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Washington, D. C.

September 16, 1941

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: MR. P. E. FOXWORTH

RE: SARAH SILVERMAN ✓  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
HATCH ACT

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the files of the Washington Field Division reflect that the above individual is listed on the mailing lists or membership lists of the following organizations:

- ✓ American Peace Mobilization

She is employed as a Clerk, <sup>U.S.</sup> Civil Service Commission.

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Very truly yours,

*S. K. McKee*  
S. K. McKEE  
Special Agent in Charge

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October 30, 1941

Special Agent in Charge  
Washington, D. C.

RE: SARAH SILVERMAN  
UNITED STATES CIVIL  
SERVICE COMMISSION  
INTERNAL SECURITY, HATCH ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 16, 1941 concerning the captioned individual.

As you are aware, the Bureau has been specifically directed by Congress to institute investigations of Government Employees who are members of subversive organizations or who advocate the overthrow of the Federal Government.

You are directed to institute immediate investigation in conformance with the instructions contained in Bureau Bulletin No. 35, First Series, 1941, and forward a complete report not later than fifteen days from the receipt of this letter.

You are specifically instructed to fully develop complete information concerning the subject's connections with any "subversive" organizations including his present activities and relationship thereto. It is not desired that a detailed investigation concerning background and personal history be conducted, but the inquiry should be definitely limited to determining whether or not this individual is engaged in activities inimical to the best interest of this Government.

In the preparation of the investigative report which will reflect the entire investigation, it should be borne in mind that copies may be furnished to other Government Agencies. It is therefore incumbent upon you to protect the identity of informants or sources of information where such action is considered advisable by your office. There should be no reference to custodial detention matters in this report.

Inasmuch as this investigation is being made at the specific request of Congress, I will not tolerate any failure to comply in every respect with the instructions contained in this letter.

A review of the Bureau's files fails to show any information, other than that appearing in your reference letter, which may be of assistance to you in conducting this inquiry.

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OCT 30 1941  
P. M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,  
*J. Edgar Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

RE: Sarah Silverman  
Assistant Correspondence Clerk  
Statistical Division  
Civil Service Commission  
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT

Report of Special Agent J. J. Bradley dated  
February 13, 1942 at Washington, D. C.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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report sent to Dick [unclear]  
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March 13, 1942

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Honorable Harry B. Mitchell  
President  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

As you are aware, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been specifically instructed by Congress to investigate any Government employe who is the subject of a complaint coming within the purview of Public Law No. 135, 77th Congress, and to make a complete report of its findings to Congress.

In compliance with this directive an investigation has been conducted concerning Sarah Silverman and I am transmitting herewith a copy of the following investigative report which reflects the results of this inquiry:

Report of Special Agent J. J. Bradley dated February 13, 1942 at Washington, D. C.

Inasmuch as our final report to Congress must be complete in every respect I would appreciate receiving your official comment as to the ultimate disposition of this case either by exoneration, dismissal or other administrative action.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Clegg
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- Nichols
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- Carson
- Coffey
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- Quinn Tamm
- Nease
- Gandy

*[Handwritten signature and initials]*

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April 24, 1942

Special Agent in Charge  
Washington, D. C.

RE: SARAH SILVERMAN  
U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
INTERNAL SECURITY, HATCH ACT

Dear Sir:

For your information and the completion of your files this is to advise that the above-mentioned government agency has advised the Bureau, after a review of the report submitted by your office, that no administrative action is being taken against the subject of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*C. W. Brown*  
*J. K.*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR EDWIN D. DICKINSON  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In accordance with your request, there are being forwarded with this memorandum copies of reports of investigations conducted under Public Law No. 135, 77th Congress, in which the facts developed are of such a nature that they would merit your interest. In this regard, copies of the following reports are being forwarded:

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Re: [REDACTED]  
The report of:  
Special Agent J. J. Bradley dated February 20, 1942, at Washington, D. C.  
Date forwarded: March 11, 1942  
Reply: None (b) 7(c)

Re: [REDACTED]  
The report of:  
Special Agent W. W. Parriott dated December 1, 1941, at Washington, D. C.  
Date forwarded: December 24, 1941 (b) 7(c)  
Reply:

The Honorable Harry B. Mitchell, President of the United States Civil Service Commission, informed by letter dated March 25, 1942, "In view of the fact that investigation in this case did not establish that [REDACTED] is disloyal to the United States, the Commission has rated him eligible to continue his present employment." (b) 7(c)

Re: Sarah Silverman  
The report of:  
Special Agent J. J. Bradley dated February 13, 1942, at Washington, D. C.  
Date forwarded: March 13, 1942  
Reply:

The Honorable Harry B. Mitchell, President of the United States Civil Service Commission, informed by letter dated April 17, 1942, "In view of the fact that investigation in this case did not establish that Miss Silverman is

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
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disloyal to the United States, the Commission has rated her eligible to continue her present employment."

Additional reports of interest regarding investigations being conducted by this Bureau under Public Law No. 135, 77th Congress, will be forwarded in the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III  
Criminal Division

November 25, 1953

Director, FBI

SARAH SILVERMAN POWELL  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated July 27, 1953, entitled "Mar Elitcher, Espionage - R," your file reference NO:ON:tm, 146-41-15-144. Investigation in Washington, D. C. fails to reflect that subject has held a Government position since her termination at the Veterans' Administration Branch, New York, April 8, 1949, and there is no information available to indicate that she has submitted any forms of any description which would require her either to admit or deny Communist Party affiliations. Unless advised otherwise by you, no additional investigation of this subject will be conducted at this time.

NOTE: The Department requested investigation to determine if certain individuals identified by Elitcher as members of the CP were presently employed by the Federal Government or whether any of these individuals within the past three years had reasons to submit forms to the Federal Government in which membership in the CP was denied or not admitted in response to specific questions. Subject was one of the individuals identified by Elitcher.

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