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SAC, New York

Director, FBI

RUTH ALSCHER SUBJECT:

SECURITY MATTER |-

19-98 JUL DATE:

For your information the Bureau had an inquiry from the Department concerning the captioned individual. It was stated that Myles Lane, United States Attorney Southern District of New York, had advised the Department that Ruth Alscher refused to testify before the Grand Jury in the Rosenberg case.

A review of the Eureau's files reflects the following information.

Ruth Alscher is the sister-in-law of Maz Elitcher who was a government witness in the Julius Rosenberg, Ethel Rosenberg and Morton Sobell cases. Max Elitcher's brother Morris Alscher married Ruth Holberthal in 1944 while Morris was in the United States Army. He is now deceased and Ruth Alscher who has three children is employed as a school teacher in New York City.

During interviews with Max and Helene Elitcher it was learned that in 1944 they visited his sister-in-law, Ruth Alscher, in New York City. On one occasion Ruth Alscher went with the Elitchers to a party at the Bird-In-Hand Restaurant in New York City which party was attended by Julius Rosenberg, Joel Barr, William Perl and Samuel Perl. Max Elitcher also advised that he remembered being at a party in the home of Juel Barr which party was attended by Ruth Alscher.

Ruth Alscher, 1445 Madison Avenue, New York City, was contacted by Special Agents of this Bureau on January 10, 1951, at which time she advised that her husband had recently died and left her with three small children, that she was working to support them and had no intention of becoming involved in anything. She stated that she wanted to be left alone. Ruth Alscher was subpoenced to appear before the Grand Jury on January 31, 1951. On that date she advised

Agents of the Bureau that she could not recall ever having been at the Bird-In-Hand Restaurant with her brother-in-law, Max Elitcher, and the others. She denied knowing William Perl

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Julius Rosenberg and the other individuals involved in the Rosenberg case with the exception of Morton Sobell whom she recalled meeting nine or ten years previously in an apartment in the Eronx. She advised that she could not recall anything concerning that meeting and never saw Sobell thereafter.

On June 7, 1951, Alsoher was reinterviewed in the presence of Assistant United States Attorney John W. Foley at which time she refused to answer any questions. She again appeared before the Grand Jury on June 9, 1951. Max Elitcher advised that he had tried to talk to his sister-in-law on June 7, 1951, but she refused to talk to him or to allow him to enter her home. It should be noted that Assistant United States Attorney John W. Foley confidentially advised your affice that Alsoher and the questioning before the Grand Jury was

The above is the substance of information in the Bureau's files concerning Alscher.

unproductive.

It is desired that it be determined if the real reason that Ruth Alscher refused to give information to Bureau Agents and to testify before the Grand Jury was because of the fear of becoming involved or if she herself may have been involved in some subversive activities.

You are requested to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine if the subject has been or is engaged in any subversive activities. You should give this matter expeditious attention and a report reflecting the results of your inquiries should be submitted to the Bureau by November 15, 1952.

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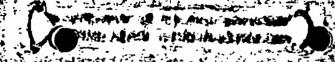
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The following references were reviewed and found to be identical with the subject and all fertinent information has been manporated into the report of I.a. William B. Hudson dated 11-13-52.

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Tederal Bureau of Investigation
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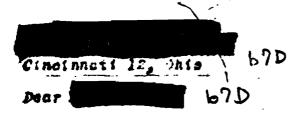
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Your letter of July 13, 1950 has been received.

Your courteey in bringing this information to my attention is appreciated and I am grateful for the interest which prompted your communication.

In view of the contents of your letter I am instructing Hr. A. S. Setholthoff, Special Agent in Charge of our Cincinnati Office, to have an Agent contact you in the immediate future.

Sincerely yours.

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refor Open Case proper Director, FBI SAC, Cincinnati RUTH HALBIRTRAL SECURITY MATTER-C

, Re letter of Cincians ti 12, Ohio, which was forwarded to the Bureau, dated July 13, 1950, at Cincinnati, Chic and Which was subsequently furnished the Cincinnati Office by the Bureau, in their letter dated July 24, 1950, addressed to 📶 of the above address. Copies of this letter were also furnished to the New York Field Office.

, who is a firemen, said that he went to New York City in February or March, 1914, to attend Maval Training School in that city and remained there for about three or four months. He advised that one month after his arrival in New York City, be had three or four dates with one RUTH HALBERTHAL, whose mother operated a hat store on Madison Avenue about six blocks west of Madison Square Garden. Be advised that during th course of these dates, RUTH HALBERTHAL had informed him that she had attended several Communist Party meetings or rallys, but had never been openly approached by her to attend these meetings with her. He stated that on one occasion, he met her mother, at which time her mother made deregatory statements concerning the United States Havy, protested her daughter going with enlisted men, stating that she should at least date officers. said that her nother, at that time, claimed to have been born in Russia and appeared to be very sympathetic with the Russian cause. could furnish no other information concerning this girl or her

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No further investigation is being conducted in this matter in

the Cincinnati Office.

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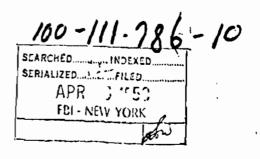
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FROM:

SA William F. Roemer, Jr.

SUBJECT: RUTH ALSCHER SY - C.

of known reliability, on 4/8,9/53 furnished SA's CHRISTOPHER J. PAPPIANCU and the writer with the identity of the referenced individual.

This source stated that this person is or has been an employee of the New Yor! City Board of Education who falls in one of the following categories:

- 1. One who resigned during the course of an investigation (June, 1951-to date) into suspected Communist affiliations which was conducted by the New York City Board of Education.
- 2. One who was suspended or discharged from his position with the Pourd of Education for insubordination based on the results of a hearing afforded that person by the Per York City Pourd of Education. (failed to state whether Communist during 1951-present).
- 3. One who resigned or retired from his position with the Board of Education rather than keep a scheduled appointment for a hearing to be conducted by the Board of Education into his suspected Communist aifiliations.
- 4. One whose position with the Board of Education was vacated due to his refusal to answer questions concerning Communism but to him by a duly authorized Concressional committee (under section 903 of the Yem York City Charter).

In the who is currently the subject of an investigation for suspected Communist affiliation which is being conducted by the New York City Board of Education.

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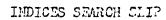
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Background and subversive information developed by during investigation of subject is to be found in case jacket on file at the Board of Education and is available through Contact with informant is through SA IESTER IANGE on Section 12 and with the writer on Section 7.

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11/30/53 SAC, New York ROBERT G. OFTEDAL, SA (100-91946) E WARD WALLERSTEIN of known reliability, contact with EDWARD and FLUNENCE WALLERS LEIN reparted the following information concerning the WALLERSTEINS: 670 According to the Informant EDWARD WALLERS (FIN accompanied a state ALP delecation to Allany on 11/17/53. **670 67D** According to the Informant RUTH ALSCHER, 2175 5th Ave.. did some baby sitting for FLO WALLERSTEIN on 11/15/53. . FLU T'ALLERSTEIN is the wife of EDWARD WALLERSTEIN who is This information concerning WALLERSTEIN should not be disseminated cutside the Bureau. (RUTH ALSCHER) 107-111786 NY 100-8522 (ALP) Exempt from RGO:MO CONFIDENTIAL

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DATE: 7/11/56 TO SAC, NEW YORK FROM : SA EVERETT K. DEANE RUTH ALSCHER SUBJECT: 2175 - 5th AVE. 55% E. 99th ST. APT 13 C (OLD) (NEW) NEW YORK 29, NY SM-C CSNY 48-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. This building is occupied by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigado, both of which have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. In addition, other communist Party front groups and individual CP members or sympathizers occupy offices at this address. Since February, 1953 space in the building has been occupied by SRT Publications, Inc., publishers of "New World Review" formerly known as "Soviet Russia Today" which has been cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 6/25/42 and 3/29/44. Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of information will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished. Information received on 7/9/56 by SA WVEREUR & DEART & SE PRAMOTO W MOTTED The following disposition is being made of the original exhibit: (X) Place in NY File #) Forwarded for your information and appropriate action.) No copy of the exhibit or this letter is being retained by the NYO. Description of Exhibit: SEE ATTACHED 100-111186 100-111186 JUL 1 1 1956

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FROM

SA SEBASTIAN S. MIGNOSA (424)

SUBJECT:

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BULKY EXHIBITS SECTION (FILE /00-///766)

SUBJECT:

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Attached are first and last sections of file referring to exhibits in question. The first section contains the green sheets listing the exhibits.

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