustained through his replacement by an employee of unquestioned reliability should be accepted.
- 14. In arriving at these conclusions, the Board has taken full account of both Mr. Danziger's excellent record as an employee and of the serious responsibility the Board assumes by impugning Mr. Danziger's fitness and reliability for holding his present position.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 15. This Board recommends that the Commander, Naval Ordnance Laboratory take the following actions with respect to the subject employee, Mr. William Dansiger:
 - Congress, in accordance with MCPI 29.4, particularly (MCPI 29.4-3c (where immediate suspension is not warranted)
- (b) Inform Mr. Denziger that the above action has been initiated and suggest to him that he seek employment through transfer or re-hiring with an agency which is not example as a sensitive to the military security of the United States.

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pending final decision and disposition of his case, provided neither action (a) nor (b) above is completed by that date.

/s/ L. H. Rumbaugh
L. H. Rumbaugh

13 June 1949 (Date)

/s/ W. H. Watson Captain,

13 June 1949 (Date)

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D. E. Marlowe

13 June 1949 (Date)

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N INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN AN . DANZIGE NON-VERBATIM NOT AND THE NAVAL ORDINANCE LABORATORY LOYALTY BOARD OF TO MAY 1949:

Wr. Danziger agreed to meet with the Loyalty Board to answer with a few questions informally in order that a further interrogatory. wight be avoided. It was agreed that this informal discussion, would concern only material covered by previous interrogatories. and that a record of the Loyalty Board's notes would be made: available to Wr. Dansiger if he wished.

(1) Question: Have you discussed this case with your wife;

ADSWOT: Yes.

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(2) Question: Are the answers to the interrogatory based upon' information available to both you and your wife; in particular the answers to the questions con- 3 cerning the possibility of her membership in the Communist Political Association?

The answers cover both parties. ADSWOTE

(3) Question: Did you tell her she was alleged to have been member of the CPA?

However, I would like to mention that the was under psychiatric care between the Spring of 1946 and Summer of 1948. This was because of her depression and reluctance to face a second occasion of motherhood. Under the circumstances. I did not press the question very far.

(4) Question: How long and how well have you known your wife that is, are you well acquainted with her background and do you believe that she discusses . things frankly with you?

I've known her for more than 16 years, first in ADSWOTE high school and later at Hunter College where she majored in Biology. I believe she is frank with the me, except for the recent depression I just men- the tioned; of course, I have tried to avoid discussions that might disturb her.

During the war, do you believe that you have had 4.5 (5) Question: a good general knowledge of your wife's whereabouts and friends?

Yes, although she is more socially inclined than I. ADEWOT: My wife makes a point of knowing all of our neighbors.

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Mon-verbatim Note on Informal Conversations Between m. Danziger and the Haval Ordnance Laboratory Loyalty Board on 10 May 1949:

(7) no Question: Do you know Sally Balich?

Answer:

No.

(8) Question: Do you know Peggy Katsman:

Yes, she teaches at a nursery school which my wife helped organize and which my daughter attended.

(9) Question:

I note that your answer to the question concerning the possibility of your wife's association with the Communist Party could be interpeted to cover only the period from 1944 to 1945. Would you care to state whether this is unintentional, and whether you would be equally definite in stating that she could not have associated with Communists during a period from 1942 to 1946?

ADEWST:

Yes, the answer was not intended to be ambiguous. I feel equally certain that she did not associate with Communists during the entire period from 1942 to 1946, nor at any other time.

(19) Question:

Does your wife enter into political or economic discussions? Do you believe you know her social philosophy?

Answer:

Yes. She has never leaned toward the Communistic line. She believes in the United States and supports it.

(11) Question:

During the period you lived on Belmont Avenue, it has been said that you discussed the motion picture "Song of Russia" and a neighborhood cooperative enterprise with your neighbors in terms which would indicate preference for the Russian form of government; you praised Russia and said cooperatives would work there better than here. Do you remember these occasions, and would you care to comment on them?

ADSWOT:

I remember seeing "Song of Russia," and my wife was a witness in a suit for fraud in the case of the cooperative, under circumstances which may have made her some enemies. In general, we lived in an isolated community, and shared cars and gas so much that we rarely went any place alone. I do not remember the conversations mentioned, nor do I

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Am Danziger and the Naval Ardmance Laboratory Loyalty Board on 10 May 1949:

> believe they took place. Actually, I believe in cooperatives, and am a member of one now - Group Health, and I believe they can work in this country.

(12) Question: You state that none of your associates are Communists or Communist sympathizers. How would you identify a Communist or a sympathizer?

Answer: I could probably identify a Communist sympathizer if I tried, but I don't ever wonder whether my

associates are Communists or not. I'm not interested.

I did not realize your wife went to Hunter College. (13) Question: During what period?

From August 1941 to April 1943, after our return Answer: to New York. She had gone previously, and took a lab. technician's position at a hospital after graduation.

(14) Question: Do you know Mark Harris, Max Elitcher, or William MacDonough quite well?

Yes, all three - Elitcher for about 20 years, since Answer: before high school.

(15) Question: Did you always get along well with your neighbors?

Yes, no serious spats; occasional minor exchanges Answer:

The above report is reconstructed from notes taken Important: during the discussion. The report is believed to be factual but it is not a verbatim report of questions, and answers.

> /s/ L. H. Rumbaugh 10 June 1949 L. H. Rumbaugh (Date) /s/ W. H. Watson 10 June 1949 W. H. Watson (Capt. (Date) OZE)

/s/ D. E. Narlowe 13 June 1949 🐍 🚴 D. E. Varlows

14 October 1949

From:

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Commander

Naval Ordnance Laboratory

To:

William Danziger

5501 7th Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

sub1:

Removal, Pursuant to Public Law 808.

Refs:

- (a) NOL ltr NP51/P16-1(2-598) Serial: 8 to William Danziger, 4td 16 Sep 1949
- (b) Official Personnel Action Form NAVIO.05 1200 Rev. 6-46 on William Danziger, dtd 16 Sep 1949
- (c) Statement signed by Prank Kramer, Charles S. Bandler, David W. Beecher, and Benj. 1. Snavely, atd 13 Oct 1949

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- (A)(HW) Original of ref. (a)
- (B)(HM) Original of ref. (b)
- (0)(BH) Original of ref. (c)
- 1. Receipt on 14 October 1949 is acknowledged of your undated letter requesting this command to reconsider your removal effected 16 September 1949, reference (e), pursuant to Public Law 808, and to eccept your resignation in lieu of such removal. Receipt is also acknowledged of your copies of references (a), (b), and (c), which were enclosed with your letter.
- 2. It is not within the power of this command to grant your request, since you were removed by an order of the Secretary of the Navy dated 7 September 1949.
- 3. Procedures applicable to your case are stated in the copy of NCPI 29 for which you delivered a receipt dated 18 March: 1949 to the Chairman, NCL Loyalty Board. NCPI 29 includes statements to the effect that:
 - a. An employee's resignation shall be accepted if delivered during proceedings against him concerning his loyalty before his removel is ordered.

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b. After removal with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, and within thirty days after being informed of the reasons for removal, the employee can appeal to the Secretary of the Navy, via the Office of Industrial Relations Code 230, if he desires to show why he should not have been removed.

4. Reference (a) contains a detailed statement of the reasons for which you were removed. The statement, reference (c), signed by four fellow-employees, saying that they knew on 14 September 1949 of your intention to resign if you were low bidder on a government contract, does not appear to refute satisfactorily the evidence upon which removal action was taken. Accordingly, it is felt that any further appeal by you should be addressed to the Secretary of the Mavy, in accordance with paragraph 3(b) above.

5. Enclosures (A), (B), and (C) are returned herewith.

A. J. MILLER, Acting

Copy to: Secretary of the Navy (w/e C) Office of Industrial Relations Code 230



NF61/P16-1(2-598) U.S. NAVAL ORDNANCE LABORATORY Serial: 8 WHITE OAK

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16 Sep 1:49

From

Commander

Naval Ordnance Laboratory.

To:

William Danziger — Research Department

Subj:

Removal, Pursuant to Public Law 808

Ref:

(a) NCPI 29.4

(b) Sechay ltr dtd 7 Sep 49

1. In compliance with instructions contained in reference (b), you are advised that you will be removed from the rolls of the Naval Ordnance Laboratory effective at the close of business 16 September 1949 for the following reasons:

a. Reliable information discloses that you have been a member of the American Peace Mobilization and upon your own admission, attended several meetings of this organization. This organization is listed in the Attorney Coneral's list of subversive organizations as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

b. Reliable evidence discloses that your wife, Sylvia Ehrlich Danziger, was a member of the Communist Perty in Bronx, New York City, in 1943, and transferred her membership to Los Angeles, California, in March, 1943. The transfer card contains the following information: Book #16267; Name, Sylvia Danziger, Transferred from Branch 6, Section 8, Bx. Bo., Bronx County, New York, New York; Transferred to Los Angeles, California.

c. Keliable evidence discloses that Sylvia Denziger was a dues-paying and active member of the Communist Party in Los Angeles from March, 1943 to March, 1945. The membership card contained the following: #46429; Name, Sylvia Danziger (Tucker); Address, 2270 Belmont Avenue, Long Beach 4; Phone, 32006; New card issued on December 4, 1944. The card further showed that she paid her dues and was a subscriber to "People's World", which was known as the Communist publication in the Pacific Coast area.

- d. heliable information also discloses that your wife attended meetings of the Long Beach Communist Political Association during May, June, July, 1944 and during April, 1945, and in the letter part of 1944 she had enrolled as a member of the Long Beach Club of the Communist Political Association.
- e. It has been substantiated that your child attends a nursery school in "ashington, D. C., of which certain controlling officers, chairman and treasurer, are members of the Communist Party. Mrs. Sylvia Danziger, your wife, is closely associated with this nursery school and with one of these officers.
- Tour position as Electrical Engineer at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory is one of trust, and the above admitted or verified accusations are such as to cause a reasonable doubt that you should continue to be employed therein. Also, the close association that is inherent in the relationship between husband and wife makes you accessible to the forces whose designs are detrimental to the interests of the United States. A large part of your work at the Laboratory is of a confidential or classified nature and involves the military security of the United States. Constant daily contact with other scientists involved in classified work presents an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with a large program of classified projects being performed or anticipated by the Naval Ordnance Laboratory. The nature of your duties makes it impossible to limit your assignments to projects which are not of a classified nature.
- g. Since you are employed in a position of trust which gives you certain responsibility for and access to classified material and information of a confidential and secret nature, the disclosure of which to unauthorized persons would be inimical to the interests of National Security, it is considered that you are a security risk, and you should not be continued to be employed in such a position.
- h. The foregoing establishes the opinion of the Secretary of the Mavy that your retention in the employment of the Mational Military Establishment would be contrary to the interests of Mational Security, and your employment is eccordingly terminated, as warranted by the demands of National Security.
- 2. You are advised that you may submit to the Commander, Haval Ordnance Laboratory, within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter, such written statements or affidevits, or both as you may desire, to show why you should not be removed. Further, if you so desire, you will be granted a

hearing by the Navy Department Loyalty Appeal Board in ashington, D. C. At this hearing you may be represented by counsel and bring witnesses and present evidence on your behalf.

FRANK E. BEATTY

W. W. R. L. W.

Code 32 0013 INTELLIGENCE OFFICE
FOTONIC RIVER NAVAL CONTAND
MAYAL GUN FACTORY
VASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Date:

15 DEC 1948

From:

Intelligence Officer, Potomac River Naval Command

To:

Commanding Officer, Naval Ordnance Laboratory

Subject:

DANZIGER, William

Reference:

Enclosure:

(A) IO PRNC Complete File on Subject

1. Enclosure (A)

is forwarded for information.

- 2. The information forwarded herewith is extrememly confidential in character and its security must be preserved by carefully safeguarding its existence and source, as well as the name of any informants mentioned therein. In no case, if the report covers an investigation of an individual, shall the report be shown to the subject, nor shall copied be made of it, nor shall the Office of Naval Intelligence be mentioned in connection with any action taken on the basis of such report. Under no circumstances should material be removed from the enclosed file or the file disassembled.
- 3. From t return of this correspondence to the Intelligence Officer is requested. The Intelligence Officer, PRNC, should be advised of the necessity for retaining this material beyond

15 JAN 1949

C. E. CORTNER

White Oak Silver Spring 12, Maryland

June 15, 1949

From: Commander

To: The Chief of Haval Operations

Attn: (OP-32-D1)

Subj: File in Case of William Danziger, Forwarding of

Ref; (a) NCPI 29.3-7c(1)

1. In accordance with reference (a), the file in connection with Loyalty Hearings in the case of William Danziger is forwarded herewith.

2. The Commander concurs in the opinions and recommendations of the Naval Ordnance Laboratory Loyalty Board and has advised Mr. Danziger as required by reference (a).

3. The question of security risk will be made the subject of separate correspondence.

/s/ FRANK E. BEATTY FRANK E. BEATTY

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MAIT DEPARTMENT LOYALTY APPEAL BOARD

Date: 7 Sep 1949

The Board set at the U. S. Navy Department, Mashington, D. C., rursuent to the precept of the Secretary of the Navy, dated 12 August 1947, to consider the recommendation that William Dansiger, Electrical Engineer, Envel Ordnance Laboratory, Maite Oak, Mds., be removed from the service in the interest of Fational Security under authority of Public Law 908, 77th Congress.

Present: Charles Piozet, Chairman, Rear Admiral Charles Wellborn, U. S. Mavy, and Franklin R. De Wald, Bureau of Ordnance, Members.

All of the investigative reports in this case together with the recommendation of the Commender, Eaval Ordnance Laboratory, White Oak, Md., have been thoroughly and carefully considered.

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The Kavy Department Loyalty Appeal Board finds that on all of the evidence addiced in this case that the removal of Villiam Danziger, from his position of Electrical Engineer at the Eaval Ordname Laboratory, White Cak, Ed., in the interest of Estional Security, is warranted.

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It is the decision of the Navy Department Loyalty Appeal Board that the recommendation of the Commander, Naval Ordnance Laboratory, White Oak, Ad., in the case of William Danziger, Electrical Engineer, Naval Ordnance Laboratory, White Oak, Mo., for said person's removal from his said nomition in the interest of Lational Security, be affirmed, subject to his right of appeal within 30 days after being informed by the Commander of the removal.

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PARTICER, William, Electrical Engineer, 1-4, U.S. Paral Ordonnee Plant, White Oak, Md. - Removal of Intruent to Public Law 808.

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- (a) Report of Loyalty Board to Commanding Officer, Envel Ordnance Laboratory, dated 18 May 1940.
- (b) Condr., Maral Ordnance Laboratory 1tr. of June 15, 1949.
- (e) FOY! 29.4-31
- (a) NOP1 20.4-5g (a) NOP1 20.4-5b
- 1. References (a) and (b) furnish information regarding the subject templeyee, and recommends that he be removed in the interest of National Security.
- 2. After careful consideration of the recommendation and reports in the cabject case, the Secretary of the Many is of the epizion that the removal of this employee is varianted by the denands of Mational Security. You are, therefore, authorized to remove William Danziger, Micetrical Magineer, P-4, D. S. Mayal Ordinace Laboratory, White Cak, Md., in accordance with the Act of 17 December 1942 (F.L. 808, 77th Congress) and the provisions of seferance (c).
- 8. As provided in reference (d), the subject employee will be given an opportunity to appear in person before the Commander or an officer designated by him. At that time Mr. Danniger will be given, in writing, the reasons for his removal. The subject should be advised that he may submit within thirty (80) days after being informed of the reasons for removal, such written statement or affidavits, or both, as he may desire to show thy he should not have been removed, as provided in reference (e). In midition to the general statement suggested in reference (d), it is further suggested that the reasons for removal be stated as follows:
 - (1) Reliable information discloses that you have been a member of the American Peace Medilization and upon your own admission, attended several meetings of this organization. This organization is listed in the Atterney General's list of subservive organizations so being within the purview of Executive Order 9878.



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- (2) Reliable evidence discloses that your wife, Sylvia Bhrlich Bensiger, was a member of the Communist Party in Branz, New York Sity, in 1945, and transferred her numbership to Lee Angeles, Salifornia, in March, 1945. The transfer eard contains the following information: Book \$16267; Name, Sylvia Banriger, Transferred from Branch 6, Section 8, Dr. Se., Bronz County, New York, Sew York; Transferred to Lee Angeles, Galifornia,
- (8) Reliable evidence discloses that Sylvia Praciper was a despecting and active number of the Communist Party in Les Angeles from March, 1945 to March, 1945. The numbership ward contained the following: \$45439; Name, Sylvia Pansiger (Tucker); Address, 2270 Polmout Avenue, Long Beach 4; Phone, 82006; New card issued on Boomber 4, 1944. The eard further showed that she paid her does and was a subscriber to "People's World", which was known as the Communist publication in the Pasific Coast area.
- (4) Polishle information also discloses that your wife attended mostings of the Long Beach Communist Political Association during May, June, July, 1944 and during April, 1945, and in the latter part of 1944 the had surelied as a number of the Long Beach Club of the Communist Political Association.
- (8) It has been substantiated that your child attends a nursery school in Vashington, D. O., of which certain controlling officers, chairman and treasurer, are members of the Communict larty.

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- (6) Four position as Slectrical Engineer at the Enval Ordnage Inheratory is one of trust, and the above admitted or verified accountions are such as to cause a reasonable doubt that you should continue to be employed therein. Also, the close association that is inherent in the relationship between husband and wife makes you accessible to the forces whose designs are detrimental to the interests of the United States. A large and of your work at the Laboratory is of a confidential or clearified nature and involves the military security of the United States. Constant daily contact with other scientists involved in classified work presents an excellent opportunity to become accounted with a large program of classified projects being verformed or anticipated by the Enval Ordnage Laboratory. The nature of your duties makes it impossible to limit your assignments to projects which are not of a classified mature.

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Admiral F. E. Boatty, U.S.K. U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory Phite Cak, Maryland

Doar Admiral Beatty:

I wish to thank you and the other members of the Laboratory staff for a thoroughly enjoyable term of employment and for the many kindnesses shown me.

I have outlined below information relating to my resignation of Septembor 16, 1949. My job was not in jeopardy when I resigned and the facts below can readily be documented.

- A. On April 7, 1949 I purchased the Express Radio and Appliance Co. located at 631 Kennedy St. N.W. in Washington. With the aid of my wife and a part time employee I operated this business. Business was quite good and it was apparent that some time when the fall season started after labor Day I would have to operate this business full time. This was my expressed intention.
- B. In September, I broadened my business interests by becoming a member of a partnership called Science Associates. Shortly thereafter I entered a bid on a government invitation. I informed my supervisor that if my partnership was low bidder on that contract or if it got any other work that I would immediately resign. Information on the bid figures were available to me on the afternoon of September 15. I was low bidder and I resigned on the following day.
- C. I spent Friday morning winding up and transacting some necessary business. Wy sign out sheet was cleared by my supervisor early Friday afternoon.

The fact that I was going to resign was known to many. This is attested to by a signed statement which I have enclosed. Recording this resignation as a discharge places me in the position of having to hire counsel, prepare briefs and sit for hearings in connection with a position which I voluntarily relinquished. Such proceedings would work a great personal hardship on me at a time when I need my full energies for running and building my business. I earnestly urge the use of your good offices to rectify the record. Be assured of my continued cooperation. Please send my best regards to Dr. Bennett and Dr. Rumbaugh. Please do not hesitate to call me in for informal discussions at any time.

For your convenience in the consideration of this matter, I am returning the originals of the documents concerned.

Encl: NOL LTR of 9/16/49
Form 1200
Signed Statement

Respectfully,
William Danzigor

From: Commander Naval Ordinauce Laboratory
To Chief, Office of Industrial Relations
Navy Suprostruct Alta: Code 110 Subjet: Danziger, William, Removal & Present (a) OIR Lta d+4 7 Sept 1949 (File OIR-110-MML (SC) P1-7/ Han ziger, W.) 1. An accordance with instructions Coutained in Reference (a), subject employee was removed from the races of this activity effective Depotember 1949. 2. Du Leptunder 1949, subject emplaye appeared de fore Captain A. V. Miller, The Officer disequeted by the Commander and was presented, in writing, with the reasons for his 1. moval. Aubject emplayer refused to accept This fetter. Couragnestly, he was admied werball Heat he was being removed and under what authority the action was being taken.

3. The Letter and the Official Personnel Viction (For NAVIGO 1200) were forwarded to his have address by registered war.

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Subj: DANZIGER, William, Electrical Engineer, P-4, U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory, White Oak, Maryland - Removal of.

Villiam Danziger, Electrical Engineer, P-4, U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory, White Oak, Maryland, is recommended for removal under Public Law 808, in the interest of National Security, because of Communist activities on his part and on the part of his wife, Sylvia Ehrlich Danziger,

Mr. Danziger's removal was first considered under Executive Order #9835, but it was decided that the evidence furnished did not warrant his separation under the Loyalty Program in view of the current standards for removal for disloyalty. He has been advised of this decision.

However, his wife, Sylvia Ehrlich Danziger, is, or has been for a number of years, an active member of certain Communist organizations which are defined as subversive in the Attorney General's list. Evidence substantiates that her Communist activities have included payment of dues, receipt of membership cards, repeated attendance at meetings and subscriptions to publications prescribed by the Communist Party. Her connections with Communist activities appear to be of a calculated and continuing nature, since she has transferred her party membership from the East to the West Coast and back again to correspond with major geographical changes in residence. There is no evidence furnished that Mrs. Danziger has severed her party membarship. Since Mr. Danziger is continuously domiciled with ·his wife, it is concluded that the relationship constitutes a definite security hazard in his employment at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory. His judgment and discretion apparently are "blind" where inferences to Communist activities are concerned. In his interrogatory and again in his conversation with the Loyalty Hearing Board, he denies that he was ever associated with any individual whom he has reason to believe is, or has been affiliated with or sympathetic to the Communist Party and yet:

- (1) His wife appears to have been practicing Communism beyond any reasonable doubt.
- (2) At least two of his intimate friends are suspected Communists and are members of organizations listed as subversive by the Attorney General.
- (3) His small child attended, and his wife assisted at, the Interracial Eursery School Project, 11th and R Streets, N. V., Washington, D. C., of which the controlling officers are members of the Communist Party.
- (4) He is an active member of Local #3, UPMA, which is a Communist-dominated local.

(5) He has been an active member of the American Peace Mobilization, a subversive organization.

It As possible this is a cultivated blindness on the part of Mr. Danziger, since he has little concern as to whether or not his friends have Communistic affiliations or sympathics. In support of this, it is noted:

(1) His detailed argument contended that his wife could not possibly have been a Communist only presents substantial supporting evidence covering his wife's period of advanced pregnancy and early postnatal care between August 1943 and April 1944. This period corresponds with the only lengthy period during her entire Yest Coast residence for which there is reported no Communist activity on her part. He stated that he knows little about Communism except for information incidental to a college course in economics over ten years ago. Rowever, reliable evidence shows that he has since associated with Communists; he has been active (steward) in a Communist-dominated union local; he subscribed to the newspaper PK and he has argued Communism with two confidential informants. None of the single incidents and allegations enumerated above are sufficient to impugn his reliability. Collectively, however, they appear to form patterns which reflect personal attitudes, indiscretions, and lack of judgment which are inconsistent with the position of trust which he at present occupies.

In his position of Electrical Engineer, Mr. Danziger has access to classified material and information of a confidential and secret nature, end he is considered to be a bad security risk. The nature of his duties makes it impossible to limit his assignments at the Maval Ordnance Laboratory which are not classified. In addition, the close association that is inherent in the relationship between husband and wife makes Mr. Danziger accessible to the forces whose designs are detrimental to the interests of the United States.

The undereigned has discussed this case personally with Admiral Beatty, Commander of the Naval Ordnance Laboratory and with Dr. Rumbaugh, Chairman of the local Loyalty Hearing Board. While it was reported that Mr. Danziger's work at the Laboratory has always been exceptionally good, they both feel that he cannot be trusted, especially as he has access to much classified information on many of the underwater weamons and undersea warfare programs of the Laboratory and the Eureau of Ordnance. While he is at present engaged on two projects of a confidential classification which are parts of a program of higher classification, the present status of such projects is such that only nominal serious additional security compromise normally would occur prior to about Sentember 1. Beginning early in September, the receipt of new and additional data and information by the Acoustics Division of the Laboratory of a classified nature in considerable quantities is anticipated. Dr. Rumbaugh reported that he had suggested to Mr. Danziger to seek a transfer to a non-zensitive agency but that Kr. Danziger did not heed the suggestion and stated that he would "sit tight".

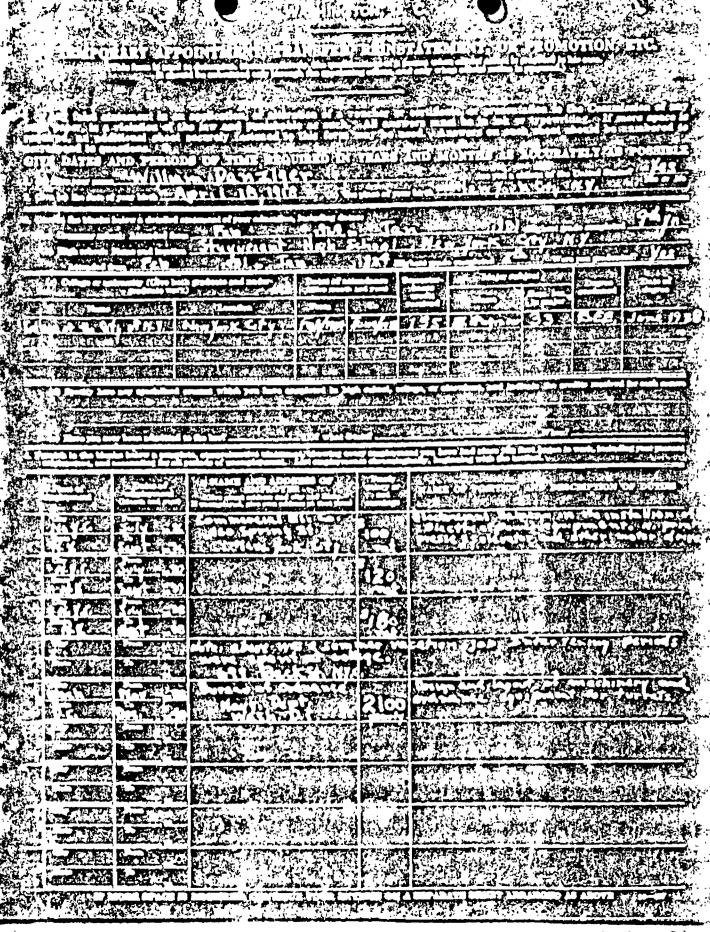
The Navy Department Loyalty Appeal Board has thoroughly reviewed the recommendation of Mr. Danziger's separation and it is of the unanimous opinion that his removal from the National Military Establishment in the interest of National Security is fully warranted.

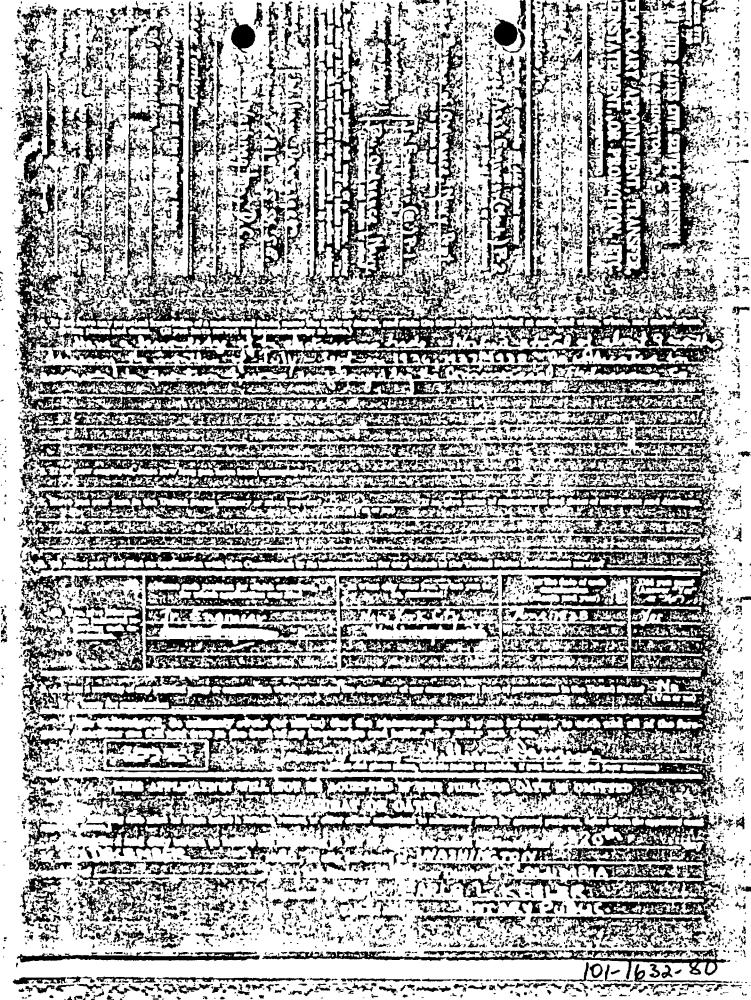
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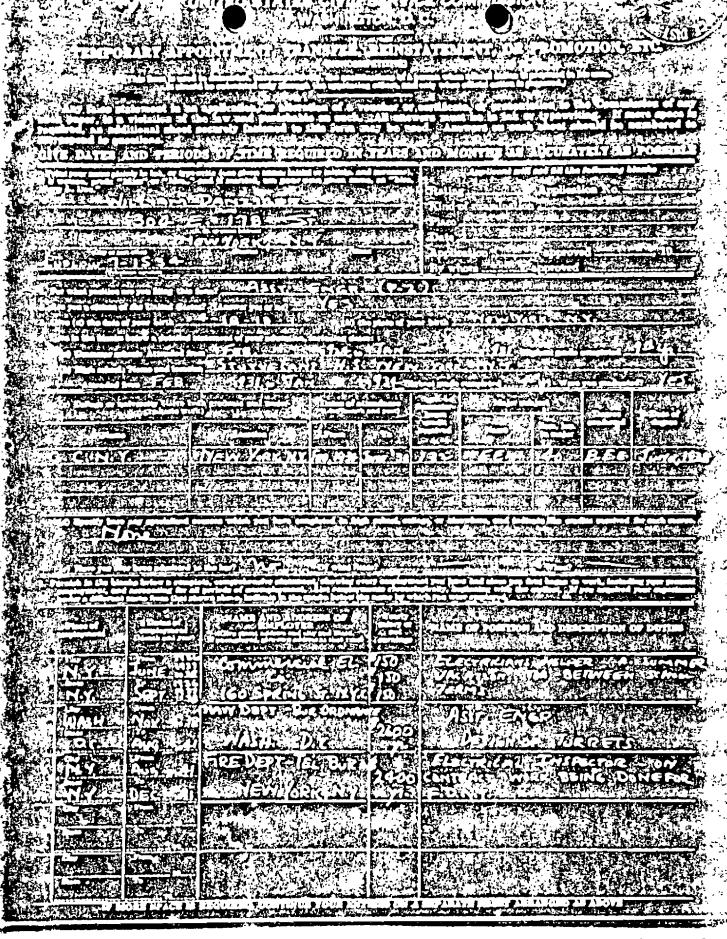
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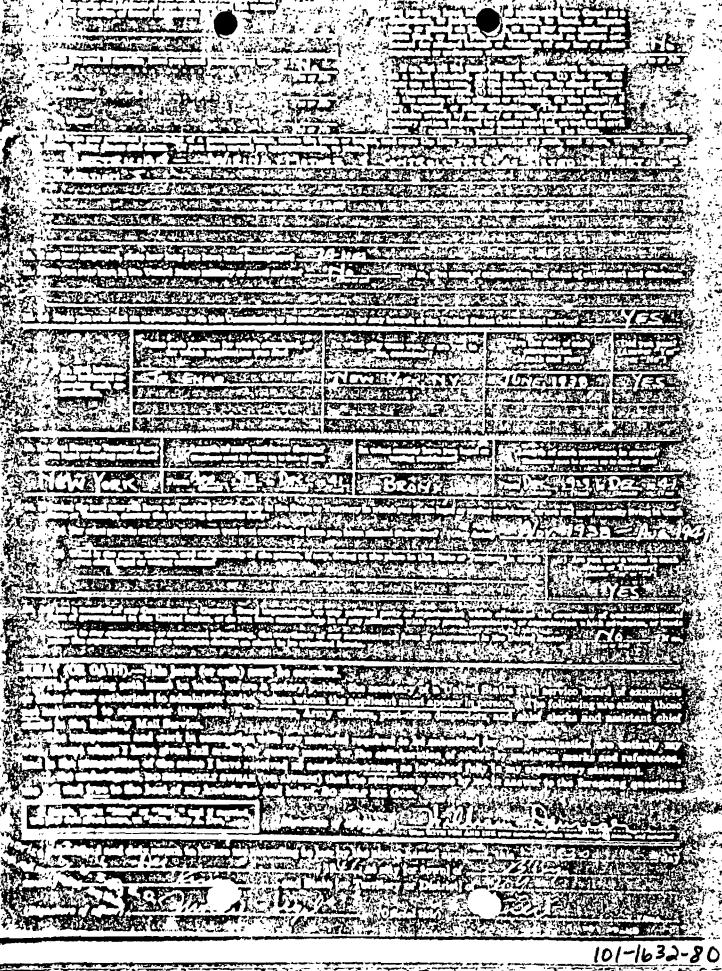
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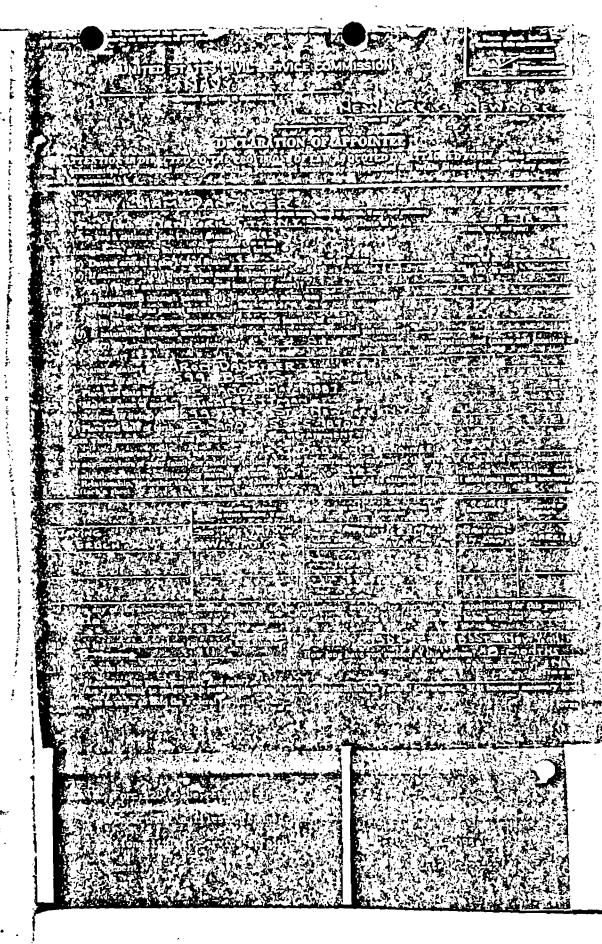


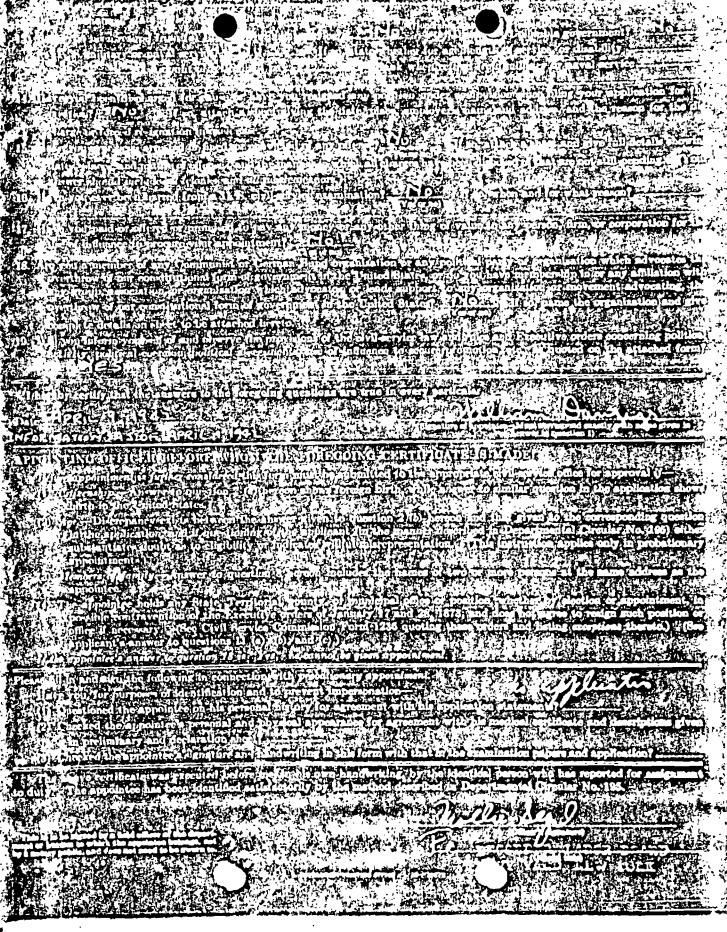
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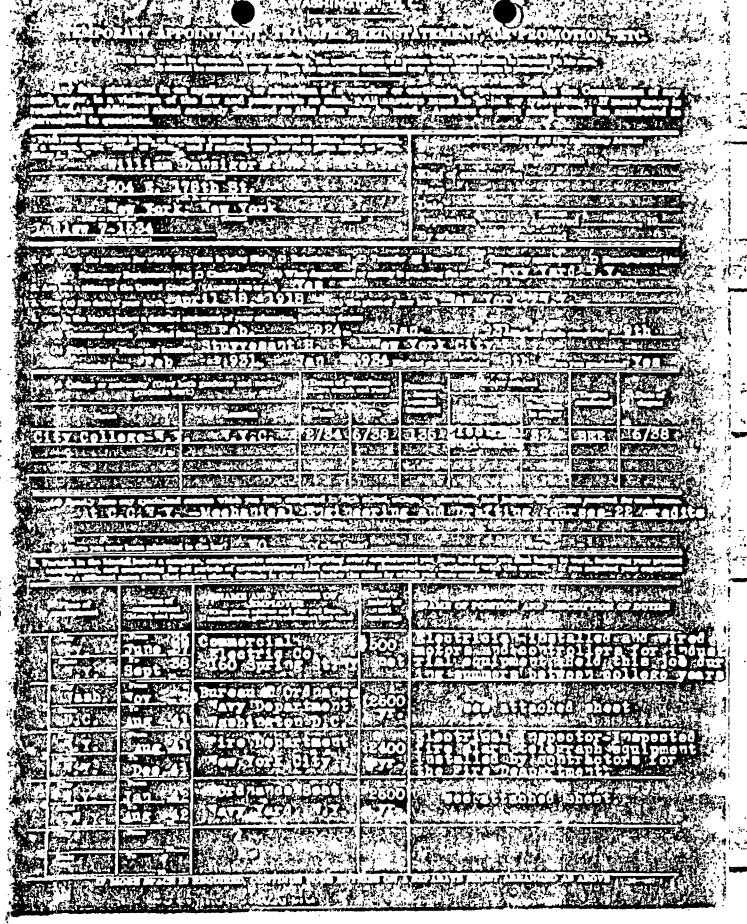
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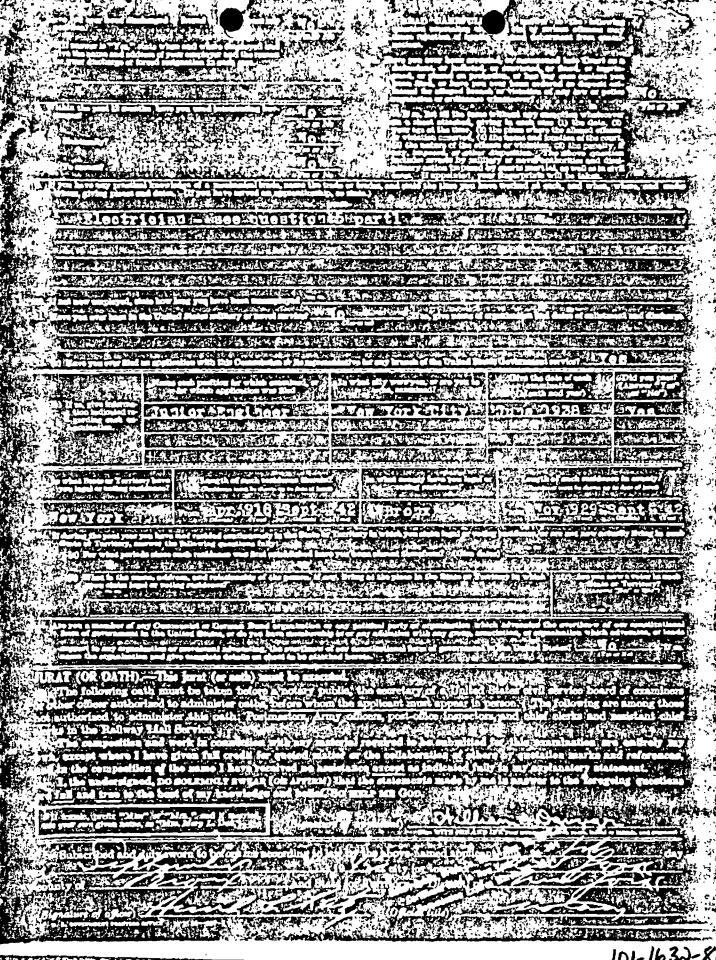
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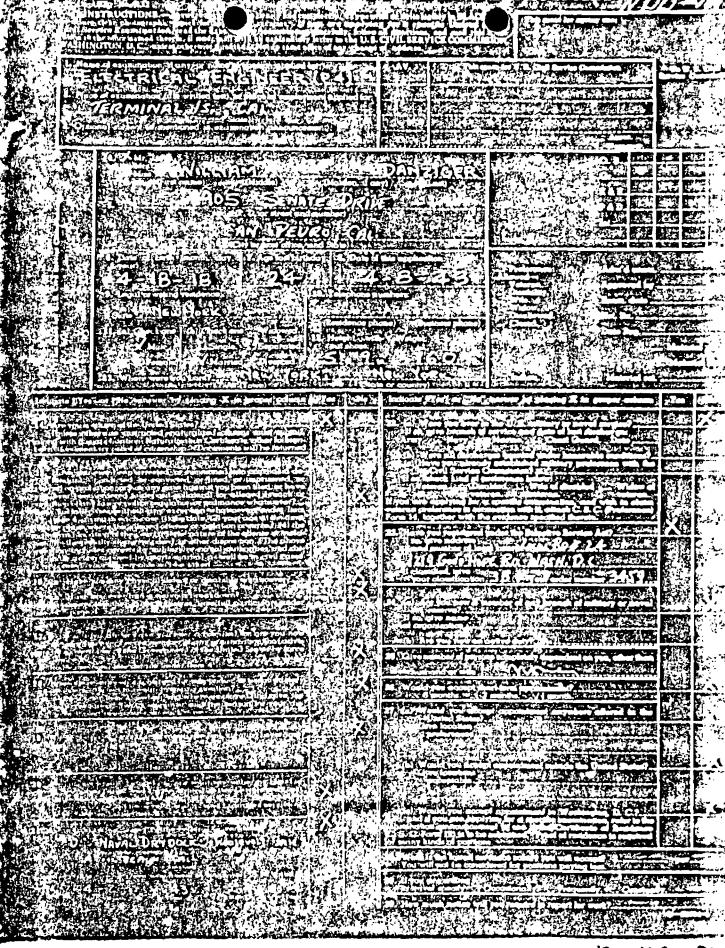
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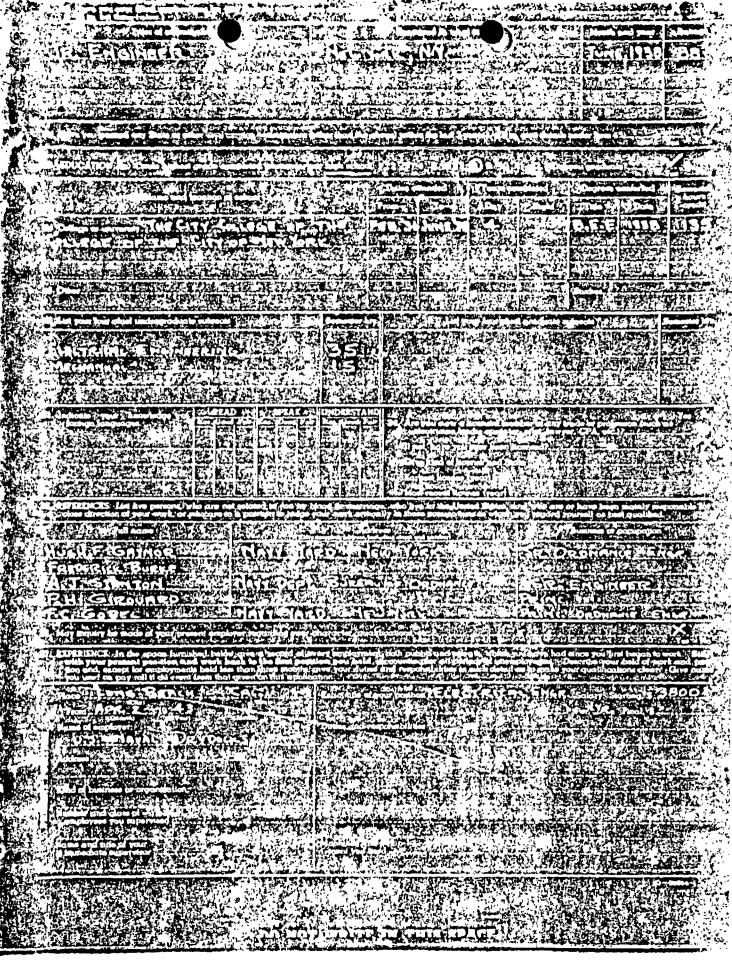




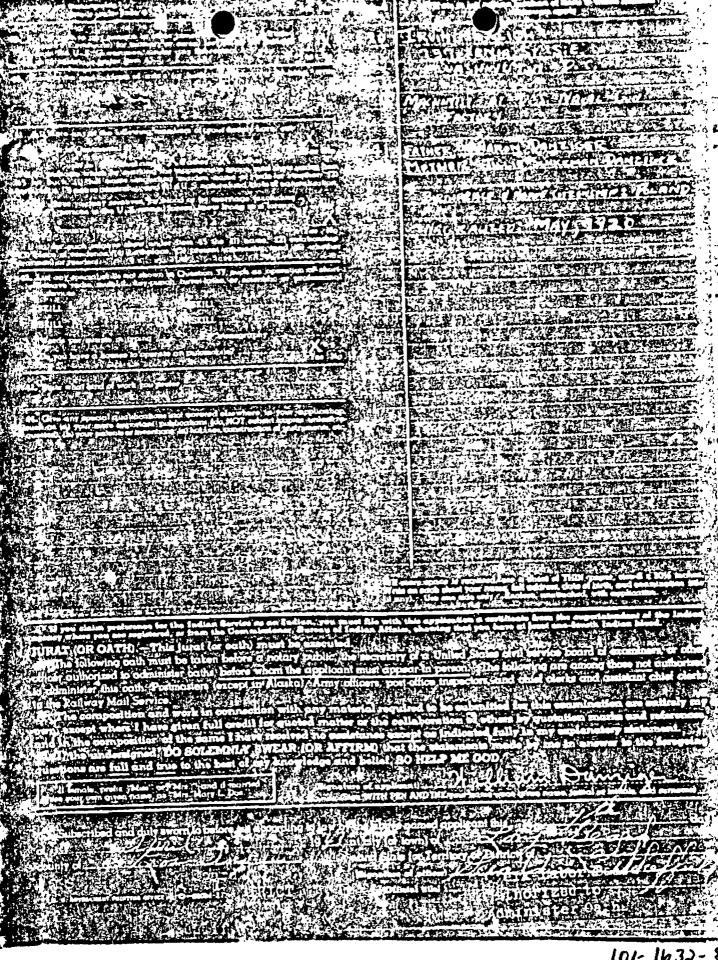


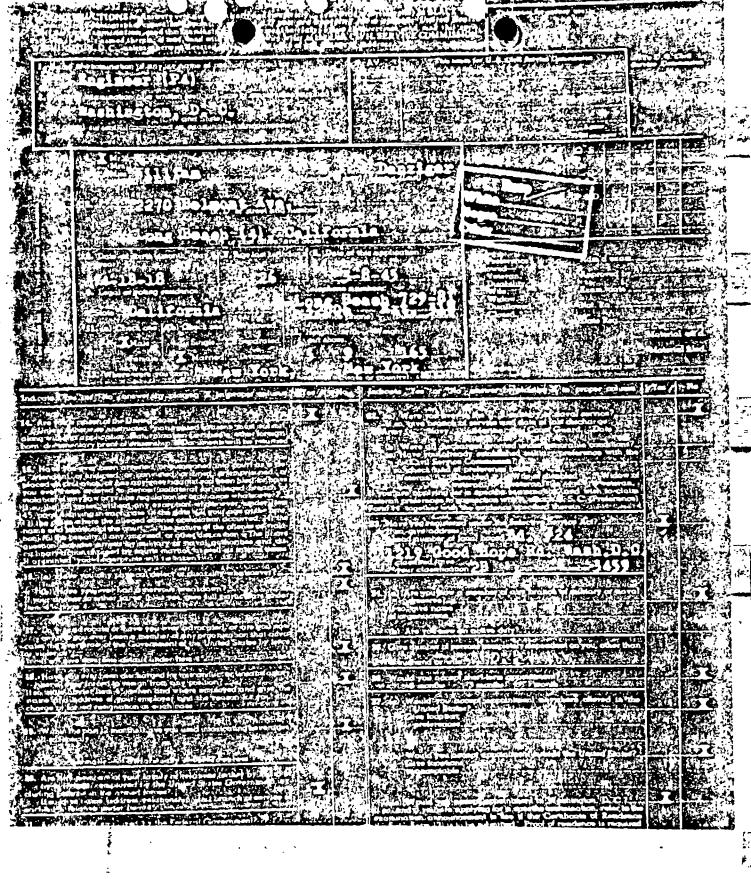


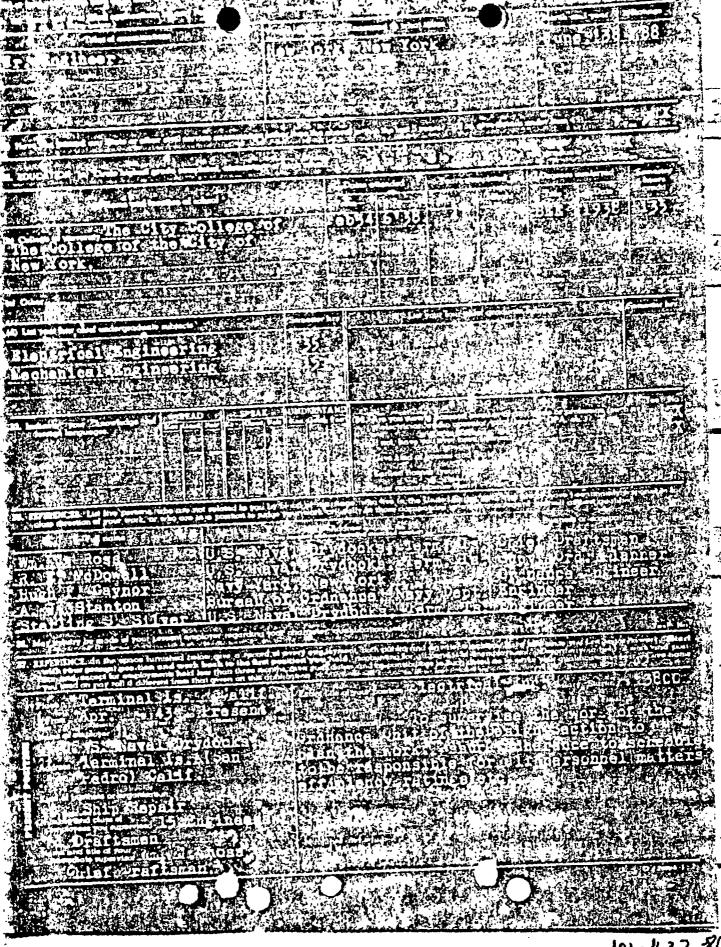


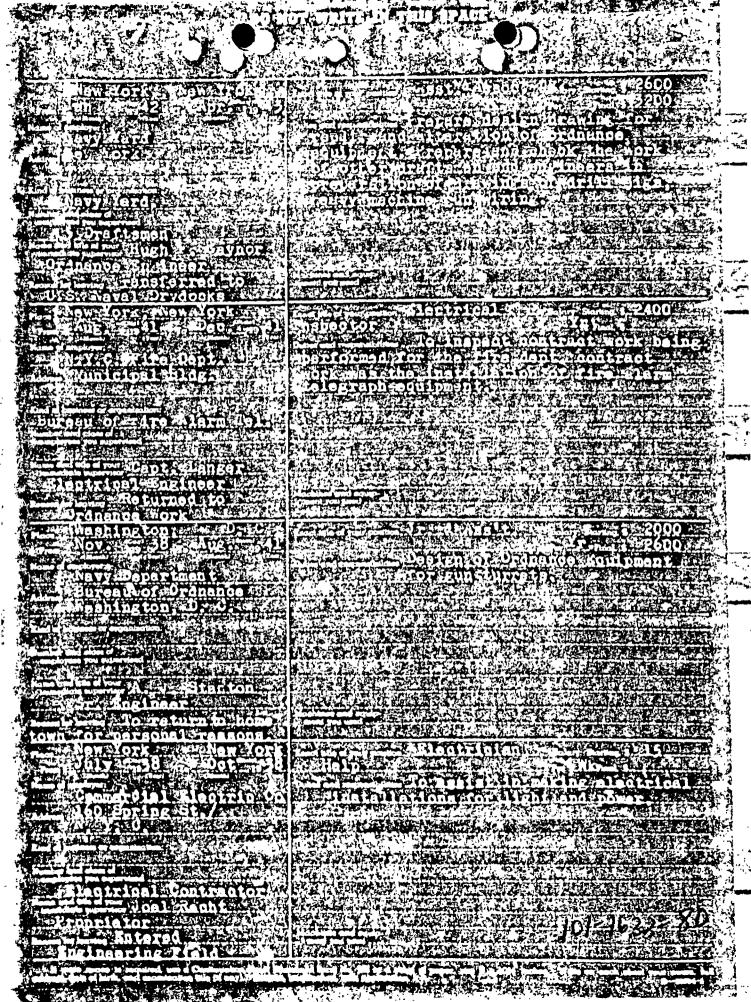


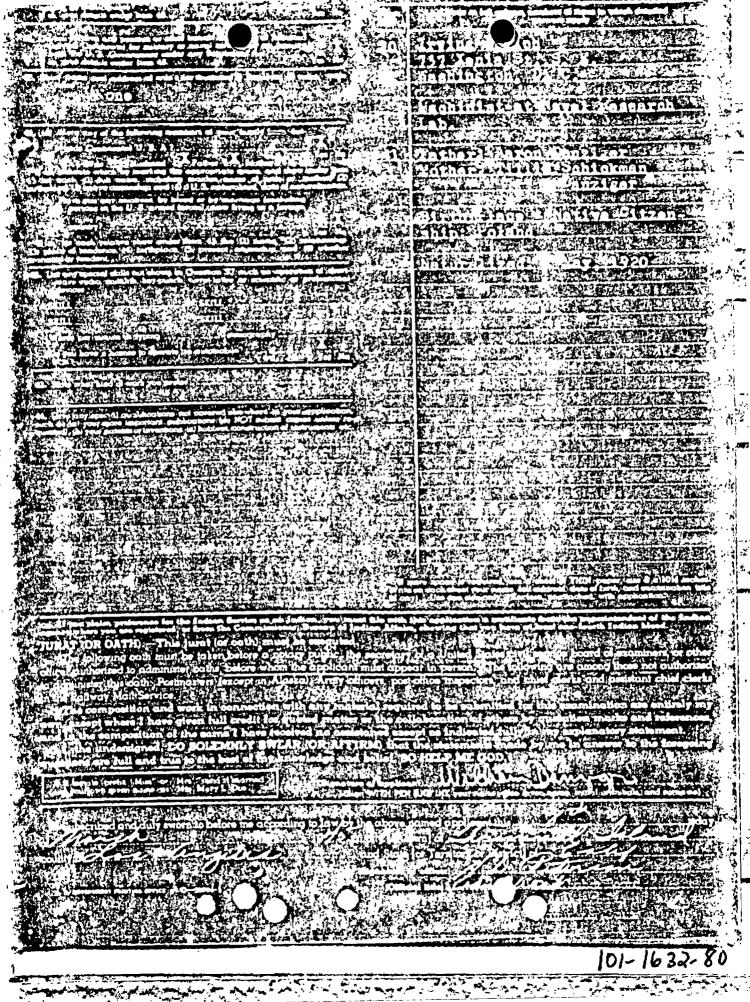
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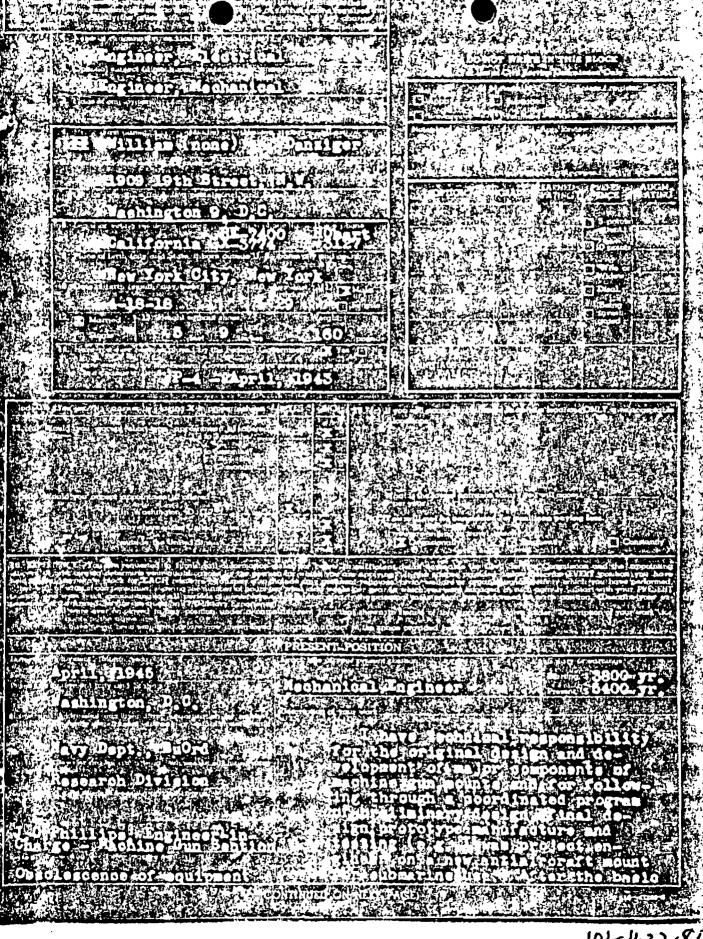


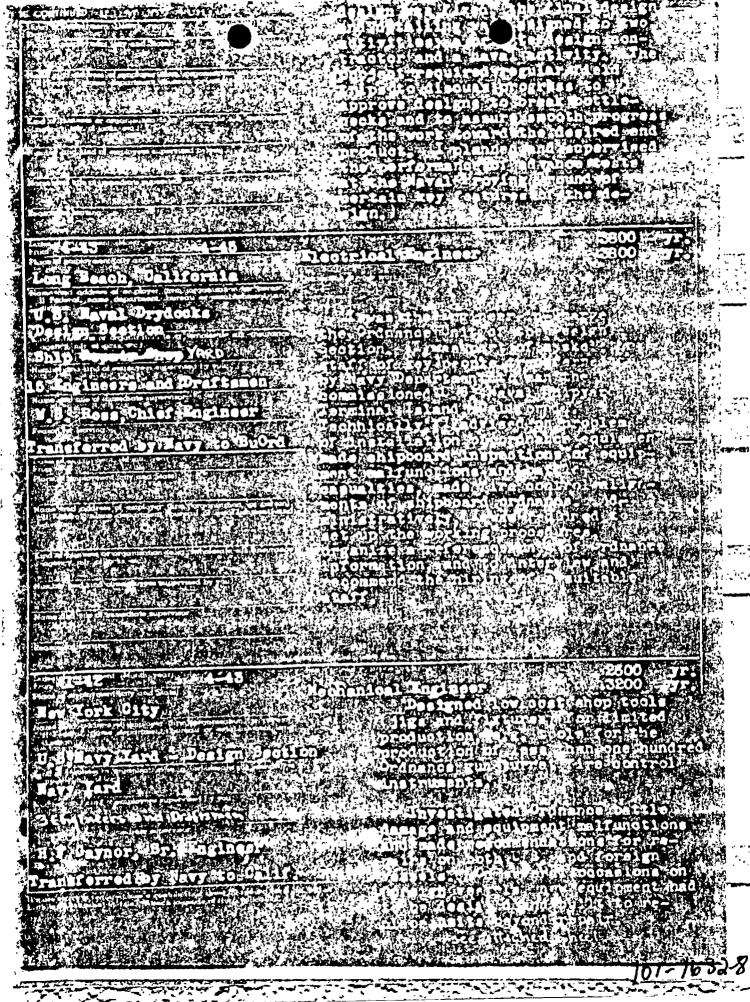


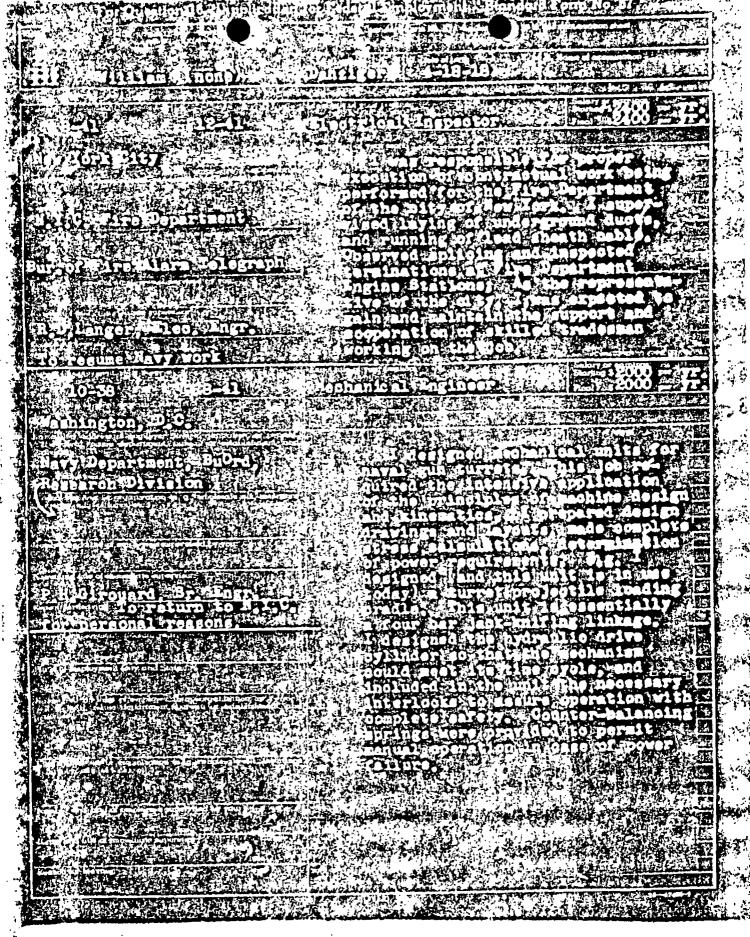


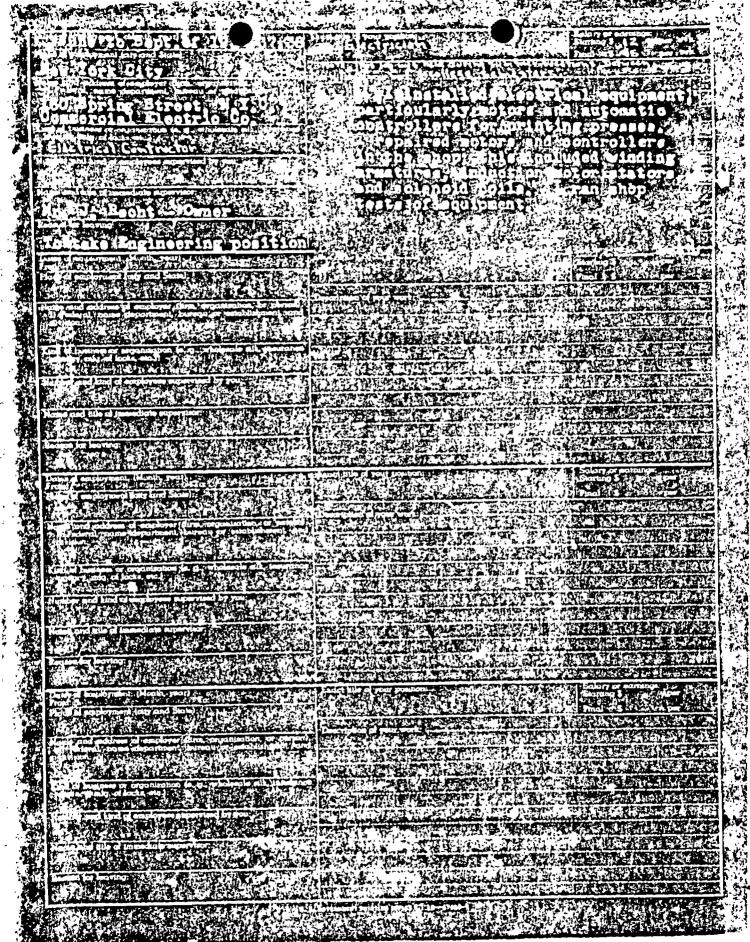


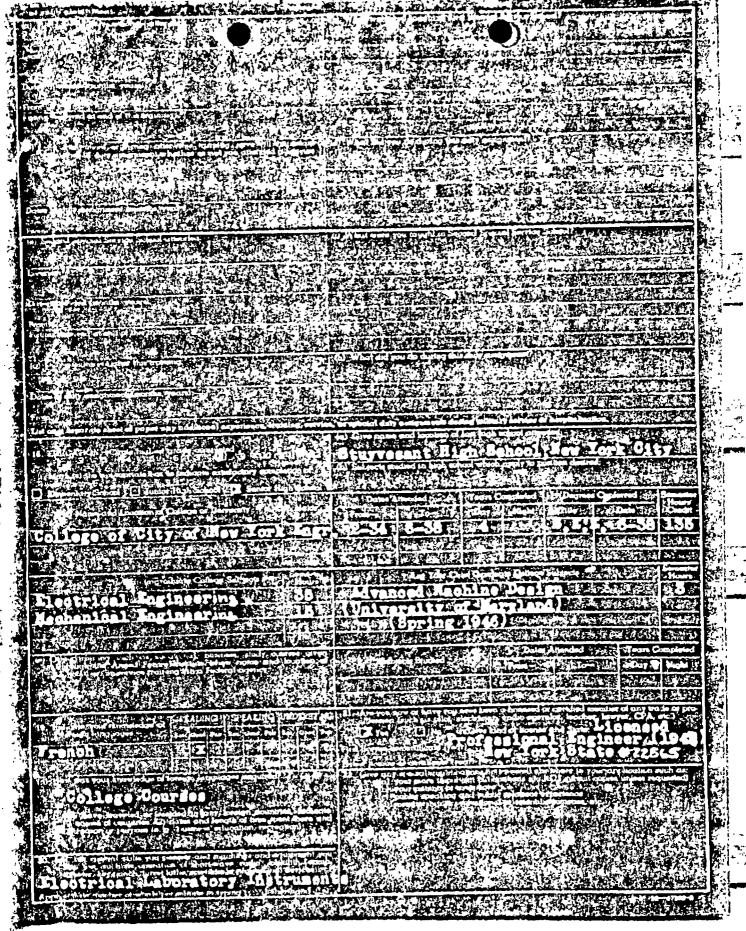


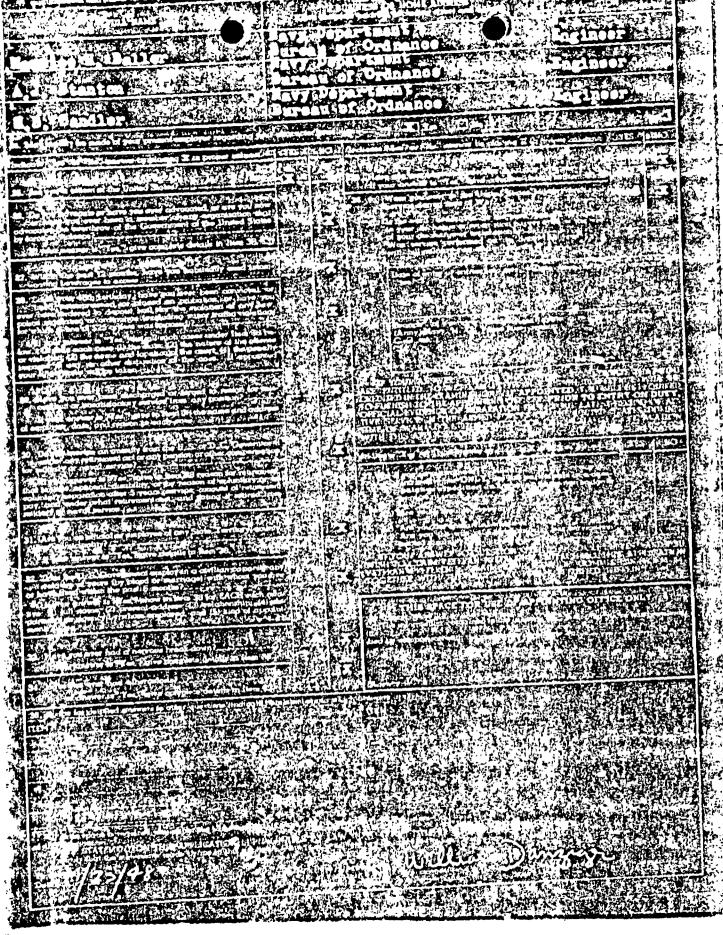




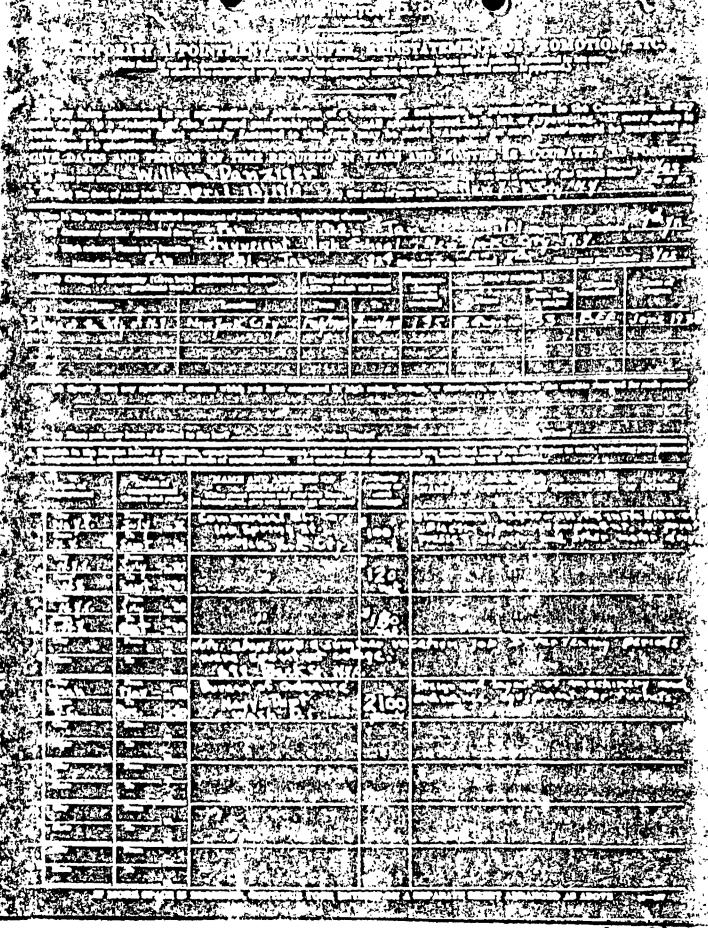


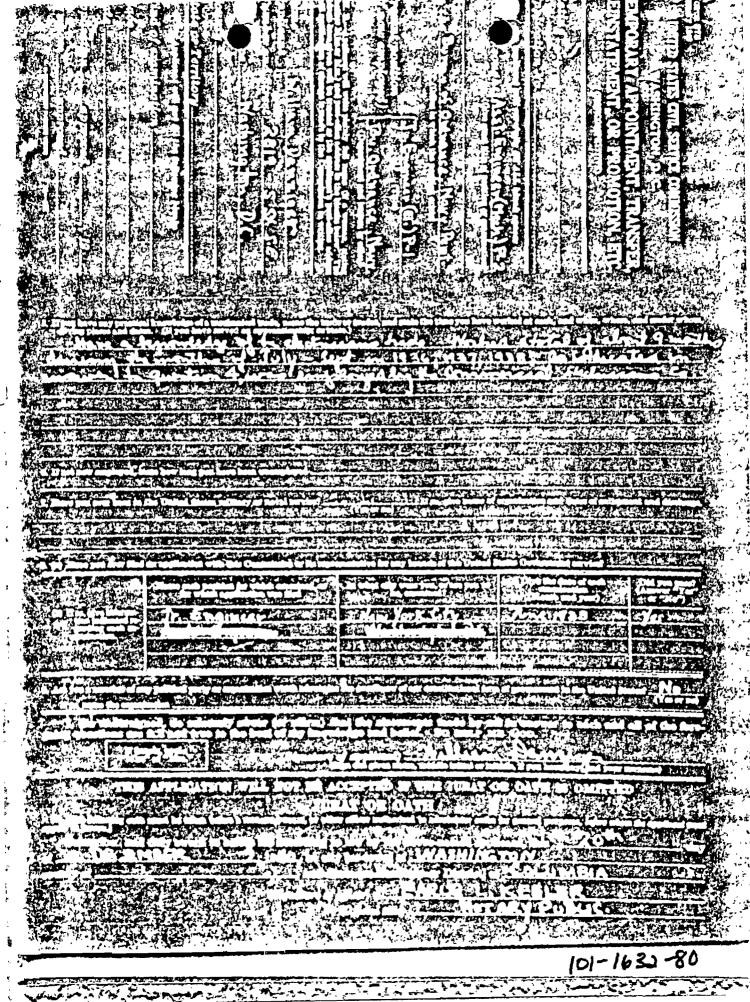


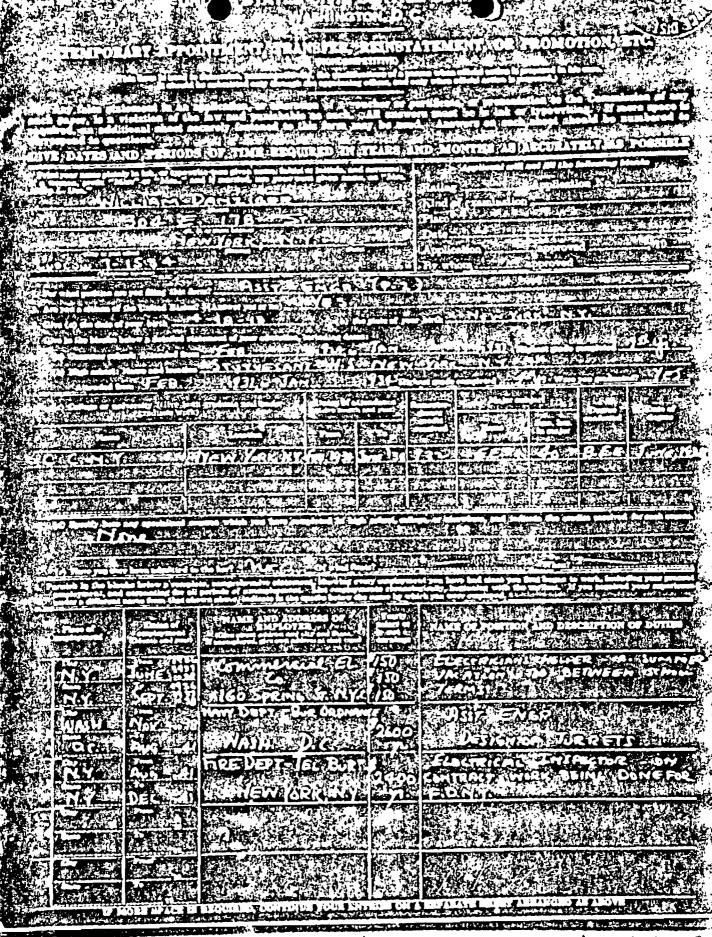




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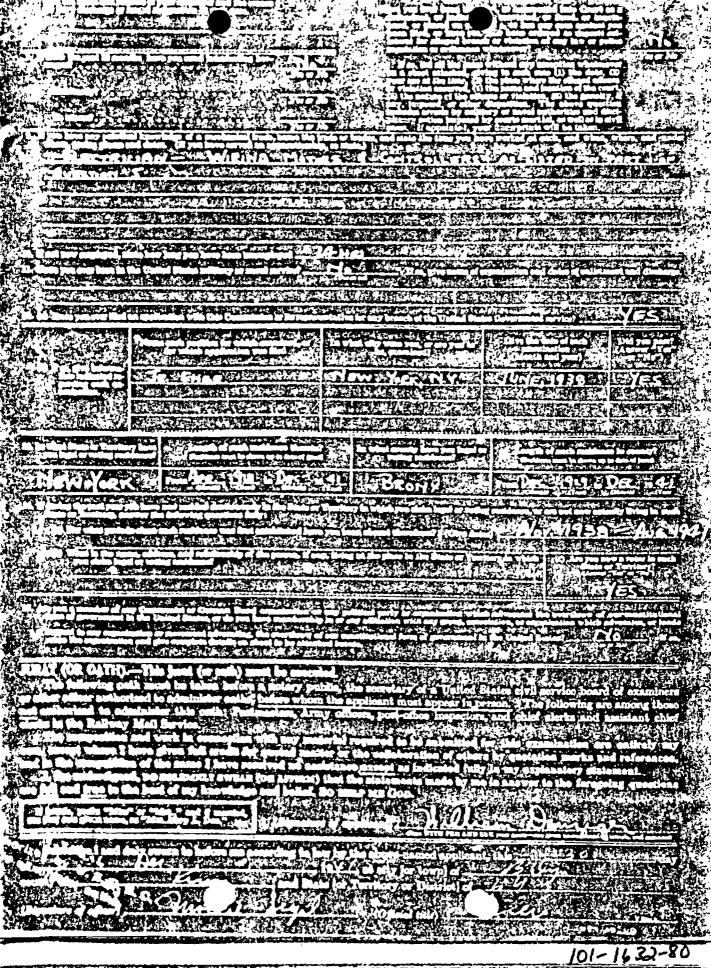






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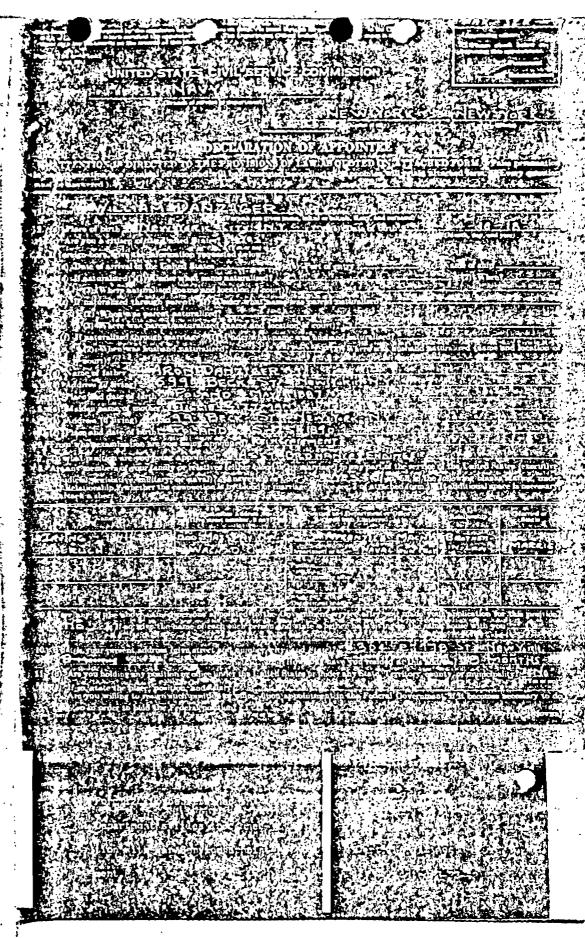
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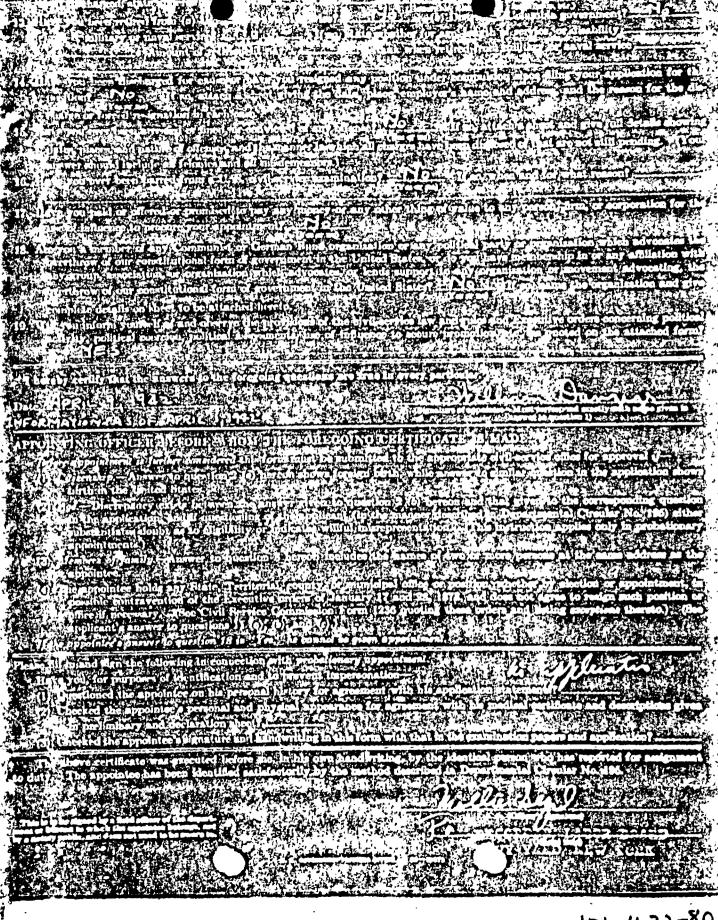
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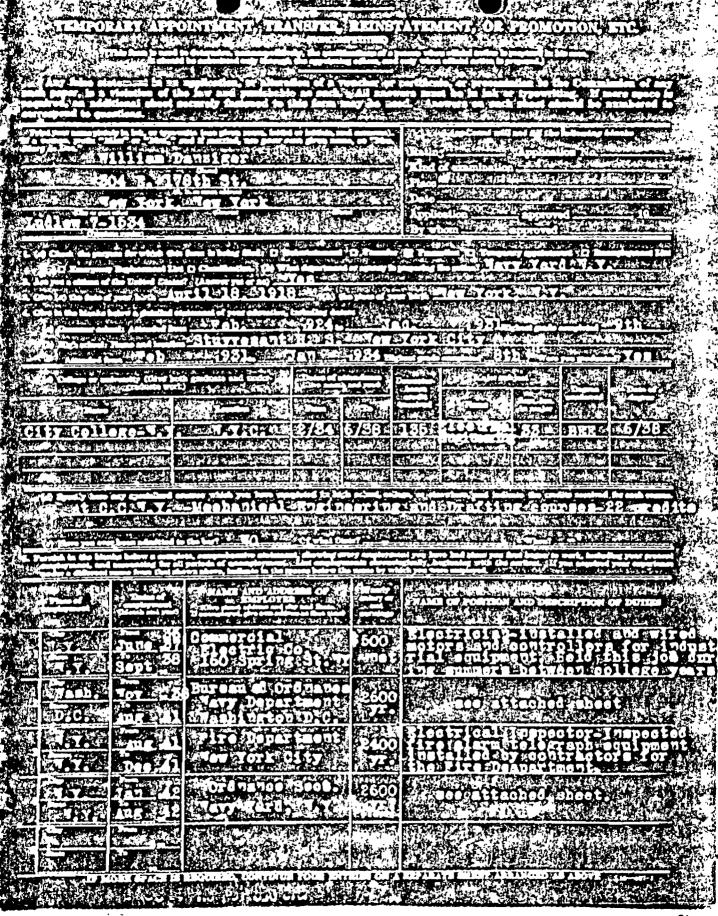
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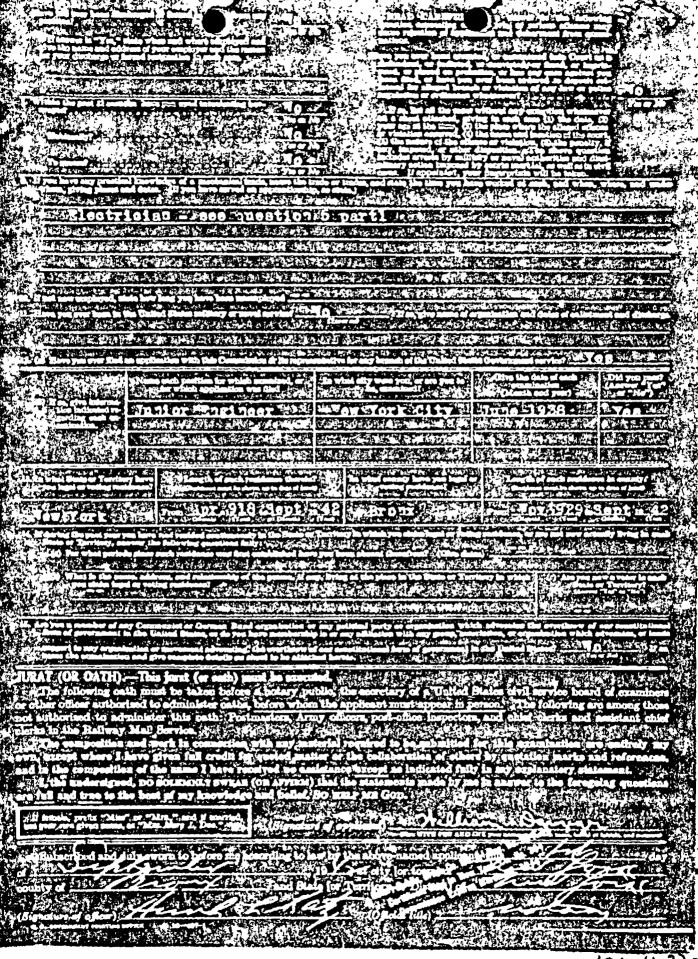
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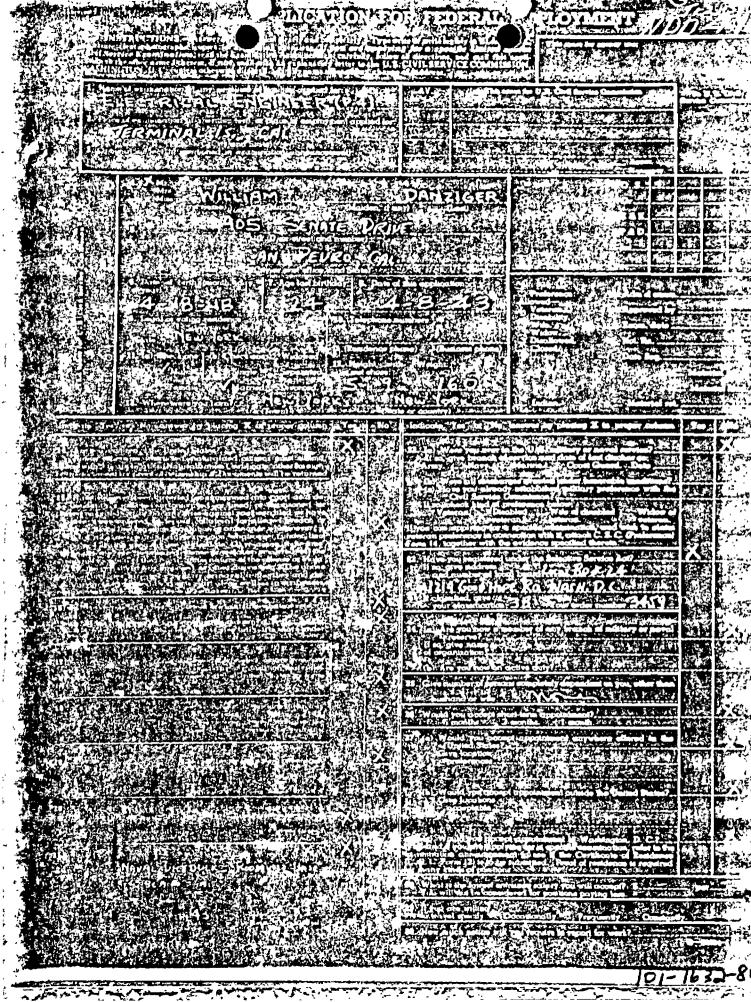
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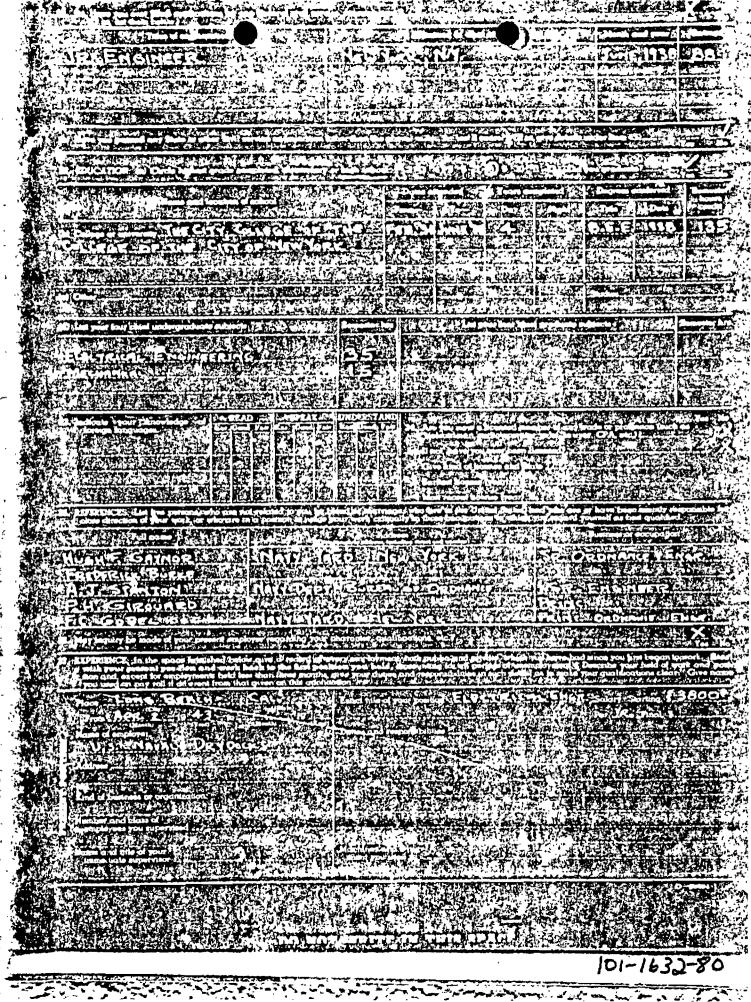




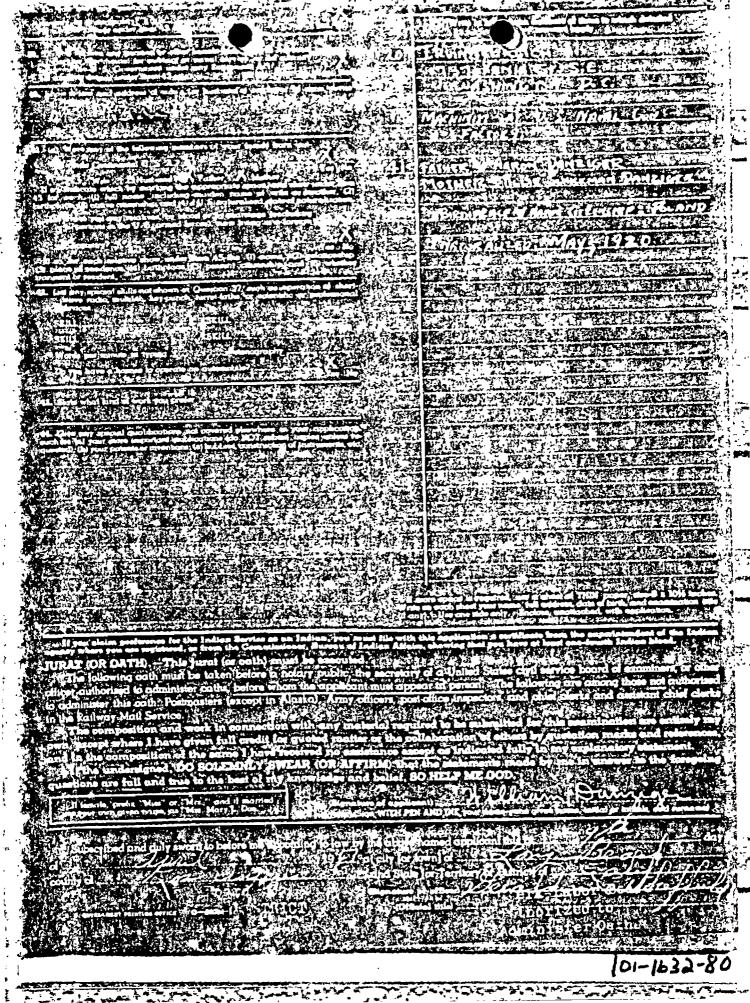


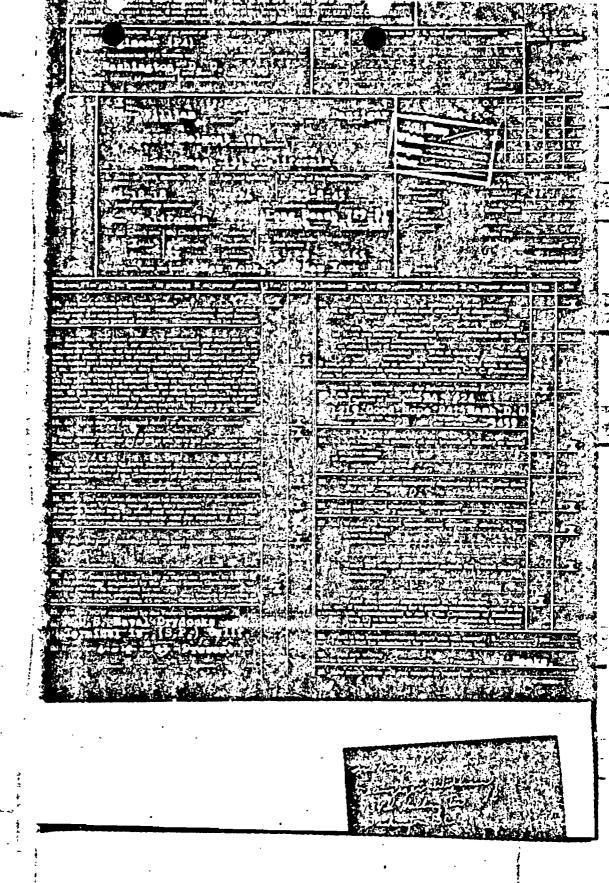




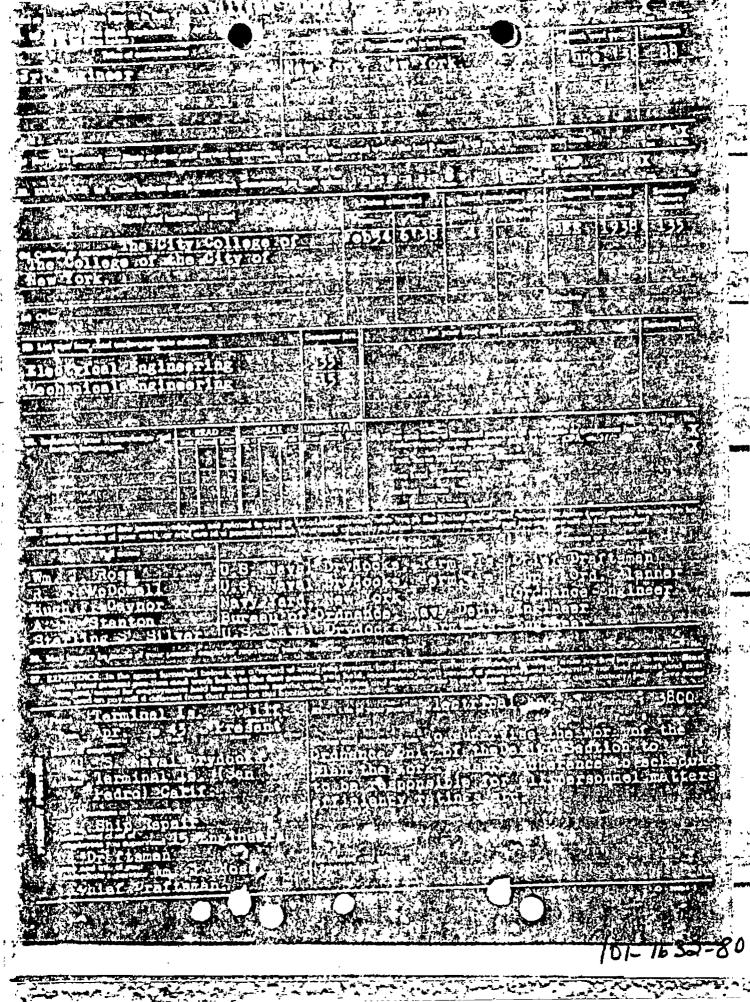


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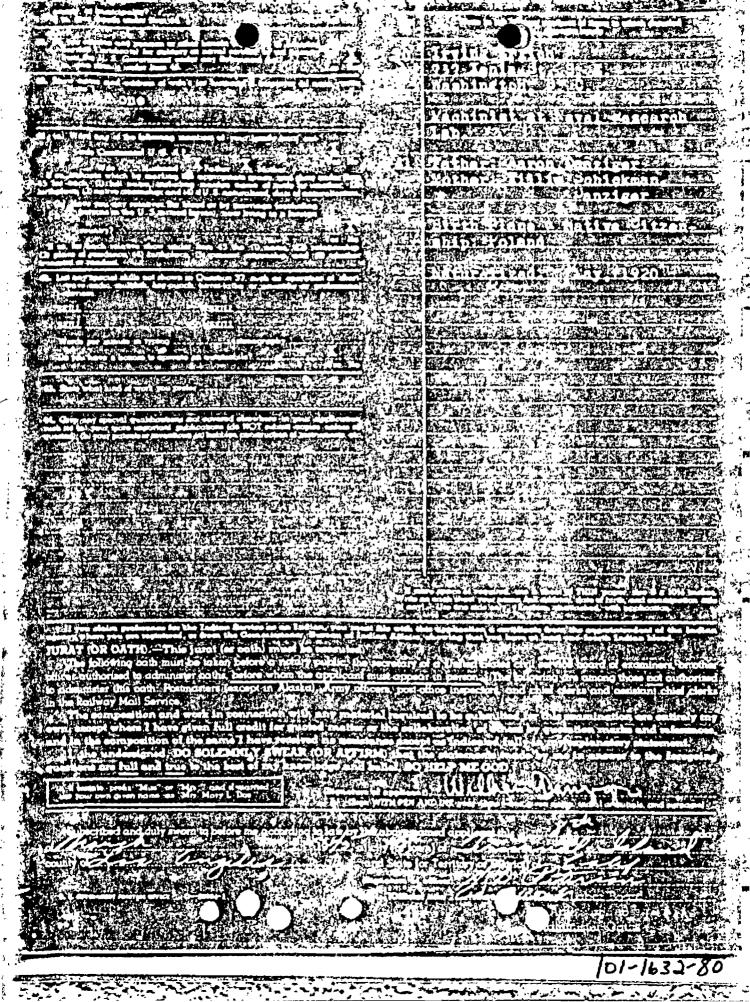


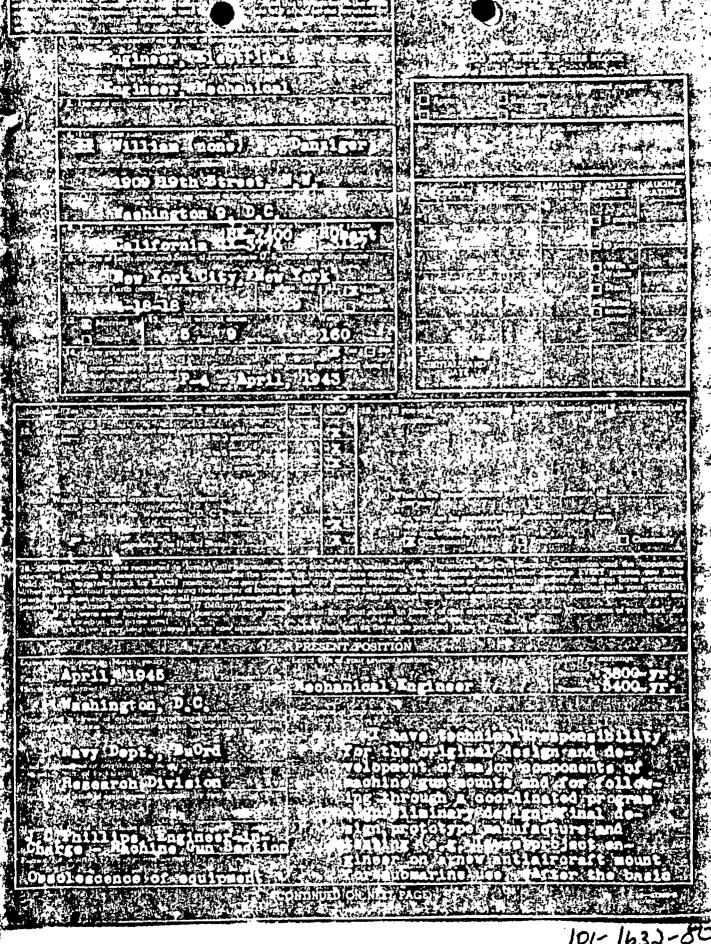
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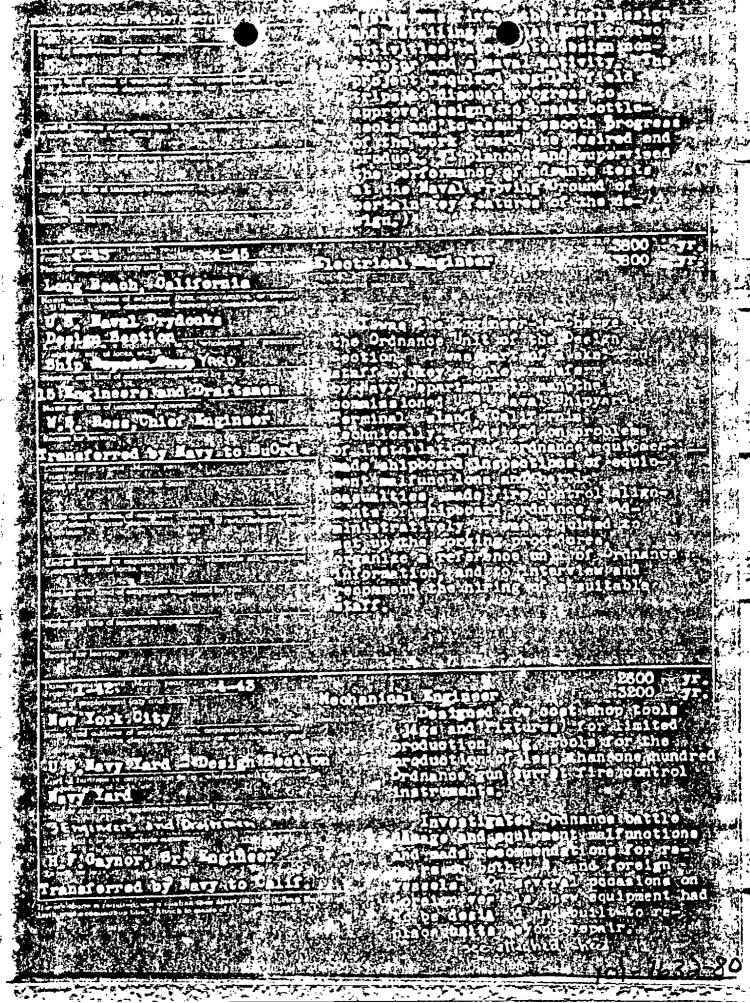


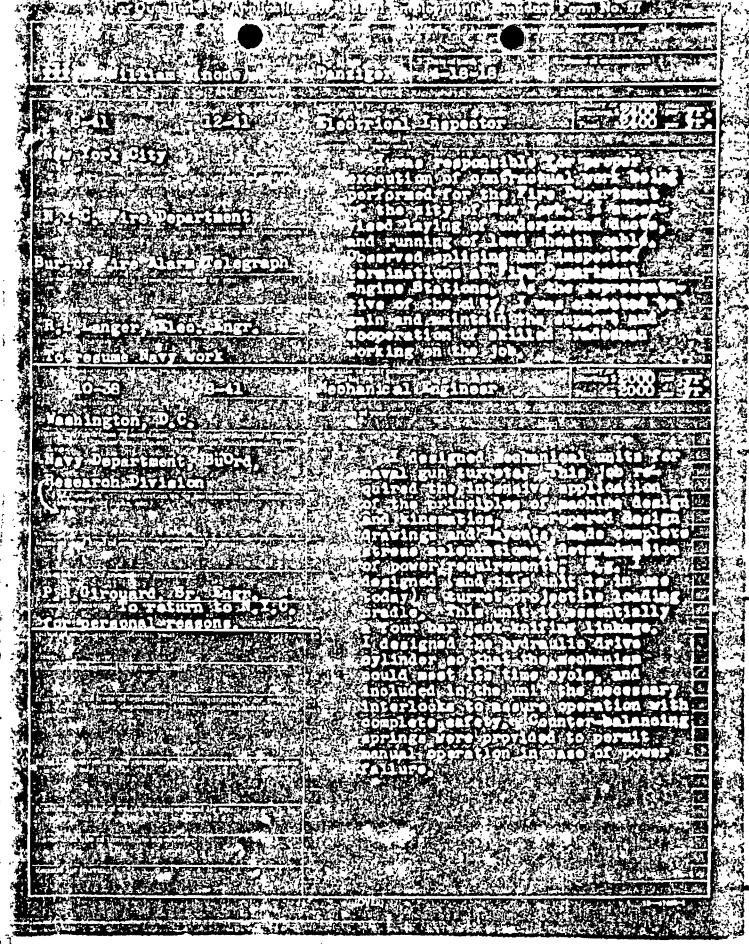


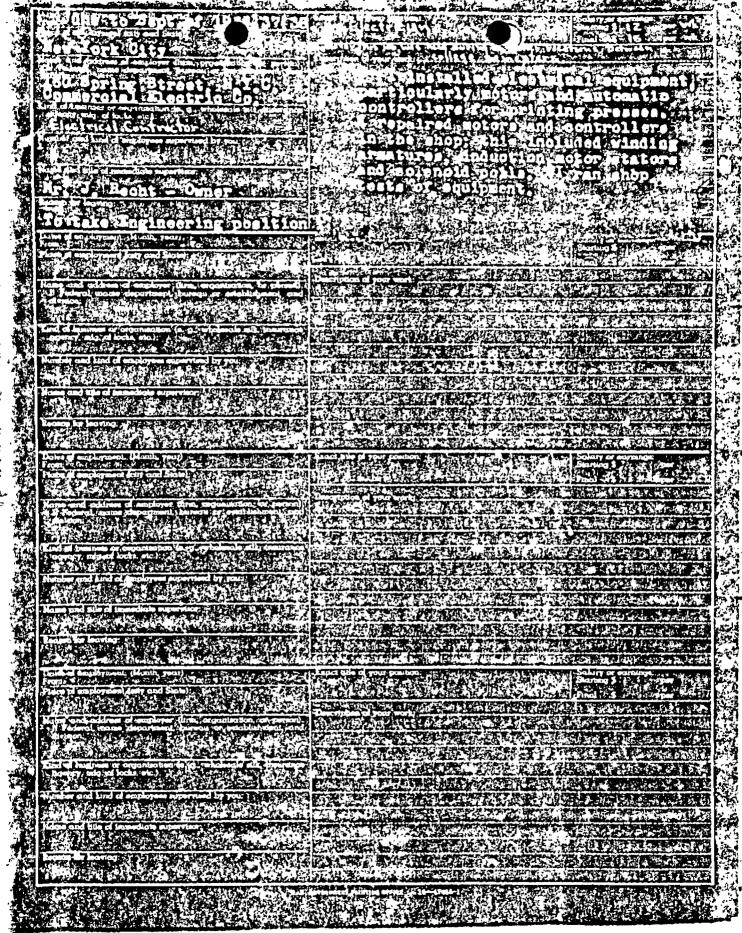
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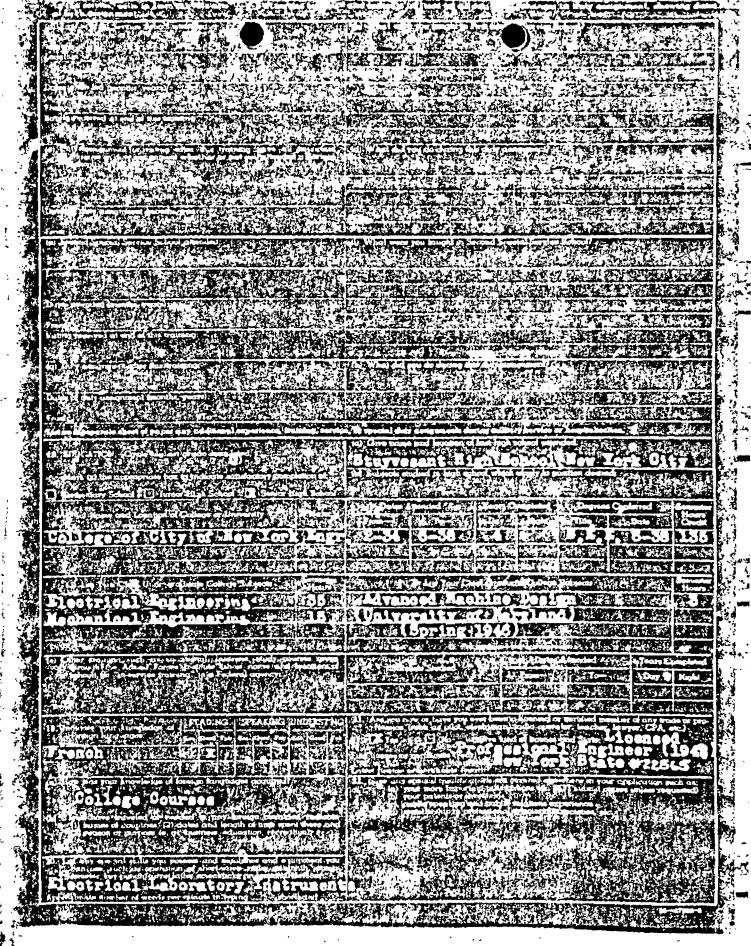


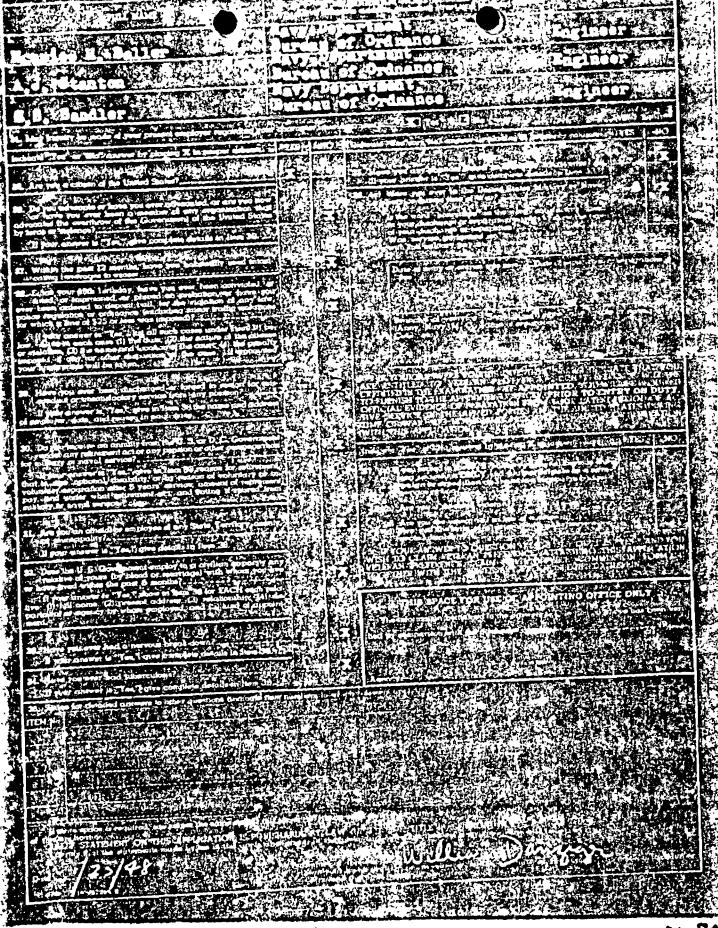












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DATE: OCTOBER 14. 1949

FROM : SA. FRANCIS B. SOMERS

SUBJECT: NAX ELICHTER
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Research Section (Re4C), Bureau of Ordnance, May Department, was contacted on October 10, 1949 primarily to determine the personnel assigned to his office and their reliability. As for the contacts by the Bureau personnel, Commander ABHAU made available a roster of the present employees of his office. The names and other information was well as clearance by Commander ABHAU regarding persons listed thereon are as follows:

Lieutemant H. A. PRACEE

515 South Cherry Street, Falls Church, Virginia
Telephone - Falls Church 0708

Commander ABRAU related that PRACER is of Jewish background, is a relatively good engineer, has been in the Re4C office since it was reorganised at the end of the war. PRACER knew ELICHTER in the office and still sees him in the normal routine of business when necessary from time to time regarding the matter of Gunfire Control and Equipment under development by the Reeves Instrument 🗒 💥 Company. PRACER was once involved in an incident surrounding a message sent to the Resves Instrument Company regarding a security clearance for KLICHTER. Commander ABHAU advised that he was away on a field trip when a request for security clearance for KLESTER to visit the USS Mississippi operating out of Worfolk, Virginia was received. This ship carries experimental and development models of Antiaircraft Ordnance and other technical equipment including the Gunar HK. 11 which ELICHTER is working on at the Reeves Instrument Company. When PRACER received the request for clearance, he knew there was something possibly unfavorable regarding KLICHTER. However, PRACER also knew that KLICHTER had (1) been cleared for secret work while employed by Re4C, (2) had been on the Mississippi or its previous counterpart, the Wyoming, on several previous occasions []] had worked on the Gunar M. A at Reeves Instrument Company, and (4) he, PRACER, did not know how he could refuse clearance. Therefore, PRAGER directed a message to the Reeves Instrument Company granting clearance for applicant to visit the Hississippi. The message was released for sending by a Captain KRIII. Subsection quent to its release. KELLY received information that there was some question as to ELICHTER's loyalty. He immediately called PRACER and a heated telephone conversation ensued, the net result of which was that the other employees in both offices came to know of the questionable security of ALICHTER. When ABHAU

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returned to work, he first discussed the situation with PRACER, then went to discuss it with his superior, a Captain BUTLER. Again the situation was such that the office force was allowed to "eavesdrop" on the whole affair. ABHAN stated that it was then office gossip concerning KHICHTER and that it is his belief now that it is suspected by a large circle of persons in heat that belief now that it is suspected by a large circle of persons in heat that membership HICHTER is a member of some subversive organization and that this membership is detrimental to his loyalty. Commander ABHAU stated that he does not believe that it is known that HICHTER is suspected of espionage. He stated that PRACER that it is known that HICHTER is suspected of espionage. He stated that PRACER and he have discussed the situation privately and have also discussed many and he have discussed the situation privately and considers his loyalty above a diverse subjects. He trusts PRACER completely and considers his loyalty above a reproach.

Hr. M. R. WALTERS

406 Linden Lane, Falls Church, Virginia
Telephone - Falls Church 4593

Commander ABHAU stated that WALTERS is a likeable person, is of Virginia background, has rather limited abilities regarding engineering, and has been in the office since 1945. He is not very quick to comprehend but his loyalty and religious ability are unquestioned.

5508 fildon Road, Hyattsville, Haryland Telephone - Union 1604

Commander ABHAU advised that STEVENS is a man of about forty-five years of age, has been in the Antiaircraft Section of the Bureau of Ordnance since 1941, and that he is reliable, loyal and conscientious. He added that he would probably be the best contact in the office for determining the security of probably be the best contact in the office for determining the security of personnel both brief to and during the service of EddHiller.

355 James Street, Falls Church, Wirginia Telephone - FAlls Church 5554

Commander ARMAU advised that COULSON, a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the lavy during the last war, is reliable but has no knowledge of M.ICHTER prior to 1946 or 1947.

2410 - 20th Street N.W. Apartment 26

Commander ARIAN advised that NeOULIN was an English engineer the heartest out his first papers, and who will probably be the wing the sapiny of the office out his first papers, and who will probably be the wing the sapiny of the office out his first papers, and who will probably be the wing the saping of the office out his first papers.

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shortly because of Civil Service restrictions. He stated that McCOLLIN would probably be of little or no value in furnishing information regarding applicant, his entire knowledge being what he has overheard in the office.

> Hr. B. C. SCHALLAR 1021 - 17th Street South, Arlington, Virginia Telephone - Ofis 9497

Commander ABHAIL stated that SCHALLA is a young engineer who handles much administrative work in the office and shows or any not have known ELICHTER.

113 Kennedy Street N.W., Apartment 3 Telephone - Taylor 0523

Commander ABHAU advised that coin is an engineer of Jewish background, and who probably associates with ELICHTER on a small scale. "He added that the two persons have little in common except their background, and that GOLD might be of some service in regard to ELICHTER's closest friends.

> Mr. J. E. LEVY 6300 - 28th Street North, Arlington, Virginia Telephone - FAlls Church 0647

Commander ARMAU advised that LEVY is an engineer of Jewish background, and the person in the office the is probably as close to ELICHTER as anyone. He stated ELICHTER had only a few, if any, very close friends and probably the extent of LEVI's association has been the exchange of one or two dimer dates. He continued that LEVY was woluntarily outspoken in the defense of ELICHTER's loyalty during the clearance episode previously mentioned. He added that LEVY, the as ELICHTER, would not go into the cafeteria during a strike of the cafeteria workers and in other ways and by his conversation shows that he is more conscious; of the civil rights, lab or; and racial problems then the average government enployee.

Mr. R. S. SIMMONS 27-17 Telephone - Modley 6376

Commander ABRAU advised that SIMMONS is a young engineer who handles administrative work in the office who would have only bearsay information regard

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Mrs. HORTENSE MOFFETT 3622 - 11th Street N.W. Telephone - DUpont 7060

Commander ABHAU advised Mrs. MUFFEIT is a colored clerical employee who appears to be reliable and who may or may not have information regarding ELICHTED but who would probably be reluctant to cooperate.

Miss RUTH TROTZ M 115 - 40th Street N.W. Telephone - Victor 5578

Commander ABHAU advised Miss TROTZ is another clerical employee who appears reliable and who may or may not have information regarding ELICHTER's associates.

Commander ABHAU also advised that he is leaving for England on Friday, October 14, 1949 and will be gone until November 17, 1949. He appeared willing to cooperate in this matter in any way necessary, but appeared somewhat apprehensive regarding the time and place of contact with Bureau agents, however, and would prefer not to be interviewed in his office.

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