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### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

VIRGINIUS FRANK COE born January 15, 1907, at Richmond, Va. Received PhB from University of Chicago in 1926 and subsequently received PhD from the same university. Entered on duty June 20, 1934, at U.S. Treasury Department, Wash. D.C., with alternate and intermittent employment as lecturer at University of Toronto until September, 1939. Employed by Federal Security Agency from September 26, 1939, through June 30, 1940; by U.S. Treasury Department, August 13, 1940, to January 16, 1942; by Board of Economic Warfare and its successor agencies from February 2, 1942, to February 15, 1945; by U.S. Treasury Department from February 16, 1945, to June 17, 1946, as Director of the Division of Monetary Research, succeeding HARRY DEXTER WHITE. COE has been employed as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund at Washington, D.C., from June 18, 1946, to date, at a salary reported to be approximately \$15,000 to \$18,000 a year tax free. COE named by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in September, 1939, as member of Communist underground group at Washington, D.C. Identified by ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY as member of SILVERMASTER Group engaged in Soviet Espionage at Washington, D.C. COE testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at its 1948 Summer hearings on Communist espionage in the United States Government and denied BENTLEY's allegations. No criminal record at Washington, D.C. Information concerning brother, CHARLES J. COE, with alias BOB COE, named by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as active in Soviet espionage in Washington

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D.C. set forth. BOB COE is Director of Farm Research, Inc., at New York City, which organization WHITTAKER CHAMBERS described as Soviet espionage apparatus in the agricultural field. CHARLES COE and his wife ROSE COE identified by Mrs. VICTOR PERLO, wife of VICTOR PERLO, as member of Communist Party underground at Washington, D.C. VICTOR PERLO was identified by Miss BENTLEY as head of the PERLO Group engaged in Soviet espionage in Washington, D.C.

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The following is a summary of information appearing in the files of the Washington Field Office concerning VIRGINIUS FRANK COE.

Background and Present Activity

The files of the United States Civil Service Commission and the personnel records at the United States Treasury Department reflect the following background information concerning VIRGINIUS FRANK COE: COE was born January 15, 1907 at Richmond, Virginia, the son of JOSEPH LAWRENCE COE, now deceased, and CHARLOTTE KERR COE. His father, born on March 14, 1882 (?) at Karlsruhe, Germany, came to the United States in his early youth and was allegedly naturalized later at New York City. His mother, CHARLOTTE KERR COE was born at New York City on October 6, 1888 and presently resides in the United States. COE is married to NORA MALLISON COE who was born on December 6, 1906 at York, England.

*Mrs. Virginius Frank Coe*

COE attended Grammar School at Chicago, Illinois, from September, 1913 to June, 1919 and Lakeview High School at Chicago, Illinois from 1919 to 1923. COE received a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree at the University of Chicago which he attended from September, 1923 to August, 1926. COE subsequently took graduate work at the University of Chicago and was granted a Doctor of Philosophy Degree. COE's employment record is as follows:

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| September, 1926 to September 1928 | University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.<br>as Research Assistant            |
| September 1928 to June 1930       | Johns Hopkins Institute of Law,<br>Baltimore, Md., as Research Assistant |
| June 1930 to June 1931            | University of Chicago as Research<br>Assistant                           |
| June 1931 to September 1932       | Duluth, Kentucky writing his dissertation                                |
| September 1932 to June 1933       | University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois<br>Fellowship in Economics      |

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| August 1933 to June 1934            | Brookings Institute, Washington, D.C.<br>as economist  |
| June 20, 1934 to September 20, 1934 | U.S. Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.<br>as economic consultant under Professor<br>J. VINER   |
| September 1934 to (May, 1936?)      | On leave to University of Toronto, at<br>Toronto, Canada as lecturer and assistant<br>professor of economic theory.  |
| June 1, 1936 to October 3, 1936     | U.S. Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.<br>as economic analyst to principal economist<br>in Division of Research and Statistics,<br>Secretary's Office, at \$6,000 a year.  |
| October 1936 to May 1939            | BANKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION of Toronto,<br>Canada, a non-profit organization of bankers<br>of Canada for the instruction of bank<br>personnel, as lecturer on money and inter-<br>national finances, Department of Political<br>Sciences, which lectures were given at the<br>University of Toronto. |
| May 1939 to September 25, 1939      | U.S. Treasury Department, Division of<br>Monetary Research, conducting independent<br>research and other tasks under Dr. HARRY<br>DEXTER WHITE, Director of that division, as<br>principal economic analyst.   |
| September 26, 1939 to June 30, 1940 | Federal Security Agency as economic consultant<br>Washington, D.C.   |
| July 1940 to August 12, 1940        | Advisory Committee to the Council on<br>National Defense as head economic analyst --<br>P-7 at \$6500 per year.  |
| August 13, 1940 to January 16, 1942 | U.S. Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.<br>as Assistant Director of Division of<br>Monetary Research, Office of the Secretary's<br>Research Staff.  |

During this period COE served as Special  
Assistant to the American Ambassador to  
England, Mr. WINANT at London, England from

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approximately June 26, 1941 to December 2, 1941. This appointment was made by Secretary of the Treasury HENRY MORGENTHAU on behalf of the Treasury Dept., COE being responsible for advising Ambassador WINANT on financial and economic matters.

On December 2, 1941, COE's official status was changed to Assistant Administrator, P-7 at \$7,000 per year. Due to accumulated leave he was carried on the rolls to February 1, 1942.

February 2, 1942 to February 15, 1945 Board of Economic Warfare, as Executive Secretary to the Joint War Production Committee of the United States and Canada, CAF-15, \$8,000 per year; and with its successor agencies, the Office of Economic Warfare, Office of Emergency Management, and Foreign Economic Administration, serving as Assistant Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Office of Economic Programs, FEA, CAF-15.

February 16, 1945 to June 17, 1946

Director of Monetary Research, Division of Monetary Research, Treasury Department, P-8, \$9800 per year. Resigned effective at the close of business June 17, 1946, to accept a position with the International Monetary Fund. His accumulated leave carried him on the Treasury Department rolls through November 8, 1946.

While COE succeeded HARRY DEXTER WHITE as Director of Monetary Research, US Treasury Department, WHITE actually resigned this position on January 23, 1945, to serve as an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Department. WHITE resigned from the Treasury Department effective at the close of business April 30, 1946, to accept the position of US Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund.

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June 18, 1946 to date

Secretary, International Monetary Fund,  
an international organization and not an  
agency of the United States Government,  
1818 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

On September 9, 1947, the writer determined that FRANK COE was then in England attending the International Monetary Conference but was expected to return to the United States by the end of that month. The writer subsequently verified COE's return to the United States, COE being located in Room 801 at the International Monetary Fund. The telephone directory of the International Monetary Fund lists FRANK COE, Secretary of the International Monetary Fund, in the office of the secretary, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

ROBERT COPELAND, Superintendent, Preston King Sub-station, U.S. Post Office, Arlington, Virginia, advised the writer that COE still resides at 1918 N. Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia.

[Confidential Informant T-1 of known reliability advised] the writer that he attended the International Monetary Conference in September, 1947 at London, England and that FRANK COE was in attendance there. After this conference ended COE and some of his staff went to Paris, France on official business for the International Monetary Fund before returning to the United States. [T-1] stated that COE's work did not ordinarily take him out of the United States. This informant remarked that FRANK COE's office staff at the International Monetary Fund entertained a very high opinion of COE and have implicit faith in anything FRANK COE says.

[Confidential Informant T-1 advised] that FRANK COE handles administrative matters effecting both the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which position is a highly responsible one. Moreover, COE has access to any information in the possession of the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund, although the informant knows of nothing of too great consequence in this regard which COE would be in a position if he so desired, to divulge to unauthorized persons, which information would be detrimental to the best interests of the United States government.

[Confidential Informant T-1 noted,] however, that there is certain data treated as highly confidential, namely: production statistics, information furnished by any of the approximately 45 member governments, et cetera, which data, likewise is available to various other persons connected with the above mentioned international organizations.

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Confidential Informant T-1 recently advised the writer that since COE's trip to England and the continent in the Fall of 1947 that COE has made one trip to Central American and occasion trips to New York to the United Nations on official business of the International Monetary Fund. According to Confidential Informant T-1, only the Managing Director and the Deputy Director of the International Monetary Fund rank above COE although there are three or four other employees of the Fund of equal rank with COE. T-1 is not certain of COE's exact salary which runs any where from approximately \$15,000 to \$18,000 per year tax free. FRANK COE, according to T-1, has been "quiet" since his appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at the 1948 Summer Hearings of that Committee concerning the allegations of ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, regarding Soviet espionage in the United States Government.

Allegations of Whittaker Chambers

Among the original notes made by ADOLPH A. BERLE, then Assistant Secretary of State, during the course of an interview with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, self confessed Soviet espionage agent, at CHAMBERS' request in September 1939 concerning the existence of a possible Communist underground in the United States Government and CHAMBERS' knowledge of the identities of persons active therein whom he knew to be Communists or to have Communist leanings, appeared the following:

"Treasury Department  
 Schlomer Adler (Sol Adler?)  
 Counsel's Office  
 Sends weekly reports to C.P. (General Counsel's Office)  
 Frank Coe - now teacher at McGill  
 There are two brother -- one of them in C.P.'s "Foreign Bureau" BOB COE".

SCHLOMER ADLER has been identified by Miss ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY as a member of the SILVERMASTER Group engaged in Soviet Espionage at Washington, D.C. as is subsequently described in this report.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Allegations of Elizabeth Terrill Bentley

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY was born in Connecticut in 1908. In 1930 she received her A.B. degree from Vassar and in 1935 received her Master's Degree at Columbia University. BENTLEY studied a year at the University of Florence, Italy. She served as secretary in import-export firms, publicity firms and did translating work. BENTLEY was Vice-President of the U.S. Service and Shipping Corporation for six years. For a period of two years she taught at the Foxcraft School at Middleburg, Virginia.

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY by her own statement became a member of the Communist Party in 1935 at New York City. In a then sincere effort to assist the Communist Party, BENTLEY approached FERRUCCIO MARINI in 1938, he being a former member of the Communist Party in Italy, and offered to make available to him information ascertained by her as a result of her employment with the Italian Library of Information.

In October 1938 MARINI introduced her to an individual known as "TIM" whom BENTLEY later identified as JACOB M. GOLOS of WORLD TOURIST, INC. After an initial probation period during which BENTLEY furnished GOLOS with information she obtained at the Italian Library of Information, GOLOS began to use BENTLEY, commencing about June or July, 1941, as an espionage courier for the collection of information from various individuals at Washington, D.C. and New York City, the majority of whom were employees of the United States Government or had sources therein.

GOLOS, now deceased, is now known to have been a Soviet intelligence agent, who was engaged in operating an espionage organization for the purpose of obtaining information from U.S. officials and executives for transmittal to Russia.

Miss BENTLEY's active services as an espionage courier continued from the summer of 1941 through the year 1944. Miss BENTLEY was placed in contact with two groups of individuals, each group functioning as a distinct Soviet espionage parallel whose members were unaware of the espionage activities of the other parallel, although investigation has since determined that certain individuals in the two parallels were socially acquainted with one another. These two espionage parallels were known as the SILVERMASTER Group and the PERLO Group, after NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER and VICTOR PERLO who headed the respective groups.

Each group or parallel consisted of about ten to fourteen persons holding high positions in the United States Government. Moreover, in addition to the above two parallels, BENTLEY served as courier to some fifteen individuals not specifically connected with either espionage parallel but who individually furnished BENTLEY with information.

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BENTLEY had collected this information in the form of written reports, documents, on film and verbally which she in turn transcribed into suitable notes and which she delivered to her superior, JACOB GOLOS. Through these two parallels and miscellaneous persons the Soviet Intelligence Service was enabled to obtain material from the Department of State, the Office of Strategic Services, the United States Treasury Department, the War Department, the Foreign Economic Administration and from other United States Government agencies.

Following the death of JACOB GOLOS, on November 27, 1943, BENTLEY continued her activities for GOLOS's successors up to the end of 1944.

BENTLEY has advised that the SILVERMASTER Group was headed by NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER who held several positions in the United States Government until December, 1946. SILVERMASTER and his wife HELEN WITTE SILVERMASTER were in turn in contact with many other individuals employed by the United States Government from whom they secured material and made it available to BENTLEY for transmittal to GOLOS. One of such contacts of SILVERMASTER in the United States Government was VIRGINIUS FRANK COE.

In a signed statement dated November 30, 1945, at New York City, ELIZABETH TERVILL BENTLEY, American born self-admitted espionage courier, declared that when she first became aware of COE's identity he was employed in the United States Treasury Department, exact position and title not now recalled by her. BENTLEY stated that COE was in South America on a mission for the Treasury Department during all but two months of the time she knew him to be in contact with HELEN and GREGORY SILVERMASTER and that COE sent reports and other information which he gathered there on his official U.S. Treasury Department assignment directly to the SILVERMASTERS.

BENTLEY believes that COE also sent information to HARRY DEXTER WHITE, the Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury Department at Washington, D.C. from South America. BENTLEY believed, moreover, that COE made information available to HARRY DEXTER WHITE while he, COE, was in the United States, for transmittal by WHITE eventually to the SILVERMASTERS.

BENTLEY could not recall definitely having seen any material which could be identified at this late date (November, 1945) as having definitely originated with COE, but stated that the information supplied by COE in his personal communication to the SILVERMASTERS was designated and made available for transmittal to BENTLEY's superior. BENTLEY's recollection as to the type of information supplied by COE was vague, other than the fact it was economic data. BENTLEY was of the opinion that COE was considered relatively unimportant to the SILVERMASTER Group.

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Interview of Virginius Frank Coe  
by Special Agents of the FBI

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On May 29, 1947, Special Agents Charles G. Cleveland and W.R. Wannall of the Washington Field Office interviewed VIRGINIUS FRANK COE at his office in the International Monetary Fund. In the course of the interview COE confirmed all background information in the possession of this office, concerning himself.

COE was particularly questioned concerning the allegations of Miss BENTLEY to the effect he was associated with the SILVERMASTER Group and had furnished information of a general economic nature to the SILVERMASTERS to be furnished their Russian superiors. COE emphatically denied furnishing information of any nature to anyone which would be detrimental to the United States, and stated that no information concerning any official activity in his possession was ever passed on to any individual for transmittal to a Russian contact.

COE was interrogated concerning BENTLEY's statement he had corresponded with the SILVERMASTERS directly from South America, sending them reports and other information. To this COE stated that he "categorically denied furnishing any information or reports to the SILVERMASTERS". COE then elaborated on this statement by advising that the only time he was out of the United States, other than in Canada and England, was during the time he was connected with the U.S. Government assignment in Mexico. COE explained he was assigned to a commission under WAYNE TAYLOR, which commission was known as the Government Committee on Economic Cooperation and that he spent a short time with this committee in Mexico. COE stated he was unable to recall ever having corresponded with the SILVERMASTERS, particularly during the time he was in Mexico.

COE stated that he was not closely associated with NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER or his wife, but only knew them while traveling in "economic circles". COE stated there was a possibility that while discussing general economic problems with the SILVERMASTERS or other individuals he may have discussed some particular phases but that at no time in his recollection could he recall having furnished information of a nature which could be considered detrimental to the United States.

COE was interrogated at length concerning his association and activities with IRVING KAPLAN, HELEN SILVERMASTER, HARRY DEXTER WHITE, GEORGE SILVERMAN, HARRY MAGDOFF, ALLAN ROSENBERG and WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN but COE denied close association with any of the above named individuals. Identifying information concerning these individuals is set forth subsequently in this report.

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The interviewing agents pointed out to COE he had given his personal recommendation concerning the character, loyalty and reputation of WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN in connection with ULLMAN's application for a position with the United States Coast Guard. COE replied this might be possible but that he recalled that ULLMAN had worked in his division while he was employed at the United States Treasury Department and inasmuch as all his employees were good fellows he did not hesitate to recommend anyone of them when requested to do so.

COE was then asked concerning his association and acquaintance with BERNARD NORTMAN, who is subsequently identified in this report, but COE stated he only knew NORTMAN as a member of a car pool and had met the NORTMANS approximately six months previously when their child enrolled in the same nursery school. COE stated that he had nothing in common with NORTMAN and that they were practically strangers.

COE after having first stated that he was not closely associated with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, or friendly with him, admitted later in the interview that he had had luncheon engagements with SILVERMAN on numerous occasions. Moreover, that he was aware that SILVERMAN was a close associate of the SILVERMASTERS. At this point in the interview COE stated that if the general line of questioning was to be similar to that which had proceeded it, that he would like to save his time and the Special Agents time by stating that his answer was "categorically no" to all allegations in the above connection made concerning him.

COE was then asked the location and activities of his brother, ROBERT COE but FRANK COE replied he did not know his brother's address other than that he was in the general vicinity of New York City. In answer to the question as to whether he was a member of the Communist Party or had associated with any known members of the Communist Party, FRANK COE replied that he was not acquainted with any individual who was a member of the Communist Party or with any individual who was associated with the Communist Party or with any individual who followed the Communist Party doctrines.

It was the observation of the interviewing agents during the above interview which lasted for approximately forty five minutes, that FRANK COE was obviously nervous and on numerous occasions appeared to fail conveniently to remember specific things asked him, being inclined to change the course of questioning by branching off into a discussion of general economic matters.

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Testimony of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE Before The  
House Committee on Un-American Activities

On August 13, 1948, VIRGINIUS FRANK COE testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at its hearing concerning Communist espionage in the United States Government. COE was accompanied by his counsel C. JOHN ROGGE, former Assistant Attorney General of the United States. COE gave his full name as VIRGINIUS FRANK COE but stated he had not used the first name for a number of years. COE stated he was born January 1, 1907 at Richmond, Virginia and was presently residing at 1918 North Roosevelt Street, North Arlington, Virginia. COE listed his employment record with the U.S. Government, which employment record has been previously set forth in greater detail in this report. COE stated that he had requested permission to appear before this House Committee to testify under oath. COE then declared "I wish to say that the allegation which Miss BENTLEY apparently made to this Committee about my being a member of a Communist espionage group is entirely false. I do not know Miss BENTLEY and to the best of my knowledge I have never seen or talked with her. I have never been a member of a group such as she described. I have never been a member of the Communist Party. I have not followed the line of that Party nor for that matter the line of any political party or group. I have never given official information to any person known to me to be a member of the Communist Party or an agent of the Soviet Union. To the best of my knowledge I have never given official information to any unauthorized person."

Under questioning before the House Committee on Un-American Activities COE admitted knowing the following individuals. His comments concerning each of them are summarized under their respective names. Where these persons in turn commented before the House Committee concerning their knowledge of COE their remarks are summarized following those of COE's.

JOHN ABT

JOHN ABT was at the University of Chicago when COE was a student there and COE may have met him in Washington, D.C. but does not believe so. ABT was never a guest at COE's home nor COE at ABT's home.

SOLOMON ADLER

COE met ADLER at the Brookings Institute in 1933 or 1934. ADLER was subsequently a fellow employee at the United States Treasury Department and COE saw him from time to time. COE and ADLER have visited each other's homes.

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NORMAN BURSLE

COE may have met BURSLE when BURSLE was employed by the United States Department of Justice, but he could not specifically recall. COE subsequently stated before the same hearings of the House Committee that "I have seen almost nothing of him".

LAUGHLIN CURRIE

COE and LAUGHLIN CURRIE were members of the same staff at the Foreign Economic Administration in 1933. COE worked under CURRIE and has seen him from time to time both at work and socially, mostly during the period 1939 to 1947. COE and CURRIE lunched together on occasions and visited each other's homes.

On August 13, 1948, LAUGHLIN CURRIE stated before the House Committee that he knew FRANK COE very well. He said that COE was Director of Research in the Foreign Economic Administration when he, LAUGHLIN CURRIE, was Deputy Administrator at FEA.

EDWARD J. FITZGERALD

COE knew FITZGERALD who worked on a staff which COE supervised. COE has seen very little of him.

HAROLD GLASSER

GLASSER was a student at the University of Chicago at the same time that FRANK COE was a student there. COE and GLASSER were subsequently fellow employees at the U.S. Treasury Department in 1939. COE has seen a great deal of GLASSER.

SONIA GOLD

SONIA GOLD worked in the Division of Monetary Research, U.S. Department of the Treasury and was employed there when COE came to work at the Treasury Department. COE saw SONIA GOLD from time to time in view of his official capacity as supervisor of her work, which was only in 1945 to his belief.

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BELA GOLD

BELA GOLD was employed in an office which COE supervised at the Foreign Economic Administration. On August 13, 1948, BELA GOLD testified before the House Committee that he knew FRANK V. COE very well, having worked for him for a year.

MICHAEL GREENBERG

MICHAEL GREENBERG was on the payroll of the Board of Economic Warfare and COE knew him at that time. COE saw him several times, this being about 1943, but doesn't know GREENBERG very well.

ALGER HISS

COE has met ALGER HISS on several occasions but knows him only slightly.

During his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 5, 1948, ALGER HISS replied in the affirmative to the question whether he knew the Mr. COE who was employed in the Treasury Department, Division of Monetary Research, on June 17, 1946. In this connection it will be noted that on June 18, 1946, COE assumed his duties as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund, after leaving the U.S. Treasury Department. ALGER HISS stated he knew COE only in an official capacity at the time he, HISS, was employed in the United States State Department. ALGER HISS stated he has also known COE since COE'S employment at the International Monetary Fund since he, HISS, is interested in all phases of the United Nations Activities.

CHARLES KRAMER

KRAMER called on FRANK COE at the Treasury Department in 1945 on one or two occasions concerning some investigation but COE has had no contact with KRAMER otherwise.

On August 12, 1948, CHARLES KRAMER, former employee of the United States Government, who identified himself as now being a research worker for the Progressive Party since March, 1948, testified that he must decline to answer the question as to whether he knew FRANK COE on constitutional grounds against self incrimination.

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IRVING KAPLAN

COE met IRVING KAPLAN first about 1939. KAPLAN was then assigned by another government agency to make a study of the wage records of the Federal Security Administration where COE was then employed. COE saw a fair amount of KAPLAN and read his report, and dealt with him in this connection.

SOLOMON LISCHINSKY

COE met SOLOMON LISCHINSKY once or twice about the time that the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration was winding up its affairs. LISCHINSKY came to the Foreign Economic Administration or to the Treasury Department originally making arrangements to obtain his employment at UNRRA. Otherwise COE has no knowledge of LISCHINSKY.

HARRY MAGDOFF

COE met MAGDOFF once or twice only.

ROBERT T. MILLER, III.

COE stated that MILLER is a parent at the school where his child attends and that he has met MILLER there.

VICTOR PERLO

COE knew VICTOR PERLO slightly as an economist employed by the United States Government. COE believes that PERLO was employed in the Division of Monetary Research when he, COE directed this division of the United States Treasury Department. In this connection COE as PERLO's supervisor saw him whenever necessary.

ALLAN ROSENBERG

ROSENBERG was an attorney in the Foreign Economic Administration in the Board of Economic Warfare and held other positions in the FEA. COE knew him at that time since ROSENBERG was employed in the General Counsel's Office at the Board of Economic Warfare when COE likewise was employed by that agency.

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ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN,  
with alias GEORGE SILVERMAN

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COE first met SILVERMAN about 1933 at Brookings Institute, Washington, D.C. and knew him subsequently at Washington, D.C. socially. COE knows SILVERMAN well and has seen a great deal of him socially.

On August 12, 1948, ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, former employee of the United States Government, testified before the same House Committee that he must refuse to state whether he knows FRANK COE, acting on advice of counsel.

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER

COE stated he first met SILVERMASTER about 1939 through Mr. (WILLIAM LUDWIG) ULLMAN who was employed at the Treasury Department at the same time COE was employed there. At that time COE and SILVERMASTER were acquainted socially and COE has seen SILVERMASTER from time to time. COE visited SILVERMASTER's home about ten or twelve times in 1939 or 1940 and thereafter infrequently. SILVERMASTER likewise visited COE's home several times.

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER in his appearance before the House Committee refused to answer whether he knew FRANK V. COE explaining that any answer he might give might be self incriminating.

In her testimony before the House Committee on August 9, 1948, Miss GILDA DE FRANK BURKE stated that she served as NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER's secretary in 1943 and was from 1944 to 1946, SILVERMASTER's administrative secretary. Moreover, that FRANK COE's name appeared in SILVERMASTER's telephone locator which she used in her capacity as secretary to SILVERMASTER and that she knew that SILVERMASTER had communicated with FRANK COE.

WILLIAM H. TAYLOR

TAYLOR was employed in the Division of Monetary Research, U.S. Treasury Department, on two occasions while COE was employed there. TAYLOR is now an employee of the International Monetary Fund. COE has seen little of TAYLOR socially. During most of this period TAYLOR has been abroad.

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WILLIAM H. TAYLOR in sworn affidavit dated September 5, 1948 at Washington, D.C. which affidavit he submitted for the completion of the records of the House Committee, denied Communist Party membership, and BENTLEY's statement regarding his alleged complicity in Soviet espionage activity. ✓

WILLIAM L. ULLMAN

ULLMAN was employed at the United States Treasury Department when COE worked there in 1939 and COE knew him then.

ROBERT E. STRIPLING, Chief Investigator, House Committee on Un-American Activities, read before the House Committee WILLIAM L. ULLMAN's Civil Service application form no. 57 dated April 4, 1946, in which ULLMAN listed as his immediate supervisor FRANK V. COE, Director of Monetary Research, U.S. Treasury Department.

DONALD N. WHEELER

WHEELER was employed at the United States Treasury Department in 1939, 1940 or 1941 for a brief time and COE saw something of him then but very little.

DR. HARRY D. WHITE

COE entered the employ of the United States Government at the same time as HARRY DEXTER WHITE and worked with him at various other times. COE worked for WHITE twice in permanent positions; kept in touch with him and saw him from time to time at luncheons and to a certain extent socially.

On August 13, 1948, HARRY DEXTER WHITE testified before the House Committee and stated he knew FRANK V. COE when COE came to the United States Treasury Department in 1934. WHITE stated that he was then and is now impressed by COE's ability. COE was WHITE's assistant at the Treasury Department. WHITE spoke highly of COE's technical competence and his ability and stated COE is a man of fine character.

It will be noted that HARRY DEXTER WHITE died during August, 1948 shortly following his testimony before the House Committee.

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The following persons whom COE admitted knowing under questioning before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, have been identified by ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY as having engaged in Soviet espionage work as follows:

Members of the SILVERMASTER Group were:

~~ALGER HISS~~ *no*  
~~JOHN ABT~~  
SOLOMON ADLER  
NORMAN BURLER  
LAUCHLIN CURRIE  
SONIA GOLD  
BELA GOLD  
IRVING KAPLAN  
ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN  
NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER  
WILLIAM H. TAYLOR ✓  
WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN  
DR. HARRY DEXTER WHITE

Members of the PERLO Group were:

~~John ABT~~  
EDWARD J. FITZGERALD  
HAROLD GLASSER  
~~ALGER HISS~~  
CHARLES KRAMER  
SOLOMON LISCHINSKY  
HARRY MAGDOFF  
VICTOR PERLO  
ALLAN ROSENBERG  
~~DONALD WHEELER~~

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Miscellaneous individuals not assigned to any specific group or espionage parallel were MICHAEL GREENBERG and ROBERT T. MILLER, III.

Under questioning by the House Committee FRANK COE denied knowing JACOB GOLOS identified as Miss BENTLEY's superior, and JOSEPH B. GREGG, MAURICE HALPERIN, JULIUS J. JOSEPH, DUNCAN C. LEE, WILLARD Z. PARK, MILDRED PRICE, WILLIAM W. REMINGTON, HELEN B. TENNEY, all of whom were identified by BENTLEY as miscellaneous individuals not assigned to any specific espionage parallel who were engaged in Soviet espionage in Washington, D.C.

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Additional Data Reflecting the Relationship of  
Frank Coe with certain of the above noted  
individuals together with information  
concerning these individuals

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LAUHLIN CURRIE

In a personal history statement dated March 26, 1942, FRANK COE advised the United States Civil Service Commission that one of his associates was LAUHLIN CURRIE, White House.

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS has stated that CURRIE was a "fellow traveler" who helped various Communists but never went the whole way.

HAROLD GLASSER

HAROLD GLASSER was identified by KATHRYN WILLIS PERLO, the divorced wife of VICTOR PERLO, in October 1944 as having been a member of a Communist underground group at Washington, D.C. in 1933-1934.

Miss BENTLEY has identified VICTOR PERLO as head of the PERLO Group engaged in Soviet espionage work at Washington, D.C.

It should be noted that HAROLD GLASSER was appointed chief of the Division of Monetary Research, U.S. Treasury Department when COE resigned that position in June 1946 to accept his present position with the International Monetary Fund.

IRVING KAPLAN

Confidential Informant T-2 of known reliability advised in December, 1948 that FRANK COE, HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN and one NIXON were instrumental to action which eventually led to the release of IRVING KAPLAN from the United States Army in Europe and his return to the United States on or about December 24, 1945, officially on the basis of a request from the United States Treasury Department that his services were urgently needed. (u)

NIXON is believed to be identical with RUSSELL NIXON formerly Legatslative Representative of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers

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of America, CIO at Washington, D.C. now employed by the same union at New York City.

GERTRUDE EVANS identified by Confidential Informant T-3 of known reliability as a Communist Party member referred to RUSSELL NIXON in the informant's presence as being a member of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-3 is of the opinion that NIXON is a relatively important Communist in that he is apparently above the card carrying stage.

VICTOR PERLO

VICTOR PERLO has been identified by his divorced wife, KATHRYN WILLS PERLO in April, 1944 as having been a member of a Communist underground group in Washington, D.C. during 1933 or 1934. Mrs. PERLO stated that their divorce was occasioned by her staying out of the Party and "hampering his political advancement". Mrs. PERLO admitted membership in the Communist Party from the latter part of 1933 until February, 1934.

Miss BENTLEY has identified VICTOR PERLO as head of the PERLO Group engaged in Soviet Espionage at Washington, D.C.

ALLAN ROSENBERG

Confidential Informant T-4 of known reliability, advised in August, 1946, that he had observed the name and address of FRANK COE, 2700 36th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. in the personal address book of ALLAN ROSENBERG previously in early March, 1946. ALLAN ROSENBERG advised Confidential Informant T-5 of known reliability that he had been commissioned by FRANK COE, a new client to handle the purchase of a home for COE in Falls Church, Virginia. ROSENBERG explained to Confidential Informant T-5 that COE would be unable to handle the purchase of the house personally since he, COE, was going to Savannah, Georgia, to attend the Bretton-Woods Conference.

ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN was identified by KATHRYN WILLS PERLO, divorced wife of VICTOR PERLO in April, 1944, as having been a member of the Communist underground group in Washington, D.C. in 1933-1934. Mrs. PERLO

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added that SILVERMAN worked through close friends who were indebted to him including LAUCHLIN CURRIE and HARRY DEXTER WHITE.

WILLIAM LUDWIG ULMAN

On August 3, 1942, FRANK COE then Assistant to the Executive Director, Board of Economic Warfare, Washington, D.C. directed a letter of recommendation to the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard concerning WILLIAM LUDWIG ULMAN's application for a position with the United States Coast Guard. COE advised that he had known WILLIAM LUDWIG ULMAN, having worked with him in the U.S. Treasury Department and had found him to be highly respectable and conscientious. COE described ULMAN as thoroughly loyal to the U.S. Government.

HARRY DEXTER WHITE

In his personal history statement furnished to the United States Civil Service Commission, March 28, 1942, COE listed "H. D. WHITE, United States Treasury Department," as one of his associates. HARRY WHITE was identified by KATHRYN WILLS PERLO, divorced wife of VICTOR PERLO in April, 1944 as having been a member of the underground Communist group in Washington, D.C. in 1933-1934. Mrs. PERLO stated however that she was not certain in her own knowledge that WHITE had actually been a member of the Communist Party.

P. BERNARD ~~NORMAN~~

(u) In the Spring of 1947, Confidential Informant T-6 of known reliability, related that FRANK COE and P. BERNARD ~~NORMAN~~ were members of a car pool operating between Arlington, Virginia and Washington, D. C. and that their wives, NORA COE and DOROTHY ~~NORMAN~~ were close social contacts.

ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY has advised that she first met P. BERNARD ~~NORMAN~~ in New York City about 1936 when they both were members of Unit One of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party. BENTLEY saw ~~NORMAN~~ frequently at Communist Party meetings in New York and was aware of his Communist Party activity at New York until 1938 when she lost contact with him.

Investigation by the FBI has determined that ~~NORMAN~~ was an acquaintance of VICTOR PERLO, previously described in this report.

P. BERNARD ~~NORMAN~~'s services were terminated by the United States State Department on June 23, 1947 "in the interest of the United States".

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FURTHER EVIDENCE OF FRANK COE'S ASSOCIATION  
WITH INDIVIDUALS NAMED BY MISS BENTLEY

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Surveillances conducted by this office during the course of investigation concerning COE determined the following to be among his associates.

On January 8, 1945, during a surveillance of LAUCHLIN CURRIE by Special Agents WARREN LOVE and OWEN B. CHANEY, CURRIE and FRANK COE were observed dining together at the Cafe Parisienne, 1120 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., having previously met in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel across the street from this restaurant. This dinner lasted from 7:00 P.M. to 10:32 P.M. a period of three and a half hours. Thereafter these men drove off in FRANK COE's car and COE dropped CURRIE off at 1614 I Street, N. W.

(3) Confidential Informant T-7 of known reliability advised in November 1946 that FRANK COE lunched with LAUCHLIN CURRIE at the Carleton Hotel, Washington, D.C. August 21 and September 3, 1946. The same informant advised on November 20, 1946, that FRANK COE had luncheon with ROBERT MILLER believed identical with ROBERT T. MILLER, III who has been identified by Miss BENTLEY as active in Soviet Espionage at Washington, D. C.

On September 20, 1946, Special Agents ORVILLE R. TALBURTT and CLYDE D. NICOLL observed COE leave his place of employment at the International Monetary Fund and proceed to HAROLD GLASSER's office in room 3430, Main Treasury Building. Both men then proceeded to HARVEY's Restaurant, 1107 Connecticut Avenue, N. W. where they lunched together. Thereafter COE returned to his place of employment.

On October 10, 1946, Special Agents AUBREY S. BRENT and H. DUDLEY PAYNE observed ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and FRANK COE meeting in front of Fan and Bill's Restaurant on Connecticut Avenue, N.W., where they were observed to shake hands. SILVERMAN and COE immediately thereafter lunched together in Fan and Bill's Restaurant.

On November 1, 1946, Special Agents E. HYATT MOSSBERG and CHARLES G. CLEVELAND observed that COE after lunching at the Metropolitan Club proceeded to HAROLD GLASSER's office in the Treasury Building, which office he entered at 2:10 P.M. FRANK COE was observed leaving the building alone at 3:05 P.M. whereupon he returned to the International Monetary Fund.

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On November 13, 1946, Special Agents CHARLES G. CLEVELAND and JAMES J. CANAVAN observed that ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and FRANK COE met in front of Fan and Bill's Restaurant on Connecticut Avenue, N.W., after which SILVERMAN and COE dined together in that restaurant.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
CONCERNING FRANK COE

(u) In January, 1947, Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, reported that FRANK V. COE was on the mailing list of the American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations, New York City.

LOUIS BUDENZ, former managing editor of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist publication, has advised that the Institute of Pacific Relations was originally non-Communist but that the Communists infiltrated it. The Institute of Pacific Relations, according to BUDENZ, was discussed at the political committee meetings of the Communist Party. BUDENZ noted that the professional staff of the Institute contained many non-Communists who were friendly towards the Communists because of the myth that the Chinese Reds were merely agrarian reformists. BUDENZ stated that the Communist Party had very great influence in the Institute of Pacific Relations and at times controlled its policy. BUDENZ recalled that FREDERICK V. FIELD, whom he identified as a member of the Communist Party, had, by virtue of his financial contributions to the Institute of Pacific Relations, exerted a strong influence on it.

The writer checked the records of Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, on August 26, 1949, regarding FRANK COE and his wife, NORA MALLISON COE, with negative results concerning any identifiable information concerning them of a disloyal or derogatory nature.

The writer likewise checked the records of Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, another Government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, on August 9, 1949, with negative results concerning Mr. and Mrs. COE. (u) (u)

Information appearing in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities has previously been set forth in this report.

(u) Confidential Informant T-10 checked the records of the Potomac Credit Bureau, at Arlington, Virginia, and the records of the

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Falls Church, Virginia, Police Department, about June, 1946, concerning COE with negative results.

The writer checked the records of the Metropolitan Police Department on September 26, 1949, concerning any criminal record for Mr. and Mrs. COE with negative results.

The following is an enumeration of places of residence of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE as determined through investigation and other sources:

December 17, 1929 1724 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

May, 1937, to May, 1939 39 Nina Avenue, Toronto, Canada

May, 1939, to September, 1939 Saul Road, Kensington, Maryland.

(Note: COE resided at 30 Kensington Parkway, Kensington, Maryland, in the summer of 1939)

September, 1939 to September, 1940 313 Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

September, 1940 to at least June 17, 1942. RFD 1, Franklin Park Road, East Falls Church, Virginia.

February 8, 1946 to approximately September, 1946 2700 36th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

October, 1946, to present time 1918 N. Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia Axminster 4281.

The following is a description of FRANK COE:

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| Name       | VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, Was FRANK COE and FRANK V. COE                              |
| Age        | 42   |
| Born       | January 5, 1907, at Richmond, Virginia   |
| Residence  | 1918 N. Roosevelt St. Arlington, Virginia  |
| Occupation | Secretary of International Monetary Fund, 1818 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. |
| Height     | 6 ft.  |
| Weight     | 170-175  |
| Build      | Medium to Slender  |
| Hair       | Dark Brown or Black  |
| Eyes       | Brown  |
| Complexion | Dark   |

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| Face            | Long  |
| Sex             | Male  |
| Race            | White   |
| Nationality     | American  |
| Criminal Record | Admits none   |
| Peculiarities   | Dark, heavy mustache, thick lips,<br>appears to have slight limp in<br>right leg.   |
| Marital status  | Married   |
| Relatives       | Wife, NORA MALLISON COE<br>Mother-in-law, Mrs. CHARLOTTE KERR COE<br>304 E. 42nd St. Los Angeles, Calif.<br>in March, 1942.<br>Sister-in-law, Mrs. HARTLEY THWAITE,<br>22 Brocco Bank, Sheffield, England,<br>as of March, 1942.<br>Brother, CHARLES JOSEPH COE, wa. BOB COE,<br>New York City. |

CHARLES JOSEPH COE  
WA. BOB COE

BOB COE is the brother of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE. His correct name is CHARLES JOSEPH COE. He is presently the Director of Farm Research, Inc., 39 Cortland, New York City.

During the interview of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS by Mr. RAY WHEARTY, of the Department of Justice, in December, 1948, CHAMBERS recalled in part that the original underground group at Washington, D.C., organized by HAROLD WARE, son of Mother BLOOR, long-time prominent Communist Party functionary, among United Government employees in the early 1930's, had as its primary objective in the beginning to place Communists in important posts where they would have opportunity for advancement in order that they might be in a position to formulate or influence the policies along lines sympathetic to Communist interests.

CHAMBERS stated that subsequently during the late 1930's, J. PETERS conceived the idea of organizing underground groups which would furnish information to the Soviet Intelligence Services in exchange for money contributions. Accordingly, underground groups were planned at a conference which CHAMBERS and PETERS held with HAROLD WARE. CHAMBERS has advised that he acted as courier between HAROLD WARE'S underground group at Washington, D.C., and his superior, J. PETERS, subsequently

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identified as ALEXANDER STEVENS, at New York City. BOB COE was listed in the original notes made by ADOLPH A. BERLE, then Assistant Secretary of State, during the course of his interview with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, self-confessed Soviet espionage agent, in September, 1939, as a member of a possible Communist underground in the U.S. Government at Washington, D.C.

In the spring of 1949, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS furnished the Special Agents of the New York office with detailed information concerning his activities from 1924 through 1938, at which time he was a member of the Communist Party, the Communist Party underground, and a member of a Communist Party espionage apparatus. While CHAMBERS was attempting to make contacts for the apparatus, HAROLD WARE introduced him to one ROBERT COE who was very close to HARRY DEXTER WHITE of the U.S. Treasury Department.

CHAMBERS continued: "ROBERT COE, I believe, was a member of one of the cells of apparatus A. I did not know what department of the Government he was employed in, if any. His older brother, FRANK COE, was at that time, I believe, an Economics instructor at McGill University in Canada. On several occasions from J. PETERS, GEORGE SILVERMAN, HARRY DEXTER WHITE and probably HAROLD WARE, I had heard mentioned plans to bring FRANK COE from Canada so that he could be placed in the Treasury Department by WHITE. It was my understanding that FRANK COE, as well as his brother, ROBERT, was a member of the Communist Party.

"HARRY DEXTER WHITE was at that time (1935) the monetary expert in the Treasury Department. He was not then, so far as I knew, nor did he become a member of the Communist Party. However, he was known to HAROLD WARE and J. PETERS as a strong sympathizer of the Communist Party. WHITE'S close tie with the Communist Party was through his friendship with GEORGE SILVERMAN .....

"WARE was of the opinion that WHITE could produce some very interesting and valuable material and that ROBERT COE would be the person who would be able to obtain this information from WHITE. He brought this matter to J. PETERS' attention and he said it was all right and to go ahead and approach WHITE through COE. On one occasion COE did get some documents from HARRY DEXTER WHITE.

"I cannot remember exactly the contents. However, they may have been lists of Japanese Agents and Chinese Agents in Japan's employ ..... I photographed these in JOHN HERRMAN'S apartment (at Washington, D.C.) in order to return these documents to COE (for replacement in their original location in the U.S. Government files). I had arranged to meet him on a certain street in Washington, D.C., at a particular hour. However, COE was one hour late for this appointment which fact made me

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very angry and alarmed. I have never seen COE since that time. The films of these documents, secured from HARRY DEXTER WHITE, were turned over by me to J. PETERS."

CHAMBERS has explained that since BOB COE was dilatory in keeping the above noted appointment with him, that he dropped COE as a contact, refusing to have anything more to do with one so careless as this in making such an important contact. CHAMBERS has stated that J. PETERS, with alias ALEXANDER STEVENS, now in Hungary, his superior, was a Soviet agent and acting head of a Soviet espionage underground movement in the United States. CHAMBERS has advised that JOHN HERRMAN was brought to Washington, D.C., to serve as an Assistant to HAROLD WARE in the underground apparatus.

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS advised Special Agents of the New York office in late January, 1949, that HAROLD WARE had originated a small apparatus in the Agriculture field and that WEBSTER CLAY POWELL had been a kind of personal deputy of WARE'S.

WEBSTER CLAY POWELL was interviewed by Special Agents DONALD D. CONNORS and THOMAS J. BARRY of this office on February 25, 1949. POWELL stated in part that BOB COE was brought to the Farm Research, Inc. by HAROLD WARE. POWELL declared this occurred about a year before he (POWELL) left Farm Research, this being about 1938. POWELL was, however, unable to reconcile the fact that HAROLD WARE died in 1935 with his statement that HAROLD WARE brought COE into Farm Research about a year prior to 1938.

[Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, advised this office in January, 1949, that he formerly was acquainted with BOB COE, particularly during 1940 and 1941 when COE was employed as Director of Farm Research, Inc. The informant described the Farm Research, Inc., as "a straight Party outfit". This informant knew COE to be a member of the Communist Party and had discussed his Party membership with MARIE COLEMAN, also known as Mrs. EUGENE COLEMAN, who at times acted as cartoonist for the Farm Research, Inc., magazine. During the above noted period, according to this informant, some Communist Party meetings were actually held in BOB COE'S office. At that time, according to the same informant, BOB COE was an associate of DONALD HENDERSON, then head of the UCAFAWA-CIO now known as the FTA-CIO.

[Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, advised in June, 1946, that MARIE COLEMAN was formerly employed by V.J. JEROME, editor of "The Communist", predecessor of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist publication at New York City.

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Confidential Informant T-12 advised in October, 1946, that MARIE COLEMAN had originally been sent to Washington, D.C. (about 1940) by the Communist Party to conduct Party work for the continuance of the Federal theater.

CHARLES JOSEPH COE was interviewed by Special Agents of the New York office on March 8, 1949. He was asked specifically whether he had at any time known WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or had any dealings with him. COE replied he would answer any question that concerned his own personal life but that he considered it a witch hunt, and a foolhardy investigation, to inquire about individuals who worked for the Government in the early 1930's. CHARLES COE stated that he resided in Washington, D.C., in the early 1930's and felt that Washington was one place where gossip was the vogue and true facts were seldom distinguished from mere gossip.

In reply to the question as to whether he knew WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, CHARLES COE stated, "I certainly do not know ALGER HISS, and as to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, whether I know him or not, I refuse to answer such a question as I do not consider it pertinent to anything I believe is important." The interview was brought to a close in view of CHARLES COE'S refusal to answer pertinent questions concerning Communist underground activities.

During the above interview, however, CHARLES COE stated he was born August 9, 1908, at Richmond, Virginia. He married his present wife, ROSE COE, in December, 1931, in New York City. They have two children, a son, ALLAN, and a daughter, MARY. They reside at 769 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, New York, at U.L. 9-1254. COE is director of Farm Research, Inc., and is editor of its publication "Facts For Farmers". CHARLES COE stated his educational background consists of studying at the University of California, and at the University of Chicago where he received his master's degree and PhD degree. Moreover, CHARLES COE studied two years at Brown University and spent one year at Brookings Institute. His chief line of study was statistics and economics.

The New York Office has advised that "Facts For Farmers" has been praised by the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist publication, for "clear, simple exposition of the meaning of United Nations policy for farmers."

Farm Research, Inc., was incorporated on February 4, 1941, under the laws of the State of New York. Its incorporators were:

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ROSE M. COE, 14 Maple Street, Brooklyn, New York  
 CHARLES J. COE, 14 Maple Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
 RUTHVEN S. CHALMERS, 310 W. 34th Street,  
 Brooklyn, New York.

Investigation by the New York office in September, 1942, determined that CHARLES J. and ROSE M. COE had resided at 14 Maple Street, Brooklyn, New York, for slightly over a year; moreover, that Mrs. COE habitually called her husband, CHARLES, by the nickname of BOB. *Bob*

Farm Research, Inc., was incorporated in Washington, D.C., on May 17, 1932. Its offices at Washington, D.C., were located as follows:

|                                   |   |
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| November, 1935, to October, 1936  | Room 1009,<br>People's Life Insurance Building. |
| October, 1936, to January, 1938   | Room 510<br>People's Life Insurance Building    |
| January, 1938, to May, 1941       | 1343 H Street, N.W.                             |
| Since then up to the present time | 39 Cortland St.<br>New York City.               |

The records of Stone's Mercantile Agency, Washington, D.C., by credit report dated August 8, 1938, reflect that CHARLES J. and ROSE COE had continually resided at 20 Baltimore Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, since early 1937; CHARLES J. COE, the husband, having been employed by Farm Research, Inc., since 1935 as editor of "Facts For Farmers". The records reflect that COE previously resided at 40 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. The 1935 Washington City Directory lists CHARLES J. COE and wife, ROSE, he being an economist for Farm Research, Inc., as residing at Apartment 203, 40 B Street, S.W. He left this address on November 10, 1936, reportedly to go to New York City.

The personnel file of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, previously identified in this report, reflects SILVERMAN'S employment at the U.S. Tariff Commission with residence at Apartment 203, 40 B Street, S.W., and again on November 21, 1934.

The records of the Credit Bureau, Washington, D.C., contained a credit report dated July 18, 1940, concerning Mrs. CHARLES J. (ROSE M.)

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COE, a resident at 327 Willard Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland, since September, 1938. This report reflects that from September, 1936, to September, 1938, the COES had rented living quarters at 20 Baltimore Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, and prior to this they lived in apartment 203, 40 Independence Avenue, S.W., also known as 40 B Street, S.W., for four or five years. This credit report noted that CHARLES J. COE was the editor of "Facts For Farmers" published by Farm Research, Inc., "People's Life Insurance Building", and had been employed by this firm since 1935.

The report stated that CHARLES J. COE had formerly been employed by Farm Research Authority which business terminated on June 30, 1935. COE was reported to own property on Long Island, New York.

*Was Coe*

Through investigation conducted during the fall of 1946, New York office learned that CHARLES J. COE and his wife, ROSE, had then been residing at 769 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, New York, for the past two months having previously resided at 1325 E. 27th Street, Brooklyn, New York. Investigation by the New York Office has determined that LEM HARRIS, also known as LAMENT HARRIS, founder of the Farm Research in 1932, who is suspected of having engaged in Soviet espionage activities in the United States, maintains contact with CHARLES J. COE'S office when he is in New York City.

The importance to Soviet espionage of infiltration into the Agricultural field is exemplified by a statement made on Page 265 of BEN GITLOW'S book "The Whole Of Their Lives", published by Charles Scribner's Sons at New York. BEN GITLOW has admitted that he was one of the founders of the Communist Party in the United States. This excerpt reads as follows:

"At the convention of the Russian Communist Party in 1939, B.Z. MANIULSKY, the representative to the united nations of the Ukrainian Soviet Republic, who was then the real boss of the Comintern behind DIMITROV, its chairman and figure-head, reported on the Communist Party of the United States as follows:

"Considerable progress has been made by the Communist Party of the United States of America by doing everything possible there to assist in shaping the class movement of the proletariat and in its breaking away from the Bourgeois Parties, its membership has grown from 20,000 to 90,000.

"Its membership has grown because it has by its work, assisted in strengthening the industrial unions which have as many as four million members (meaning the CIO) and because it

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conducted tireless and patient work among 3,500,000 workers under the reactionary leadership of the American Federation of Labor, for restoration of trade union unity on the basis of the class struggle. One of the Party's fundamental defects is that its contacts with the masses of farmers and the farmers' movement are still weak."

Elizabeth Coe
 [About November, 1946, DICK SASULY] <sup>(u)</sup> advised Confidential Informant T-14 that BOB COE could be contacted at 37 Cortland Street, New York City. DICK SASULY is the Washington, D. C., representative of the Federated Press having succeeded TRAVIS MEDRICK, now an editorial worker for U.S.S.R. Information Bulletin published by the Soviet Embassy at Washington, D. C. SASULY and his wife, ELIZABETH SASULY, <sup>(u)</sup> are, according to Confidential Informant T-14, in frequent contact with persons alleged to be engaged in Soviet espionage and with many known Communists including ROB HALL, Washington representative of the "Daily Worker" and a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A. ELIZABETH SASULY is Washington representative of the FTA-CIO. <sup>(u)</sup>

[Confidential Informant T-14 has advised] <sup>(u)</sup> that Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES J. COE's friends habitually refer to them as BOB and ROSE COE.

[On February 21, 1948,] <sup>(u)</sup> ALFRED K. STERN, suspected Soviet espionage agent, advised Confidential Informant T-15 that BOB COE was presently engaged with others in working on the WALLACE presidential election platform.

Mrs. VICTOR PERLO, divorced wife of VICTOR PERLO, advised in 1944 that CHARLES and ROSE COE were members of the Communist Party underground in Washington, D. C. VICTOR PERLO has been identified by ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY as head of the PERLO group engaged in Soviet espionage in Washington, D. C.

Investigation of SOL ADLER, likewise identified by Miss BENTLEY as a member of the SILVERMASTER group in Soviet espionage activity, was instituted by Confidential Informant T-16 of known reliability, another Government agency, in September, 1939, on the basis of information that ADLER had made derogatory remarks concerning the U. S. Government in a public restaurant. This informant ascertained through a surveillance conducted September 21, 1939, that ADLER visited 327 Willard Avenue, Friendship Heights, Maryland, at which time a car bearing Ontario license plates 6A-394, registered to VIRGINIUS COE, 39 Nina Street, Toronto, Canada, was parked in front of the house.

The Washington City Director for 1939 and 1940 lists CHARLES J. COE as residing at 327 Willard Avenue, Friendship Heights, Maryland.

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Again on October 1, 1939, Confidential Informant T-16 observed that SOL ADLER again entered the premises of 327 Willard Avenue. Later in the day two men and one woman left 327 Willard Avenue and drove off in a car previously parked in front of the house bearing D.C. license 69-583 which car was registered to ANNA BERENSON, 3213 Q Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. Confidential Informant T-3 has advised that ANNA BERENSON was a member of the Communist Party. BERENSON formerly served as executive secretary of the Progressive Party for the District of Columbia in connection with the presidential election campaign in the fall of 1948.

On October 24, 1939, Confidential Informant T-16 determined during a surveillance that SOL ADLER, having failed to gain entry to the premises of 327 Willard Avenue, proceeded down the street to the residence of HAROLD GLASSER, 339 Willard Avenue. HAROLD GLASSER has been identified by Miss BENTLEY as having engaged in Soviet espionage in Washington, D. C.

Confidential Informant T-17 of known reliability, advised on May 11, 1948, that the main spring behind the Washington Committee for Aid to China was CHARLES COE. This informant stated that aiding COE in this venture were Communists; moreover, that the Washington Committee for Aid to China was originated about January, 1938, and that CHARLES COE was active in it from its inception. The last meeting of this Committee was held sometime during 1941. According to this same informant, the Washington Committee for Aid to China was organized and controlled by the Communist Party.

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

The Washington Committee for Aid to China was completely controlled by the Communist Party, according to Confidential Informant T-18 of known reliability. Likewise, Confidential Informant T-12 has reported that this Committee was infiltrated and finally controlled by the Communist Party.

About January, 1941, Confidential Informant T-19, of known reliability, made available the membership list of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. In this list appeared the following: "COE, CHARLES J., Mr. and Mrs., 1343 H Street, N. W., NA 4927, org. - Farm Research". A notation accompanying the above data reflected that the CHARLES J. COES resided at 327 Willard Avenue, Friendship Heights, Maryland, WI 6977W. In this same membership list appeared the following:

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"COE, ROSE M., 327 Willard, Friendship Heights, Maryland, WI 6977W". (u)

About March, 1941, Confidential Informant T-19 made available a list of names and addresses of persons listed in the active indices of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. This list contained the following: "COE, CHARLES, Farm Research, Room 510, People's Life Insurance Building, Washington, D. C." It will be noted that 1343 H Street, N. W., was the location of the offices of Farm Research, Inc., from January, 1938, to May, 1941. (X)(u)

The Washington Committee for Democratic Action and the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The following is a description of CHARLES J. COE.

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| Name              | CHARLES J. COE, Was. BOB   |
| Age               | 41   |
| Born              | August 9, 1908, Richmond, Virginia   |
| Residence         | 769 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, New York  |
| Occupation        | Director of Farm Research, Inc.<br>and editor of its publication "Facts<br>For Farmers", 39 Cortland, New York City. |
| Height            | 5' 3" - 5' 5"  |
| Weight            | 140 - 150  |
| Complexion        | Light Brown to Dark  |
| Eyes              | Brown  |
| Race              | White  |
| Nationality       | American   |
| Sex               | Male   |
| Wife              | ROSE M. COE  |
| Children          | MARY COE and ALLAN COE   |
| Social Security   | 129-14-5853  |
| Selective Service | Registered with Local Board 3,<br>Chevy Chase, Maryland, during<br>World War II.                                     |

ENCLOSURES: To New York One positive photograph of VIRGINIUS  
FRANK COE taken in 1943.

To Richmond One positive photograph of VIRGINIUS  
FRANK COE taken in 1943.

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[Confidential Informant T-7 advised] that FRANK COE lunched with Miss ~~ESSER~~ of the Brookings Institute on August 18, 1946, and with GORDON ~~GRIFFITH~~ on October 22, 1946. (u)

Miss ~~ESSER~~ may be identical with ELEANOR M. ~~ESSER~~ who is listed in the 1943 Washington City Directory as a library assistant at the Federal Reserve System, then residing at 1776 Troy Street, Arlington, Virginia. ELEANOR M. ~~ESSER~~ is listed in the 1948 City Directory as assistant librarian at the International Monetary Fund with residence at 1722 N. Troy Street, Arlington, Virginia.

(u) The following information is set forth concerning GORDON GRIFFITH. [Confidential Informant T-20, of known reliability, advised in May, 1946,] that GORDON GRIFFITH was acquainted with BRUCE ~~WAYBUR~~, formerly an employee of WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN, and JOE ~~GREGG~~, both ULLMAN and GREGG having been identified by ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY as having been engaged in Soviet espionage activity. GORDON GRIFFITH, originally from Berkeley, California, was formerly employed by the Foreign Economic Administration and by the U.S. Department of State; moreover, investigation by this office determined that GORDON GRIFFITH was MICHAEL GREENBERG'S immediate supervisor when both were fellow employees at the Board of Economic Warfare. Miss BENTLEY has identified MICHAEL GREENBERG as having been engaged in Soviet espionage activity. (u)

BRUCE ~~WAYBUR~~ is known by [Confidential Informant T-12] to have been a member of the Communist Party in the late 1930's, and is Washington research director for United Electrical, Radio and Machinery Workers of America, CIO. (u)

MARY JANE ~~KEENEY~~ advised [Confidential Informant T-21, of known reliability, in early October, 1946,] that GORDON GRIFFITH had recently returned from London and was to be employed at the State Department with the old Office of Strategic Services group. KEENEY subsequently told the informant that GRIFFITH was unhappy at the State Department but that GRIFFITH was a good research man who "has a point of view". (u)

[Confidential Informant T-12] has reported that MARY JANE KEENEY and her husband, PHILLIP OLIN ~~KEENEY~~, were active in the Communist Party underground in Washington, D.C., in the late 1930's. [T-12 further advised] that MARY JANE KEENEY was a close associate of known Communists and pro- (u)

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Soviet sympathizers. Investigation by this office disclosed that MARY JANE KEENEY was in close contact in Washington, D. C., with NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, his wife, HELEN WITTE SILVERMASTER, and WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN, all of whom have been identified by Miss BENTLEY as having been engaged in Soviet espionage activities. Investigation by this office moreover has determined that MARY JANE KEENEY was an associate in Washington, D.C., of P. BERNARD NORTMAN, who has been previously described in this report, and of LARRY TODD, managing director of the Washington office of Tass News Agency, official telegraph agency of the U. S. S. R. TODD by virtue of business is necessarily in close and continual contact with Soviet officials in Washington, D. C., and New York City.

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In late March, 1947, Confidential Informant T-22, of known reliability, was informed by DONALD WHEELER that GORDON GRIFFITH was then teaching at Farragut College, Farragut, Idaho. DONALD WHEELER has been identified by Miss BENTLEY as having engaged in Communist espionage activities.

In his personal history statement furnished the U.S. Civil Service Commission on March 26, 1942, VIRGINIUS FRANK COE listed among his associates, in addition to LAUGHLIN CURRIE and HARRY DEXTER WHITE, information concerning whom has been previously set forth in this report, the following persons:

ELVA MARQUAD, Social Security Board  
 JOSEPH PARKINSON, Ottawa, Canada  
 GEORGE EDDY, Treasury Department  
 CLARENCE HUR (CLARENCE J. HUR), University of North Carolina  
 E. M. BERNSTEIN, Treasury Department

The files of this office are negative concerning ELVA MARQUAD, JOSEPH PARKINSON and CLARENCE HUR.

The following information is set forth concerning E. M. BERNSTEIN: His full name is EDWARD M. BERNSTEIN. BERNSTEIN was interviewed by Special Agent JOHN B. VAN ETTEN of this office on March 8, 1949, at which time BERNSTEIN stated that he came to Washington, D.C., in 1940, at the invitation of HARRY DEXTER WHITE, whom he had not known up to that time, in order to make a statement of the Treasury Department policies in answer to a U. S. Senate inquiry made at that time. At the conclusion of this project, WHITE appointed BERNSTEIN director of the Division of Monetary Research in the Treasury Department. Through WHITE, BERNSTEIN met GEORGE SILVERMAN who frequently came to see WHITE at the Treasury Department.

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GEORGE EDDY, whose full name is GEORGE ALFRED EDDY, was born July 15, 1907, at East Orange, New Jersey. On February 12, 1946, he entered on duty at the U.S. Treasury on transfer from the Office of International Trade in the Department of Commerce, having previously been employed from October 28, 1938, with the Division of Monetary Research at the Treasury Department and released to the U.S. Maritime Commission, War Shipping Administration, on May 1, 1942. EDDY served on the Board of Economic Warfare, Office of International Trade, in the Foreign Economic Administration, from December, 1942, to June, 1943, as an economist. EDDY served in the U.S. Army as a Private from May 29, 1943, to July 23, 1943, when he was discharged in order that he might receive a commission as Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. EDDY was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Navy on July 31, 1943, and was discharged as a Lieutenant Commander on November 28, 1945. EDDY received his AB degree at Yale University in 1928 and his MA degree at Harvard Business School which he attended from 1930 to 1932. EDDY likewise attended the Department of Economics at Harvard University from 1932 to 1933. From 1933 to 1934, EDDY was employed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; from 1934 to 1936 by the Division of Research and Statistics of the U.S. Treasury Department, and in 1939 was employed as a writer by the "New York Journal of Commerce."

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 GEORGE EDDY advised Confidential Informant T-23, of known reliability, in March, 1947, that he was troubled and dissatisfied with the way things had been going for the past few months and he intended to discuss matters with LUDWIG ULLMAN and several others and would thereafter discuss matters further with HAROLD GLASSER. At that time, according to the informant, EDDY was employed as Chief of the Stabilization Fund, Gold and Silver Section, Office of International Finance, U.S. Treasury Department. LUDWIG ULLMAN and HAROLD GLASSER have been identified by ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY as having been engaged in Soviet espionage activity. It will be noted in this connection that both ULLMAN and GLASSER were then employed at the Treasury Department as was EDDY. (u)

Surveillances conducted by this office during the course of investigation concerning VIRGINIUS FRANK COE determined that the following were among his associates:

On September 25, 1946, Special Agents ORVILLE R. TALBURTT and THOMAS A. SIMPSON surveilled COE from his place of employment at the International Monetary Fund, 1818 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., to the Metropolitan Club at 17th and H Streets, N.W., where he was observed lunching with one H. EATON.

Investigation by this office subsequently determined that

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HARRY EATON is identical with HARRY EATON who then resided at Halpine Road, Rockville, Maryland, and who was employed by the Whaley-Eaton Corporation in the Munsey Building, 13th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. At this time EATON had been a member of the Metropolitan Club for the past 15 to 18 years and a member of the Board of Governors of this same club since 1935. Previous investigation by this office had ascertained that the Whaley-Eaton Corporation, Room 742, 1327-29 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., was a reputable company disseminating information through private news letters to brokers, investors and persons interested in the securities market. It was also determined that the members of this firm enjoyed excellent reputations.

(u) Confidential Informant T-24, of known reliability, advised in mid-November, 1946, that MILO PERKINS was acquainted with FRANK COE. MILO PERKINS was formerly chairman of the Joint War Production Commission of the United States and Canada and served as Executive Director of the Board of Economic Warfare. It will be noted that FRANK COE was formerly associated with both of these agencies. (u)

About the same time this same informant advised that FRANK COE was also acquainted with the occupants of the premises of 1529 29th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. At this time this address was the residence of HERBERT FEIS, then Economic Advisor in the Division of European Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. Files of this office reflect that in late January, 1949, HERBERT FEIS, Economist, Institute of Advanced Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, was interviewed by Special Agent H. HIGDON, JR., of the Newark office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, concerning his association with ALGER HISS. It will be recalled that HISS subsequently went on trial before the U.S. District Court of New York City on May 31, 1949, on a charge of perjury.

FEIS stated he was formerly an Economist in the State Department until October, 1943, when he resigned; moreover, that he first met ALGER HISS about 1933 and met his wife, PRISCILLA HISS, a few years later. FEIS remarked that his association with ALGER HISS was in the nature of a friendly business relationship and he and his wife only casually associated with the HISSSES. FEIS added, however, that he and his wife have a warm personal relationship with ALGER HISS' brother, DONALD HISS and his wife, CATHERINE HISS.

(u) Confidential Informant T-23 advised in September, 1946, that OSCAR ALTMAN had decided to resign his position at the Treasury Department in order to accept employment in FRANK COE'S office at the International Monetary Fund. OSCAR L. ALTMAN is presently listed in the telephone

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directory of the International Monetary Fund as Administrative Assistant to the Managing Director of the Fund. ALTMAN was interviewed by Special Agent THOMAS J. BARRY of this office in early March, 1949. At this time ALTMAN stated that in April, 1942, while employed by the National Resources Planning Board, he contacted the Army Air Force and made arrangements to come over to the Analysis and Planning Section of the Army Air Force. It was here that he first met ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN. ALTMAN headed the Supply and Maintenance Section under SILVERMAN'S supervision and remained in that section until approximately November, 1945. It was ALTMAN'S impression that LUDWIG ULLMAN and ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN were close friends. ALTMAN stated he had visited SILVERMAN'S home about six times on a purely social basis.

The files of the Civil Service Commission reflect that OSCAR L. ALTMAN was born January 17, 1909, at New York City. He attended Cornell University from 1925 to 1929, and received his AB degree; ALTMAN received his master's degree at Cornell University in 1930 and his PhD degree at the University of Chicago in 1936. ALTMAN came to Washington, D.C., to accept employment in the U.S. Treasury Department in September, 1934, and shortly thereafter returned to Illinois. He was appointed a Junior Economic Analyst with the Securities and Exchange Commission at Washington, D.C., effective October 15, 1938, and remained with this agency until June, 1940, when he accepted employment with the National Resources Planning Board at Washington, D.C., in which position he remained until called to duty with the Armed Forces of the United States.

OSCAR L. ALTMAN, then residing at 1400 S. Edgewood Street, Arlington, Virginia, was a witness to the naturalization of SOL ADLER before the U.S. District Court of Washington, D.C., on May 17, 1940.

LUDWIG ULLMAN, ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and SOL ADLER have all been identified by ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY as having been engaged in Soviet espionage activities.

(u) A review by the writer of the files of Confidential Informant T-10, reflects unverified information that the name of one NOLA MALLISON, England, not otherwise identified, was found in the card index on the premises of Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas, by State of Arkansas officials at the time this college was closed by action of the State authorities. According to T-10, these card indices generally contained the names and addresses of all faculty members, campus students, maintenance employees, visitors and friends or supporters of the college. With reference to NOLA MALLISON, these records noted the following:

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"Stayed at Commonwealth for a short time in 1930."

It is not known whether NOLA MALLISON is identical with NORA MALLISON COE, wife of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE.

BANK ACCOUNT

Investigation by this office in October, 1946, determined that FRANK COE maintained a bank account in the main branch of the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D. C. Through the cooperation of Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, Special Agent JOHN B. COOK of this office reviewed COE's account [redacted]

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TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

In COE's Civil Service application dated June 17, 1942 he denied any criminal record but admitted the following arrests for traffic violations.

1. January 8, 1934, Washington, D. C.  
Driving with old tags - Fined \$2.00
2. Spring, 1941, Speeding.  
Fined \$10.00 before Arlington Police Court, Arlington, Virginia.
3. November, 1941, Failure to have car inspected. Fined \$9.35 before Arlington Police Court, Arlington, Virginia.

[redacted] Confidential Informant T-10 checked the traffic records of the Arlington Police Department, Arlington, Virginia, about June, 1946, on

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COE with the following results:

January 5, 1941 - Speeding. Fined \$5.00 plus costs making total of \$9.50.

November 16, 1941 - No inspection of car. Fined \$5.00 plus costs making total of \$9.50.

The traffic records of the Metropolitan Police Department at Washington, D. C., as reviewed by Special Employee NICHOLAS R. MANFREDA, reflected the following record of violations by VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, born January 5, 1907 at Richmond, Virginia, to whom Motor Vehicle Operator's Permit was issued December 17, 1929, at which time COE resided at 1724 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.:

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CHARGE</u>  | <u>ARRESTED BY</u> | <u>DISPOSITION</u>                 |
|-------------|--|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 10-9-33     | Fast Auto 48 M.P.H.  | Traffic Bureau     | Personal Bond                      |
| 12-18-33    | Disobeying Sign  | Traffic Bureau     | Elected to<br>Forfeit \$2.00       |
| 1-8-34      | Dead Tags  | Traffic Bureau     | E.F. \$2.00                        |
| 3-21-40     | No Parking any time  | Traffic Bureau     | E.F. \$3.00                        |
| 8-29-42     | No Parking any time  | Pct. 8             | E.F. \$3.00<br>(Virginia license)  |
| 4-15-44     | Improper tags  | Pct. 7             | E.F. \$2.00<br>(Virginia license)  |
| 12-8-44     | Parking overtime   | Traffic Bureau     | E.F. \$5.00                        |
| 2-13-45     | Failure to Report<br>for inspection                              | Traffic Bureau     | E.F. \$10.00                       |
| 1-6-46      | Passing Stop sign  | Pct. 7             | E.F. \$10.00                       |
| 1-19-46     | Failure to Park<br>close to curb                                 | Traffic Bureau     | E.F. \$2.00                        |
| 7-18-47     | Fast Auto 50 M.P.H.  | Traffic Bureau     | E.F. \$25.00<br>(Virginia license) |
| 9-17-47     | Privileges suspended<br>for 60 days                              | D.V.T. case 46042  | Appealed                           |
| 1-16-48     | Appeal withdrawn and<br>permit stands sus-<br>pended for 10 days |                    |                                    |
| 3-14-48     | Driving While Drunk  | Pct. 6             | \$100 or 90 days<br>suspended      |
| 3-15-48     | Parking less than<br>40 ft. from inter-<br>section               | Pct. 10            | E.F. \$3.00                        |
| 3-22-48     | Privileges revoked   | D.V.T. case 8883   |                                    |
| 3-22-48     | Blacklisted  |                    |                                    |

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The writer reviewed Division of Vehicle and Traffic No. 46042 which reflects that VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, 1918 Roosevelt St., Arlington, Virginia, employed at 1818 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (location of the International Monetary Fund), was arrested on the evening of July 16, 1947, at 8:55 p.m. while driving at the rate of 50 miles per hour in a 25 mile zone in his Oldsmobile sedan, by Officer CHESTER E. MILLS of the Traffic Division of the Metropolitan Police Department. COE elected to forfeit \$25.00 at No. 3 Precinct Police Station, on July 19, 1947. COE's privilege to operate a motor vehicle in the District of Columbia was suspended on September 17, 1947, for 60 days from date of service of suspension notice which notice was served on October 27, 1947. COE appealed this suspension on November 4, 1947, but subsequently withdrew his appeal on January 16, 1948, his privilege to operate motor vehicle to stand revoked for 10 days from January 16, 1948.

Division of Vehicles and Traffic Case No. 8883 reflected that VIRGINIUS FRANK COE was arrested by Officers J. D. CRAWFORD and OLIVER P. WILLIAMSON of the No. 6 Precinct Police Station at 3:30 a.m. on March 14, 1948, at Piney Branch Road and Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., after having driven his 1946 black Oldsmobile sedan through a stop sign and then driving at the rate of 40 miles per hour while under the influence of alcohol and was not in a fit condition to operate a motor vehicle. COE was driving on his Virginia driver's permit. He denied passing a stop sign, stating he was going home after visiting friends at Washington, D. C., and denied any drinking during the evening.

In the Municipal Court for the District of Columbia, Criminal Division, VIRGINIUS FRANK COE was convicted before Judge NEILSON on March 15, 1948, on a plea of guilty and sentenced to 90 days and \$100. or 90 days additional, such sentence to stand suspended. It will be noted that this conviction represents a conviction for the commission of a misdemeanor as provided in the Traffic Code for the District of Columbia.

COE was placed on the Division of Vehicles and Traffic "black list" on March 22, 1948, and prohibited from registering or operating an automobile in the District of Columbia until such time as approved by the Division of Financial Responsibility. The file, however, fails to reflect that service of this prohibition notice was ever made on COE.

The Division of Vehicles and Traffic of the District of Columbia, revoked the reciprocity privilege accorded COE, who was driving on a Virginia operator's permit, on March 15, 1948. Likewise the Department of Finance and Division of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth of Virginia, by letter dated April 23, 1948, informed COE that his privilege to operate a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth of Virginia

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was hereby revoked and suspended because of his conviction in the District of Columbia on March 15, 1948, which suspension would stand, as provided by law in cases of first conviction, for such offenses, for one year from the date of conviction.

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(u) [ In February, 1942, Confidential Informant T-25, of unknown reliability, furnished information to the Bureau concerning an organization known as Farm Research, Inc., and this informant stated substantially as follows:

In 1932 the members of a special delegation from Moscow conferred in Washington, D.C., with certain leaders of the Communist movement in the United States and set up two organizations, one of which was named Farm Research, Inc. HAROLD (HAL) WARE, son of ELLA REEVES BLOOR, prominent national Party functionary, took charge.

This organization, according to the informant, was used merely as a Communist propaganda agency acting under the guise of being a friend of the American farmer although actually engaged in continually stirring up trouble amongst the farm and consumers groups in the United States. Likewise, this organization served to lend a cloak of respectability to high Party members visiting Washington, D. C., on Party business.

Eventually the Farm Research, Inc., became a gathering place of certain U.S. Government officials who were associated with the Communists. As of February, 1942, according to the informant, ROBERT COE was acting head of Farm Research, Inc. Moreover, the informant was of the belief that Farm Research, Inc., was the front for the National Agrarian Commission in the United States which latter organization worked under direct orders from the ECCI (The Executive Committee of the Communist Internationale -- the Cominform), at Moscow.

ELLA REEVES BLOOR, commonly known as Mother BLOOR, in her book, "We Are Many", published by International Publishers, Inc., at New York City, refers to the work of her son, HAL (WARE), in the farmers' movement and partially verifies Confidential Informant T-25's recital of the alleged background and events surrounding the creation and corporation of Farm Research, Inc.

HAROLD WARE was killed in an automobile accident in 1935.

The International Publishers, Inc., at New York City has been described by Confidential Informant T-26, of known reliability as

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being a Communist publishing house whose real identity has been technically disguised for practical and financial reasons.

[ Confidential Informant T-27, of unknown reliability, ] <sup>(u)</sup> who was a member of the Washington Committee for Aid to China, advised this office in late April, 1941, that CHARLES COE, of the Department of Agriculture, was a general member of the Executive Council of that committee. Investigation by this office failed to determine the employment of anyone named CHARLES COE by the Department of Agriculture nor was it possible to determine whether this CHARLES COE might be identical with FRANK COE's brother, BOB COE.

[ Confidential Informants T-28 and T-29, of known reliability, ] <sup>(u)</sup> made available to Special Agent M. J. CONNALLY of this office, in April, 1941, material relating to the American Peace Mobilization which contained a mimeographed notice entitled "Resolutions and Program" which notice listed one BOB COE as a member of the resolutions committee of the American Peace Mobilization. It is likewise unknown whether this BOB COE is identical with FRANK COE's brother.

The American Peace Mobilization is an organization designated by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will obtain a known handwriting specimen of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE.

Two copies of this report are being furnished New York office since it contains information concerning CHARLES J. COE, ~~was~~, BOB COE, who is the brother of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE.

Two copies of this report are being furnished Richmond office since VIRGINIUS FRANK COE resides at Arlington, Virginia, within the jurisdiction of that office.

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[Redacted] International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 1818 H Street, N.W. in the same building as the International Monetary Fund.

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Mail cover on VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, 1918 No. Roosevelt St., Arlington, Virginia.

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| T-24 | Mail cover on FRANK COE  |            |     |
| T-25 | Report dated February 4, 1942, at New York City, submitted to the Bureau by an unknown person as reflected in report of Special Agent VERNON L. GOODWIN dated September 25, 1942, at New York City, entitled "FARM RESEARCH, INC., INTERNAL SECURITY - C." |            |     |
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| T-27 | ZOLA ARDENE CLEAR, 200 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Apartment 815. An employee of the Government Accounting Office in 1941.   |            |     |
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There are attached hereto photographs and negatives of the following individuals which should be filed in the individual files of each of them. These photographs were taken from the September and October, 1948 issues of the "National Republic" magazine.

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Nathan G. Silvermaster  
Nathan Witt  
Abraham George Silverman  
Donald Hill  
Indrzig Ullman  
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Robert Miller  
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John Abt  
Harry Dexter White  
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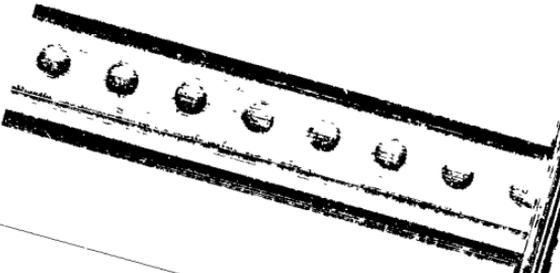
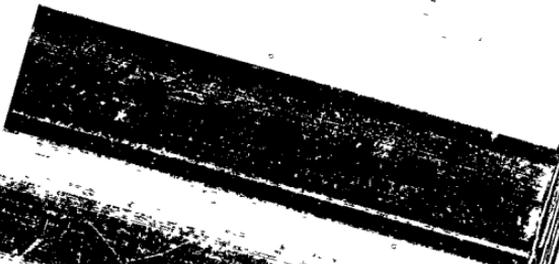
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*VIRGINIUS FRANK COE V.F. COE*

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Passport file reviewed. COE is temporarily in Europe on business of the International Monetary Fund, but is scheduled to return to United States during December, 1949. Photograph and handwriting specimens obtained.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

### RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

VIRGINIUS FRANK COE continues to reside at 1918 North Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia. He is still employed as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund, 1818 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

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### REVIEW OF PASSPORT FILE

The passport files of the State Department reflect that VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, born January 5, 1907, at Richmond, Virginia, and then residing at 346 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Canada, made application for registration before the U. S. Vice Consul at Toronto, Canada, on June 1, 1937, which application was approved. COE listed his brother CHARLES COE, 20 Baltimore Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, as the person to be notified in case of accident.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *Guy H. [redacted]*

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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On July 2, 1941, COE, who was then employed as Assistant Director of the Division of Monetary Research, U. S. Treasury Department, applied for a passport to travel to the British Isles on U. S. Government business. Accordingly, Diplomatic Passport No. 4712 was issued to COE on July 2, 1941, and was to expire January 2, 1942. COE was to serve as a Special Assistant to the American Ambassador to Great Britain, together with CARTER GOODRICH of the Department of Labor who was then serving as the U. S. Commissioner of Labor to the International Labor Organization.

Special Passport No. 29774 was issued to COE on June 3, 1943, for travel by plane to Mexico on official U. S. Government business for a period of one month. At this time COE was serving as Assistant to the Executive Director of the Board of Economic Warfare at Washington, D. C.

Special Passport No. 3943 was issued to COE on August 22, 1947, for travel to the United Kingdom to attend the Second Annual Boards of Governors Conference beginning September 11, 1947, at London, England, on business of the International Monetary Fund for approximately two months.

Special Passport No. 3943 was validated August 21, 1949, for travel by COE to Mexico for approximately one month on International Monetary Fund business. This same Special Passport No. 3943 was renewed on October 7, 1949, to expire January 6, 1950, for travel by COE to England, France, and Switzerland on business of the International Monetary Fund. COE is expected to return to the United States during December, 1949.

COE's passport file reflects the following additional data concerning his relatives and residences which has not previously been reported in this case. He listed his mother as CHARLOTTE LILLIAN COE. She was born October 6, 1888, at New York City, and was residing at Los Angeles, California, as of August 19, 1947. His father JOSEPH COE was born at Karlsruhe, Germany, about 1872, came to the United States about 1890, was naturalized at New York City, details unknown, and died in the United States in 1935.

VIRGINIUS FRANK COE resided at 346 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Canada, as of June 1, 1937; in Canada from 1934 to March, 1939, for part of each year as a Lecturer; and at 2700 36th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., as of June 2, 1943.

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PHOTOGRAPH AND HANDWRITING SPECIMENS

The photograph and handwriting specimens of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE have been obtained.

ENCLOSURES: TO BUREAU

1. 2 photographs of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE taken in August, 1947
2. 2 photographs of the known signature of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE
3. 2 photographs of the known signature of COE as V. FRANK COE
4. 2 photographs of the known signature of COE as V. F. COE

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1. 2 photographs of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE

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Copies of the photograph and handwriting specimens of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE were obtained from his passport file at the State Department.

[ Details of COE's  
Trip Abroad ] (S) (u)

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised on October 21, 1949, that VIRGINIUS FRANK COE and three other employees of the International Monetary Fund were going abroad on business of the Fund. (S) (u)

T-1 stated that COE departed from the United States about October 15, 1949, aboard the Queen Mary and was due to arrive at London, England, on October 19, 1949. COE intended to remain at London for approximately five days. He was then scheduled to join his associates on the mission at Cairo, Egypt, on November 8, 1949, where they expected to remain for a period of five days. The mission was then to proceed to Ethiopia for another five-day period and was then to return to Cairo, Egypt, and from there they were to leave for India and Pakistan on November 22, 1949. (S) (u)

According to T-1 this mission of the International Monetary Fund is scheduled to return to Washington, D. C., by way of Manila, Philippine Islands, sometime in December, 1949. (S) (u)

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Richmond Office, since COE resides at Arlington, Virginia.



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ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU

1. Two photographs of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE taken in August 1947. - 1 photo removed for R.I.P. 8-24-54 [unclear]
2. Two photographs of known signature of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE.
3. Two photographs of known signature of Coe as V. FRANK COE.
4. Two photographs of known signature of Coe as V. F. COE.

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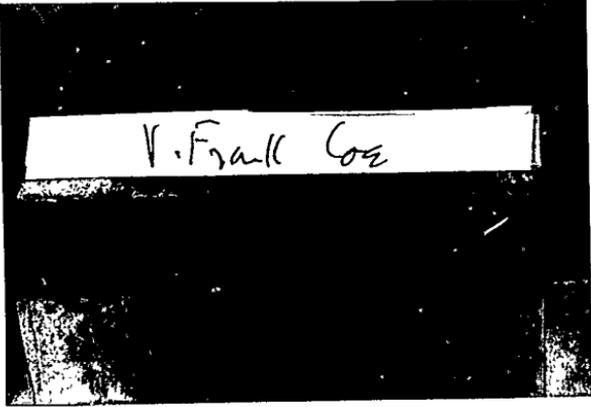
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VIRGINIUS FRANK COE



SAC, Washington Field

April 26, 1950

Director, FBI

VIRGINIA FRANK COE, was.  
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Bureau file #100-364447

Review of this file at the Bureau reflects that the only reference to information furnished by Whittaker Chambers in the report of Special Agent Robert E. Leonard made at Washington, D. C., October 11, 1949 is the information given by Chambers to Adolf A. Berle, Jr., in 1939. Inasmuch as Chambers has been interviewed by the Bureau at length, this file should reflect all the information Chambers has on this subject.

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Special Agent in Charge

WASHINGTON FIELD

RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

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The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Security Index Card File. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS heard J. PETERS, his superior, GEORGE SILVERMAN, HARRY DEXTER WHITE and Probably HAROLD WARE on several occasions mention plans to bring FRANK COE from Canada so that he could be placed in the U. S. Treasury Department by WHITE. Both WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY understood that FRANK COE was a member of the Communist Party.

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It will be noted that FRANK COE lectured at the Department of Political Sciences, University of Toronto in Canada on Money and International Finances from approximately October, 1936 to May, 1939, under the sponsorship of the Bankers Educational Association of Toronto, Canada.

Likewise, it has been previously reported that COE entered the employ of the United States Government at the same time as HARRY DEXTER WHITE and worked with him at various other times. COE worked for WHITE twice in permanent positions, kept in touch with him, and associated with him socially to a certain extent. Moreover, that HARRY DEXTER WHITE stated that he knew FRANK COE when COE first was employed at the Treasury

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Department in 1934, and that COE was WHITE'S assistant at the Treasury Department. WHITE spoke highly of COE'S technical competence and ability and stated that COE is a man of high character.

During the interview of JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, by Special Agents THOMAS G. SPENCER and FRANCIS X. PLANT, of the New York Office, during January, February, March and April, 1949, at New York City, CHAMBERS stated in part substantially as follows:

He believed that FRANK COE had been an Instructor at Mc Gill University in Canada. Moreover, that he had heard his superior, J. PETERS, GEORGE SILVERMAN, HARRY DEXTER WHITE, and probably HAROLD WARE on several occasions mention plans to bring FRANK COE from Canada so that he could be placed in the United States Treasury Department by WHITE. It was CHAMBERS' understanding that both FRANK COE and his brother, ROBERT COE, who was very close to HARRY DEXTER WHITE, were members of the Communist Party. J. PETERS, SILVERMAN, WHITE, WARE and ROBERT COE have been previously identified in this case.

It will be noted that Mc Gill University is located at Montreal, Canada, whereas the University of Toronto is located at Toronto, Canada, a distance of approximately 400 miles away.

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, during her testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at Washington, D. C., on July 31, 1948, stated that it was her understanding that FRANK COE was a member of the Communist Party.

It has been previously related that BELLA GOLD was employed in an office which FRANK COE supervised at the Foreign Economic Administration and that BELLA GOLD testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C., on August 13, 1948, that he knew FRANK V. COE very well, having worked for him for a year. Contained in BELLA GOLD'S personnel file at the Foreign Economic Administration is a recommendation to the Personnel Officer dated December 28, 1943, requesting the appointment of BELLA GOLD by transfer from the War Production Board. The recommending Officer was FRANK COE, who was to be GOLD'S immediate supervisor at the Foreign Economic Administration.

Another request for personnel action dated July 6, 1944, signed by FRANK COE, requested the transfer within the

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Foreign Economic Administration to the Office of Administrator, Office of Economic Programs, of BELLA GOLD. It will be noted that this transfer became effective July 22, 1944, the same day that FRANK COE left the Foreign Economic Administration to accept re-employment at the United States Treasury Department.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Two copies of this report are being furnished to the Richmond Office for its information since COE resides within the jurisdiction of that office.

REFERENCE:

Bureau file 100-364447;  
Report of SA ROBERT E. LEONARD dated October 11,  
1949 at Washington, D. C.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: May 11, 1950

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, WAS  
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Rebulet April 26, 1950, to Washington Field and closing report of SA ROBERT E. LEONARD at Washington, D. C., dated May 11, 1950.

Referenced Bulet is non-specific as to the nature of the additional information furnished by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS concerning FRANK COE which the Bureau states should be reflected in COE'S file. The fact that FRANK COE lectured in Canada and that he was very closely allied with HARRY DEXTER WHITE in the United States Treasury Department, has been previously reported. The information from CHAMBERS set forth in report of SA ROBERT E. LEONARD at Washington, D. C., dated May 11, 1950, is corroboration of these facts and is presumed to be the data the Bureau desired set forth specifically in COE'S file.

Reference is made to the report of SA ROBERT E. LEONARD at Washington, D. C., dated October 11, 1949, on page 7, line 3, under the heading "Allegations of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS", which reflects the typographical error of "September, 1949", rather than "September, 1939".

Reference is likewise made to page 16, line 1, of the same report, which reflects that COE first met SILVERMAN about 1943 at Brookings Institute, Washington, D. C., whereas this meeting actually took place in 1933. Both of the above typographical errors have been corrected in the files of this office and the Bureau and Richmond and New York Offices are requested to make similar corrections in their file copies.

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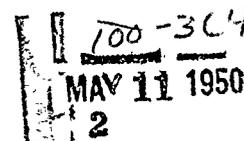
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Director, FBI

VIRGINIUS PLANK COE  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
Bureau file 100-36447

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Reference to reports of SA Robert E. Leonard dated October 11, 1949, November 23, 1949, and May 11, 1950.

A review of the reports submitted indicates that subject Coe was temporarily in Europe on business of the International Monetary Fund during 1949 and that he was scheduled to return to the United States in December, 1949. You are instructed to determine subject's present employment and in the event he has returned to the United States, determine his present activities. You are also requested to submit a summary report including all of subject's Communist Party activities which will be suitable for dissemination outside the Bureau.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BELMONT *WJG*

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE  
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PURPOSE:

To show by file review whether subject is properly included in the Special Section of the Security Index.

BACKGROUND:

Virginius Frank Coe is a native born American, commenced employment with the United States Government in June of 1934 with the United States Treasury Department and was employed by the United States Government until November, 1946, with two periods of employment elsewhere. From 1934 to about May, 1936, Coe was on leave to the University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, as lecturer and Assistant Professor of Economic Theory. From October, 1936, to May, 1939, he was with the Bankers Educational Association of Toronto, Canada, a non-profit organization of bankers in Canada for the instruction of bank personnel. In 1946, Coe became Secretary, International Monetary Fund, an international organization and not an agency of the United States Government. In December, 1949, Coe was in Europe on business of the International Monetary Fund.

Coe was named by Elizabeth Terrill Bentley as one of the contacts in the United States Government of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, who headed a Soviet espionage group in Washington, D. C. Coe is alleged by Bentley to have furnished economic data direct from South America to Silvermaster and possibly to Harry Dexter White, Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury, for transmittal to Silvermaster. Bentley believed Coe a relatively unimportant figure in the Silvermaster group. Jay David Whittaker Chambers believed Coe to be a member of the Communist Party.

Coe is listed as a Prominent Person in the Special Section of the Security Index. Because of his employment as Secretary, International Monetary Fund, it is suggested he should be listed under United Nations Personnel (International Monetary Fund.)

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Charles Joseph Goe, alias Bob Goe, a brother, is listed as a Security Index subject.

Subject Goe was interviewed by Special Agents of the Washington Field Office in May of 1947, at which time Goe denied furnishing any information of any nature detrimental to the United States to unauthorized sources. He claimed no information concerning any official activity was even given to any individual for transmittal to a Russian contact. He denied having ever written to the Silvermasters and alleged he was not well acquainted with the Silvermasters. He also denied Communist Party membership.

No information has been received to indicate subject's activities since December, 1949.

ACTION:

The Washington Field Office is being requested to verify subject's present employment, bring his activities up to date and to furnish a summary report in suitable form for dissemination.

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From: Director, FBI

Subject: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
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One copy of Washington Field Office letter dated May 15, 1951, and one copy of Washington Field Office report dated May 15, 1951, by SA John B. Van Etten are enclosed herewith. [You are requested to obtain the information desired by the Washington Field Office from [redacted]] (X)(U)

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Forwarded herewith is a summary report as requested by Bureau letter dated October 10, 1950. It is noted that, for a period of time during the 1930s, FRANK COE was presumably an instructor at the University of Toronto.

It is requested that the Bureau ascertain from [redacted] if [redacted] has any information of a derogatory nature concerning COE's activities in Canada. It is also requested that the presence of FRANK COE at the University of Toronto be verified and if confirmed, it be determined who comprised the references furnished by COE at the time of his employment with the University.

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VIRGINIUS FRANK COE presently resides 1918 North Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, NORA HALLISON COE. Is employed as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund with offices at 1818 H Street, NW, Washington, D. C. Subject born January 15, 1907, Richmond, Virginia. Education and former employment set out. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS has stated it was his understanding in the middle 1930s that FRANK COE was a CP member. ELIZABETH BENTLEY, in statement to Bureau Agents and in testimony under oath before HCUA, has alleged that FRANK COE was a participant in an espionage group of government employees in Washington in the early 1940s. COE, on interview with Bureau Agents and in testimony before the HCUA, acknowledged acquaintanceship in varying degrees with persons named by both CHAMBERS and BENTLEY as Communists and or persons engaged in espionage. Information concerning various contacts and or associates of FRANK COE set out. FRANK COE's brother, CHARLES J. COE, aka Bob Coe, named by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as CP member and a contact in Washington, D. C., who furnished him with government documents on one occasion. FRANK COE in attendance at [redacted] Conference in 1942 and 1945.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

PRESENT RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

FRANK COE presently resides at 1918 North Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, NCRA MALLISON COE. T-1, of known reliability, has advised that as of April 20, 1951, FRANK COE held the position of Secretary in the Office of the International Monetary Fund, at 1818 H Street, NW, Washington, D. C. According to T-1, subject receives an estimated salary of \$15,000 or more, tax free, per year.

BACKGROUND

The following background information was obtained from the files of the United States Civil Service Commission and personnel records of the United States Treasury Department, as well as passport records of subject maintained at the Passport Division of the Department of State:

Birth Data

Subject was born January 15, 1907, Richmond, Virginia, son of JOSEPH LAWRENCE COE, who is now deceased, and CHARLOTTE KERR COE. Father was born March 14, 1882 (?) at Karlsruhe, Germany, and came to the United States in his early youth. He was allegedly naturalized in New York City. Subject's mother was born in New York City on October 6, 1888 and was last known to have been residing at 304 East 42nd Street, Los Angeles, California, in March, 1942.

Education

Grammar School, Chicago, Illinois, September, 1913 - June, 1919;  
Lakeview High School, Chicago, Illinois, 1919 - 1923;  
University of Chicago, September, 1923 - August, 1926, receiving a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree;  
Graduate work at University of Chicago, receiving Doctor of Philosophy Degree.

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- September, 1926 to September, 1928, Research Assistant, University of Chicago;
- September, 1928 to June, 1930, Johns Hopkins Institute of Law, Baltimore, Maryland, Research Assistant;
- June, 1930 to June, 1931, Research Assistant, University of Chicago;
- June, 1931 to September, 1932, Duluth, Kentucky, writing his dissertation;
- September, 1932, to June, 1933, University of Chicago, Fellowship in Economics;
- August, 1933 to June, 1934, Brookings Institute, Washington, D. C., Economist;
- June 20, 1934 to September 20, 1934, Economist Consultant under Professor JACOB VINER, United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.;
- September, 1934 to June, 1936, on leave to University of Toronto, at Toronto, Canada, as Lecturer and Assistant Professor of Economic Theory;
- June 1, 1936, to October 3, 1936, Economic Analyst and Principal Economist, Division of Research and Statistics, United States Treasury Department, Office of the Secretary at \$6,000 per annum;
- October, 1936, to May, 1939, Bankers' Educational Association, Toronto, Canada, a non-profit organization of bankers of Canada for the instruction of bank personnel, employed as Lecturer on money and international finances, Department of Political Sciences, which lectures were given at the University of Toronto;
- May, 1939 to September 25, 1939, United States Treasury Department, Division of Monetary Research, conducting independent research under Dr. HARRY DEXTER WHITE, Director of that Division as Principal Economic Analyst;
- September 26, 1939, to June 30, 1940, Federal Security Agency, as Economic Consultant, Washington, D. C.;
- July, 1940, to August 12, 1940, Advisory Committee to the Council of National Defense as Head Economic Analyst, P-7, at \$6500 per year;
- August 13, 1940, to January 16, 1942, United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., Assistant Director of the Division of Monetary Research (during which period COE served as Special Assistant to the American Ambassador to England, Mr. WINANT, at London, England, from approximately June 26, 1941, to December 2, 1941. This

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appointment was made by Secretary of the Treasury, HENRY MORGENTHAU on behalf of the Treasury Department. COE was responsible for advising Ambassador WINANT on financial and economic matters.)

- Due to accrued leave, COE was carried on the rolls of the Treasury Department until February 1, 1942.
- February 2, 1942, to February 15, 1945, Board of Economic Warfare, Joint War Production Committee of the United States and Canada, as Executive Secretary, and with its successor agencies including the Foreign Economic Administration, with a CAF-15 rating. COE served as Assistant Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Office of Economic Programs in the FEA.
- February 16, 1945, to June 17, 1946, Director of Monetary Research, Division of Monetary Research, CAF-15, having succeeded HARRY DEXTER WHITE who had resigned this position on January 23, 1945, to serve as an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Department. WHITE resigned from the Treasury Department on April 30, 1946, to accept the position of United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund. COE's accumulated leave carried him on the rolls of the Treasury Department through November 8, 1946.
- June 18, 1946, to date, Secretary, International Monetary Fund, an international organization and not an agency of the United States Government.

(u) ~~(S)~~ In connection with COE's present assignment, T-1 has advised that FRANK COE handled administrative matters affecting both the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which position is a highly responsible one. Through his position, COE has access to any information in possession of either the Fund or the Bank. (u) T-1 ~~(S)~~ indicated that the information on production statistics is furnished by approximately forty-five member governments, which information COE would have access to.

ALLEGATIONS OF COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION AND ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES

Allegations of JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

Jay David Whittaker Chambers is an American by birth, having been born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the year 1901.

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CHAMBERS associated himself with the Communist Party in 1924. In 1925, he contributed stories to the Daily Worker and shortly thereafter, became a full-time employee of that paper, later becoming editor. The Daily Worker is an East Coast Communist Party Newspaper. In 1929, CHAMBERS was eased out of the editorship of the Daily Worker because of his opposition to Stalinist tactics within the Party. CHAMBERS, however, still considered himself a Communist after this time but the other members of the Party would have nothing to do with him. From 1929 to 1932, CHAMBERS' chief employment was translating to English from the German and French languages. In 1930 or 1931, CHAMBERS wrote stories which were published in New Masses. CHAMBERS made peace with the Communist Party in 1932 and became editor of New Masses, a position which he held for some months.

At the request of Communist Party leader, MAX BEDACHT, CHAMBERS agreed to go into the Communist Party underground work at which time he severed all connection with the open Communist Party. In late 1934, CHAMBERS moved to Baltimore, Maryland, and his activities in the Communist Party commenced to center around Washington, D. C. CHAMBERS acted as a courier in the Communist underground where he made contacts with a Communist Party Group which consisted of various government employees in Washington, D. C. The main purpose of this underground Communist group was, at that time, according to CHAMBERS, to place Communist Party members in key governmental positions. Incidental to this underground group's activities, CHAMBERS was furnished with information from government records which CHAMBERS would, in turn, furnish to his Russian contact. CHAMBERS broke from the Communist Party in 1938. In 1939, he received employment with Time Magazine as a book reviewer. CHAMBERS continued his employment with Time Magazine until his resignation in September, 1948, at which time he was one of the senior editors of that magazine.

In August or September, 1939, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS visited the home of ADOLPH A. BERLE, who was, at that time, the Assistant Secretary of State. This visit was made just subsequent to the formation of the Hitler-Stalin Non-Aggression Pact. The purpose of CHAMBERS' visit to BERLE at this time was to apprise BERLE of persons known to CHAMBERS as Communist Party members or persons whom CHAMBERS had learned to be Communist Party members because of CHAMBERS' contacts with the underground in Washington, D. C. At the time of CHAMBERS' visit, ADOLPH BERLE made notes concerning the identities of persons named by CHAMBERS. Among

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the original notes of ADOLPH BERLE, appears the following:

"Treasury Department  
 Frank Coe - now teacher at McGill  
 There are two brother - one of them in C. P.'s  
 'Foreign Bureau' - Bob Coe."

In March, 1945, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was interviewed by FBI Agents at Westminster, Maryland, at which time he described his former activities as a courier for the Communist Party underground in Washington, D. C. In describing persons known to him as Communist Party members, CHAMBERS stated that a Dr. HAROLD GLASSER, who was one of HARRY DEXTER WHITE's assistants, was a Communist Party member of the underground group. He (apparently referring to HARRY WHITE) "used to have two brothers named COE revolving around him."

In May, 1945, on subsequent interview with Bureau Agents, CHAMBERS recalled that he had mentioned FRANK COE and BOB COE to the Assistant Secretary of State, ADOLPH A. BERLE, and CHAMBERS pointed out that FRANK COE was, at that time, a teacher at McGill.

In the spring of 1949, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS furnished Special Agents of the New York Office with detailed information concerning his activities from 1924 through 1938 which activities have already been set forth in summary form in instant report. During the period of time in Washington in the early and middle 1930s, when CHAMBERS was attempting to make contacts for his Communist Party underground group and also for espionage apparatus, HAL WARE, whom CHAMBERS described as the person responsible for forming the underground Communist group in Washington, D. C., with which CHAMBERS was in contact, introduced CHAMBERS to one BOB COE who was very close to HARRY DEXTER WHITE of the Treasury Department. CHAMBERS continued, "ROBERT COE, I believe was a member of one of the cells of Apparatus A. I do not know what department of the government he was employed in, if any. His older brother, FRANK COE was, at that time, I believe, an Economics instructor at McGill University in Canada. On several occasions, from J. PETERS, (who has since been identified as ALEXANDER STEVENS, a known Russian espionage agent), "GEORGE SILVERMAN, HARRY DEXTER WHITE and probably HAROLD WARE, I have heard mentioned plans to bring FRANK COE from Canada so that he could be placed in the Treasury Department by WHITE. It was my understanding that FRANK COE as well as his brother, ROBERT, was a member of the Communist Party."

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CHAMBERS described GEORGE SILVERMAN and HAROLD WARE both as Communist Party members of the underground group. ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, whose allegations will be subsequently set forth, has described GEORGE SILVERMAN and HARRY DEXTER WHITE both as members of the Communist Party and engaged in espionage activities for the benefit of the USSR in the early 1940s.

During this 1949 period when WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was relating his past activities, he stated that HAL WARE was of the opinion that HARRY DEXTER WHITE could produce some very interesting and valuable material and that BOB COE would be the person who would be able to obtain this information from WHITE. Upon learning this, CHAMBERS brought the observation of HAL WARE to the attention of J. PETERS, CHAMBERS' Russian superior in the espionage apparatus, and PETERS indicated that it was all right to go ahead and approach HARRY DEXTER WHITE through BOB COE. On one occasion, according to CHAMBERS, COE did get some documents from HARRY DEXTER WHITE. CHAMBERS, in his statement said, "I cannot remember exactly the contents. However, they may have been lists of Japanese Agents and Chinese Agents in Japan's employ. I photographed these in one JOHN HERRMANN's apartment in Washington, D. C., in order to return these documents to COE (for replacement in their original location in the U. S. Government files). I had arranged to meet him on a certain street in Washington at a particular hour; however, COE was one hour late for this appointment which fact made me very angry and alarmed. I have never seen COE since that time. The films of these documents secured from HARRY DEXTER WHITE were turned over by me to J. PETERS." CHAMBERS has advised that J. HERRMANN was brought to Washington to serve as an Assistant to HAROLD WARE in the underground apparatus.

During August, 1948, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at which time he described the Communist Party underground in Washington, D. C., and named the various individuals known by him to be associated with that group. It will be recalled that one of the individuals named by CHAMBERS was ALGER HISS who was employed in several government agencies and ultimately was employed in a high position in the Department of State, prior to resigning from government service in 1947. ALGER HISS in testifying before the HCUA in August, 1948, denied the allegations of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and when CHAMBERS made accusations against ALGER HISS publicly without the immunity of a congressional hearing, ALGER HISS brought civil suit for libel and slander against WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. At the outset of this

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civil trial, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS produced the so-called pumpkin papers which were, in fact, photographs of various government documents, included among which were photographs of documents that CHAMBERS had received from ALGER HISS. Subsequent to the discovery of this evidence, ALGER HISS was indicted by a Grand Jury on charges of perjury and was prosecuted by the Department of Justice. HISS was found guilty of perjury concerning his statement denying his relationship with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS during the year 1938. In order for the government to prove its perjury charges against ALGER HISS, it was necessary to establish that the documents which CHAMBERS stated that had been furnished him by ALGER HISS, and photographed, had been typewritten on a typewriter which had formerly been in the possession of ALGER HISS. This fact was established during the trial, the result of which established the credibility of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

As other evidence of the credence which should be given to the allegations of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, it is noted that during the trial of ALGER HISS, one HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH whom WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had also alleged to have participated in furnishing CHAMBERS with documents from the Department of State, as a part of CHAMBERS' espionage activities, admitted under oath that he had so furnished WHITTAKER CHAMBERS with classified documents.

#### Allegations of Elizabeth Terrill Bentley

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, a native of the United States, was born in Connecticut in the year 1908. She received an A. B. Degree from Vassar College in 1930 and obtained an M. A. Degree from Columbia University in 1935. She also studied for one year at the University of Florence, Italy. In the business world, she served as a secretary in an export-import firm, publicity firms and did some translating work. For a period of two years, she was teacher at the Foxcroft School, Middleburg, Virginia. By her own statement, to both the FBI and before the HCUA, she joined the Communist Party in 1935. In 1938, she met one JACOB GOLOS. GOLOS, at that time, was president of the World Tourist, Incorporated, and known to have been a Soviet Intelligence Agent who was engaged in operating an espionage organization for the purpose of obtaining information from the United States Government officials for transmittal to Russia. For a trial period, Miss BENTLEY furnished GOLOS with information which she obtained at the Italian Library of Information where she was employed.

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Commencing about June or July, 1941, GOLOS began to use Miss BENTLEY as an espionage courier between Washington, D. C., and New York City. Miss BENTLEY was requested by GOLOS to take charge of the individuals and groups of individuals who were employed in the United States Government and who were in a position to furnish information such as military, political, etc., which would be of value to the Russian Government. In the summer of 1941, Miss BENTLEY commenced her activities as an espionage courier and was active through the year 1944. During this period, Miss BENTLEY was placed in contact with two groups of individuals in Washington, D. C., each group functioning as a Soviet espionage parallel. These groups were referred to by Miss BENTLEY as the NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER and the VICTOR PERLO Groups. These groups each consisted of some ten to fourteen individuals holding governmental positions. In addition to these parallels, Miss BENTLEY was also in contact with some fifteen individuals who were not specifically associated with any particular espionage group as such but simply furnished her with information on an individual basis. Miss BENTLEY collected information from these groups and individuals in the form of written or oral reports, documents and film which were delivered to her Russian contact, JACOB GOLOS. From these groups of miscellaneous individuals, material was obtained from the Department of State, Office of Strategic Services, Treasury Department, Foreign Economic Administration, War Department and other agencies within the Federal Government.

Miss BENTLEY made frequent trips to Washington, D. C., where she obtained the aforementioned U. S. Government classified information from the SILVERMASTER and PERLO Groups, at which time she would deliver to these groups, Communist and Russian literature furnished her by JACOB GOLOS.

Through her contact with the SILVERMASTER Group, Miss BENTLEY became aware of other persons who were furnishing information to SILVERMASTER which she, in turn, would make available to GOLOS and the Russian successors to GOLOS subsequent to his death in November, 1943. The information which SILVERMASTER obtained from various sources came from various government sources. After a period of time, Miss BENTLEY gained the confidence of GREGORY SILVERMASTER and his wife, HELEN SILVERMASTER and WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN who resided with the SILVERMASTERS, and she was able to identify those persons in governmental positions who were furnishing classified information through SILVERMASTER for ultimate transmission to Russia.

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On January 30, 1946, ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised agents of the New York Office that FRANK COE was one of the minor individuals who was supplying information to the SILVERMASTERS during the period that she contacted the SILVERMASTERS. It was her recollection that FRANK COE was in Latin America with the exception of two months prior to the time, Miss BENTLEY ceased her activities with the SILVERMASTERS in December, 1944. FRANK COE would report to the SILVERMASTERS in Washington, D. C., by letter and the SILVERMASTERS would, in turn, report this information to her. It was Miss BENTLEY's opinion that FRANK COE also furnished information to the SILVERMASTERS through HARRY DEXTER WHITE. Miss BENTLEY was unable to characterize the type of information supplied and stated that FRANK COE was an minor figure.

On July 31, 1948, ELIZABETH BENTLEY testified under oath before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. At this time, she described her activities as a Russian espionage courier and described the SILVERMASTER Group at which time she named FRANK COE as a member of the SILVERMASTER Group and stated that he was employed in the Treasury Department at the time she knew of him. She stated that she did not know what his position was in the Treasury Department but that "all these people Mr. SILVERMASTER took care of and I simply knew that he had an important position in the Treasury but I could not tell you what it was. Mr. STRIPLING, Chief Investigator for the HCUA, then asked Miss BENTLEY, "Was he (FRANK COE) a member of the Communist Party, according to your information?" to which Miss BENTLEY answered, "According to my understanding, yes."

IDENTITIES OF INDIVIDUALS NAMED BY CHAMBERS AND BENTLEY

Persons who were named by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as participants in the Communist Party underground group during the period 1934 - 1938, included the following:

ALGER HISS  
HAROLD WARE  
JOHN ABT  
NATHAN WITT  
GEORGE SILVERMAN  
IRVING KAPLAN

CHARLES KRAMER }  
VICTOR PERLO } *Perlo Group*  
HAROLD GLASSER }  
HARRY DEXTER WHITE } *Silvermaster Group*  
BOB COE }  
SOL ADLER } *Silvermaster Group*

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Persons named by ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY as participants in the SILVERMASTER Group included the following:

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| NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER | WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR  |
| HELEN W. SILVERMASTER       | WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN |
| V. FRANK COE                | HARRY DEXTER WHITE    |
| LAUCHLIN CURRIE             | BELA GOLD             |
| IRVING KAPLAN               | SONIA GOLD            |
| GEORGE SILVERMAN            | SOL ADLER             |
| NORMAN BURLER               |                       |

Persons included among the VICTOR PERLO Group were:

|                      |                 |
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| VICTOR PERLO         | ALLAN ROSENBERG |
| HAROLD GLASSER       | CHARLES KRAMER  |
| SOLOMON LISCHINSKY   | HARRY MAGDOFF   |
| EDWARD J. FITZGERALD | DONALD WHEELER  |

As an indication of the credibility of ELIZABETH BENTLEY, the following is to be noted:

Miss BENTLEY, in addition to the individuals named in the above two groups, furnished the names of individuals in Washington, D. C., who were furnishing information who were not connected with any espionage group as such, but were merely individual contacts. Among persons so named was one WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON. Miss BENTLEY had testified before the HCUA as well as advising the FBI that WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON had been furnishing her with information for transmission to her Russian superior and that she had known REMINGTON as a Communist and in addition to obtaining information from him, she had also collected his Communist Party dues.

Miss BENTLEY, on a radio network, made some similar statements concerning REMINGTON as a result of which REMINGTON brought suit for libel against Miss BENTLEY and the radio company involved. A settlement was made by the radio company with WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON prior to the suit's reaching its conclusion. Subsequent thereto, however, charges were brought by the U. S. Government against WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON for perjury in connection with his denying Communist Party membership under oath before a Federal Grand Jury. Early in the year 1951, REMINGTON was found guilty of perjury for denying past membership in the Communist Party, receiving a jail sentence therefrom.

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On May 29, 1947, Special Agents CHARLES G. CLEVELAND and W. R. WANNALL of the Washington Field Office interviewed VIRGINIUS FRANK COE at his office in the International Monetary Fund. In the course of the interview, COE confirmed background information in possession of this office concerning himself. COE was questioned concerning the allegations of Miss BENTLEY to the effect that he was associated with the SILVERMASTER Group and had furnished information of a general economic nature to SILVERMASTER to be furnished to her Russian contact. COE emphatically denied furnishing information of any nature to anyone which would be detrimental to the United States and stated that no information concerning any official activity in his possession was ever passed on to any individual for transmittal to a Russian contact.

COE was questioned concerning correspondence with the SILVERMASTERS from South America and sending them reports and other information. To this COE stated that he "categorically denied furnishing any information or reports to the SILVERMASTERS." COE then elaborated on this statement but advised that the only time he was out of the United States, other than in Canada or England, was during the time he was connected with a United States Government assignment in Mexico. COE explained he was assigned to a commission under WAYNE TAYLOR which commission was known as the Government Committee on Economic Cooperation; that he spent a short time with this committee in Mexico. COE stated that he was unable to recall ever having corresponded with the SILVERMASTERS, particularly during the time he was in Mexico.

COE stated he was not closely associated with NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER or his wife but only knew them while traveling in "economic circles." COE stated there was a possibility that while discussing general economic problems with the SILVERMASTERS or other individuals, he may have discussed some particular phases but that, at no time in his recollection, could he recall having furnished information of a nature which could be considered detrimental to the United States.

COE denied close association with any of the following-named individuals:

IRVING KAPLAN  
HELEN SILVERMASTER  
HARRY DEXTER WHITE  
HARRY MAGDOFF

ALLAN ROSENBERG  
WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN

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The interviewing agents pointed out to COE that he had given his personal recommendation concerning the character, loyalty and reputation of WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN in connection with ULLMAN's application for a position with the United States Coast Guard. COE replied that this might be possible and recalled that ULLMAN had worked in his division while he was employed in the United States Treasury Department and since all of his employees were good fellows, he did not hesitate to recommend any one of them when requested to do so.

COE was asked concerning his association and acquaintance with BERNARD NORTMAN but COE stated he knew NORTMAN only as a member of a car pool and had met the NORTMANS approximately six months previously when their child enrolled in the same nursery school. COE stated that he had nothing in common with NORTMAN and they were practically strangers.

COE, after having first stated that he was not closely associated with ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, admitted later in the interview that he had had luncheon engagements with SILVERMAN on numerous occasions. Moreover, that he was aware that SILVERMAN was a close associate of the SILVERMASTERS. At this point in the interview, COE stated that, if the general line of questioning was to be similar to that which had preceded, he would like to save his time and that of the Special Agents by stating that his answer was "categorically no" to all allegations in the above connection made concerning him.

COE was then asked the location and activities of his brother, ROBERT COE, but FRANK COE replied that he did not know his brother's address other than that he was in the general vicinity of New York City. In answer to the question as to whether he was a member of the Communist Party or had associated with known members of the Communist Party, FRANK COE replied that he himself was not acquainted with any individual who was a member of the Communist Party or with any individual who was associated with the Communist Party or with any individual who followed Communist Party doctrine.

It was the observation of the interviewing agents during the above interview, which lasted for approximately forty-five minutes, that FRANK COE was obviously nervous and on numerous occasions, conveniently failed to remember specific things asked of him, being inclined to change the course of the conversation by branching off into a discussion of general economic matters.

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~~TOP SECRET~~ (U)TESTIMONY OF FRANK COE BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES

On August 13, 1948, FRANK COE, accompanied by his counsel, O. JOHN ROGGE, appeared before the HCUA to answer charges made by ELIZABETH BENTLEY. Pertinent portions of COE's testimony is set out below:

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"Mr. COE:

On August 5, I telegraphed your chairman asking to appear before the committee and testify under oath. I wish to say that the allegation which Miss Bentley apparently made to this committee about my being a member of the Communist espionage groups is entirely false. I do not know Miss Bentley, and to the best of my knowledge I have never seen or talked with her. I have never been a member of such a group as she has described. I have never been a member of the Communist Party. I have not followed the line of that party nor, for that matter, the line of any political party or group. I have never given official information to any person known to me to be a member of the Communist Party or an agent of the Soviet Union. To the best of my knowledge I have never given official information to any unauthorized person.

One of the members of this committee has been reported as saying that these hearings would leave the decision to public opinion. If public opinion is to decide, surely the committee ought to hear witnesses on behalf of the accused. Such witnesses should be heard and cross-examined. The public would not find such testimony as exciting as the original accusation, but at least all the facts would be available.

I understand that this committee has previously decided against using such procedures on the ground that, though they may be incumbent on a court, they are not desirable for a legislative committee. It seems to me, however, that this committee does in fact function as a criminal court. Before this committee there are accusers and accused, just as in a court. The accused are punished. The grave and sensational charges which are made here are given wide publicity, and that is a cruel punishment. It hurts the accused, his family, and his friends and associates.

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The peculiarity of this court is that all who are accused before it are punished - the innocent and the guilty alike. Under the present methods of the committee, that result is inevitable. As the committee knows, these views are held by many people. I hope they will be given consideration. I wish to thank the committee for allowing me to make this statement.

(The above was a written statement read by FRANK COE before the Committee)

- Mr. STRIPLING: Mr. Coe, do you know John ~~Abt~~?
- Mr. COE: John Abt was at the University of Chicago when I was a student there. I believe I met him at that time. I may have met him Washington but I do not believe so.
- Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Solomon ~~Adler~~?
- Mr. COE: Yes; I do. I met him at the Brookings Institution in 1933 or 1934. He worked with me in the Treasury and I have seen him from time to time.
- Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Norman ~~Bursler~~?
- Mr. COE: I may have met Norman Bursler when he did some work in the Justice Department, but I cannot recall.
- Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Lauchlin ~~Currie~~?
- Mr. COE: Yes; I have known Lauchlin Currie. He and I were members of the same staff in the Treasury Department in 1933. I worked under him and I have seen him from time to time.
- Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Edward J. ~~Fitzgerald~~?
- Mr. COE: I know Edward J. Fitzgerald. He worked on a staff which I supervised. I have seen little of him.
- Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Harold ~~Glasser~~?
- Mr. COE: Yes, Harold Glasser was at the University of Chicago at the same time as I and I knew him in the Treasury Department.
- Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Sonia ~~Gold~~?
- Mr. COE: Sonia Gold worked in the Division of Monetary Research. She was employed there when I came.
- Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Bela ~~Gold~~?
- Mr. COE: Bela Gold was employed in an office which I supervised at the Foreign Economic Administration.
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- Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Michael ~~Greenberg~~?
- Mr. COE: Michael Greenberg was on the pay roll of the Board of Economic Warfare and I knew him at that time.

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Mr. STRIPLING: How well did you know him?

Mr. COE: Not very well. He was assigned from an office which I supervised to work with Mr. Currie. I saw very little of him and after a time that arrangement was discontinued.

Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Alger Hiss?

Mr. COE: I have met Alger Hiss but only know him slightly.

Mr. STRIPLING: How many times have you met him?

Mr. COE: I have never met him except to bump into him in some other company, I should say two, three, not more than four or five times.

Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Charles Kramer?

Mr. COE: Yes, I have met him. He called on me in the Treasury in 1945 one or twice in connection with some investigation, but I don't know him otherwise.

Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Irving Kaplan?

Mr. COE: Irving Kaplan I knew first in 1939, I believe. He was assigned by another agency to make a study of the wage records of the Federal Security Agency. I saw him from time to time and later in 1944, I believe it was, he was employed in the Foreign Economic Administration.

Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Solomon A. Weischinsky?

Mr. COE: I met Solomon Lischinsky once or twice I believe at the time UNRRA was winding up. He came to the Foreign Economic Administration or the Treasury Department for that employment. Otherwise, I don't know him.

Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Harry Magdoff?

Mr. COE: I have met Harry Magdoff once or twice only.

Mr. STRIPLING: Robert Miller, III?

Mr. COE: Robert Miller is a parent at the school where my children go and I have met him there.

Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Victor Perlo?

Mr. COE: Yes; I knew Victor Perlo slightly as an economist in the Government and in 1945, I believe it would have been, he was employed in the Division of Monetary Research when I directed it.

Mr. STRIPLING: Allan Rosenberg?

Mr. COE: Allan Rosenberg was an attorney in the Foreign Economic Administration - in the Board of Economic Warfare and held other positions in the Foreign Economic Administration, and I knew him there.

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- Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Abraham G. Silverman; George Silverman?
- Mr. COE: Yes; I first met Silverman in 1943, I believe, at the Brookings Institution, knew him subsequently in Washington, and knew him socially.
- Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Nathan Gregory Silvermaster?
- Mr. COE: Yes; I knew Nathan Gregory Silvermaster first, I think, in 1939. I believe I met him through Mr. Ullmann, who was at the Treasury when I was there. At that time, in 1939 and 1940 we knew each other socially and I have seen him from time to time since.
- Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know William H. Taylor?
- Mr. COE: William H. Taylor was employed in the Division of Monetary Research at two times when I was there. He is presently a member of the International Monetary Fund.
- Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know William L. Ullman?
- Mr. COE: William L. Ullman was employed in the Treasury when I was there in 1939. I saw him then.
- Mr. STRIPLING: You were the supervisor were you not?
- Mr. COE: I beg your pardon?
- Mr. STRIPLING: Were you his supervisor?
- Mr. COE: I may have been his supervisor. Not at that time, no, sir.
- Mr. STRIPLING: Were you ever his supervisor?
- Mr. COE: In 1945 I was his supervisor because I directed the division. In 1941 I was an assistant director of the division and certainly to some extent was his supervisor.
- Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Donald N. Wheeler?
- Mr. COE: Donald N. Wheeler, I believe, was at the Treasury in 1939, 1940, or 1941 for a brief time and I saw something of him then.
- Mr. STRIPLING: And you know Dr. Harry D. White?
- Mr. COE: Yes, I entered the Government at the same time and worked with him at various other times.
- Mr. COE: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I may say something about the question of knowing in the Government. A long list of names has been read to me, as it has been before, and I have previously testified under oath waived immunity, and testified under oath concerning these things.

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Mr. STRIPLING: Where was that, Mr. Coe?

Mr. COE: That was before a grand jury. I would like to say first that any minor discrepancies in my statement on various occasions are unintentional. I am speaking now as to my best recollection. I cannot recall details about persons or dates about persons.

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The second point I want to say especially, in view of the allegation that these people comprised a group, is that so far as I can see these were never a group in any shape or form. They never acted as a group. As the testimony before you shows, some knew each other and some did not. The nearest they ever came to being a group, to my knowledge, was in the playing of volley ball. They used to meet, or a number of these people used to go out Sundays and play volley ball. I personally didn't do it because I didn't get up that early. On the one or two occasions, I did go out, I saw some and not others. I could, if it were of any relevance--

Mr. STRIPLING: Just a moment Mr. Coe. I would like to ask you; Are you thoroughly familiar in detail with the lives of these people? Can you testify as to whether or not they are a group?

Mr. COE: I am testifying as to my knowledge and experience of them.

Mr. STRIPLING: How complete is your knowledge and experience of them?

Mr. COE: I am willing to go into that with regard to any one of them. I am saying first, especially, since I have been alleged--

Mr. STRIPLING: Just a moment. How many times have you been to the home of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster?

Mr. COE: In 1939 or '40, I suppose I was there 10 or 12 times.

Mr. STRIPLING: How many times was he at your home?

Mr. COE: Several times.

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Mr. STRIPLING: Do you know Solomon Adler?

Mr. COE: Yes sir.

Mr. STRIPLING: How many times have you seen him?

Mr. COE: I must have seen him a hundred times.

Mr. STRIPLING: At your home?

Mr. COE: Sometimes.

Mr. STRIPLING: Have you been to his home?

Mr. COE: Yes, sir.

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Mr. STRIPLING: How about Norman Bursler?  
 Mr. COE: I have seen almost nothing of him.  
 Mr. STRIPLING: You are not familiar with him. You couldn't speak for Mr. Bursler whether he comprised a group or not?  
 Mr. COE: I can speak to this effect. This is the effect I am speaking to; So far as I can say from my acquaintance with these people . . . . as far as I can see, these people did not comprise a group.

Mr. STRIPLING: Lauchlin D. Currie?  
 Mr. COE: I have seen him in work capacity and socially.  
 Mr. STRIPLING: How many times socially and during what period?  
 Mr. COE: I saw most of Lauchlin Currie in the period 1939 through 1947. I would see him for lunch from time to time and from time to time I would go to his home. At times he would come to mine.

Mr. STRIPLING: Edward J. Fitzgerald?  
 Mr. COE: Edward J. Fitzgerald I have seen little of.  
 Mr. STRIPLING: Harold Glasser?  
 Mr. COE: Harold Glasser I knew as a student at the University of Chicago. I knew him when I was employed at the Treasury Department in 1939 and at other times. I should say I have seen a good deal of Harold Glasser.

Mr. STRIPLING: Sonia Gold?  
 Mr. COE: Sonia Gold I knew only in 1945, I believe, when she worked in the Division of Monetary Research, and I saw her from time to time as a supervisor of her work.

Mr. STRIPLING: Michael Greenberg?  
 Mr. COE: Michael Greenberg I saw several times.  
 Mr. STRIPLING: How many times?  
 Mr. COE: Perhaps six, perhaps a dozen.  
 Mr. STRIPLING: You said several. A dozen is quite--  
 Mr. COE: I must have seen Michael Greenberg--I can't remember the year when I saw him--he was employed in the Foreign Economic Administration or Board of Economic Warfare, one or the other.

Mr. STRIPLING: About when?  
 Mr. COE: I should think it was in 1943 but I am not sure.

Mr. STRIPLING: You only knew him this one particular year?  
 Mr. COE: That was the only time I knew him.

Mr. STRIPLING: Alger Hiss?  
 Mr. COE: I have said only several times.

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Mr. STRIPLING: Charles Kramer?

Mr. COE: Once or twice in the Treasury Department only, I believe.

Mr. STRIPLING: Irving Kaplan?

Mr. COE: Irving Kaplan, as I said, I first knew, I believe, in 1939 when he worked on some wage-and-hour figures of the Federal Security Agency where I was employed. At that time, I saw a fair amount of him. I read his report and had to deal with him.

Mr. STRIPLING: Solomon Lischinsky?

Mr. COE: Solomon Lischinsky I met once or twice, and I believe he was in to me about employment the last time I saw him.

Mr. STRIPLING: Harry Magdoff?

Mr. COE: Very seldom.

Mr. STRIPLING: Robert T. Miller?

Mr. COE: Robert T. Miller, to the best of my knowledge, I knew first as a parent at the school where my children are.

Mr. STRIPLING: Victor Perlo?

Mr. COE: Victor Perlo I have met once or twice before I asked him to accept employment in the Division of Monetary Research. At that time I saw him as a supervisor whenever it was necessary.

Mr. STRIPLING: Allan Rosenberg?

Mr. COE: Allan Rosenberg was acting in the general counsel's office at the Board of Economic Warfare at the time I was employed there. I saw him then. He was also in various positions in the Foreign Economic Administration, and I saw him.

Mr. STRIPLING: I mean after hours, after working hours. How often did you see these people?

Mr. COE: Ask me about each one, and I will be glad to tell you.

Mr. STRIPLING: In asking for information I am trying--

Mr. COE: I believe I seldom, if ever, saw Mr. Rosenberg after working hours.

Mr. STRIPLING: You didn't play volley ball during working hours; did you?

Mr. COE: As I have said, I was not a volley ball player.

Mr. STRIPLING: You brought up the fact that these people probably got together only to play volley ball.

Mr. COE: I said that the group--and I was speaking of the group about which Bentley made an allegation concerning me--

Mr. STRIPLING: Which group?

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Mr. COE: That was the Silvermaster group.

Mr. STRIPLING: All right.

Mr. COE: I said that so far as I knew the only way in which it could be said that those people acted as a group was in the playing of **volley ball** and even there several of the people she mentioned were never, in my judgement, or rarely present, and I was one of them.

Mr. STRIPLING: How about George Silverman?

Mr. COE: George Silverman, I know well; saw socially a good deal of.

Mr. STRIPLING: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster?

Mr. COE: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster I saw in 1939 and 1940 a good deal socially. Thereafter I saw him from time to time but infrequently.

Mr. STRIPLING: Did you ever see any of the people mentioned on this list at Mr. Silvermaster's home?

Mr. COE: I may have; I don't recall.

Mr. STRIPLING: You don't recall whether you ever met any of them or not?

Mr. COE: The time when I was at Mr. Silvermaster's home, Mr. Chairman, was about 9 years ago now. It would not surprise me if I had seen some of them.

Mr. STRIPLING: William H. Taylor?

Mr. COE: William H. Taylor I have not seen much of socially. During most of this period he has been abroad.

Mr. STRIPLING: Donald Wheeler?

Mr. COE: Donald Wheeler I saw, as I stated, very little about 9 years ago--8 or 9 years ago.

Mr. STRIPLING: Harry D. White?

Mr. COE: Harry D. White I worked for twice in permanent positions and kept in touch with and saw from time to time at lunches and to a certain extent socially.

Mr. STRIPLING: . . . . . Now, do you want to continue your statement about the group, Mr. Coe?

Mr. COE: Yes, sir. I would like to say a couple more things, if I may. I noticed that there was introduced here a telephone device for recording numbers, which indicated that my name was on a telephone device which Mr. Silvermaster used.

Following that I dug out or had my secretary dig out the same devices which were used in my office in 1945 and 1946. That is a time subsequent to Miss Bentley's apparent activity. I found on that list Silvermaster's name. I also found on one such device which was used in our office 266 names, on another 200.

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The point I am making is that some of these people, according to my knowledge, were friendly to each other, some were not, some were thrown into juxtaposition by the nature of their work, some were not, and that inevitably in Washington, as everybody knows, you meet and know a great many people.

Mr. MUNDT: You do, however, corroborate that portion of Miss Bentley's testimony which goes to the effect that a great number of these people associated with Mr. Silvermaster did know Mr. Silvermaster rather intimately, so well in fact that they did move around in groups on hiking trips and volley ball games; and it would certainly seem conceivable that people who liked each other so well that they played volley ball together on Saturdays and Sundays and holidays might conceivably know each other so well they would meet together socially in the evening also. But at least you have provided one very interesting corroborative piece of evidence heretofore lacking; that is, these people have been associating together in groups, volley ball groups, but nonetheless in groups.

Mr. COE: Mr. Chairman, may I say that each is, of course, entitled to his opinion on that, but the one person--on the few times I was out to play volley ball, the one that I did not see there was Silvermaster.

Mr. MUNDT: That is perfectly correct because the testimony was to the effect that these people associating together gave this material to Miss Bentley through Mr. Silvermaster.

Mr. HEBERT: I think it might be well to point out to the witness--he has made a point of the telephone indicator which was introduced--it may be well to point out to the witness that it was quite necessary to introduce such a piece of evidence because with rare exceptions--and you are included among the rare exceptions--these men refused to talk on the ground that they might self-incriminate themselves.

Mr. HEBERT: . . . Also your reference to the Silvermaster group--at no time was it ever indicated in the testimony that this group of people got together for social activity or volley ball as a group. One possibly couldn't have known the other, as a matter of fact, if you want to put it that way. It was known as the Silvermaster group to designate the certain number of people in the group over which Silvermaster presided and through which the group contacted Miss Bentley through Silvermaster.

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Mr. COE: Mr. Chairman, I personally am unable to account for the behavior known to me of a number of these persons if they were members of a group in any sense as alleged here. I know of differences between the men, I know of differences in the positions that they took on various crucial issues in the Government, which are non-explicable to me on the ground such as have been brought forward here.

Mr. HEBERT: It is amazing to us also, Mr. Coe.

Mr. MUNDT: I am a little bit puzzled, Mr. Coe, about the fact that you know so well and can remember so clearly the names of people who played volley ball together in the games at which you were seldom present, but your memory is so vague about the people who attended the Silvermaster home in the 10 or 20 times you said you were there.

Mr. COE: No, sir. I say I believe and I have heard that a great many of these people played volley ball often together. I could not say on any specific occasion or I could not even swear to the ones who did play among this rather extensive group. Some of the people and some of the people who are better known to the people did play, and so far as I knew, that was the time that they got together. . . . There were some years when they might have been seeing each other accordingly, I would say, to the fortunes of the bureaucracy as to whether they were crossed, as to whether during that time they felt like having lunch with one another or did not. So it appeared to me.

Mr. COE: Lest there be a contradiction in testimony, Mr. Chairman, on the many times in the Silvermaster home, our relationship diminished mainly because I moved to Virginia. I would corroborate certain testimony which has been given here that they were pleasant people, friendly, I thought very human people. Mr. Silvermaster never impressed me as having any undue interest in anybody else's job or activities. In fact, he talked an awful lot about labor and the report, or whatever the current operation would be that he was engaged in, and about general matters."

At this point in the testimony, Mr. COE requested that he be permitted to make an additional statement which statement would include questions to be asked Miss BENTLEY and the correct answers to those questions and it was suggested by Mr. MUNDT that Mr. COE, who

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had been denied the opportunity to cross-examine Miss Bentley per his request, submit these questions and answers in written form and that if it was pertinent, the committee would permit him to read it. The testimony of FRANK COE was terminated at this point.

By letter dated September 3, 1948, from FRANK COE addressed to Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, COE advised that, "in my opinion the submission of questions in writing for the consideration of the committee is not, in any sense, a substitute for cross-examination" (of Miss Bentley) "and I have, therefore, decided not to present written questions."

INTERVIEW WITH FRANK COE'S SECRETARY

On July 17, 1948, Special Agents KENNERLY R. CORBETT and MAURICE A. TAYLOR interviewed Mrs. RHODA DRURY-ARNOLD, who had formerly been secretary and administrative assistant to FRANK COE in the Monetary Research Division, Treasury Department, from June, 1945 to July, 1946, and also secretary and administrative assistant to COE in the International Monetary Fund from July, 1946 to December, 1946. Mrs. ARNOLD, at the time of the interview, was residing at 2520 14th Street, NW, and was in the employ of the Office of Senator EUGENE MILLIKIN, State of Colorado.

Mrs. ARNOLD stated that HAROLD GLASSER and FRANK COE were devoted friends. COE never made any decisions without first consulting GLASSER. When GLASSER and COE engaged in conversations, they would cease when she, Mrs. ARNOLD, entered the room. HARRY WHITE and COE, who also had engaged in a number of conversations in FRANK COE's office, would cease conversations when she entered COE's office.

SONIA GOLD who was an assistant to GLASSER at the Treasury, was very friendly with FRANK COE and did special work for both COE and GLASSER.

GEORGE SILVERMAN was a friendly visitor of FRANK COE and they lunched together on a number of occasions. As private secretary, Mrs. ARNOLD would listen in on phone conversations between COE and SILVERMAN. Mrs. ARNOLD indicated that that was customary for her to do in her position. During these conversations she recalls, that guarded language was used and that COE and SILVERMAN referred to matters such as "that business" and never mentioned names.

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Mrs. ARNOLD considered this very unusual and she felt slightly offended that COE did not trust her. SILVERMAN would occasionally visit COE in his office and the visits would vary in length, lasting up to one and one-half hours.

Mrs. ARNOLD had similar experiences when COE conversed with LAUHLIN CURRIE on the phone, recalling that they lunched together on several occasions although not as frequently as did SILVERMAN and COE.

LUDWIG ULLMAN, also employed at Treasury Department, was described as a "flunky" of COE. He was a visitor of COE and engaged in considerable double talk which Mrs. ARNOLD felt was designed to keep from her the gist of the conversation. ULLMAN and COE lunched together considerably and she recalled that occasionally ULLMAN visited COE as late as five p. m. in the evening and on one occasion, stayed very late in the evening at the office.

She recalled that VICTOR PERLO worked under COE at the Monetary Research on a special assignment.

MORRIS FRIEDBERG, a friend of HARRY WHITE's, was employed by FRANK COE at the request of HARRY WHITE.

FURTHER EVIDENCE OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COE AND PERSONS NAMED BY ELIZABETH BENTLEY AND WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

Sol Adler

T-2, another governmental agency which conducts investigations, in September, 1939, on the basis of information that SOL ADLER had made derogatory remarks concerning the United States Government, conducted an investigation [redacted] A surveillance conducted by T-2 on [redacted]

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On July 19, 1946, the surveillance of SOL ADLER was conducted by Special Agent JOSEPH J. KEECH of the FBI. ADLER was observed to have dinner with FRANK COE at the Washington Hotel.

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On July 28, 1946, Special Agents RAPHAEL I. NIXON and CARL S. VOELKER, who were conducting a surveillance of SOL ADLER, observed ADLER at GEORGE SILVERMAN's apartment from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Special Agents BURT H. HEACOCK and JAMES J. KEECH surveilled ADLER from the home of SILVERMAN to the residence of FRANK COE where he spent the remainder of the evening.

A review of the efficiency reports for SOL ADLER, maintained in his Treasury Department personnel file disclosed that in 1941, ADLER was rated by FRANK COE.

SOL ADLER executed Civil Service Commission Form 57 on October 23, 1944, in which he listed the following references:

HARRY DEXTER WHITE  
LAUCHLIN CURRIE  
V. FRANK COE  
HAROLD GLASSER

SOLOMON ADLER was interviewed on December 19, 1947, by Special Agents LAMBERT G. ZANDER and COURTLAND JONES at which time he advised that he had met FRANK COE at the Brookings Institute in Washington, D. C. in 1933.

As previously indicated, SOL ADLER was named by both BENTLEY and CHAMBERS.

Charles J. Coe

CHARLES JOSEPH COE was interviewed by Special Agents of the New York Office on March 8, 1949. He was asked specifically whether he had, at any time, known WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or had any dealings with him. COE replied that he would answer any question concerning his own personal life but that he considered it a witch-hunt and foolhardy investigation, to inquire about individuals who worked for the government in the early 1930s. CHARLES COE stated that he resided in Washington, D. C., in the early 1930s and felt that Washington was one place where gossip was the vogue and true facts were seldom distinguished from gossip. During the interview, COE stated that he was born August 9, 1918, at Richmond, Virginia, and that his present wife, ROSE COE, whom he married in December, 1931, resides in New York City. COE identified himself as Director of Farm Research, Incorporated, and as the editor of its publication, "Facts for Farmers."

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In reply to the question as to whether he knew WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, CHARLES COE stated, "I certainly do not know ALGER HISS and as to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, whether I know him or not, I refuse to answer such a question as I do not consider it pertinent to anything I believe is important."

It will be recalled that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS advised that one BOB COE was a member of one of the Communist cells in Washington, D. C., and was a contact on one occasion of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, furnishing CHAMBERS with information obtained from government files. CHAMBERS indicated that BOB COE had an older brother who was named FRANK COE.

During the abovementioned interview with CHARLES J. COE, COE stated that he was the brother of FRANK COE and that he, CHARLES COE, was also known by the name of BOB or ROBERT COE.

It is noted that Farm Research, Incorporated, was cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, report dated March 29, 1944, as a Communist front organization financed by the ROBERT MARSHALL Foundation, principal source of money from which Communist Party fronts have generally been financed in recent years. The publication, "Facts for Farmers," of which CHARLES COE is editor, was listed among those publications cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report of 1948, in which "Facts for Farmers" was reported to be "Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be within the Stalin solar system."

#### Lauchlin Currie

In a United States Civil Service Commission Personal History Statement, FRANK COE indicated, on March 26, 1942, that one of his associates was LAUHLIN CURRIE of the White House.

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS has stated that CURRIE was a "fellow-traveler" who helped various Communists but who never went the whole way.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, before the HCUA in August, 1948, testified that LAUHLIN CURRIE was a member of the Silvermaster espionage group in that he furnished information to Silvermaster but she stated he was not a Communist, to her knowledge.

On January 8, 1946, during a surveillance of LAUHLIN CURRIE by Special Agents WARREN LOVE and OWEN B. CHANEY, CURRIE and FRANK COE were observed dining together at the Cafe Parisienne,

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1120 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D. C., having previously met in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel across the street from this restaurant. This dinner lasted from 7 p.m. to 10:32 p.m., a period of three and one-half hours; thereafter these men drove off in FRANK COE's car and COE dropped CURRIE off at 1614 I Street, NW.

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T-3, of known reliability, on April 14, 1945, advised that he had learned from HARRIET CHI, wife of CHAO' TING CHI, that CHI had gone to Washington, D. C., that same day and could be reached at the following addresses: ](u)

[Care of DORA FOX, 3208 O Street, NW,;  
the home of one FRIEDMAN, not further identified,  
FRANK COE ](u)

In connection with another investigation, a surveillance was conducted on CHAO' TING CHI by Special Agents LEWIS GLENN and WILLIAM R. CORNELSON on April 17, 1945, in Washington, D. C. CHI was observed to enter room 234 of the Department of State, which office was noted to be that of LAUCHLIN CURRIE, Administrative Assistant in the Executive Office of the President.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, in her initial allegation concerning SOL ADLER, stated that, at the time she was in contact with the Silvermaster Group, SOL ADLER was in China and was working with a Chinaman whose name she thought to be CHI and that she thought CHI was working for the Chinese government. Miss BENTLEY described CHI as a Chinese Communist. Subsequent to her, BENTLEY's, allegation, it has been determined that one CHAO' TING CHI was selected as a Chinese representative on the Chinese Stabilization Fund Board which operated in China commencing in 1942, and which consisted of members of England, United States, and China. SOL ADLER was also assigned to this Board and later became the United States Representative on the Board. CHAO' TING CHI has been selected by the Communist Government presently in China as the representative to the United Nations at such time as the United Nations recognizes the new Communist China.

Harold Glasser

HAROLD GLASSER was interviewed on April 30 and May 3, 1947, by Special Agents JEROME M. GARLAND and E. HYATT MOSSBURG, at Washington, D. C.

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GLASSER advised that he met HARRY DEXTER WHITE in November, 1936, when he came to the Treasury Department to be interviewed concerning a position. Later GLASSER found out that he had been recommended to HARRY WHITE by FRANK COE, a former classmate at the University of Chicago.

GLASSER stated he first met FRANK COE in 1925 when both were in attendance at the University of Chicago, "we were also employed together at the Labor Bureau of the Midwest in Chicago." GLASSER, during the interview, indicated that he, GLASSER, also had been acquainted with SOL LISCHINSKY in Chicago, Illinois, in 1932, and LISCHINSKY lived in the same building as FRANK COE.

As previously indicated in instant report, FRANK COE testified before the HCUA that he had met SOL LISCHINSKY once or twice at the time UNRRA was winding up and that LISCHINSKY came to the Foreign Economic Administration or the Treasury Department for employment but that, otherwise, he did not know him.

On September 20, 1946, Special Agents CRVILLE R. TALBURTT and CLYDE D. NICOLL observed COE leaving his place of employment at the International Monetary Fund and proceed to the office of HAROLD GLASSER in Room 3430, Main Treasury Building. Both men then proceeded to Harvey's Restaurant at 1107 Connecticut Avenue, where they lunched together.

On November 1, 1946, Special Agents MOSSBURG and CHARLES G. CLEVELAND, observed that COE, after lunching at the Metropolitan Club, proceeded to HAROLD GLASSER's office in the Treasury Building, which office he entered at 2:10 p.m. COE was observed leaving the Building at 3:05 p.m. when he finally returned to the International Monetary Fund.

HAROLD GLASSER was named by both WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Bela Gold

Contained in GOLD's personnel file at the Foreign Economic Administration is a recommendation to the Personnel Office of the Foreign Economic Administration, dated December 28, 1943, requesting the appointment of BELA GOLD by transfer from the War

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Production Board. The recommending officer was FRANK COE, who was to be GOLD's immediate supervisor. Another request for personnel action dated July 6, 1944, and signed by FRANK COE, requested that a transfer within the Foreign Economic Administration to the Office of Administrator, Office of Economic Programs, be granted to GOLD. On July 22, 1944, the transfer became effective and GOLD's title was Special Assistant.

On August, 1948, both SONIA and BELA GOLD testified before the HCUA and stated that they had worked for FRANK COE.

Both SONIA and BELA GOLD were named by ELIZABETH BENTLEY as Communist Party members who were engaged in espionage activities through the Silvermaster Group.

Irving Kaplan

T-4, of known reliability, advised in December, 1948, that FRANK COE, HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN were instrumental in taking action which eventually led to the release of IRVING KAPLAN from the United States Army in Europe and his return to the United States on or about December 24, 1945. The basis of this return was officially the request from the United States Department of the Treasury, that his services were urgently needed. LUDWIG ULLMAN advised T-3 that FRANK COE was the one ultimately responsible for the War Department cable which went out requesting KAPLAN's release. (S) (u)

IRVING KAPLAN was named by both WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

P. Bernard Nortman

On April 15, 1947, NORTMAN was interviewed by Special Agents CHARLES G. CLEVELAND and WILLIAM H. MARR. During the course of this interview, NORTMAN furnished names of individuals whom he had known in the past and who could furnish information concerning his background and character. Included among these names was V. FRANK COE.

It will be recalled that during the interview of FRANK COE by Bureau Agents, COE stated that he had, as of May 29, 1947, known BERNARD NORTMAN approximately some six months, having become acquainted with him when the NORTMAN child enrolled in the same nursery school as that in which COE's children were enrolled. COE stated that, at that time, he had nothing in common with NORTMAN and that they were practically strangers.

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ELIZABETH BENTLEY has advised that she first met P. BERNARD NORTMAN while they were both attending Columbia University in about the year 1936. At that time, both BENTLEY and NORTMAN were in Unit One of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party and she had frequently seen NORTMAN at Communist Party meetings and it was her observation that he could well be a Party functionary.

Allan Rosenberg

[Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised] (u) (S) that he had learned that FRANK COE had commissioned ALLAN ROSENBERG to purchase a home for COE in Falls Church, Virginia, and that COE would be unable to handle the purchase of the house since COE was going to Savannah, Georgia, to attend the BRETTON-WOODS Conference.

ALLAN ROSENBERG was named by ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Abraham George Silverman

In connection with another investigation, FLORENCE TOMPKINS of 1812 18th Street, NW, was interviewed in March, 1949. She advised that during the period September, 1935, to May, 1945, while she was employed as a domestic for ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, that she knew FRANK COE as a friend and visitor of SILVERMAN.

On August 1, 1946, T-6, of known reliability, advised that GEORGE SILVERMAN had been requested by FRANK COE to come and help FRANK COE unsharl some problems that FRANK COE had encountered in the administrative field. Informant advised that he had learned that GEORGE SILVERMAN made arrangements to visit FRANK COE at COE's home over the weekend in this matter. (S)(u)

On December 11, 1945, T-6 advised that he had learned from FRANK COE that COE had invited the SILVERMANS to the COEs for dinner the following Saturday and a bridge game thereafter and that the SILVERMANS had accepted the bridge invitation. (S)(u)

On October 10, 1946, Special Agents AUBREY S. BRENT and H. DUDLEY PAYNE observed ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and FRANK COE meeting in front of Fan and Bill's Restaurant on Connecticut Avenue, NW, where they were observed to shake hands. SILVERMAN and COE immediately thereafter lunched together at Fan and Bill's Restaurant.

On November 13, 1946, agents CHARLES G. CLEVELAND and JAMES J. CANAVAN observed that ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN and FRANK COE

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met in front of Fan and Bill's Restaurant on Connecticut Avenue after which SILVERMAN and COE dined together at the Restaurant.

GEORGE SILVERMAN was named by both BENTLEY AND WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Alexander Stevens

During August, 1948, ALEXANDER STEVENS testified before the HCUA. ALEXANDER STEVENS was the individual who was known to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as J. PETERS and to whom WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had furnished information he had obtained from his Communist Party underground group. STEVENS refused to answer any questions pertaining to the allegations of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS on the ground of possible self-incrimination. STEVENS was furnished the names of a number of individuals named by BENTLEY or CHAMBERS among which was FRANK COE. STEVENS refused to state whether he knew these individuals on the basis of the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution that his answer might tend to incriminate him. STEVENS was described by CHAMBERS as the head of the entire American Communist Party underground, whom he knew, of his own knowledge, to be CHAMBERS' superior in espionage activities.

William Ludwig Ullman

On August 3, 1942, FRANK COE, the Assistant to the Executive Director, Board of Economic Warfare, Washington, D. C., directed a letter of recommendation to the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard concerning WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN's application for a position with the United States Coast Guard. COE advised in this letter that he had known ULLMAN, having worked with him in the United States Treasury Department and had found him to be highly responsible and conscientious. COE described ULLMAN as thoroughly loyal to the United States Government.

ULLMAN, who, during the period of ELIZABETH BENTLEY's activity, resided with NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was described by BENTLEY as a Communist Party member who participated in espionage activities which included photographing government documents, photographs of which were passed on to BENTLEY for transmission to her Russian superior.

Anatole Volkov and Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster

Anatole Volkov is the son of HELEN WITTE SILVERMASTER, wife of NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, and BORIS N. VOLKOV by a marriage

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which was dissolved in 1930. BORIS VOLKOV permitted agents of the New York Office to make photographs of certain letters which had remained in BORIS VOLKOV's possession subsequent to a visit from his son, ANATOLE VOLKOV. One of these letters, which was from HELEN SILVERMASTER to ANATOLE and undated, but appeared to be one of a series written with a letter dated August 21, 1940, and was certainly written prior to September 15, 1940, as that date is mentioned in a future tense, refers to a "very nice new friend-little boy of ten years from England, NORA COE's nephew."

During interview with ANATOLE on June 17, 1947, by RUFUS H. POWELL, III, and GEORGE E. TAYLOR, ANATOLE advised that he had known FRANK COE on a social basis.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY has advised that she first met ANATOLE VOLKOV in 1942 and that he was the son of HELEN SILVERMASTER. According to BENTLEY, ANATOLE was aware of the Communist sympathies of his parents and was himself very active in the Young Communist League. BENTLEY recalled that ANATOLE made two trips to New York City to see a heart specialist and that on both occasions, he brought material from his parents to Miss BENTLEY.

George Shaw Wheeler

The records of T-7, a governmental agency which conducts investigations, discloses that GEORGE S. WHEELER, in an application for government employment executed in 1943, lists character references covering earlier periods of his life. For the years 1930 to 1934, he lists V. FRANK COE as a character reference.

GEORGE W. BROOKS, Research Director of the Pulp, Sulfide and Paper Workers Union, 1904 K Street, NW, Washington, D. C., was interviewed by Special Agent WILLIAM J. McGRATH on February 5, 1951. BROOKS stated that he had known GEORGE WHEELER socially and professionally while both WHEELER and BROOKS were employed at the National Labor Relations Board from 1936 to 1938. BROOKS had visited WHEELER's home on R Street, Washington, D. C., and also the WHEELERS' home in Vienna, Virginia. BROOKS stated that he knew, of his own knowledge, that the WHEELERS were very friendly with V. FRANK COE during this period.

In connection with the above, it is noted that during testimony of FRANK COE before the HCUA in August, 1948, he was asked if he knew DONALD N. WHEELER to which COE replied that WHEELER was in

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the Treasury Department in 1939, 1940 or 1941 for a brief time and that he knew something of him then. DONALD WHEELER, who was named by BENTLEY as a member of the Perlo Group, is the brother of GEORGE SHAW WHEELER.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, who, until 1945, was the managing editor of the Daily Worker, has stated that in 1937, while BUDENZ was writing articles about the CIO for the Daily Worker, he found it necessary to go to Washington, D. C., to cover a conference of the CIO. Before going, he was told by J. PETERS (ALEXANDER STEVENS) that if he, BUDENZ, needed any assistance in Washington, he should call upon Comrade SHAW, whom PETERS then identified as GEORGE SHAW WHEELER. BUDENZ, as well as CHAMBERS, has described PETERS as an individual assigned to espionage on behalf of the Communist underground. BUDENZ has advised that along about that same time, he was told by JACK STACHEL that BUDENZ could obtain assistance from GEORGE SHAW WHEELER. STACHEL, at that time, according to BUDENZ, was a member of the editorial board of the Daily Worker and was Trade-Union Director of the Communist Party. At the present time, STACHEL is a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, in addition to naming contacts in Washington, D. C., connected with the Silvermaster and Perlo Groups, also named individuals whom she contacted independent of any group but which contact was made for espionage purposes. One of these persons was Major DUNCAN LEE, whom BENTLEY met in 1942 while LEE was in the Office of Strategic Services. Miss BENTLEY was in frequent contact with DUNCAN LEE during which time she obtained information from LEE, who according to Miss BENTLEY, was aware that the information furnished was actually destined for Russian Intelligence. ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised that she learned from DUNCAN LEE that both DONALD WHEELER and DONALD's brother, GEORGE SHAW WHEELER, were members of the Communist Party. DONALD WHEELER was known to BENTLEY to have been active in the VICTOR PERLO espionage group and had met him in that connection. She had never met GEORGE WHEELER and stated that she knew nothing of his background.

(u) T-8, of known reliability, advised that he learned in 1938 that GEORGE SHAW WHEELER and his wife, ELEANOR, were both Party members and that he learned this from DAVID WAHL, a known Party member as well as from the WHEELERs activities in the Party.

GEORGE SHAW WHEELER is presently in Czechoslovakia with his wife and family and during the year 1950, gained considerable publicity through the newspapers which published a story that GEORGE WHEELER had requested asylum in the country of Czechoslovakia.

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During August, 1948, HARRY DEXTER WHITE testified before the HCUA during its investigation into the allegations of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and ELIZABETH BENTLEY. WHITE was asked if he knew FRANK COE and WHITE advised that he knew FRANK COE very well; that he first came to know him in 1934 when they both were employed in the United States Treasury Department. WHITE testified that he was impressed with COE's ability then, as he was at the time of the testimony and that he had worked for the Treasury Department for several years. He indicated that COE was a teacher and WHITE had tried to get COE to leave his teaching and come to the Treasury at about the time the war broke out. It was WHITE's recollection that COE did come to the Treasury Department.

It was noted that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS furnished information that he had learned from J. PETERS, GEORGE SILVERMAN, HARRY DEXTER WHITE and probably HAROLD WARE, plans mentioned to bring FRANK COE from Canada (where he was teaching) so that he could be placed in the Treasury Department by HARRY DEXTER WHITE.

In May, 1946, T-9, of known reliability, advised that

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In the summer of 1946, T-10, of known reliability, advised that FRANK COE had paid off his debt to HARRY DEXTER WHITE with a bottle of Cognac. Informant expressed the belief that the debt was incurred over the question of whether COE would or would not go to the Monetary Fund. (S)(u)

ELIZABETH BENTLEY and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS both named HARRY DEXTER WHITE.

Nathan Witt

T-11, of known reliability, advised that on July 16, 1947 NATHAN WITT was endeavoring to obtain the phone number of FRANK COE and that the person whom he contacted was RUTH RIFKIN. NATHAN WITT was named by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as one of the Communist underground members of the HAL WARE Group. (u)

RUTH RIFKIN, according to T-12, of known reliability, was transferred to the Communist Party in Washington, D. C. from the Stuyvesant Club of the Communist Political Association at New York City, as of early February, 1945. T-12 advised that shortly after RIFKIN's arrival, in Washington, she was placed in the Communist underground. (u)

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ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee under date of May 29, 1949, a list of the persons identified by her as having been engaged in Soviet espionage in Washington, D. C., and in New York City in the early 1940s. The name RUTH RIVKIN appeared in this list.

It is noted that the effort on the part of NATHAN WITT of obtain the address or phone number of FRANK COE occurred during the time of the Grand Jury hearings in New York which hearings were based on the allegations of BENTLEY and CHAMBERS. It is further noted that T-13, of known reliability, in August, 1948, advised that NATHAN WITT during the HCUA hearings on BENTLEY's and CHAMBERS' allegations, overruled a decision of SILVERMASTER's attorneys, JOSEPH FORER and DAVID REIN to permit SILVERMASTER to answer questions put by the HCUA despite the fact that SILVERMASTER had previously answered questions for the FBI. (X) (u)

RELATIONSHIP OF COE WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS

Lauren W. Casaday

The personnel file of LAUREN CASADAY, at the office of International Finance, Treasury Department, listed his associates and superiors, NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, SCHLOMER ADLER, WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, HAROLD GLASSER, HARRY DEXTER WHITE, WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN and VIRGINIUS COE.

[T-14] (X) (u) an employee of the United States Maritime Labor Board, in 1942, during the course of another investigation, advised that he had known CASADAY while they were mutually employed with the Maritime Labor Board from 1938 to 1941. CASADAY was acquainted with both LOUIS BLOCK and GREGORY SILVERMASTER while in California and appeared to be a protege of these two men. [T-14] also advised that CASADAY had an acquaintanceship with HARRY BRIDGES of some standing and had entertained BRIDGES in his own home; however, ROBERT F. BRUERE, Chairman of the Maritime Labor Board during CASADAY's employment there, indicated that CASADAY's work would be incomplete if he had not been in contact with BRIDGES.

LOUIS BLOCK, when interviewed in the latter part of 1941, in connection with another matter and while he was a member of the Maritime Labor Board, advised that he had been a supervisor of CASADAY in California while CASADAY was employed by the State Emergency Relief Administration. [Confidential Informants T-15 and T-16, both of known] (u)

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 [reliability, have advised that Dr. and Mrs. LOUIS BLOCK were affiliated with such organizations as the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. Both of these organizations are within the purview of Executive Order 9835. T-17, of known reliability, advised that, in 1936 while T-17 was a member of the Professional Section of the Communist Party, that Dr. LOUIS BLOCK was also a member of that group.

Melvin James Fox

MELVIN JAMES FOX, in an application for employment at the Office of Emergency Management in 1942, furnished the names of four references among which were HARRY DEXTER WHITE and V. FRANK COE. Both WHITE and COE were interviewed in connection with FOX's employment with Office of Emergency Management. HARRY WHITE stated that FOX was an extreme liberal in economic thought and a staunch New Dealer and there could be no doubt as to his loyalty. WHITE, at the time, commended the capabilities of FOX's father, A. MANUEL FOX. FRANK COE stated that he knew FOX personally, having been his immediate superior at the Treasury Department, as well as a friend of the family. COE stated there was no indication of questionable loyalty or sympathies.

On March 14, 1949, MELVIN JAMES FOX advised the writer that LAUCHLIN CURRIE, SOL ADLER, NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, LUDWIG ULLMAN, GEORGE SILVERMAN, IRVING KAPLAN were all known to him as social guests of his parents. T-8, of known reliability, ~~(S)~~ (U) advised that he has no personal information as to the Communist Party membership of MELVIN FOX; however, the informant had heard FOX's mother, DORA FOX, state within the informant's hearing that her son had been a member of the Communist Party, having joined the Party when he was an actor. FOX later contracted Tuberculosis and was sent to a sanitarium and while there, according to a statement of FOX's mother, spent a great deal of his time studying Marxist literature.

In connection with A. MANUEL FOX, it is noted that he was the American Representative on the Chinese Stabilization Fund Board when this was established originally in 1942 and that shortly after the Fund was set up, SOL ADLER went to China to act as assistant to FOX. It has previously been reported in instant report that when CHAI TING CHI came to Washington, D. C., in 1945, he could be located at one of three addresses, one of which was the address of DORA FOX, mother of MELVIN FOX. (U)

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MISHELL GEORGE, Acting Director of the Export Program Staff, OIT, Department of Commerce, advised in the summer of 1948, that BETTI GLASSER was considered to be an associate of WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON. GEORGE advised that BETTI GLASSER also participated for a period of time in a car pool in which FRANK COE was a member. The extent of the acquaintanceship between BETTI GLASSER and FRANK COE was not known but GEORGE thought that COE was a neighbor of BETTI in Falls Church, Virginia.

Mrs. FRED LARDNER, 3120 R Street, NW, and formerly the manager of the Munson Hall Apartments, 2212 I Street, NW, has advised that the GLASSERS, during the time of their residence, received the Daily Worker and the New Masses in the mail.

(u) [T-18, of known reliability, has advised that during the early part of 1948, BETTI GLASSER and her husband, EZRA GLASSER were known associates of BERNARD and DOROTHY REDMONT. Informant advised that they were associated to the extent of being personal friends who visited in each other's homes as well as riding to work together.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY has advised that BERNARD REDMONT was a member of the Communist Party in New York City concurrently with herself and was a member of the same Communist Party unit.

[T-19, of known reliability] & (u) advised that in the latter part of 1946, BETTI GOLDWASSER was an associate of OLIVIA ABELSON and that during this period, BETTI attempted to help ABELSON obtain a position in the Federal Government.

(u) [T-20, of known reliability, has furnished information that OLIVIA ABELSON had indicated to informant that she, ABELSON, had been a Communist Party member for some eight years.] T-20 stated that ABELSON had been in frequent contact with the former chairman of the Communist Party, District Four, Baltimore, Maryland, which district embraces the Washington, D. C., area and that the contacts with this chairman, whose name as AL LANNAN, pertained to the organization of the Communist Party underground group in Washington, D. C. (u)

Just Lunning

LUNNING's personnel records at the Foreign Economic Administration where LUNNING was employed from February 16, 1942, to February 26, 1944, indicate that LUNNING listed as a reference, Mr. FRANK COE, Director of Monetary Research, Treasury Department, in an application for government employment.

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Confidential Informant T-21, of known reliability, advised that JUST LUNNING was a social and business contact of MORRIS HALPERN, DAVID WAHL and DONALD WHEELER. ~~(S)~~ (u)

ELIZABETH BENTLEY named certain contacts of hers that were employed at the Office of Strategic Service, included among which was MORRIS HALPERN, whom she described as a Communist from whom she collected dues. ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised that HALPERN furnished all the information which OSS was getting on Latin America and that he had access to cables which the OSS received from its agents abroad. She stated that the OSS had an agreement with the Department of State whereby he could see State Department cables on vital issues.

[T-8 has indicated] that DAVID WAHL was known to the informant as a Communist Party member. ~~(S)~~ (u)

As previously indicated, DONALD WHEELER was named by ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Walter Plaut

WALTER PLAUT was employed at the Board of Economic Warfare from November 24, 1942, to August 6, 1945, at which time he was transferred to the Treasury Department. The personnel records of the Treasury Department disclosed that PLAUT was appointed Commercial Specialist in the Foreign Funds Control Division and spent his entire service in Europe. Character references furnished by PLAUT were FRANK COE and LAUCHLIN CURRIE. ALLAN ROSENBERG also recommended PLAUT favorably and the file indicated that HAROLD GLASSER was interested in PLAUT's obtaining an appointment.

[T-22, of known reliability] has advised that WALTER PLAUT introduced MARY JANE KEENEY to GRETA KUCKHOFF in Germany where he was stationed with the Treasury Department from August 6, 1945, until March 30, 1946, in the Foreign Funds Control Division of the liberated areas. [T-22 has advised] that MARY JANE KEENEY characterized GRETA KUCKHOFF as a member of the KPD (Germany Communist Party). ~~(S)~~ (u)

(u) [T-23, a government agency which conducts investigations, advised in June, 1950,] that GRETA KUCKHOFF was connected with the "Rote Kappelle" a USSR espionage ring as well as being active in the Communist Party in 1946. [T-8 has advised] that MARY JANE KEENEY is known to the informant to have been a Communist Party member during the later 1930s and early 1940s. ~~(S)~~ (u)

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In instant report under the sub-heading, "Sol Adler," surveillance by Special Agents BERT HEACOCK and JAMES J. KEECH conducted on July 28, 1946, indicated that SOL ADLER visited the residence of FRANK COE at 1918 North Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia. During the course of this surveillance, it was observed that a Pontiac bearing D. C. tags 113-116 was parked in FRANK COE's driveway and this car was registered to ALBERT C. SHIRE, 3215 Macomb Street, NW.

ALBERT C. SHIRE, in 1943, acknowledged to representatives of the Civil Service Commission that he was a sponsor for, and attended meetings of, the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, had contributed to the American Peace Mobilization, was a member of the American Committee for Peace and Democracy, the Washington Bookshop Cooperative (Washington Bookshop Association) and paid dues and attended meetings of the American League Against War and Fascism. It is noted that all of the above organizations fall within the purview of Executive Order 9835. [T-8, of known reliability, had advised that he is unable to prove Party membership on the part of SHIRE but that through close association with SHIRE during the late 1930s and early 1940s, he gained the impression that SHIRE was or had been a member of the Communist Party. In any event, SHIRE is known to the informant to be a close associate of NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER and his wife, JOSEPH and ETTA GILLMAN and DAVID WAHL, all known to [T-8] to be members of the Communist Party. (u)

David Wahl

[T-24, of known reliability, advised that in the possession of DAVID WAHL during the month of February, 1947, was a list of names which were headed, "Roster of Helpful Persons." Included among these names was "FRANK COE, (reparations)." [T-8 has advised that DAVID WAHL was a member of the Communist Party underground movement in Washington, D. C., in the late 1930s and early 1940s. WAHL was a close associate of known Communists and pro-Soviet sympathizers. Upon one occasion, WAHL advised this informant that he, WAHL, had been sent from New York City to Washington to direct the activities of this group. (u)

O. John Rogge

O. JOHN ROGGE acted as FRANK COE's attorney during the hearings before the HCUA in 1948.

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ROGGE was formerly an Assistant to the United States Attorney General and has been identified with the National Lawyers' Guild and in the past, has been identified with various activities supported by the Communist Party and Communist front organizations.

[On May 20, 1949, according to T-25, of known reliability,] ROGGE was a speaker at a meeting of the Washington Bookshop Association and at the time, ROGGE urged support for the Civil Rights Congress, the Washington Bookshop Association and other movements which fought for the rights of the individual. At this time both the Civil Rights Congress and the Washington Bookshop Association were on the Attorney General's list of organizations falling within the purview of Executive Order 9835. (u)

The October 28, 1949, edition of the Washington Post, local daily newspaper, contained an article which described the visit to the offices of Attorney General J. Howard McGrath on October 27, 1949, on the part of O. JOHN ROGGE and four wives of the eleven Communist Party leaders who were convicted of conspiracy to advocate the violent overthrow of the United States Government. ROGGE, in representing the Communist Party leaders, plead for the release of four of the eleven leaders on reasonable bail. Accompanying this delegation to the office of Attorney General was WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, the Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress.

Concurrently with the visit of ROGGE and the wives of the Communist Party leaders to the office of the Attorney General, the Civil Rights Congress instigated a demonstration consisting of a picket around the Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C., and later a rally at Turner's Arena. O. JOHN ROGGE was one of the speakers at Turner's Arena under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress and he stated that "a united front in this country against Fascism" was needed. Also, during the speech, ROGGE stated, "it is a pleasure to represent BEN DAVIS." BEN DAVIS is noted as one of the convicted Communist Party leaders.

Of recent date, ROGGE appears to be drawing away from the Communist influence and the Washington Times Herald for November 20, 1950, carried articles dealing with World Peace Conference held in Warsaw during the month of November, 1950. The article sets out, "observers believed O. JOHN ROGGE, Executive member of the American Progressive Party and one-time United States Assistant Attorney General, was making a swan song in the Communist-backed peace movement. Delegates to the Peace Conference booed ROGGE time and time again as he accused Communists, in a thirty-minute speech, of placing a road block in the path of human progress."

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T-26, of known reliability, advised that FRANK COE was in contact with N. V. NOVIKOV, at which time COE indicated to NOVIKOV that the War Department had asked Treasury Department to discuss with the Soviet Embassy, the financial arrangements involved in making it possible for Soviet citizens in Germany to use American planes and for American citizens there to use Soviet planes. COE asked NOVIKOV to designate someone who could come to the Treasury Department and receive their suggestions on matters for transmission to Moscow. NOVIKOV asked one GRANIN, who was given an appointment at eleven a. m., on November 21, 1945. (u) (S) (X)

T-27, of known reliability, advised that FRANK COE's secretary confirmed with the Polish Embassy, the fact that FRANK COE would attend the reception at the Embassy on February 12, 1946. (u) (S) (X)

Institute of Pacific Relations

(u) T-28, a government agency which conducts investigations has advised that the name FRANK COE, who was then Assistant to the Executive Director of the Board of Economic Warfare, was listed among the names of persons attending the Eighth Institute of Pacific Relations Conference at Mont Tremblant, P. Q., Canada, on December 4 - 14, 1942. (u) (S) (X)

T-28, also advised that FRANK COE, Assistant Administrator of the Foreign Economic Administration, was listed as a delegate at the Ninth International Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations. (u) (S) (X)

The records of the Institute of Pacific Relations at New York City contain a letter from FRANK COE dated January 29, 1945, at which time he indicated he was Assistant Administrator to the Foreign Economic Administration and requested a set of reports on the Institute of Pacific Relations Conference held in Hot Springs, Virginia, which letter indicated that FRANK COE attended that conference in the capacity of a government representative. Also among the records of the Institute of Pacific Relations is a letter dated November 23, 1943, from FRANK COE, Assistant Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Foreign Economic Administration, advising ROBERT D. CALKINS of Institute of Pacific Relations, that COE was accepting an invitation to attend a private dinner at the Mayflower Hotel, December 1, and was looking forward to seeing ED CARTER and WILLIAM HOLLAND to discuss their trip.

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Mr. LOUIS BUDENZ, former managing editor of the Daily Worker had advised that ED C. CARTER was certainly under Communist Party discipline. According to BUDENZ, the Institute of Pacific Relations was originally a non-Communist organization but became infiltrated. BUDENZ stated that the Institute has been discussed at the policy meetings of the Communist Party. The professional staff of the Institute of Pacific Relations contained many non-Communists who were friendly with Communists because of the myth that the Reds were really agrarian reformers. According to BUDENZ, the Communists did have then a very great influence in the Institute of Pacific Relations and at times controlled its policy.

ED CARTER, for a number of years, has been the Director of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

The records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities report of the 78th Congress, reflects the following concerning EDWARD C. CARTER:

1. Sponsor of the American Pushkin Committee which is stated in the report to be a Communist front.
2. President and member of the Board of Directors of the Russian War Relief. Referring to the members of the Board of Directors of this organization, the report states, "a review of the background of this controlling group will reveal that the organization (Russian War Relief, Inc.) is firmly in the hands of those who have a history of close cooperation with the Soviet Union, the Communist Party or its satellite front organizations."
3. Reference is made in this report to ED C. CARTER as follows: "Defended Moscow trials," (Soviet Russia Today, May, 1938, page 10).
4. CARTER is referred to as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union. The California Committee on Un-American Activities, report, 1948, pages 169 and 327 sets out, "The American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union is a direct agent of the Soviet Union engaged in traitorous activities under the order of Stalin's Consular Service in the United States."

FORMER PLACES OF RESIDENCE AND DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT

December 17, 1929, 1724 Eye Street, NW, Washington, D. C.  
 May, 1937, to May, 1939, 39 Nina Avenue, Toronto, Canada  
 May, 1939, to September, 1939, Saul Road, Kensington, Maryland.  
 (Note: COE resided at 30 Kensington Parkway, Kensington Maryland, in summer of 1939).

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September, 1939, to September, 1940, 313 Bradley Lane, Chase, Maryland.

September, 1940, to at least June 17, 1942, RFD 1, Franklin Park Road, East Falls Church, Virginia.

February 8, 1946 to approximately September, 1946, 2700 36th Street, NW, Washington, D. C.

October, 1946, to present time, 1918 N. Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia, AXminster 4281.

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The following is a description of FRANK COE:

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| Name:            | VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, was, FRANK COE and FRANK V. COE  |
| Age:             | 42  |
| Born:            | January 5, 1907, Richmond, Virginia   |
| Residence:       | 1918 N. Roosevelt St. Arlington, Virginia   |
| Occupation:      | Secretary of International Monetary Fund, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington, D. C.  |
| Height:          | 6'  |
| Weight:          | 170-175   |
| Build:           | Medium to Slender   |
| Hair:            | Dark Brown or Black   |
| Eyes:            | Brown   |
| Complexion:      | Dark  |
| Face:            | Long  |
| Sex:             | Male  |
| Race:            | White   |
| Nationality:     | American  |
| Criminal Record: | Admits none   |
| Peculiarities:   | Dark, heavy mustache, thick lips, appears to have slight limp in right leg.   |
| Marital Status:  | Married   |
| Relatives:       | Wife, NORA MALLISON COE<br>Mother-in-law, Mrs. CHARLOTTE KERR COE<br>304 E. 42nd Street, Los Angeles, California, in March, 1942.<br>Sister-in-law, Mrs. HARTLEY THWAITE,<br>22 Brocco Bank, Sheffield, England, as of March, 1942.<br>Brother, CHARLES JOSEPH COE, was.<br>BOB COE, New York City. |

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INFORMANTS

- T-1 - [redacted] International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 1818 H Street, NW
- T-2 - U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C.
- T-3 - [redacted] as reported in New York Report of SA EUGENE B. CALDER dated April 24, 1945, entitled, PHILLIP JACOB JAFFE, was. et al. ESP-X." b7D
- T-4 - [redacted]
- T-5 - [redacted] b7D
- T-6 - [redacted]
- T-7 - Civil Service Investigating file
- T-8 - [redacted] (S) (U)
- T-9 - [redacted] as indicated on Page 24, of Bureau Correlative Summary furnished WFO by cover letter in instant case dated February 15, 1951 b3
- T-10 - [redacted] (X)(U)
- T-11 - [redacted] (X)(U) b7D
- T-12 - [redacted] (X)(U)
- T-13 - [redacted]
- T-14 - Miss DOROTHY SELLS, 912 19th Street, NW, Director of Research, U. S. Maritime Labor Board,
- T-15 - [redacted] as reported in report of SA JAMES J. TORILLO at San Francisco, dated May 7, 1948, entitled "Dr. LOUIS BLOCK, Labor Relations Officer, Applicant, U. S., CSC, LGE." b7D (U) (X)
- T-16 - [redacted] as contained in the same report as T-15 b7D
- T-17 - LA T-1, in report referred to under T-15
- T-18 - [redacted] b7D
- T-19 - [redacted] (X)(U)
- T-20 - Baltimore [redacted] WFO report of SA CARL W. BUCKHOLZ entitled, BETTI CAROLYN GOLDWASSER, AKA, LGE," dated August 19, 1948.
- T-21 - [redacted] b7D
- T-22 - Anonymous
- T-23 - [redacted] report dated June 13, 1950, furnished in connection with case entitled, "ROTE KAPELLE, Rote Drie, ESP - R." b3
- T-24 - Anonymous (S)
- T-25 - [redacted] (S) (U)
- T-26 - [redacted] (X) (U)
- T-27 - [redacted]
- T-28 - Files of the Security Division, Department of State

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THE CHICAGO OFFICE

At Chicago, Illinois

Will search their indices for any pertinent information on the subject.

Will check the records of the University of Chicago to verify the dates of attendance and employment at the University as set forth in instant report and ascertain if University records contain any derogatory information concerning FRANK COE.

Will check the records of the Labor Bureau of the Midwest, to ascertain if subject employed there during early 1930s as indicated in interview with HAROLD GLASSER.

Will check the records of the Police Department for any information concerning COE.

From these records so checked, will obtain former addresses of COE.

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THE LOUISVILLE OFFICE

At Duluth, Kentucky

Will check the Police Department records at Duluth, Kentucky, for any information concerning COE.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated October 12, 1950

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GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, WFO

DATE: May 15, 1951

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SUBJECT: FRANK COE, aka  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
DETCON - PROMINENT PERSONS

In view of the fact that subject is presently employed in an international agency, unless advised to the contrary, this office is placing the subject's security-index card in that section provided for personnel of international organizations and removing it from the section headed "Prominent Individuals."

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COE filed an Application for Passport stating that he planned to depart Dallas, Texas, on September 24, 1951, to proceed to Mexico for a period of thirty days on official business of the International Monetary Fund. The file also contained a letter from the International Monetary Fund dated September 20, 1951, stating that COE was to leave the United States about September 24, 1951, to travel to Mexico on official business and return to the United States October 15, 1951.

The file also contained a letter by Mrs. R. B. SHIPLEY, Chief of the Passport Division, addressed to FRANK COE, 1918 North Roosevelt, Arlington, Virginia, which letter was dated October 11, 1951, and made reference to the above-named application for a passport. The letter stated "after carefully considering your case, you are informed that the department is of the opinion that your proposed travel would be contrary to the interests of the United States. In the circumstances, a passport is not being issued to you".

ENCLOSURE

TO MIAMI

One photograph of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE taken in 1943.

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| T-1: [redacted]  | 1934-39                     | November, 1951       | WFO by Bureau 11/5/51          | 77-2536-54, and 55                   | (S) (U) b7D |
| T-2: [redacted]  | 1934-39                     | November, 1951       | [redacted]                     | 77-2536-55                           | (S) (U) b7D |
| T-3: [redacted]  | 1934-49                     | November, 1951       | [redacted]                     | 77-2536-55                           | (S) (U) b7D |
| T-4: FRANK A. SOUTHARD, JR. Executive Director, International Monetary Fund                      | 1947-51                     | September, 1951      | SA ROBERT W. MC CASLIN         | 77-2536-48 pages 1 & 2               |             |
| T-5: Mrs. EDNA HOUSTON, Docket Clerk, Board of Revocations, Traffic Bureau, District of Columbia | March, 1948 and March, 1952 | March, 1952          | SA PATRICK M. RICE             | 77-2536 this report                  |             |
| T-6: [redacted]  | 1938-41                     | March, 1952          | SA PATRICK M. RICE             | 77-2536 this report                  | (S) (U) b7D |

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| T-7: Security Division, Department of State | 4/7/50                  | 1951                 | SA WILLIAM H. ATKINSON         | 101-1315-263, page 91                |
| Information from [redacted]                 | 1936-38                 | 1951                 | SA WILLIAM J. MC GRATH, JR.    | 101-1315-209, page 14                |
| Information from [redacted]                 | 1930's and early 1940's | 9/10/51              | SA WILLIAM H. ATKINSON         | 101-1315-263, page 106               |
| T-8: Anonymous                              |                         |                      |                                |                                      |

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RICHMOND OFFICE

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

At the Division of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth of Virginia, Richmond, will check the records to determine the status of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE's driver's lincese. It should be determined whether he has driver's license and also whether his wife, ~~NORA MALLISON COE~~ has a driver's license. An effort should also be made to determine whether FRANK COE has an automobile registered in his name and if so, for what years he has had same. The same information should be obtained concerning his wife.

NEWARK OFFICE

AT NEWARK AND PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Will review the files of the Newark Office concerning JACOB VINER, who was formerly a Professor

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at the University of Chicago and according to the 1950-51 "Who's Who" resided at 182 The Western Way, Princeton, New Jersey, and had an office at Dickinson Hall, Princeton, New Jersey. It is to be noted that COE was apparently invited to join the Treasury Department in 1934 because COE's letter accepting this appointment was addressed to Dr. JACOB VINER, who was apparently at the Treasury in Washington at that time. It is also to be noted that VINER was listed by COE as a reference on a couple of occasions and COE probably was a student of VINER at the University of Chicago. It appears that VINER was responsible for bringing COE into the Government originally. Newark should review their files on VINER and if no reason to the contrary exists, he should be interviewed thoroughly concerning COE's activities over the years.

MIAMI OFFICE

AT JENSEN BEACH, MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Will interview Mrs. GORDON SWARTHOUT, formerly ARDENE CLEAR, who was active in the Washington Committee for Aid to China, and according to T-6 [redacted] she was aware of COE's possible Communist views. He pointed out that Miss CLEAR was extremely conscious of the Communist element in this committee.

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For the information of the Newark and Miami Offices, who have not previously received copies of reports concerning COE, the following information is furnished:

On July 31, 1948, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, testifying in special hearings of the HCUA, related that FRANK COE was a member of the Silvermaster group, which was a Russian espionage ring, and that COE was then employed in the Treasury Department. She also stated that it was her understanding COE was a member of the Communist Party.

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS advised Special Agents of the FBI New York Office in the spring of 1949 that he heard several individuals state in the 1930's that it was planned to bring

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FRANK COE from Canada and to place him in the Treasury Department by HARRY DEXTER WHITE, who was also mentioned as a member of the espionage apparatus by ELIZABETH BENTLEY. It is to be noted that COE originally became an Economist Consultant under Professor JACOB VINER at the Treasury Department in Washington in 1934. He worked a few months and then went to the University of Toronto. He returned to the Treasury Department under HARRY DEXTER WHITE from May to September, 1939, and then worked in two or three Government agencies, including the Treasury Department. He again returned to the Treasury Department on February 16, 1945, and remained there until June 17, 1946, during which time he was Director of Monetary Research in the Division of Monetary Research, having succeeded HARRY DEXTER WHITE. He has been with the International Monetary Fund since 1946.

A photograph of COE taken in 1943 is being furnished the Miami Office for display purposes to Miss CLEAR.

COE is described as follows:

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Born:          | January 5, 1907,<br>Richmond, Virginia  |
| Height:        | 6'  |
| Weight:        | 170 pounds  |
| Build:         | Medium to slender   |
| Hair:          | Dark brown or black   |
| Eyes:          | Brown   |
| Complexion:    | Dark  |
| Face:          | Long  |
| Race:          | White   |
| Peculiarities: | Dark, heavy mustache; thick<br>lips; appears to have a slight<br>limp in right leg. |
| Wife:          | NORA MALLISON COE   |

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will check the Board of Revocations, Traffic Bureau, to determine the final disposition of the revocation of COE's driver's license and his application for renewal of same.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN B. VAN ETEN, dated May 15, 1951, at Washington, D. C.

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| TITLE<br>VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka.     |                           |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>SECURITY MATTER - C |    |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No records located for subject with SO, Madison County, Kentucky.

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DETAILS:

CHARLES WAGERS, Sheriff, Richmond, Kentucky, advised he did not have any knowledge of subject's ever being located at Duluth, Kentucky. It is to be noted Duluth, Kentucky, is a rural community in Madison County, and there is no law enforcement agency there.

C. C. HENSLEY, Deputy Sheriff, Madison County, Richmond, Kentucky, the former Chief of Police of Berea, Kentucky, which is the nearest town to Duluth, stated he did not know of subject's being involved in any difficulty with law enforcement officials.

Mrs. CECIE THORPE, Clerk, Circuit Court, Richmond, Kentucky, made a check of her records, at which time no record of subject was located.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN B. VAN ETTEN dated 5/15/51 at Washington.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE<br>VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka   |                           |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>SECURITY MATTER-C    |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject attended the University of Chicago from the autumn quarter, 1923 to the summer quarter, 1928, and from the autumn quarter, 1932 to spring quarter, 1933. Employed by the Labor Bureau of the Middle West, 11 South La Salle Street, in part-time capacity during 1933 and 1934.

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**DETAILS:**

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On May 24, 1951, Mrs. BESS KATSAROS, Office of the Registrar, University of Chicago, advised SA J. VERNON BALLARD that her records reflect that VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, born January 5, 1907; at Richmond, Virginia, entered the University of Chicago on September 28, 1923 and attended classes from the autumn quarter, 1923 through the summer quarter, 1928, and from the autumn quarter, 1932 to the spring quarter, 1933. Mrs. KATSAROS advised that subject received his PhB Degree from the University of Chicago on September 3, 1926.

Mrs. KATSAROS advised that during his period of attendance at the University of Chicago, subject gave the following addresses:

September, 1923--909 Airdrie Place, Chicago  
August, 1926--4355 North Ashland Avenue,  
Chicago

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On May 24, 1951, Mrs. AVA MILLS, Office of Admissions, University of Chicago, advised SA BALLARD that the records of this office prior to 1935 have been destroyed.

On May 24, 1951, Miss IRENE SMITH, Office of the Comptroller, University of Chicago, advised that the employment records of the University prior to 1944 are stored in the basement and many of them have been misplaced or destroyed, particularly those involving part-time employees such as a research assistant. Miss SMITH further advised that though she could locate no record regarding the subject, because of the above-described incompleteness of these records, he could easily have been employed by the University without there being any record of his employ.

On June 6, 1951, Miss E. LEACH, Office Manager, Labor Bureau of the Middle West, 11 South La Salle Street, advised that her records are incomplete for the early 30's, and contained no information regarding any payments made to COE by her company. However, Miss LEACH added that the name "COE" appears in the files of the Labor Bureau during the years 1933 and 1934, and information contained in these files would indicate that COE was a student at the University of Chicago during the above 2 years doing part-time work at the Labor Bureau of the Middle West working on various arbitration cases.

On May 24, 1951, it was ascertained that the records of Hill's Reports, Inc., a Chicago Credit Agency, reflected no information identifiable with subject.

On May 25, 1951, a search of the records of the Chicago Police Department reflected no information identifiable with the subject.

On May 28, 1951, Chicago T-1, an agency which collects security information in the Chicago area, advised that its records contain no information regarding the subject.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Identity of Informants

T-1 Industrial Detail of the Chicago Police Department which provided this information to SE ROBERT J. MCKINLEY on May 28, 1951.

Administrative Data

The indices of the Chicago office contain no information identifiable with the subject not already recorded.

The records of the Chicago Police Department and of Hill's Reports, Inc. were caused to be searched by SE ROBERT J. MCKINLEY.

Reference

Report of SA JOHN B. VAN ETTEN, dated May 15, 1951 at Washington, D. C.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

SAC, Washington Field

August 7, 1951

Director, FBI

VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
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Reference is made to Washington Field Office report of Special Agent John B. Van Etten dated 5-15-51 on Coe carrying the character of "Security Matter - C."

It is noted that page four of this report contains information to the effect that Coe is employed as secretary in the office of the International Monetary Fund at 1818 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., which is an international organization and not an agency of the United States Government. It is noted that in connection with subject's present assignment Coe handles administrative matters affecting both the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which position is a highly responsible one. Through his position he has access to any information in possession of either the Fund or the Bank. It is also reported that he has access to information on production statistics which is furnished by approximately forty-five member governments.

The Bureau desires that you discreetly ascertain through your established sources whether the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank for Reconstruction and Development are in any way connected with the United Nations. The Bureau also desires that you develop sufficient facts from these sources as will enable us to determine whether Coe is in a position to commit espionage. In this connection you should determine whether he has access to classified information. If he does, you should ascertain the nature of the information and determine whether it is also available to member nations. You should ascertain whether Russia or any of the satellite countries are member nations. You should also find out whether the information available to Coe is also available to nonmembers. Finally, you should ascertain his exact duties and authority in order that we can determine whether the Soviets could use him for any purpose besides gathering information.

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U R G E N T

VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, WAS., SM DASH C. BUFILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH THREE SIX FOUR FOUR FOUR SEVEN. PASSPORT DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, HAS JUST RECEIVED APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PASSPORT FROM SUBJECT DATED SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST. PASSPORT DIVISION REQUESTS IT BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES RE SUBJECT SINCE APPLICATION IS PENDING AND WILL BE PENDING UNTIL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM BUREAU. PASSPORT DIVISION HAS INFORMED INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND ACTION ON PASSPORT REQUEST MAY TAKE TWO WEEKS. IN APPLICATION SUBJECT STATES INTENDS TO DEPART SEPTEMBER TWENTY FOUR, FIFTY ONE, BY AIR FOR MEXICO FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND. IN ACCOMPANYING LETTER MR. J. ELMER LINDQUIST, TRANSPORTATION OFFICER, IMF, STATES THAT ONLY COUNTRY TO BE VISITED BY SUBJECT IS MEXICO AND THAT SUBJECT WILL RETURN TO UNITED STATES ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER FIFTEEN, FIFTY ONE. SUBJECTS PASSPORT NUMBER THREE NINE FOUR THREE ISSUED ON AUGUST TWENTY TWO, FORTY SEVEN, BEING PHOTOSTATED AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO BUREAU LATER.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)  
FROM : SAC, WFO  
SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: September 26, 1951

Re Bureau letter dated August 7, 1951, in captioned matter.

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Mr. FRANK A. SOUTHARD, JR., Executive Director, International Monetary Fund, was contacted for the purpose of eliciting answers to the questions raised in reference letter.

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~~Mr. SOUTHARD~~ said that the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank for Reconstruction and Development could best be described as a constituent agency of the United Nations, but independent of any control by the United Nations. He stated that as a matter of practice, the Fund and the Bank only agreed to give due regard to important issues with which the United Nations is concerned. He said the Fund was solely responsible to its Board of Governors.

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At the present time, according to Mr. SOUTHARD, there are fifty member countries in the World Bank. Czechoslovakia is the only satellite country that is a member of the Bank; however, he added, Czechoslovakia is not represented on the Board of Directors, and because of this Czechoslovakia is not given restricted reports. He said Yugoslavia is the only Communist controlled country being represented in the Bank through a Director. He indicated Poland had recently withdrawn its membership from the Bank and he remarked that Russia had never been a member. He said there is no satellite vote in the Bank.

Mr. SOUTHARD said COE is a Secretary in the Fund and sits as Secretary of the Staff Committee. Through this position, he said, COE has access to everything handled by the Fund and as a matter of practice because many of the member countries handle classified information not generally disclosed in their respective countries, he, COE, does get information in this position which would not be available for general public dissemination. Mr. SOUTHARD added though that in principle the member countries are entitled to all information coming into the possession of the Fund. He said, however, the representatives of the member nations all make

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affirmations pledging to refrain from communicating confidential information to any unauthorized persons or non-member countries. But he stated there were no penalties provided in the by-laws of the organization for punishing any offender and only the removal of an offender from office could be exercised by the Fund.

It was the opinion of Mr. SOUTHARD that the information available to the Fund was of such a systematic statistical nature it would be useless from an intelligence point of view to any country--member country or otherwise. Mr. SOUTHARD thought no country, even a non-member country, would have to depend in any way on information available through the Fund. He said that more pertinent and readily understandable information on our country's economy is currently reflected in the Financial Section of the New York Times. He indicated the purpose of the Fund is not to compile information revealing any particular phase of a country's industrial activity, and accordingly a country's expenditures would not ordinarily reveal adequate information reflecting, for example, the budget for the military.

Mr. SOUTHARD said he, in an effort to keep our Government informed on the activities of the Fund and Bank, sends copies of all reports to our various interested Government agencies and departments. He said he supposed other countries did likewise. These reports, he said, are stamped with the warning the information is not for public use.

Mr. SOUTHARD said the information on production statistics available to the Fund on which the Fund makes its reports is cleared information. He stated the published reports are available to the general public. A series of these reports, such as is given to the public who request same, is submitted as an enclosure with this letter for the Bureau's perusal and information.

*These reports enclosed for information. They are likely of no value whatsoever to instant case, therefore they have been destroyed.  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Liaison Office, Ottawa, Canada,  
September 28, 1951

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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AIR MAIL

Director, FBI

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Date of Review 7-14-92  
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RE: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
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Dear Sir:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Liaison Office, Ottawa, Canada,

October 4, 1951

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
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AIR MAIL

Director, FBI

RE: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka,  
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Bufile 100-36447

Dear Sir:

Remylet September 28, 1951, particularly the last para-  
graph wherein it was indicated that inquiries would be made at McGill  
University to determine if COE was ever associated with that institu-  
tion. (S)(U)

[redacted] advise that they have received a report from  
[redacted] advising that a careful search of the  
records at McGill University showed that no person by the name COE  
was ever employed on the faculty of that institution as a lecturer,  
professor, or assistant and that no one by that name was ever a  
member of the student body. (S)(U)

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Contacts here comment that in view of the above informa-  
tion it would appear that the suggestion that COE may have been at  
McGill University is in error. (S)(U)

No further action is being taken relative to this matter  
here.

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Very truly yours,

*Glenn H. Bethel*  
Glenn H. Bethel

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: October 9, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
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Remytel September 21, 1951.

Subject filed application for passport in which he stated he permanently resided at 1918 North Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia. Subject stated he was born January 5, 1907, at Richmond, Virginia. He requested that the passport be issued in the name of FRANK COE or V. FRANK COE. The purpose of the passport was for travel to Mexico. He indicated he would travel by air from Dallas, Texas, September 24, 1951, being absent from the country for thirty days on official business with the International Monetary Fund.

Subject stated he was married June 20, 1931, to ~~NORA MALLINSON~~ at Yorkshire, England. He listed his parents as ~~JOSEPH LAWRENCE COE~~ and ~~CHARLOTTE COE~~, nee ~~ROBERTSON~~. Subject stated his mother resided at Los Angeles, California, and his father was deceased.

In addition to this information, there is being submitted for the information of the Bureau a photostatic copy of the special passport issued August 22, 1947, to Mr. COE. A second photostatic copy of this passport is being retained in the COE file in this office.

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ENCLOSURE FOR THE BUREAU (100-361447)

RE: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
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Photostatic copy of Federal passport  
dated 1/22/47 to Mr. Coe

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**IMPORTANT**

The person to whom this passport is issued must sign his name on page three immediately on its receipt. The passport is NOT VALID unless it has been signed.

The bearer should also fill in blanks below as indicated.

1918 N. Roosevelt St.  
Bearer's address in the United States  
Annlington. Virginia.  
Drchester Hotel - London  
Bearer's foreign address

**IN CASE OF DEATH OR ACCIDENT NOTIFY**

Mrs. V.F. Cog  
Name of person to be notified  
1918 N. Roosevelt St.  
Exact address  
Annlington Va

Should you desire to obtain a new passport after this passport shall have definitely expired, this passport should be presented with your application for a new passport.

*Special Passport*

*United States of America  
Department of State*

*I, the undersigned, Secretary of State  
of the United States of America, hereby  
request all whom it may concern to permit*  
VIRGINIUS FRANK COE

*a citizen of the United States, safely and  
freely to pass and in case of need to give  
to        all such aid and  
protection as would be extended to like  
citizens or subjects of Foreign Govern-  
ments resorting to the United States.*



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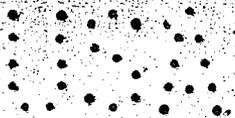
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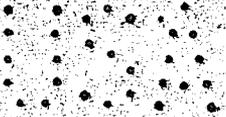
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First Secretary to the  
High Commissioner for  
India in Pakistan.

Date *26.11.48*



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Passport Control  
Date 2-12-49  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JULY 20, 1950

THIS PASSPORT EXPIRES:

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IT IS NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL IN  
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R. B. Shipley  
CHIEF, PASSPORT DIVISION

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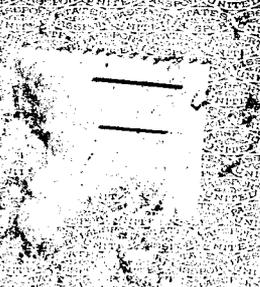
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: October 13, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

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SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, was.  
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DATE 7-14-82 BY [redacted]

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Rereps SA ROBERT E. LEONARD dated October 11, 1949, and SA JOHN B. VAN ETTEN dated May 15, 1951, both at Washington, D. C., in instant case.

A review of COE's personnel file at the US Treasury Department reflects the following clarification of the dates of his employment during the period of February 2, 1942, to June 17, 1946:

From February 2, 1942, through February 15, 1945, COE was employed by the Board of Economic Warfare, as Executive Secretary to the Joint War Production Committee of the United States and Canada, and with its successor agencies, The Office of Economic Warfare, Office of Emergency Management and with the Foreign Economic Administration, serving as Assistant Administrator in the Office of the Administrator, Office of Economic Programs, FEA.

COE entered on duty with the Treasury Department on February 16, 1945, as Director of Monetary Research, Division of Monetary Research, and resigned this position effective at the close of business June 17, 1946, to accept a position with the International Monetary Fund.

Accordingly, corrected pages one and five of the report of SA LEONARD dated October 11, 1949, at Washington, D. C., are attached herewith for the information of the Bureau and the New York and Richmond Offices. Likewise, corrected page four of the report of SA VAN ETTEN dated May 15, 1951, at Washington, D. C., is attached herewith for the information of the Bureau and the New York, Chicago, Richmond and Louisville Offices.

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| Mr. Rosen      |  |
| Mr. Tracy      |  |
| Mr. Egan       |  |
| Mr. Gurnea     |  |
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| Mr. Pennington |  |
| Mr. Quinn      |  |
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WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE FROM WASH FIELD 11 2:45 PM

DIRECTOR AND SAC

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OVER LATTIMORE, ESPIONAGE R. REBATEL MARCH FOUR LAST AND BULEY MARCH SIX LAST. FRANK COE, SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, ADVISED THAT HE FIRST MET CHAO TING CHI IN MID NINETEEN TWENTIES WHEN BOTH WERE FELLOW STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. CHI WAS PURSUING A LEGAL COURSE AND COE WAS PURSUING AN ECONOMICS COURSE, BOTH IN THE UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL. HE RECALLED THAT THEY WERE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PROBABLY OTHER CLASSES TOGETHER AND ALSO PARTICIPATED IN DEBATES. HE ADVISED THAT HE COULD NOT RECALL ANY ASSOCIATION OR CORRESPONDENCE WITH CHI AFTER COE LEFT THE U OF C UNTIL HE RECEIVED A COPY OF A THESIS PREPARED BY CHI FOR HIS DOCTOR'S DEGREE. HE ADVISED THAT HE RECEIVED THIS THESIS WHILE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO BUT COULD NOT RECALL WHETHER IT WAS GIVEN TO HIM IN PERSON OR HE RECEIVED IT THROUGH THE MAIL. HE RECALLED THAT HE READ IT AND THAT HIS ONLY RECOLLECTION IS THAT IT WAS A HISTORY OF CHINA DEALING MORE WITH ANCIENT THAN MODERN TIMES. HIS ONLY EXPLANATION FOR CHI'S SUBMITTING THE THESIS TO HIM WAS THAT CHI RECALLED HIM AS A STUDENT OF ECONOMICS AT THE U OF C. HE POINTED OUT THAT AFTER HE KNEW CHI AT THE U. OF C. CHI CHANGED FROM THE LEGAL FIELD TO ECONOMICS AND APPARENTLY CHI MERELY WANTED COE TO READ HIS THESIS. HE SAID HE KNEW OF NO ONE TO HIS, COE'S, KNOWLEDGE WHO SUGGESTED THAT CHI SEND THE THESIS TO HIM.

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HE ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW CHI RECEIVED HIS ADDRESS EXCEPT POSSIBLY U OF C ALUMNI PUBLICATIONS OR HIS, CHI'S, POSSIBLY SPEAKING AT UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO. HE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT DISPOSITION HE MADE OF THE THESIS OR WHETHER HE GAVE CHI ANY SUGGESTIONS. HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF LATTIMORE ASSISTING CHI IN ANY MANNER WITH THIS THESIS. HE ADVISED KNOWING LATTIMORE SLIGHTLY AND SINCE READING THE LATTIMORE CASE IN NEWSPAPERS RECENTLY KNOWS NOW THAT LATTIMORE AND CHI WERE ACQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER. HE STATED THAT THIS WOULD BE LOGICAL DUE TO THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST IN CHINA. HE KNEW OF NO ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THESE TWO PERSONS BUT POINTED OUT HE MAY HAVE SEEN THEM TOGETHER AT CHINESE PARTIES, BUT CANNOT RECALL ANY SPECIFIC INSTANCES, OR FOR SURE THAT HE DID SEE THEM TOGETHER. GDE NEVER KNEW CHI BY ANY OTHER NAME AND DOES NOT KNOW IF HE EVER USED THE NAME HANSU CHAN. HE SAID HE SAW CHI DURING WORLD WAR II WHEN CHI CAME TO WASHINGTON FROM TIME TO TIME AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHINESE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT. HE MET HIM SOCIALLY AND ALSO HAD SOME DEALINGS AS AN OFFICIAL OF THE U. S. GOVT. WHILE CHI REPRESENTED CHINESE NATIONALIST GOVT. HE NEVER OBSERVED ANY PRO COMMUNIST ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF CHI, BUT ON THE CONTRARY OBSERVED THAT CHI WAS VERY PARTIAL TO THE CHINESE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)  
FROM : SAC, WFO (77-2536)  
SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 17, 1952

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There is transmitted herewith the summary report of SA PATRICK M. RICE captioned as above and dated April 17, 1952.

Reference is also made to Bureau letter dated October 12, 1950, requesting that this office submit a summary report of COE's Communist Party activities.

It is to be noted that a report was written in summary report style by SA JOHN B. VAN ETEN, dated May 15, 1951, regarding COE. Inasmuch as this report is written in summary report style and contains in general all of the information regarding COE available in the files of this office at that time, the present report has been prepared to bring this file up to date. The attached summary report includes other information available since the previous report and information available which is required in the present summary report program.

It is believed that the report dated May 15, 1951, together with the enclosed summary report fulfills the requirements of the Bureau regarding a summary report in this matter.

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[redacted] advised that COE was on the staff of the University of Toronto from 1934-39 and no record could be located of him ever having been employed at McGill University. [redacted] individual reported that he observed COE visiting the home of GEORGE SHAW WHEELER and another person reported COE to be a close associate of WHEELER. WHEELER issued a statement in Czechoslovakia in 1950 to the press asking for asylum in Czechoslovakia and condemning U. S. foreign policy. In personal interview COE advised he met CHAO-TING CHI in mid 1920s at the University of Chicago as a fellow student. He also had some official dealings with CHI when he, COE, represented U. S. Treasury and CHI represented Chinese Nationalist Governments during World War II. A 1950 newspaper article reported CHI was a leading Chinese Communist who had attended the Moscow Congress of the

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of the Communist Internationale. Passport files, State Department, reflect COE was issued several passports between 1941 and 1949. On September 24, 1951, he applied for a passport to Mexico on official business of the International Monetary Fund. Passport Division advised COE by letter dated October 11, 1951, that his proposed travel was not in the best interests of the U.S. and therefore a passport was not being issued to COE.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Citizenship Status

The personnel file of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE was reviewed at the Division of Monetary Research, United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., recently. This file contained an Application for Federal Employment dated February 14, 1945, and signed by COE, in which he stated that he was a citizen of the United States and at that time resided at 2700 36th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Military Service

The above-named application and personnel file failed to indicate that COE has ever had any military service.

Employment

Washington T-1, [redacted] advised that the records of the University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, reflect that VIRGINIUS FRANK COE was employed as a Lecturer and Assistant Professor in the Political Economic Department from 1934 to 1939. The records are somewhat incomplete but reflect he left the school on leave of absence for the duration of the war. COE formally resigned from the university in August, 1945, and was apparently on leave of absence during these years. (S) (U)

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T-1 advised that the various residences listed by COE in Toronto from 1934 to 1939 were checked and nothing significant was developed. ~~(U) (S)~~

Washington T-2, of unknown reliability, was interviewed by Washington T-1 and this informant was not evaluated. T-2 advised that COE was on the staff of the University of Toronto from 1934 to 1939 and believed that in 1939 COE was called to Washington, D. C., by some Government agency whose name the informant could not recall. T-2 recalled that COE was employed by the University of Toronto upon the recommendation of a person named JACOB VINER, who was then a member of the faculty of the University of Chicago, where COE received his Doctors degree. The informant believed that VINER is presently at Princeton University. T-2 advised T-1 that he felt confident COE did not, while he was a member of the faculty at the University of Toronto, subscribe to any form of ideology. ~~(U) (S)~~

T-1 advised that the Bankers Educational Association, now defunct, was a part of the Canadian Bankers Association. It was an organization that sponsored evening training courses for bank employees in the major cities of Canada. Private arrangements were made by the association with various universities for the loan of their professors for the purpose of lecturing to these evening classes. In the case of the University of Toronto, it was learned by T-1 that T-3, who was considered reliable by T-1 and now deceased, arranged to have COE lecture at classes of the Bankers Education Association. The fee paid the lecturers by the association was a personal matter between the lecturers and the bankers group. ~~(U) (S)~~

Washington T-1 advised that the records of McGill University in Canada failed to contain any indication that COE was ever employed there as a Lecturer, Professor or Assistant and no one by his name ever attended the school as a student. It is to be noted that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, self-admitted former Communist and espionage agent, advised Mr. ADOLPH A. BERLE, Assistant Secretary of State in 1939, of certain activities relating to Communist matters. In the original notes of Mr. BERLE made available as a result of the disclosures of CHAMBERS there appeared the following notation:

"Treasury Department, FRANK COE - now teacher at McGill".

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(u) [Washington T-4, an informant of unknown reliability who is an official of the International Monetary Fund, advised Special Agent ROBERT W. MC CASLIN in about September, 1951, that COE is Secretary of the Fund and through his position COE has access to everything handled by the Fund. As a matter of practice, because many of the important countries handled classified information, COE does get information which would not be available for general public dissemination; however, T-4 expressed the opinion that the information available to the Fund was of such a systematic statistical nature, it would be useless from an intelligence point of view to any country regardless of whether the country was a member of the Fund or not.]

Mr. VIRGINIUS FRANK COE was recently interviewed by Special Agents HOWARD FLETCHER, JR. and the writer in connection with another matter, at which time he advised that he is the Secretary of the International Monetary Fund, Washington, D. C., and presently resides at 1918 North Roosevelt, Arlington, Virginia.

### Miscellaneous

On the aforementioned Application for Federal Employment dated February 14, 1945, and located in the Treasury Department file of COE, he answered "yes" to a question as to whether he had ever been arrested, summoned into court as a defendant, or indicted, or fined, or imprisoned, or placed on probation, or had ever had a case filed against him in which he had to deposit collateral for alleged violation of any law or police regulation whatsoever. In the space provided for details when an affirmative answer was given to this question, COE did not furnish any details.

In COE's Civil Service Application dated June 17, 1942, reviewed by Special Agent ROBERT E. LEONARD, he denied any criminal record but admitted the following arrests for traffic violations:

January 8, 1934, Washington, D. C., driving with old tags, fined \$2; spring of 1941, speeding, fined \$10 before Arlington Police Court, Arlington, Virginia; November, 1941, failure to have car inspected, fined \$9.35 before Arlington Police Court, Arlington, Virginia.

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The traffic records of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., reflect the following record of violations by VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, born January 5, 1907, at Richmond, Virginia:

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CHARGE</u>  | <u>ARRESTED BY</u>   | <u>DISPOSITION</u>                 |
|-------------|--|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 10-9-33     | Fast Auto 48 M.P.H.  | Traffic Bureau       | Personal Bond                      |
| 12-18-33    | Disobeying Sign  | Traffic Bureau       | Elected to<br>Forfeit \$2.00       |
| 1-8-34      | Dead Tags  | Traffic Bureau       | E.F. \$2.00                        |
| 3-21-40     | No Parking any time  | Traffic Bureau       | E.F. \$3.00                        |
| 8/29-42     | No Parking any time  | Pct. 8               | E.F. \$3.00<br>(Virginia license)  |
| 4-15-44     | Improper tags  | Pct. 7               | E.F. \$2.00<br>(Virginia license)  |
| 12-8-44     | Parking overtime   | Traffic Bureau       | E.F. \$5.00                        |
| 2-13-45     | Failure to Report<br>for inspection                              | Traffic Bureau       | E.F. \$10.00                       |
| 1-6-46      | Passing Stop sign  | Pct. 7               | E.F. \$10.00                       |
| 1-19-46     | Failure to Park<br>close to curb                                 | Traffic Bureau       | E.F. \$2.00                        |
| 7-18-47     | Fast Auto 50 M.P.H.  | Traffic Bureau       | E.F. \$25.00<br>(Virginia license) |
| 9-17-47     | Privileges suspended<br>for 60 days                              | D.V.T. case<br>46042 | Appealed                           |
| 1-16-48     | Appeal withdrawn and<br>permit stands sus-<br>pended for 10 days |                      |                                    |
| 3-14-48     | Driving while drunk  | Pct. 6               | \$100 or 90 days<br>suspended      |
| 3-15-48     | Parking less than<br>40 ft. from inter-<br>section               | Pct. 10              | E.F. \$3.00                        |
| 3-22-48     | Privileges revoked   | D.V.T. case 8883     |                                    |
| 3-22-48     | Blacklisted  |                      |                                    |

The files of the Board of Revocation, Traffic Bureau, District of Columbia, were made available by Washington T-5. These files contain Case Numbers 8883 and 46042. The files reflect that VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, 1918 Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia, employed at 1818 H Street, Washington, D.C., (location of International Monetary Fund) was arrested on the evening of July 16, 1947, at 8:55 P.M. while driving at the

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rate of fifty miles per hour in a twenty-five mile zone in his Oldsmobile sedan by Officer CHESTER E. MILLS of the Traffic Division of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C. COE elected to forfeit \$25.00 at #3 Police Precinct on July 19, 1947. COE's privilege to operate a motor vehicle in the District of Columbia was suspended on September 17, 1947, for sixty days from the date of service of suspension notice, which notice was served on October 27, 1947. COE appealed this suspension on November 4, 1947, but subsequently withdrew his appeal on January 16, 1948, his privilege to operate a motor vehicle to stand revoked for ten days from January 16, 1948.

The files also reflected that VIRGINIUS FRANK COE was arrested by Officers J. D. CRAWFORD and OLIVER P. WILLIAMSON of #6 Police Precinct Station at 3:30 A.M. March 14, 1948, in Washington, D. C., after having driven his 1946 Oldsmobile through a stop sign and then driving at the rate of forty miles per hour while under the influence of alcohol and he was not in a fit condition to operate a motor vehicle. COE was driving on his Virginia driver's permit. He denied passing a stop sign, stating he was going home after visiting friends in Washington, D. C., and denied any drinking during the evening.

In the Municipal Court for the District of Columbia, Criminal Division, COE was convicted before Judge NEILSON on March 15, 1948, on a plea of guilty and sentenced to ninety days in jail and fined \$100 or ninety days additional, such sentence to stand suspended.

It is to be noted that T-5 advised the above represents a conviction for a commission of a misdemeanor as provided in the Traffic Court for the District of Columbia.

COE was placed on the Division of Vehicles and Traffic "black list" on March 22, 1948, and prohibited from registering or operating an automobile in the District of Columbia until such time as approved by the Division of Financial Responsibility.

The file also contains a copy of an order dated March 22, 1948, from the District of Columbia Department of Vehicles and Traffic, Board of Revocation and Restoration of Operator's Permits, Washington, D. C., which was addressed to COE and stating that he was thereby officially notified of the revocation of the reciprocity privilege. The reason given for this was that COE had operated a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor in the District of Columbia on March 15, 1948. It is to be noted that this was served on COE by Private BERNARD E. CARROLL March 26, 1952.

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The Department of Finance and Division of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth of Virginia, by letter dated April 23, 1948, informed COE that his privilege to operate a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth of Virginia was thereby revoked and suspended because of his conviction in the District of Columbia on March 15, 1948, which suspension would stand as provided by law in cases of first conviction for one year from the date of conviction.

The file also contained an Application for Reinstatement dated March 27, 1952, by VIRGINIUS FRANK COE. He answered "no" to the question as to whether he owned an automobile. He was asked whether he had ever been arrested since his permit had been revoked or suspended and he replied "not in District". In answer to the question as to whether he had ever been arrested elsewhere he replied "yes" and stated that he was arrested in Virginia and that he forfeited the collateral. He also stated that he uses his automobile driving to and from work. In answer to the question "why do you think your permit should be returned at this time", he replied "the failure to file insurance, et cetra in 1948 was the failure of my insurance company which I assumed knew the law". He also made the following statement:

"1948-49, in one year I did not drive because of Virginia law. April 7, 1949, I took out insurance which was filed in Virginia, has been in force since and will be continued in force. My Virginia license was returned. I had assumed that the necessary steps were taken in the District. I accepted service March, 1948, and showed all papers to the insurance company in applying for policy". The application is then signed by COE.

T-5 advised that COE stated orally he had been driving a car every day and when he was cautioned he was violating the law to drive in the District of Columbia, he stated that he didn't know why he had made such a statement as he had not been driving in the District of Columbia. T-5 advised that COE will appear in the near future and that consideration will be given by T-5's office to the renewal of his D. C. driver's license. (u) (u) (u)

The files of the Arlington County, Virginia, Police Department, were checked by Special Employee HERBERT L. MONAHAN, JR. and they reflected the following information regarding COE:

He was arrested January 5, 1941, for speeding and the final disposition was shown as \$5 and costs, which were forfeited. On November 16, 1941, he was arrested for not having an inspection sticker on his car and was again fined \$5 and costs. On January 9, 1952, he was arrested for speeding and forfeited \$5 and costs.

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The files of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department and Montgomery County, Maryland, Police Department were checked and no record of COE was found.

The files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no additional information pertinent to this inquiry other than previously reported.

ASSOCIATIONS WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

Washington Committee for Aid to China

(U) Washington T-6, an informant of unknown reliability, advised that he was a member of the Washington Committee for Aid to China during the late 1930's and early 1940's. He stated that his original reason for joining this organization was to stop the sale of oil, scrap metal and other materiel of war to Japan. He stated that the organization proposed to go about this by lobbying with various Congressman for the above purpose. He stated that he believes FRANK COE was on the Steering Committee of this organization and that the entire organization was small in the number of persons actively working in it. (U) T-6 advised that he learned from other individuals in the committee that apparently there were some people who were actually furthering or attempting to further the aims of the Communist Party in this organization. He stated that he believed he got the impression one of these individuals was FRANK COE. Sometime about 1940 or 1941 he recalls that the committee decided to have a concert to raise money, and that it was agreed the person to have at the concert was PAUL ROBESON. (U) T-6 advised that he was well aware of what T-6 described as ROBESON's radical tendencies, which he could not further describe, but that the purpose of the concert was to raise money and he felt this would be achieved. (U) T-6 stated that when the matter was originally proposed to have ROBESON, he noted that FRANK COE was extremely pleased when T-6 did not put up a complaint about having this individual appear at the benefit concert.

(U) T-6 advised that he was agreeable because his main interest in the organization was to help China and they would be able to raise a large sum of money through this concert. (U) T-6 stated that although he held a fairly responsible position in the Washington Committee for Aid to China and should have known everything that was going on, he subsequently learned that the concert was being advertised in two different ways. One was for a negro organization whose name T-6 could not recall, and the other was for the Washington Committee for Aid to China. He stated the negro organization may have been The National Negro Congress but he was not certain. (U) T-6 pointed out that the primary purpose of the Washington Committee for Aid to China was to aid China, and that when he

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learned the concert was advertised two different ways he became rather incensed. He stated that at about the same time he discovered Mrs. GIFFORD PINCHOT, who was the wife of former Governor of the state of Pennsylvania, complained about the fact that she had received information, apparently from her lawyer, that the Washington Committee for Aid to China had Communists in its organization. She complained further that the fact the concert of PAUL ROBESON was being held apparently for two different purposes was very embarrassing to her inasmuch as she had previously interested Mrs. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT in the Washington Committee for Aid to China. He further pointed out that he believed Mrs. PINCHOT was opposed to having PAUL ROBESON as a singer because of his political views. He stated that as a result of this several persons including himself, T-6, resigned from the Washington Committee for Aid to China and sent a telegram to the President of the organization to that effect. T-6 stated that FRANK COE was in another faction of the committee which was opposed to his faction, and that this was the group believed to be Communists.

He stated further that someone wrote a letter to the newspaper criticizing Mrs. PINCHOT's position regarding the concert and signed it the Washington Committee for Aid to China. He stated that he is firmly convinced FRANK COE wrote that letter, but that it was not officially authorized by the committee. T-6 further advised that somebody took him to lunch on one occasion and he believes the person was probably FRANK COE. He stated that he recalls this individual was extremely pro-Russian and talked about Russia throughout the conversation when ostensibly they should have been discussing China matters and methods by which China could be helped through the Washington Committee for Aid to China. He pointed out that he has a very definite recollection COE was pro-Russian but added that everyone in the Washington Committee for Aid to China was definitely anti-Japanese, and that anyone who held anti-Japanese views was welcome. T-6 stated that he is unable to recall any specific statements or activities on the part of COE in the Washington Committee for Aid to China that would be suitable evidence to show his pro-Russian and pro-Communist views. T-6 advised that he has no knowledge of COE other than in connection with this organization.

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

The National Negro Congress was cited by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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GEORGE SHAW WHEELER

Mr. G. W. BROOKS, Research Director, Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Workers Union, 1904 K Street, Northwest, was interviewed by Special Agent WILLIAM J. MC GRATH, JR. in about May of 1951, at which time he advised that GEORGE SHAW WHEELER and his wife were very friendly with VIRGINIUS FRANK COE. He stated that one evening he visited the WHEELERs at their R Street apartment when FRANK COE was there, and he noticed that the conversation changed upon his arrival although it stayed on a liberal plane. He did not further describe this term. BROOKS stated that upon visits to the WHEELER's farm near Vienna, Virginia, the WHEELERs would constantly refer to the great social experiment taking place in Russia and constantly praised the Russians.

Mrs. MARGARET C. LABOWITZ, Danville Drive, RFD #4, Rockville, Maryland, was interviewed on September 10, 1951, by Special Agent WILLIAM H. ATKINSON, at which time she advised that FRANK COE and his wife were close associates of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE SHAW WHEELER. She pointed out that she was a close friend of Mrs. WHEELER, having attended Reed College with her and also knowing the WHEELERs at the University of Chicago. She stated that in the early 1940's when she and Mr. LABOWITZ came to Washington she renewed the acquaintance with the WHEELERs but observed that the WHEELERs did not seem to care for the LABOWITZ company and the personal acquaintance was discontinued.

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, self-confessed former Soviet espionage agent who operated in Washington, D. C., and New York City during the early 1940's, advised that she learned from DUNCAN LEE, an agent of the espionage apparatus, that GEORGE SHAW WHEELER and his brother, DONALD WHEELER, were both members of the Communist Party. Miss BENTLEY pointed out, however, that she never saw GEORGE SHAW WHEELER and knew nothing of his background.

The Communist Party is an organization declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Washington T-7, a Government agency that conducts intelligence and personnel investigations, made available its information on GEORGE SHAW WHEELER, which contained a press release made under the sponsorship of the Czechoslovakian Ministry of Information on April 7, 1950, by GEORGE SHAW WHEELER and his wife. In the press release he asked that the Czechoslovakian Government afford he and his family asylum.

Throughout the statement he criticized the American policy in post war Germany and its policy of handling former Nazis. He charged that the Americans in Germany had adopted a practice of keeping Nazis in important jobs and building up espionage groups and military bases against the Soviet Union. He also made critical statements concerning the Marshall Plan and Atlantic Pact, which were foreign policies of the United States Government. His wife in her statement stated that she was in agreement in supporting her husband in the decisions mentioned in the press release and pointed out that their children were in a Czechoslovakian school and receiving a sound, healthy education.

CHAO-TING CHI

Mr. COE was interviewed recently by Special Agents HOWARD FLETCHER, JR. and the writer in connection with another matter, at which time he furnished the following information:

He stated that he was a classmate of CHAO-TING CHI in the mid 1920's when both were fellow students at the Undergraduate School at the University of Chicago. COE pointed out that the CHIANG-KAI-SHEK Government was not in power at that time but was striving to become the Government in power, and that CHIANG-KAI-SHEK was in fact somewhat allied with the Chinese Communists. He stated that CHI was intensely interested in politics and professed to be an adherent of CHIANG-KAI-SHEK at that time. COE stated that after he left the University of Chicago while he was working at the University of Toronto, he received from some source a thesis prepared by CHI. He advised that he read the thesis and his own recollection of it was that it was a history of China dealing more with ancient times than modern times. He said he does not recall how he received this thesis and could furnish no further particulars about it.

COE stated that he saw very little of CHI between the time they were fellow students at the University of Chicago in the mid 1920's and early 1940's. He said that during World War II CHI was an employee of the Chinese Government, probably a purchasing commission in New York City, and came to Washington from time to time on official business. He recalled that in 1945 he had some business with CHI, at which time CHI represented the Chinese Nationalist Government and he, COE, represented the United States Treasury Department. This contact was in connection

with money owed the United States Government by the Chinese Government. COE said that he also had other business associations along the same line and some social contact with CHI during World War II. During these contacts COE advised that CHI showed no antagonism toward the CHIANG-KAI-SHEK Government. COE stated that CHI was in fact under the supervision of Dr. H. H. KUNG, a high official in the Chinese Nationalist Government, Ministry of Finance. COE further pointed out that KUNG was not well liked among American liberals but CHI seemed to have great admiration for KUNG and appeared to be in complete sympathy with his policies. COE stated that CHI worked well with KUNG and never at any time did CHI display any pro-Chinese Communist attitude.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities contain a clipping from the Washington Daily News dated May 8, 1950, headlined "Amerasia Educator Duped By Co-founders" and bearing the by-line FREDERICK WOLTMAN. The article stated that Dr. CYRUS H. PEAKE of Columbia University and then an Intelligence Officer in the Division of Far Eastern Affairs, Department of State, told the news that he and other co-founders of the magazine "Amerasia", were completely unaware of PHILIP JAFFE's Communist background, and that JAFFE's closest associates in this magazine, FREDERICK V. FIELD and CHAO-TING CHI, were Communists and all three had operated under aliases. Later in the article the following statement appeared:

"..... CHAO-TING CHI, alias HANSU CHAN, wrote numerous articles in book reviews for the magazine (Amerasia). JAFFE described him in "Amerasia" as a 'young Chinese scholar'. Actually CHI was a leading Chinese Communist who attended the Moscow Congress of the Communist Internationale .....". No source was shown for the above information. The article also contained a statement that CHI helped edit a Chinese Communist newspaper from the ninth floor Politburo of the Communist Party national headquarters in New York City. The article stated that CHI was waiting in Hong Kong to aid Soviet China's delegation to the United Nations as the nationalists were unseated.

ALLAN R. ROSENBERG

Washington T-76, an informant of known reliability, advised in about 1946 that it was his personal opinion V. FRANK COE, who then resided at 2700 36th Street, Northwest, was probably a personal friend of ALLAN R. ROSENBERG.

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Miss ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in their special hearings held July 31, 1948, identified two Communist espionage groups composed of Government employees and Government officials in Washington, D. C. It was pointed out that information was supplied from the files of the Federal Government by members of these two groups and was conveyed to New York City and turned over to agents of the Soviet Union. According to Miss BENTLEY, these groups were identified as the Silvermaster group and the Perlo group. Among the individuals named by Miss BENTLEY in the Perlo group was ALLAN R. ROSENBERG.

#### FOREIGN TRAVEL

The files of the Passport Division were reviewed and the following information was obtained:

An Application for Registration was filed by VIRGINIUS FRANK COE on June 1, 1937, before the United States Vice Consul at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He stated that he had been in Canada since September, 1934, and that his address was 346 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Canada. Among the references he listed Dr. JACOB VINER of the University of Chicago. He listed his date of birth as January 5, 1907, at Richmond, Virginia, and filed a birth certificate reflecting the above information. The application was approved on June 24, 1937.

On July 2, 1941, VIRGINIUS FRANK COE filed an application for a passport for travel to Portugal and the United Kingdom on Government business.

Diplomatic Passport #4712 was issued to COE on July 2, 1941, at Washington, D. C., to expire January 2, 1942. It was noted that the passport was not valid for travel outside of the Western hemisphere except to the British Isles on official business; Bermuda and Portugal enroute. It was valid for one trip over the combat area. The file contained an informal notation that COE was a Special Assistant to the American Ambassador in Great Britain.

On September 15, 1941, COE filed an Application for Admendment of this passport and the passport was amended to read that it was valid for return to the United States via Lisbon.

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On June 2, 1943, COE filed an application for a passport for travel to Mexico and stated that he intended to depart from the United States on June 5, 1943, by American Airlines. He listed his address as Assistant to the Executive Director, Board of Economic Warfare, Washington, D. C. Special Passport #29774 was issued June 3, 1943, to expire in six months and was valid for travel only to Mexico on official business.

COE filed application for a passport on August 19, 1947, for travel to the United Kingdom to attend a conference of Governors of the International Monetary Fund. He indicated that he planned to leave New York City on September 3, 1947, on the Queen Elizabeth, and his occupation was listed as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund.

Special Passport #3943 was issued August 22, 1947, and it was qualified to state that if properly visaed it was valid for travel in any country except Germany, Austria, and Japan. It was further stated that if travel to these countries was desired it would be necessary to have a military permit. It was also stated the passport was not valid for travel to Yugoslavia.

The file contained a letter from the International Monetary Fund dated August 18, 1947, supporting the request for the above passport. COE filed an Application for Renewal of this special passport and it was renewed October 7, 1949, to expire January 6, 1950, and Renewal #3690 was assigned. The file also contained a letter from the International Monetary Fund at Washington dated October 4, 1949, stating that this passport was made by COE for travel to England, France and Switzerland on official business of the Fund. The file also contained a letter from the International Monetary Fund dated October 12, 1949, stating that COE was to leave the United States on October 14, 1949, on official business of the Fund to travel to England, France, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Pakistan, India and the Philippines.

On July 18, 1950, the International Monetary Fund advised the Passport Division that COE was leaving Washington on August 18, 1950, enroute to Paris, France, to attend the fifth annual Board of Governors conference, and that COE was to visit the United Kingdom and other Western European countries on official business. It was requested that his passport be validated.

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| TITLE<br><b>VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka Frank Coe,<br/>V. Frank Coe, Frank V. Coe</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>  |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

DMV, Richmond, Virginia reflect two cars registered in the name NORA MALLISON COE, subject's wife. Subject and wife in possession of Virginia operator's license.

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**DETAILS:**

The records of the Division of Motor Vehicles, Commonwealth of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia made available by Mr. JOHN W. COTTEN, recorder revealed that two cars, a 1950-51 Chevrolet Sport Sedan, Motor #JAD-68955, Title #4392177, Virginia tags #844-455, and a 1946 Oldsmobile Sedan, Motor #6-34350-H, Title #2812825, Virginia tags #844-456 are presently registered in the name NORA MALLISON COE, subject's wife. The records reflected that no vehicle had been registered in the name of subject and that these two were the only vehicles registered in the name of the wife of subject for the past three years. Records over three years old are not available as they have been disposed of.

The records futher reflected that NORA COE on 11-4-46 was issued operator's license and at that time was in possession of an operator's license #12066 issued at Ontario, Canada. She renewed the operator's license issued 11-4-46 on 3-8-50.

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261 <sup>WAK</sup> 1 <sup>1963</sup> The records also revealed that the Virginia operator's license of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, 1918 N. Roosevelt St.,

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| 3 Washington Field (77-2536)   |  |
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RH 100-8047

REFERENCE- Report by SA PATRICK M. RICE of WFO dated 4-17-52.

Arlington, Virginia was revoked 3-15-48 because of a conviction in Washington, D. C. He filed on 4-7-49 proof of liability insurance and applied for the renewal of his operator's license. This was granted and on 4-22-49 operator's license #651992 was issued which remained in effect until 1-31-52. The records further revealed that on 4-4-52 he was issued operator's license #5A2820288 which is in effect at the present time.

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VIRGINIUS FRANK **EX-130**  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Newark letter dated May 6, 1952.

The Washington Field Office by memorandum dated April 25, 1952, in the case entitled "Jacob Viner, Consultant, Office of International Materials Policy, Department of State, Washington, D. C., Loyalty of Government Employees" raised the question as to whether a loyalty investigation of Viner should be instituted on the basis of his past association with Harry Dexter White and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster during the period 1938 and 1939.

In view of the above, it is not desired that Professor Jacob Viner be interviewed by the Newark Office concerning the captioned subject at this time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: 5/6/52

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SUBJECT: *For* VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
Frank Coe, V. Frank Coe,  
Frank V. Coe  
ESPIONAGE - R

Rerep of SA PATRICK M. RICE dated 4/17/52 at Washington Field requesting that Professor JACOB VINER of Princeton University be interviewed if the Newark files contain nothing derogatory concerning him.

Dr. JACOB VINER, Professor of Economics at Princeton University, Princeton, N. J., has often been interviewed by agents of the Newark Office in applicant and related matters and has always shown a disposition to cooperate with the Bureau.

While the Newark files contain indications that he has signed petitions on behalf of academic freedom which were possibly promoted by Communists, nothing is recorded which can be considered materially derogatory.

The Bureau is requested to advise if it desires that Dr. JACOB VINER be interviewed for information concerning the Subject as is requested in referenced report.

cc: Washington Field (77-2536)

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| TITLE<br>VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka Frank Coe,<br>V. Frank Coe, Frank V. Coe |                               |                                  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>ESPIONAGE - R   |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ZOLA CLEAR SWARTHOUT, Jensen Beach, Florida, formerly in charge of publicity for the Washington Committee for Aid to China, states one CHARLES J. COE on Executive Committee of Washington Committee for Aid to China. She is unable to positively identify photo of subject as being identical with CHARLES J. COE. CHARLES J. COE active in PAUL ROBESON concert in Washington, D.C., April 25, 1941. Name BOB COE, Room 510, Peoples Life Insurance Building, appears in Mrs. SWARTHOUT's notes. She does not recall BOB COE.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE

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BY W. J. G. [redacted]  
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DETAILS:

AT JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA.

Mrs. ZOLA ARDENE CLEAR SWARTHOUT, Highway 1A1A, who was formerly in charge of the publicity for the Washington Committee for Aid to China, stated she recalled one CHARLES J. COE as being active in the Washington Committee for aid to China. She recalled that CHARLES J. COE was on the Executive Council of the Committee and that if any difficulty arose as to policy the matter was always referred to CHARLES J.

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COE. She viewed the photograph of the subject and stated that she believed that the subject might be identical with CHARLES J. COE but that she could not make a positive identification. It is noted that the Washington Committee for Aid To China was cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated March 29, 1944, as a Communist controlled organization.

Mrs. SWARTHOUT checked through some of her records she had made during her tenure of office in the Washington Committee for Aid To China and there was contained among these notes an Executive Council meeting on December 13, 1940, at 8:00 P.M. These notes contained the name of CHARLES COE, together with the following individuals:

CHARLOTTE BURNS  
 CHAS. COE  
 JAMES W. DICKIE  
 ANNE GOODMAN  
 MORTIMER GRAVES  
 SEYMOUR HOWARD  
 DOROTHY JACOBSEN  
 HORACE TRUESDELL  
 DUDLEY BARCOCK  
 MURIEL KOENINGSBURG - (Executive Secretary)  
 MARY WHEELER - (Wife of DONALD WHEELER)  
 Mrs. T. Y. HU  
 MADELINE JAFFE

She further stated that her notes contained a list of the Legislative Committee of the Washington Committee for Aid To China. This list of names is set forth following:

JAMES W. DICKIE  
 KELSO HAAN  
 TRUESDELL  
 H. H. DOUGLAS  
George GEO. WHEELER  
Charles William CHAS. WM. KING  
 MADELINE JAFFE  
 ARTHUR C. SMITH  
 BARCOCK  
 Mrs. R. L. KINCAID  
 ED C. SWEENEY

[REDACTED]

Mrs. SWARTHOUT stated that CHARLES J. COE was the contact between the National Negro Congress and the Washington Committee for Aid to China in the efforts of these two organizations to have PAUL ROBESON sing in Washington, D. C., on April 25, 1941.

The National Negro Congress was cited by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Mrs. SWARTHOUT produced a list of names and appearing on this list was BOB COE, Room 510, Peoples Life Insurance Building, 1343 H. Street, and the following telephone numbers for BOB COE: National 4927; Wisconsin 8977; and Col. 7076.

Mrs. SWARTHOUT stated that she had testified concerning the Washington Committee for Aid to China before the Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives, and there appears on page 2363 of Volume 5 of the Executive Hearings before this committee, testimony of Mrs. SWARTHOUT on August 7, 1941. This testimony was to the effect that Mrs. SWARTHOUT, then known as ZOLA CLEAR, was attempting to make arrangements for two negro speakers to talk on the radio concerning the life of PAUL ROBESON. She stated she could not get a sufficient speaker and "I was referred to CHARLES J. COE who seemed to be the man who was the guiding spirit throughout the whole thing---everything was referred to CHARLES J. COE."

Mrs. SWARTHOUT displayed a copy of Volume 5 of the Executive Hearings described above and it was noted thereon that BENJAMIN MANDEL testified before this Committee on August 7, 1941, and displayed a list of the various members and their affiliations with the Washington Committee for Aid to China. Testimony by MANDEL lists CHARLES J. COE as a member of the Washington Committee for Aid to China and also a member of the American Peace Mobilization, signer of a call to the American Peoples meeting, New York City, April 5th and 6th of 1941, and also a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. SWARTHOUT stated from her own recollection that she recalls CHARLES COE as being the man to whom important matters of policy were referred.

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Mrs. SWARTHOUT advises that additional information concerning CHARLES J. COE should be contained in Volume 1, page 109 of the Hearings before the Special Committee on Un-American Activities. She had no copy of this testimony available. It is further noted that it is not known whether CHARLES J. COE is identical with the subject, however, the foregoing information is set forth so that the Washington Field Office can possibly make this identification.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will attempt to determine if subject in instant case and CHARLES J. COE are identical.

REFERENCE: Report of SA PATRICK M. RICE, 4-17-52,  
at Washington, D. C.

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July 18, 1952

Director, FBI (100-36447) 3 /

VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka.  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to your memorandum dated July 7, 1952, with which you forwarded amended pages with which to correct the summary report of SA Patrick M. Rice, dated April 17, 1952, at your office.

It is to be noted that you have not submitted corrected pages for the first page of the summary report which contains information from Confidential Informant T-6 [redacted] which is now known to be inaccurate.

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It will, therefore, be necessary for you to submit an amended first page. You should exercise greater care in the future in matters of this kind where you submit amended pages to see that the entire report is corrected.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: JUL 7 1952

*Box 57*

FROM : SAC, WFO (77-2536)

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VIRGINIUS FRANK COE,  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE 9/15/82 BY [redacted]

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SUBJECT:

Reference is made to WF Summary Report dated April 17, 1952 captioned as above, which set forth information from [redacted] (T-6 in the report) regarding FRANK COE.

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WF files contain information originating in CSC investigative files in which [redacted] was interviewed on March 1, 1944 in the case involving GEORGE SHAW WHEELER, at which time he advised that FRANK COE was one of three or four members on the Steering Committee of the Washington Committee for Aid to China.

[redacted] was interviewed just prior to the submission of the b7D summary report regarding FRANK COE, at which time he furnished information which was set forth in the summary report. Mrs. GORDON SWARTHOUT, who was active in the Washington Committee for Aid to China, was interviewed by the Miami Office, as set forth in their report dated May 10, 1952. She advised that she recalled CHARLES J. COE as being active in the Washington Committee for Aid to China, and she also advised that she had records available which reflected that CHARLES COE was in the organization. The name of BOB COE also appeared in these records, and BOB COE is a name that CHARLES COE is popularly known by. Mrs. SWARTHOUT was shown a photograph of FRANK COE, and she was unable to identify him as being identical with the COE she knew as CHARLES COE in the Washington Committee for Aid to

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[redacted] was re-interviewed, and advised that the information he furnished apparently was concerning BOB COE, as that name seemed familiar to him. Upon reflection, he said that neither the name FRANK COE or CHARLES COE sounded familiar. He stated that there was only one man named COE in the Washington Committee for Aid to China. Photographs of several individuals, including two of FRANK COE, and one of CHARLES COE, also known as BOB COE, were displayed to [redacted] and he immediately identified the photograph of CHARLES COE as the person he knew at the

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- 2 - Richmond (100-8047) (Encl.) (RM)
- 2 - Newark [redacted] (Encl.) (RM)
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- 1 - Washington Field (77-2536)

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Washington Committee for Aid to China. He was unable to identify the photograph of FRANK COE, and when FRANK's picture was identified to him, he stated that he did not know FRANK.

As a result of the above information from [redacted] the information attributed to him as T-6 in the summary report is being deleted. Amended pages have been prepared, and appropriate copies are being sent as enclosures with this letter to the following. b7D

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| Miami    | 2 of each page; |
| Richmond | 2 of each page; |
| Newark   | 2 of each page. |

It is requested that each office and the Bureau substitute the amended pages in their copies of the summary report dated April 17, 1952. The information from [redacted] will be reported in the case of CHARLES J. COE in a future report. b7D

Mrs. EDNA HOUSTON, Docket Clerk, Board of Revocation, advised that FRANK COE had a hearing before the Board regarding his Driver's Permit, at which time he produced proper insurance papers. She stated that inasmuch as his Virginia Driver's License has been restored, she felt certain that his District of Columbia Driver's License would be restored; however, she said that she did not know when the Board would take this action, and that at the present time he is still not eligible to drive an automobile in the District of Columbia. In view of the fact that all other logical leads have been completed in this case, it is not deemed necessary to keep this case open merely to determine the Board's final action and, consequently, this case is being closed.

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| T-1: [redacted]  | 1934-39                     | November, 1951       | WFO by Bureau 11/5/51          | 77-2536-54, and 55                   |
| T-2: [redacted]  | 1934-39                     | November, 1951       | [redacted]                     | 77-2536-55                           |
| T-3: [redacted]  | 1934-49                     | November, 1951       | [redacted]                     | 77-2536-55                           |
| T-4: FRANK A. SOUTHARD, JR.<br>Executive Director,<br>International Monetary Fund                | 1947-51                     | September, 1951      | SA ROBERT W. MC CASLIN         | 77-2536-48 pages 1 & 2               |
| T-5: Mrs. EDNA HOUSTON, Docket Clerk, Board of Revocations, Traffic Bureau, District of Columbia | March, 1948 and March, 1952 | March, 1952          | SA PATRICK M. RICE             | 77-2536 this report                  |
| T-6: Not Used.   |                             |                      |                                |                                      |

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The files of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department and Montgomery County, Maryland, Police Department were checked and no record of COE was found.

The files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no additional information pertinent to this inquiry other than previously reported.

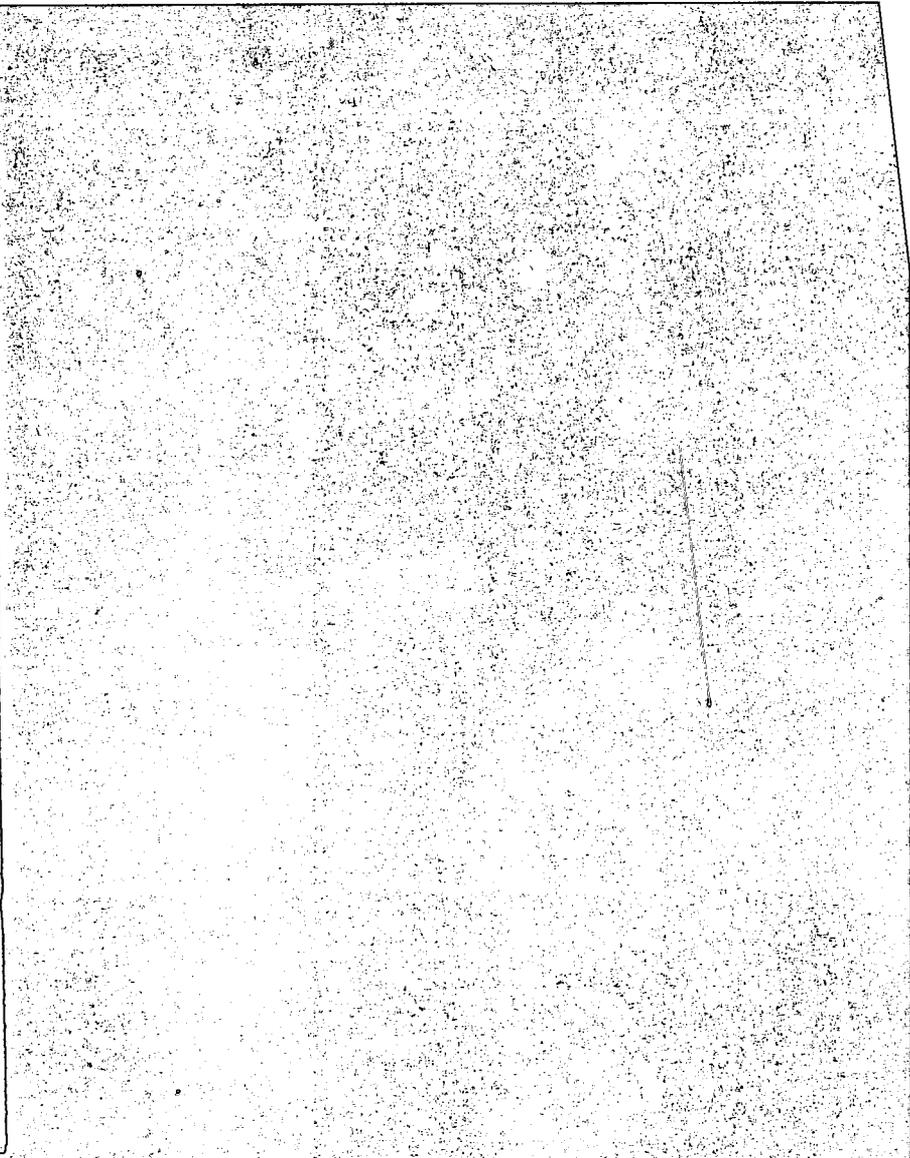
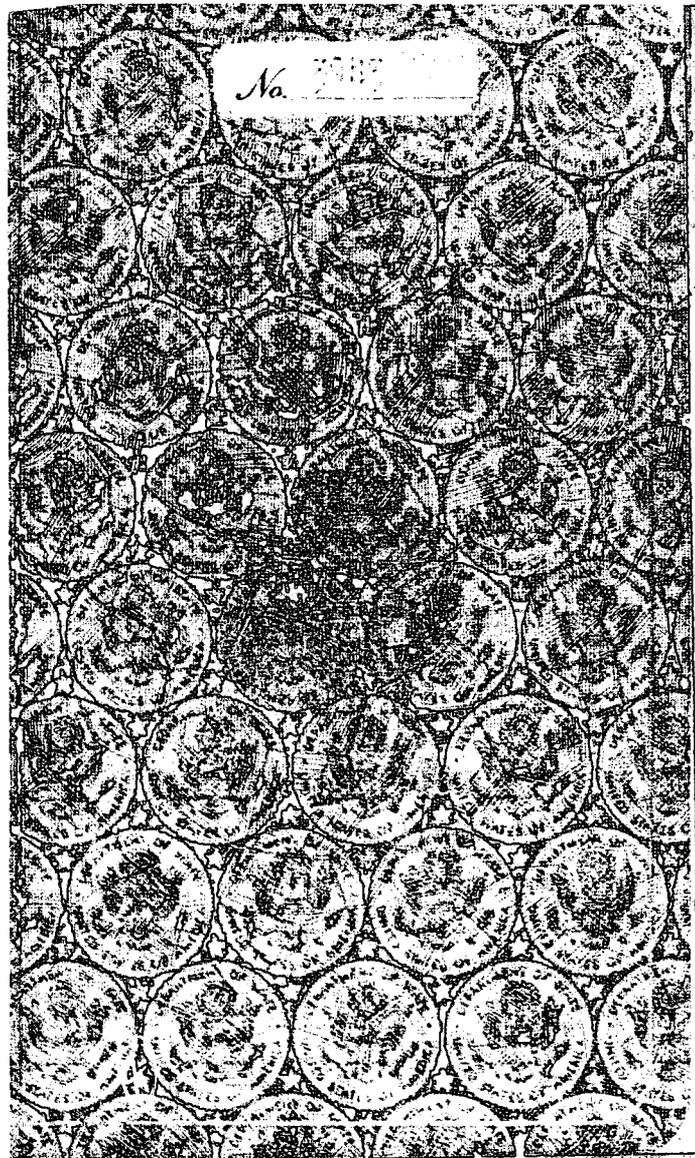
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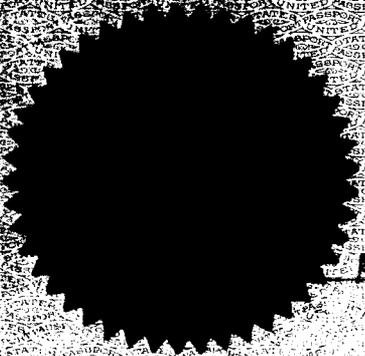
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1947

*W. J. [Signature]*

*Description of beaver*

*Height* 5 feet 11 inches

*Hair* BROWN

*Eyes* BROWN

*Distinguishing marks or features:*

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*Place of birth* RICHMOND,

VIRGINIA

*Date of birth* JANUARY 5, 1907

V. F. Coz

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**R. B. SHIPLEY  
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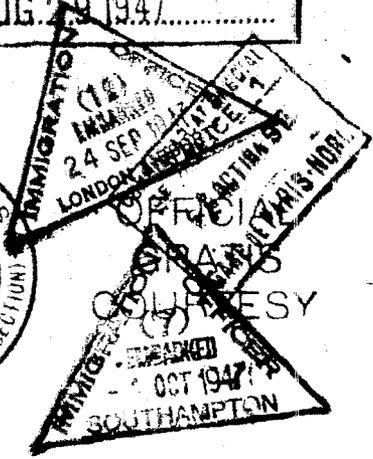
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Visa No. **712513**

Seen at the Foreign Office London  
 Visa good for a single journey to  
 the UNITED KINGDOM until the  
 20th DECEMBER 1947

*W. R. Mee*

Chief Passport Officer  
 Date 20 SEP 1947

FOREIGN OFFICE  
*Country*  
 20 SEP 1947  
*Expiry*

IMMIGRATION OFFICER  
 (15)  
 2 - OCT 1947  
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ATROPORT-GENEVA  
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AUG. 3, 1949

THE BEARER IS PROCEEDING  
ABROAD ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL  
BUSINESS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL  
MONETARY FUND.

*R. B. Shipley*  
R. B. SHIPLEY

CHIEF, PASSPORT DIVISION

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UNLESS  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

AUG. 3, 1949

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AUG. 21, 1949

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ANY COUNTRY EXCEPT:

MEXICO - IMPORTANT  
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*R. B. [Signature]*  
CHIEF, PASSPORT DIVISION

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- 5 NOV 1949

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NO. 1359

PARA DIRIGIRSE A MEXICO

DERECHOS Notas

WASHINGTON, D. C. 4 AGOSTO 1949

P. O. del Embajador



*Rafael Avelstra*  
RAFAEL AVELSTRA  
CONSUL GENERAL DE MEXICO

*Tres meses*  
La presente visa es válida por *Tres meses* a partir de esta fecha siempre que esté en vigor el pasaporte en que aparece e incluye a las siguientes personas: *[Signature]*

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**VISA SPECIAL**

No. 51/1949 -

Vu à la Légation Royale d'Egypte

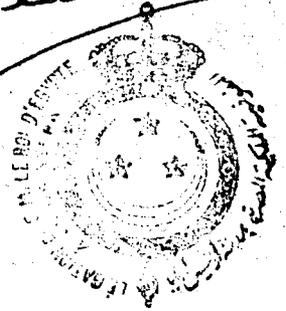
à Addis Ababa

BON POUR SE RENDRE EN EGYPTE

Addis Ababa le 18/11/1949

Le Ministre d'Egypte

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OCTOBER 7, 1949

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JAN. 6, 1950

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*R. X. B. Shipley*  
CHIEF, PASSPORT DIVISION



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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
LIBRARY  
540 EAST 57TH STREET  
CHICAGO, ILL. 60637

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**THIS VALIDATED  
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**OCTOBER 12, 1949**

**JANUARY 6, 1950**

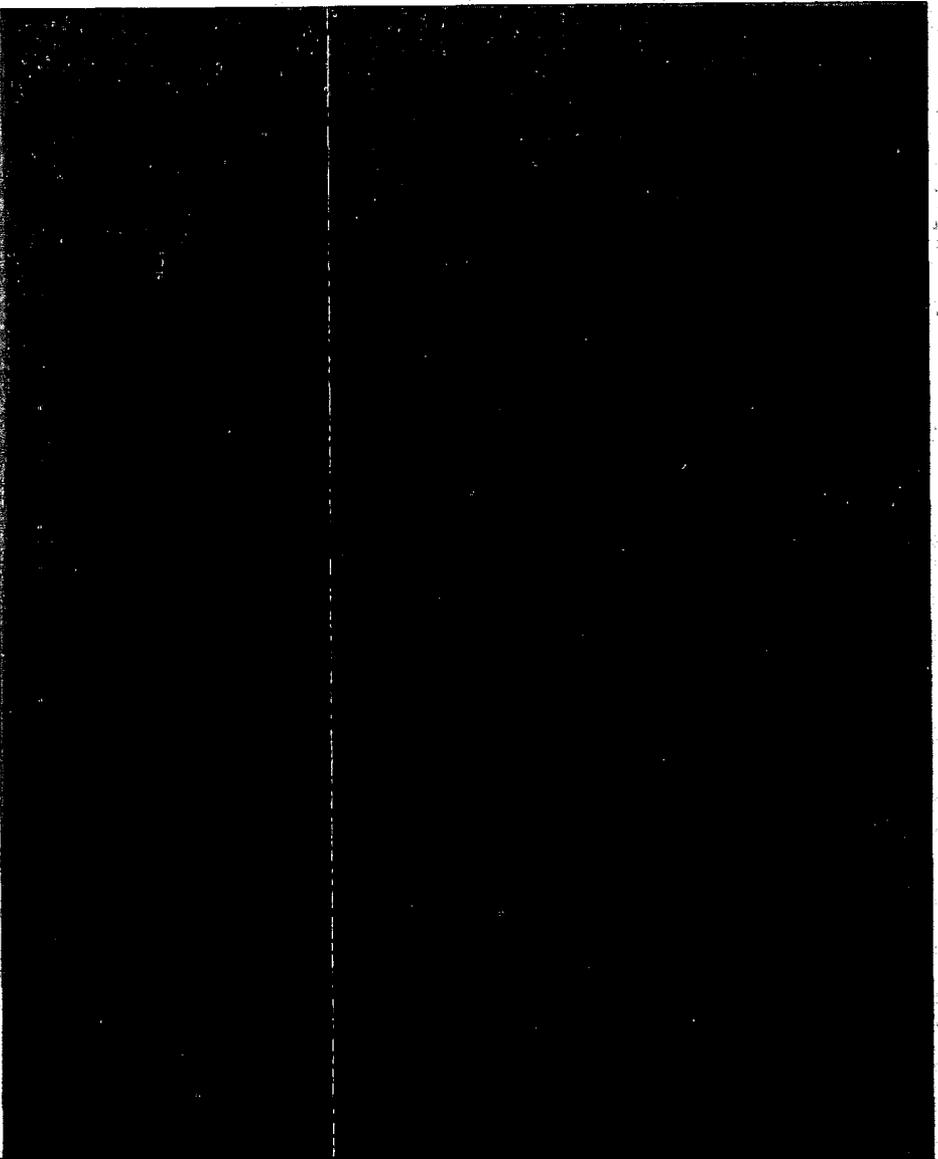
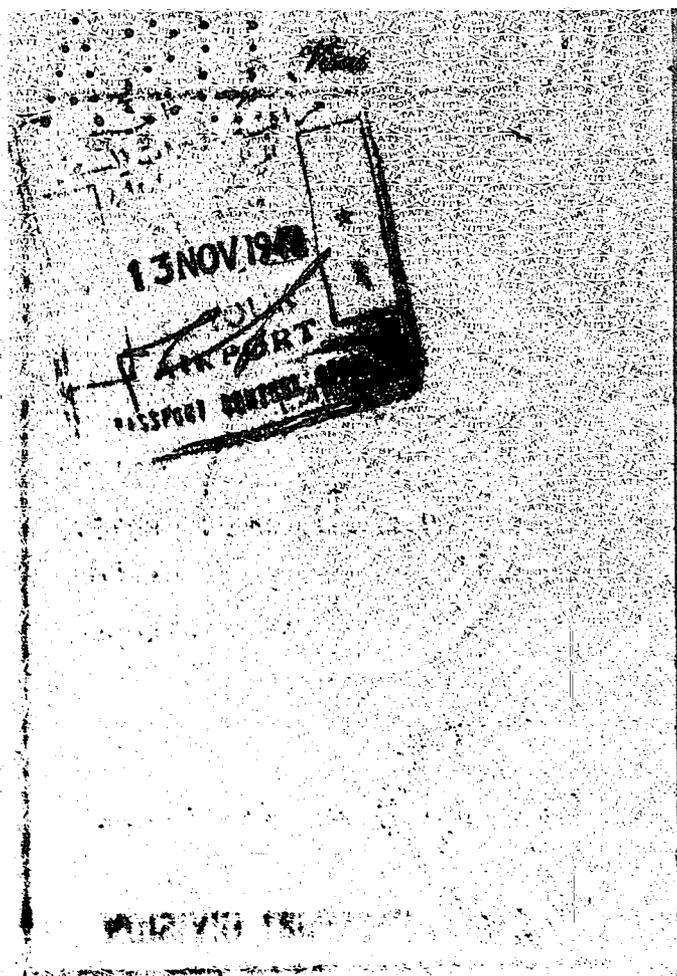
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INDIA AND THE PHILIPPINES -  
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BUSINESS.

NECESSARY COUNTRIES  
EN ROUTE.

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*R. B. [Signature]*  
**CHIEF, PASSPORT DIVISION**



VISA SPECIAL

No. 632

Vu à l'Ambassade Royale d'Egypte  
à Washington

BON POUR SE RENDRE EN EGYPTE

WASHINGTON, le 12 Oct. 1949

Pour l'Ambassadeur  
et par ordre

*Clair Seidby*

Secrétaire d'Ambassade



*Visas*

PERMITTED TO LAND.

DATE. 29/11/49

IMMIGRATION.

KARACHI

*[Signature]*

PORTER.

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# TRANSIT

No. *185* Date *12 October* 19*49*

Seen at the Pakistan Embassy  
(Consular Division)  
Washington, D. C.

Good for single journey within *three*  
months from date hereof in direct transit  
to *India*  
and from \_\_\_\_\_

provided the passport remains valid. Period  
of stay in Pakistan on arrival *14* days.



*Mahyar Khan*

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Third Secretary  
and Vice Consul

OFFICIAL  
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ملوك المملكة العربية السعودية

باريس

LÉGATION ROYALE DE L'ARABIE SAOUDITE  
PARIS

VISA SPÉCIAL

سماحة

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بإقامة

يحل هذه الصفة لسفرة خاصة... خلال فترة...

VALIDABLE : Un seul VOYAGE

DURÉE : trois mois

LE 2 - 11 - 1949 ١٣٦٩ / ١ / ١١

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LE MINISTRE PLÉNIPOTENTIAIRE



SPECIAL VISA

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NO. 37/42 October 12, 1949

SEEN AT THE IMPERIAL ETHIOPIAN  
EMBASSY WASHINGTON, D.C.

VALID for three months from the date hereof  
GOOD FOR Ethiopia for a single journey  
provided the passport is valid

FOR THE AMBASSADOR



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*London*

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*London*

مذارت شاهنشاهی ایران فروداشنگن

با آقای *Vispina Frank Coe*

برای *بازرسی* *بازرسی*  
اجازه میدهد از کشور ایران بگذرد

که با راین روادید از تاریخ *۲۰* *۱۳۲۸* است

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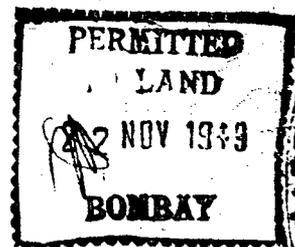
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PARIS

GOOD FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY TO  
INDIA WITHIN ~~SIX~~ MONTHS  
OF DATE HEREOF, IF PASSPORT  
REMAINS VALID.  
VALID FOR *Two weeks* MONTHS  
STAY IN INDIA.

*W. S. G.*  
Secretary

No. 8716  
DATE 31-10-49

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PERFORMED ON BEHALF OF THE SUBJECT TO INTERESTED PARTY'S SETTLEMENT WITH REPRESENTED GOVERNMENT OF FEE PRESCRIBED BY ITS TARIFF.

NON-RESIDENT VISA

No. *25* Date *27 OCT 1944*  
Issued for *Philippine*  
by *Virginia Frank Col*  
while in force of said visa not exceeding *12* months from there date. Pass valid only up to *60* days beyond expiration date.

(SEAL) *Ernest L. Stanger*

ERNEST L. STANGER

VICE CONSUL OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*Acting in the interests of the*

AMERICAN EMBASSY

PARIS, FRANCE

No. *3*

(Classification)

Application No. *F*

*Single journey not exceeding 60 days to the Philippine Islands*

*Islands of Philippine government*

*Vicas*

PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION SERVICE  
*POL 393*  
Admitted in Manila on  
*Dec 7 1949*  
under Sec. *9 (2)* of the  
Philippine Immigration Act of  
*1940*  
INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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*Foreign Post office*

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VU A LA LEGATION ROYALE DE L'IRAK, PARIS

شاهد في القنصلية الملكية العراقية في باريس

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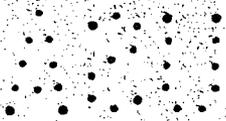
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31/11/49



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ERITREA POLICE FORCE  
IMMIGRATION OFFICE  
ASMARA AIRPORT

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DATE 13/10/49  
SIGNATURE *[Signature]*

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IMMIGRATION & M. C. OFFICE

*Signature*

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PERMITTED TO EMBARK  
Date 1-10-49  
KARACHI POLICE

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: August 5, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (77-2536)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka., Frank Coe,  
V. Frank Coe, Frank V. Coe  
ESPIONAGE - RRe WFO letter dated July 7, 1952, and WFO summary report dated  
April 17, 1952.

There are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau and offices receiving copies of this letter amended copies of page 1 of referenced report dated April 17, 1952. It is requested that the Bureau and each office receiving these copies substitute them in referenced summary report.

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1-CC-MIAMI [redacted] (Encl. 2) -- REGISTERED MAIL

1-CC-RICHMOND (100-8047) (Encl. 2) -- REGISTERED MAIL

1-CC-NEWARK [redacted] (Encl. 2) -- REGISTERED MAIL

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. BELMONT *ok*

FROM : W. A. BRANIGAN *WBW*

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: August 18, 1952

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PURPOSE:

To secure transmittal of the attached report to the Treasury Department through liaison.

DETAILS:

Virginius Frank Coe is presently employed as the Secretary of the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D. C. In view of his present employment it is felt that the Treasury Department would have an interest in his activities. A previous summary report was disseminated to the Treasury Department. It is suggested that the attached summary report of Special Agent Patrick M. Rice, dated April 17, 1952, at Washington, D. C. be taken to the appropriate representative of the Secretary of the Treasury through liaison channels.

*WBW*  
*Bartlett*

ACTION:

It is suggested that this memorandum and the attached copy of the summary report be routed to the Liaison Section for transmission of the report through liaison channels to the appropriate official in the Secretary of the Treasury's Office.

WBW:mem

Attachment

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*8-18-52*  
 DONE, HANDED TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO SECY, ENFORCEMENT  
 M. L. HARNEY, U.S. TREASURY,  
*W. Bartlett*

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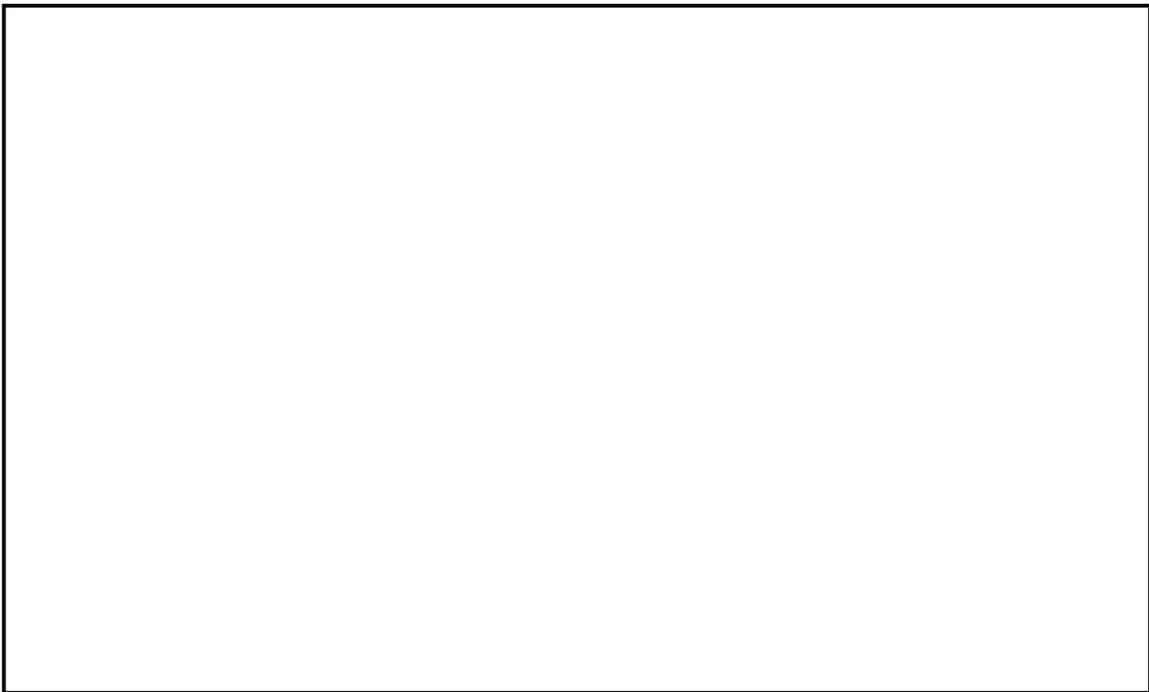
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SAC, New York

November 18, 1952

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Director, FBI

**INFILTRATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
BY SUBVERSIVE AMERICAN CITIZENS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R**

Reurair-tel 11/14/52, and reWFOair-tel 11/15/52.

There is being transmitted herewith for your information one copy of the report of SA Patrick M. Rice, April 17, 1952, Washington, D. C., captioned "Virginus Frank Coe, aka; Espionage - R."

Reurair-tel reflects that your Office is in possession the reports of SA Robert E. Leonard, October 11, 1949, Washington, D. C., and SA John B. Van Etten, May 15, 1951, Washington, D. C., captioned "Virginus Frank Coe, aka; Security Matter - C."

You should arrange to have Photostats of the reports of SA John B. Van Etten, dated May 15, 1951, and SA Patrick M. Rice, dated April 17, 1952, furnished to [redacted]

[redacted] for his assistance in questioning [redacted] before a Federal Grand Jury on [redacted]. A copy of the report of SA Robert E. Leonard, dated October 11, 1949, should not be furnished to [redacted] inasmuch as the substance of the information contained therein is set forth in summary report of SA John B. Van Etten. You should also discuss with [redacted] the highly confidential and anonymous sources mentioned in the report of SA John B. Van Etten, in accordance with instructions contained in No Number SAC Letter "Q", Series 1952, dated April 24, 1952.

This matter should receive your expedite attention.

Enclosure

CC - 100-364447 (V. Frank Coe)

JGF:fk

NOTE: Coe, an International Monetary Fund employee of Washington, D. C., is an SI Card subject. He was reported by Whittaker Chambers to have been a CP member in the 1930's. Elizabeth Bentley named Coe as a participant in Soviet espionage activities in Washington, D. C., in early 1940's. Coe was interviewed by WFO 5/29/47, and appeared before HCUA 8/13/48, in the Silvermaster investigation. On 11/17/52,

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
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W. E. Foley, Criminal Division of the Department,  
authorized furnishing information on Coe to Roy  
Cohn, SAAG, NYC. On 11/17/52, NYC authorized to  
furnish Cohn current residence address of [redacted] so  
that he could be subpoenaed before a FGJ in [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Assistant Attorney General  
Charles B. Murray

November 18, 1952

Director, FBI

**INFILTRATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
BY SUBVERSIVE AMERICAN CITIZENS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R**

Reference is made to the telephone call from Mr. Carl E. Hennrich of this Bureau to Mr. William E. Foley of the Criminal Division of the Department on November 17, 1952, advising of the request of Roy Cohn, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, New York City, for the current address of and information on Virginus Frank Coe, an employee of the International Monetary Fund, Washington, D. C., whom Cohn contemplates subpoenaing before a Federal Grand Jury conducting inquiries on American subversives employed by the United Nations on November 20, 1952. Mr. Hennrich was advised that the requested information should be furnished to Cohn. There were previously furnished to the Records Administration Branch of the Department copies of the following items:

Report of Special Agent John B. Van Etten, dated May 15, 1951, at Washington, D. C., captioned "Virginus Frank Coe, aka; Security Matter - C."

Report of Special Agent Patrick N. Rice, dated April 17, 1952, at Washington, D. C., captioned "Virginus Frank Coe, aka; Espionage - R."

Your attention is called to the fact that the report of Special Agent John B. Van Etten contains information obtained from sources mentioned in the Attorney General's memorandum of February 26, 1952.

The current resident address of Coe which is 1918 North Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia, will be furnished to Roy Cohn for his information, as will copies of the reports mentioned above.

The above is being submitted for your information.

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CC - 100-364447 (V. Frank Coe)  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *W*

DATE: Nov. 26, 1952

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: McCARRAN COMMITTEE

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| Ladd       | ✓ |
| Nichols    | ✓ |
| Belmont    | ✓ |
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| Holloman   | ✓ |
| Gandy      | ✓ |

Robert Morris of the McCarran Committee was in to see me on the evening of November 25 and stated that the Committee had a fairly good lineup for additional hearings after December 1 in New York on the United Nations.

They are calling in Frank Coe, Bill Taylor, and Ellen Atkinson, Irving S. Friedman, and Edward George Posniak.

Morris wanted information on Posniak. I told him I was swamped and furthermore this dealt with a loyalty case. I inquired what information he had. He did have the McCarthy material of a few years ago which was an abstract of our report submitted to the Civil Service Loyalty Review Board.

I told Morris he might inquire if Posniak had listed Victor Perlo as a reference, if he had been a member of the United American Spanish Aid Committee, and naturally whether he ever attended Communist Party meetings or functions.

LBN:FML

CC - Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Laughlin

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Laughlin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*Barbyman*

From Post-Hall Syndicate, Inc.  
295 Madison Avenue, New York 17 N.Y.  
FOR RELEASE ON RECEIPT

11/28/52

INSIDE LABOR

*Re Virginia Frank Coe  
Esp - R.  
100-36447*

By Victor Riesel

The interlocking Soviet spy rings, which used Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley as couriers for contact with the State and Treasury Departments, were not crushed by recent exposures.

Within the next 10 days our Federal agents will break one of the highest level espionage cases in the history of investigation of Soviet spying in vital agencies. It will be shown that one of the Alger Hiss-Gregory Silvermaster agents is still in a position to influence the entire world through his espionage.

*Virginia Frank Coe*

Mr. X, whose name will be made public in a week or so, was commended for his \$20,000-a-year job by one of the country's high officials. This official is a member of a tribunal which in the past has recommended, through sheer stupidity or worse, at least two other spies. One of these was Alger Hiss.

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Mr. X will be asked to affirm or deny that he is currently engaged in espionage. He will refuse to answer. He will stand on the Fifth Amendment. He will say that any answer to that question will tend to incriminate him.

Mr. X will be asked to affirm or deny that he is a secret member of the American section of the Soviet Cominform. He will refuse to answer on the same grounds.

Mr. X is a policy maker in a key United Nations agency - the International Monetary Fund. As such he makes decisions which affect a world pool of \$8,800,000,000 (billion) set up by 81 nations.

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Edward George Posner*

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*J. R. [Signature]*  
*Feb 5 1952*

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As a key official of the Fund, he sends, decides who will be sent as financial experts to advise foreign governments which need help in stabilizing their economies. He knows the inner secrets of every national treasury of any size in the world.

He helps fix rates of exchange. He sets policy for the dispatch of funds to hard-pressed nations which need money swiftly to settle day-to-day transactions. Any deliberately erroneous decision, any sabotage, any launching of a series of "bad" policies could affect the prosperity of the world.

In the words of one of the best informed financial technicians, this man directs much of the operation of a UN specialized agency which has its grip "on the economic jugular vein of the world's financial system." Quite a spot!

A year ago, the State Dept., acting on security information, refused Mr. X a passport.

But that was the passport division. Apparently this action had no effect on the other State Dept. sections.

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Alexander Wiley, the senior Senator from Wisconsin, and his right hand man, Julius N. Cahn, talked at length to Dulles. Cahn has been assigned to full-time investigation of UN agencies by Sen. Wiley, who will head the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Cahn is working with the Justice Dept. and the Senate Sub-committee on Internal Security.

Wiley was reported "boiling mad" at the incredible invasion of Commies and Commie frontiers in top United Nations policy making posts. He is one of the most loyal friends the UN has in the U.S. Senate -- and is furious at this infiltration.

In the past week he has warned UN officials they must clean up "the mess and menace" or the UN will perish. Wiley advised all directors general of UN agencies to reappraise the loyalty of all American nationals in their pay and to set up new legal procedures for dismissal of subversives.

Otherwise American anger will turn the big glass UN building into a glass-walled mausoleum.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: December 1, 1952

FROM : D. M. Ladd

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SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, was.  
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### SYNOPSIS:

Victor Riesel, in his column in the New York Mirror of November 28, 1952, claimed an individual in the "interlocking Soviet spy rings, which used Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley" was to be exposed. Riesel further identified this individual as a policy maker in the International Monetary Fund. Riesel undoubtedly is referring to Virginus Frank Coe, Secretary of the International Monetary Fund. Coe was named by both Chambers and Bentley as an individual believed involved in espionage activities. Chambers states he did receive documents from Bob Coe, the brother of Virginus Frank Coe. Bentley described Frank Coe as a minor figure in the Silvermaster network whom she never met. Virginus Frank Coe has previously been publicly exposed and we have disseminated information concerning him to the Department of Justice, State and Treasury Departments.

\_\_\_\_\_ appeared before a Federal \_\_\_\_\_ He reportedly is scheduled to appear before the McCarran Committee on December 1, 1952.

### PURPOSE:

To identify the individual mentioned in Victor Riesel's column of November 28, 1952, as Virginus Frank Coe, and to set forth a brief summary of available information concerning him.

### RIESEL'S COLUMN OF NOVEMBER 28, 1952:

Victor Riesel, in his column of November 28, 1952, in the New York Daily Mirror, purports to make an expose of another important espionage case. He is undoubtedly referring to Virginus Frank Coe.

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Riesel refers to "the interlocking Soviet spy rings, which used Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley." Virginius Frank Coe was named by both Chambers and Bentley.

Riesel identifies the individual as a policy maker in the International Monetary Fund. Coe is Secretary of the International Monetary Fund.

Riesel states a year ago the State Department, acting on security information, refused the individual a passport. On October 11, 1951, Coe was advised by letter from Mrs. Shipley, of the Passport Division of the State Department, that a passport was not being issued to him.

BACKGROUND OF COE:

SUMMARY

Virginius Frank Coe was born January 15, 1907, in Richmond, Virginia. He received an A.B. degree and later a Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago. He lectured at the University of Toronto on economics from September, 1934, to June, 1936. He then worked for a short period for the Treasury Department until October, 1936, at which time he returned to the University of Toronto. In 1939, he was reemployed by the Treasury Department and later the same year went into the Federal Security Agency, remaining there until 1940, when he went with the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense. In August, 1940, he became Assistant Director of the Division of Monetary Research, Treasury Department. In February, 1942, he was appointed Executive Secretary of the Joint War Production Committee of the United States and Canada. In February, 1945, he became Director of Monetary Research in the Treasury Department, succeeding Harry Dexter White. He resigned on April 30, 1946, to become the Secretary of the International Monetary Fund. He presently resides at 1918 N. Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia. He is the brother of Charles J. Coe, usually referred to as Bob Coe. I.H.L.

ALLEGATIONS OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS:

The essential allegation from Chambers as obtained in the Spring of 1949 was that while Chambers was in the espionage apparatus during the 1930's, on several occasions he heard

from J. Peters, George Silverman, Harry Dexter White, and Harold Ware, of plans to bring Frank Coe from Canada so he could be placed in the Treasury Department by White. It was Chambers' understanding that Frank Coe, as well as his brother, Bob, were members of the Communist Party. Chambers said on one occasion he got documents from White delivered to him by Bob Coe, which were photographed by the espionage apparatus.

ALLEGATION OF ELIZABETH BENTLEY:

In January, 1946, Bentley stated Frank Coe had been a minor member of the Silvermaster network, and she believed he was in Latin America during most of the period while she was in contact with Silvermaster. Bentley, in testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in July, 1948, stated she understood Frank Coe was a member of the Communist Party.

INTERVIEW OF COE:

Coe was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI on May 29, 1947, at which time he denied passing information to any individual for transmittal to a Russian contact. He specifically denied furnishing information or reports to Nathan Gregory Silvermaster.

TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES:

On August 13, 1948, Coe testified before the HCUA, at which time he declared Bentley's allegations were false. He said he had never been a member of the CP. He admitted knowing numerous persons who, it is alleged, have been engaged in espionage activities, including Alger Hiss, Abraham George Silverman, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, and Harry Dexter White.

TESTIMONY BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURIES:

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**PUBLICITY CONCERNING COE:**

While Riesel's column indicates that he is making a new expose, Coe's involvement in the Silvermaster network has previously been publicized by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

It is also to be noted that Mr. Ivar Rooth, Chairman of the Executive Board and Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, on November 30, 1952, advised that Coe was scheduled to appear before the McCarran Committee on December 1, 1952.

**DISSEMINATION:**

A summary entitled "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the U. S. Government," dated February 21, 1946, which included data on Coe, was disseminated to Brigadier General Harry H. Vaughn, Military Aide to President Truman, by letter of February 25, 1946. The same summary was furnished to the Attorney General by memorandum dated February 23, 1946, and the summary was made available to the Secretary of the Treasury on March 4, 1946.

In the individual investigation on Coe, pertinent reports have been disseminated to the State Department, Records Administration Branch, Department of Justice, and to the Treasury Department.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The foregoing is for your information in connection with the column of Victor Riesel, which appeared in the New York Daily Mirror of November 28, 1952.

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**Inside LABOR** By VICTOR RIESEL

THE interlocking Soviet spy rings, which used Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley as couriers for contact with the State and Treasury Departments, were not crushed by recent exposures.

Within the next 10 days our Federal agents will break one of the highest level espionage cases in the history of investigation of Soviet spying in vital agencies. It will be shown that one of the Alger Hiss-Gregory Silvermaster agents is still in a position to influence the entire world through his espionage.



Victor Riesel

Mr. X, whose name will be made public in a week or so, was recommended for his job by one of the country's highest officials. This official is a member of a tribunal which in the past has recommended, through sheer stupidity or worse, at least two other spies. One of these was Alger Hiss.

Mr. X will be asked to affirm or deny that he is currently engaged in espionage. He will refuse to answer. He will stand on the Fifth Amendment. He will say that any answer to that question will tend to incriminate him.

Mr. X will be asked to affirm or deny that he is a secret member of the American section of the Soviet Cominform. He will refuse to answer on the same grounds.

Mr. X is a policy maker in a key United Nations agency—the International Monetary Fund. As such he makes decisions which affect a world pool of \$8,800,000,000 set up by 81 nations. As a key official of the fund, he sends or decides who will be sent as financial experts to advise for-

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eign governments which need help in stabilizing their economies. He knows the inner secrets of every national treasury of any size in the world.

He helps fix rates of exchange. He sets policy for the dispatch of funds to hard-pressed nations which need money swiftly to settle day-to-day transactions. Any deliberately erroneous decision, any sabotage, any launching of a series of "bad" decisions could affect the prosperity of the world.

In the words of one of the best informed financial technicians, this man directs much of the operation of a U. N. specialized agency which has its grip "on the economic jugular vein of the world's financial system." Quite a spot!

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

FROM : *RJBH* SAC, WFO (77-2536)

SUBJECT: *EP* VIRGINUIS FRANK COE, aka.  
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DATE: December 8, 1952

Card U.T.D.  
12-19-52 *By*

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa. Gouzenko thought Eric in this instance was Eric Adams. The report of the Royal Commission states on page 17 that Adams was on the staff of the Bank of Canada and was evidently to use the direct wire of the Bank from Ottawa to Toronto for the purpose of calling Henry Harris in Toronto in connection with a passport for Ignatz Witczak and these calls would be covered up by using the name of Mr. Skelton, an official of the Bank of Canada. (S) (U)

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On December 19, 1942, Mr. Edgar S. Terr of the Monarch Life Assurance Company, Winnipeg, Canada, wrote to Mr. Edward C. Carter of the Institute of Pacific Relations in New York City stating he had "asked Wilgress, our Minister to Russia, to gather Keeleyside, Ruzinsky and Skelton together to have a talk with them about the Conference, with a view to his getting in touch with our I.P.R. folk in Russia." The letter continues, "Would you be good enough to give me little who's who sketches (with addresses where possible) of our I.P.R. men with whom it would be mutually beneficial for him to get in touch? I have told Wilgress that I will try to let him have this within the next ten days or so."

On December 29, 1942, Carter replied as follows:

"The people you may wish Wilgress to meet are as follows:

V. S. BOYILEV - Economic geographer; first Editor-in-Chief of the Great Soviet World Atlas; member, International Geographical Society; Professor in the Graduate University for University Professors; Member of the USSR group at the IPR Conference, Yosemite Park, 1936; Chairman, USSR Council of the IPR; Member, Pacific Council, IPR.

G. VOITINSKY - Member, Institute of World Economics and Politics of the Academy of Science in Moscow; Research Director, USSR IPR; Soviet member, International Research Committee IPR; Expert on China and the Far East.

CONSTANTINE GURANSKY - Formerly USSR Ambassador in Washington; now head of TASS. Has broad general knowledge of the IPR."

The 1950 "Canadian Almanac" lists Mr. Alex Skelton as Assistant Deputy Minister of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

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The following information on Coe is to be vigorously pressed and is to be given immediate attention by all Offices receiving copies of this communication:

The New York Office should immediately reinterview Elizabeth Bentley for all information in her possession concerning Coe and his brother. Further elaboration is to be developed on the Canadian contact of Coe.

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The Baltimore Office should, as soon as Whittaker Chambers is available for interview, go over with him the previous data he has furnished concerning Frank and Bob Coe and determine if he can expand on his previous information.

The Washington Field Office is to carefully review all investigations conducted previously of Coe in this case and in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case. All pertinent leads suggested by this review are to immediately be set out for expedite coverage.

The New York Office should obtain and review the previous testimony of [redacted] before Federal Grand Jurors in the [redacted]

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The Washington Field Office should make certain it has available Coe's complete testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 13, 1948, and that all pertinent information has been reported and all necessary investigation carried out as a result of that testimony. A review should be made of the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities for any other information on Coe not heretofore reported. The Bureau has received a copy of Coe's testimony before the McCarran Committee on December 1, 1952, and copies of this testimony will be made available to you in the immediate future. The Bureau is requesting the [redacted]

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I wish to emphasize that all investigation in this case is to be given immediate attention and the results promptly furnished to the Bureau in report form suitable for dissemination.

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Letter to Director (100-364447)  
NY (100-86778)

Miss BENTLEY advised that in her opinion COE was considered relatively unimportant as compared to the other members of the SILVERMASTER Group. She stated that the information she had previously furnished concerning the subject is probably more accurate due to the time lapse since she operated with the SILVERMASTER Group and in view of the unimportance of the subject with relation to the SILVERMASTER operations.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-364447)  
FROM : SAC, New York (100-96778)  
SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka.  
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ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, American born, self-admitted espionage courier, was interviewed at the New York Office on 11/20/52 by SAs JOHN J. KEARNEY and SIMON TULLAI.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she had never met the subject but knew of him as FRANK V. COE, in early 1942, when the subject supplied financial and economic data to NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER. She further advised that she could not describe specifically the type of information, but recalls that the material did have the following notation inscribed thereon: "From Frank."

Miss BENTLEY recalled that sometime in the Spring of 1943, she received information from JACOB GOLOS, to SILVERMASTER or ULMAN, that he had met a Canadian, who was a Communist and wanted to know if he should attempt to get information from the Canadian and bring it to the attention of JACOB GOLOS.

Miss BENTLEY could not recall the primary source of this information, nor could she provide the name of the Canadian referred to above, except that it was her opinion that it sounded like the name of a person who had been involved in the Canadian spy trials.

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She advised that she could recall nothing specific relating to COE'S Canadian friend and that it was her opinion that nothing was ever developed with relation to setting up the Canadian as a contact of COE.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she did not think that the subject had been to South America, although she recalled that he make trips outside of the United States. She advised that she probably made an error, or an error had been made, in her signed statement dated 11/30/45 at New York, New York, wherein she stated that the subject was in South America for the Treasury Department.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: December 11, 1952

FROM : SAC, Washington Field (77-2536)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, Was.  
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Remylet December 6, 1952.

On December 9 and 10, 1952, examination was made of certain Soviet Lend-Lease records at the State Department with the assistance of GEORGE E. TRUESDELL, Office of Eastern European Affairs. Agents examined in detail the Day Journal, which was found to consist of fourteen typewritten volumes, and appears to have been maintained as office policy for the Soviet Lend-Lease Division, beginning in 1941 under Colonel PHILIP R. FAYMONVILLE. The Journal was maintained by JOHN N. HAZARD for the most part and covers the period from July 23, 1941, to July 31, 1946. FRANK COE entered the Board of Economic Warfare in January, 1942, and remained after creation of Foreign Economic Administration in the fall of 1943, until he was appointed Director of Monetary Research, Treasury Department, on February 16, 1945. Although it appears from the above that COE would have no reason for contact during the early days of Lend-Lease, the entire Journal was examined.

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The Day Journal contained no reference whatever to FRANK COE. Brief items of possible interest were noted concerning several individuals whose names are familiar, including LAUCHLIN CURRIE, OWEN LATTIMORE, ALLAN ROSENBERG, DONALD HISS, EDWARD C. CARTER, EDWIN SMITH, JACK SCOTT, JOHN MARSALKA, and A. H. FELLER. They appear to have been made in connection with matters reasonably within the scope of employment or concerning subject matter reasonably related to Soviet Lend-Lease functions at the time. None of the above noted items are believed of sufficient significance to set forth herein, and none are pertinent to the COE case. It is felt that no item noted is of sufficient interest to justify further investigative effort at this time. However, where deemed advisable, each item will be made the subject of a memorandum and placed in the individual case file in this office.

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Mr. TRUESDELL, above, who is the individual most familiar with the Soviet Lend-Lease records, assisted Agents in the examination of files believed likely to contain references to COE, including a number of files dealing with items in the 1944 period looking toward future Soviet-American relations, and a number of volumes entitled Requests and Answers for Information, Lend-Lease Settlements - U.S.S.R., Post-War Requirements, Surplus Property, Sale to U.S.S.R. - U. S. Goods in Foreign Countries, Committee on Executive Policy, and Soviet Requests and Requirements.

The name of FRANK COE appears only occasionally in this material during 1944. As indicated, COE was directly associated with Lend-Lease activities after FEA took over the Lend-Lease function in the fall of 1943 and COE was Assistant Administrator in charge of economic programs. The files indicate COE was a member of the Executive Policy Committee, along with LAUHLIN CURRIE, OSCAR COX, JAMES McCAMY, SCHEUER, RILEY, with SIDNEY SHERWOOD as Secretary. He received copies of Lend-Lease reports and correspondence and memoranda at policy level. This was noted also in a prior inquiry concerning British-American Mutual Aid at Archives in another investigation. COE's name was found included in a list of top secret control officials in civil departments dated November 15, 1944, as were the names of LAUHLIN CURRIE, FEA, HARRY D. WHITE, Treasury, and OWEN LATTIMORE, OWI. D.C.

A memorandum from H. R. BROWN to PHILIP KEENEY, dated June 8, 1944, protested routing to CHARLES DENBY and FRANK COE of two State Department letters, document security #100908 and #100002, addressed directly to CHARLES KEMPTER, Head of the Office of Lend-Lease for Pan-America.. BROWN expressed the belief it should be our policy to forward material received directly to the man to whom it is addressed before any other routing takes place. KEENEY is possibly identical with PHILIP OLIN KEENEY, subject along with his wife, MARY JANE KEENEY, of an important Bureau case. It is not believed that the above item justifies active investigation.

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WILLIS C. ARMSTRONG, mentioned in my referenced letter and original complainant, has advised through Mr. TRUESDELL that search of his papers disclosed no notes of interest in this matter. It was observed that the Day Journal entries above on several dates were shown as prepared by ARMSTRONG, presumably while acting for JOHN HAZARD.

From the examination made thus far, it is presumed that further study of the Soviet Lend-Lease files between October, 1943, and February, 1945, when COE was employed with FEA, would disclose infrequent references to COE of the same type noted to date. It does not appear that any further search is justified, and no further investigation will be made in the absence of Bureau instructions. FRANCIS MURPHY was informed that Agents had completed all investigation desired at this time.

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ALL LOGICAL EFFORTS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ABOVE INFO ACCURATE.  
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December 11, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. LADD

On December 5, 1952, I saw Mr. Carlisle H. Humelsine, Deputy Under Secretary of State. Mr. Humelsine stated that he called to see me because certain information had come to him relative to the activities of Virginus Frank Coe. He stated there were certain employees in the State Department who might have some information I would be interested in since the Bureau was now looking into this matter. I contacted Mr. Ladd and arranged for him to have two Agents call to see Mr. Humelsine the following day, December 6.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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DATE: December 6, 1952

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FROM : SAC, WFO (77-2536)

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In accordance with Bureau instructions, Special Agents MAURICE A. TAYLOR and LAMBERT G. ZANDER contacted Mr. CARLISLE H. HUMELSINE, Deputy Under-Secretary for Administration, Department of State, Room 5220, New State Department Building, at 10 a.m. in his office this date. At a conference held then there were present FRANCIS T. MURPHY, Chief, Lend-Lease Supplies and Affairs Staff, JOHN W. FORD, Chief of Security Division, WILLIS C. ARMSTRONG, Deputy Director, Office of International Materials Policies, and GEORGE E. TRUESDELL, Office of Eastern European Affairs. ARMSTRONG and TRUESDELL are former employees of Lend-Lease Administration and saw service in this administration during most of its existence.

Mr. HUMELSINE advised that he had reported instant matter to the Director after receiving knowledge from ARMSTRONG and TRUESDELL and stated that as he understood it FRANK COE had made certain requests for information pertaining to Soviet Lend-Lease matters which requests may have been unusual or beyond the scope of COE's duties in the Foreign Economic Administration. At that time Lend-Lease was under FEA, having been transferred to FEA by executive order the fall of 1943. Mr. HUMELSINE indicated during the course of the conference that it was his desire to make available any information which was pertinent concerning COE or others charged with espionage or subversive activities and for the record clear so far as it concerned his department.

It was ascertained that the present complaint originated in a luncheon conversation between WILLIS ARMSTRONG and GEORGE TRUESDELL on Thursday, December 4, at which time ARMSTRONG suggested that the Soviet Lend-Lease files may contain records pertinent to the espionage inquiry concerning COE. They agreed that the matter should be considered by higher officials and referred the matter to FRANCIS MURPHY above, and on Friday, December 5, the three of them presented the matter to Mr. HUMELSINE.

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WILLIS C. ARMSTRONG advised that he had ~~no clear~~ recollection of any requests or calls from FRANK COE for information or advice concerning Soviet Lend-Lease, or other matters, nor could he positively state that COE had made any such requests. He explained that he had seen the photograph of COE in the papers and read the news articles of the past two days concerning COE, and felt that the Soviet Lend-Lease files should be made available to the proper officials for study, as he recalled that top FEA officials had made requests for Soviet Lend-Lease data and he vaguely associated COE with such inquiries.

ARMSTRONG related that he was unaware of the previous investigations or publicity pertaining to COE and just learned of the serious accusations against COE in the past few days. ARMSTRONG advised that frequently inquiries, such as referred to above, were handled verbally and no record made, but there were some instances where memoranda were prepared and, of course, some instances where written requests were made and answered in writing.

GEORGE E. TRUESDELL, who is most conversant with the Lend-Lease files and has assisted this office in specific searches in connection with ~~SOVME~~ inquiries in the past, advised that he was unable to recall any request by FRANK COE. He confirmed the statement that various FEA officials had made requests for information on Soviet Lend-Lease matters which seemed unrelated to their presumed duties and such inquiries had aggravated those working with the Soviet Lend-Lease program. However, he had no way of knowing whether inquiries were pertinent or relevant and observed that officials such as LAUCHLIN CURRIE and FRANK COE held high policy positions with FEA.

Survey by agents in company with Messrs. MURPHY, TRUESDELL, and FORD revealed that there are 40 odd cabinets (4 drawer) pertaining to Soviet Lend-Lease matters in the basement of the State Annex #7, 21st and C Streets, N. W., and there is no name index or key to these files. It is a looseleaf index according to subject matter which is not comprehensive in scope as found by previous investigations of this office.

There is a chronological file from September 1, 1941 to March 22, 1947, consisting of 5 drawers of yellow onionskin carbons. These consist of duplicates of correspondence, daily reports, office memoranda, etc. A spot check revealed that there were a number of letters to the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission. Nothing was observed concerning FRANK COE and there was nothing to indicate probability that the name of COE would appear in these records of daily operation.

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are going ahead with this examination.  
Will do nothing further unless so instructed.

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There was found a Day Journal or Diary maintained by JOHN N. HAZARD purporting to cover the calls and contacts received and made by HAZARD who was Assistant to General C. M. WESSON, Officer in Charge of the Soviet Lend-Lease Program. In this connection WILLIS ARMSTRONG advised that he had acted for HAZARD on several occasions and may have retained some notes of similar character. He will check on this.

From the above it appears rather clear that no specific instance has been alleged where information was requested by COE, or furnished to him, which is susceptible of identification. It is noted that FRANK COE held a high policy position in FEA, approximating the post of Deputy Administrator, and that anything other than a most unusual request for information was presumably within the scope of his authority within the FEA. It is believed that the type of search suggested in the present complaint is one which could be made on any of the highly placed Government officials who are subjects in the Gregory Case and related cases. It does not appear that such a search, which would involve a great amount of time and effort, is justified, and it is highly doubtful that a pattern of requests by COE would be disclosed or that any information supplied to him would be of such a character as to furnish any evidence of espionage or subversive activity or even be without the scope of his normal duties.

It is believed an examination of the Diary of JOHN N. HAZARD should be made. This Diary consists of 12 volumes of typed entries which may contain references to FRANK COE or other individuals in whom the Bureau is interested, and it is believed requests such as are the subject of this complaint, may have been made of Mr. HAZARD as Assistant in Charge. In the event such an item would appear further search might be made under the title or subject matter for details or explanation.

No further investigation will be undertaken by this office unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau. Mr. HUMELSINE will be advised in accordance with any further instructions the Bureau may desire to furnish.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR  
 FROM : D. M. Ladd *DML*  
 SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE

DATE: December 5, 1952

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At 4:50 p.m. on 12/5 I informed SAC Hood of the Washington Field Office that Mr. Carl Hummelsine of the State Department had informed the Director that the lend-lease files of the old FEA were in the custody of the State Department; that some of the former employees of this group, who had worked there with Mr. Coe, were now employed by the State Department and had given Mr. Hummelsine some information on Coe which he thought would be of interest to the Bureau, and had called attention to certain items of significance in the file.

I instructed Mr. Hood to have two mature agents familiar with the investigation of Coe, growing out of the Bentley case, see Mr. Hummelsine in his office at the State Department at 10 a.m., Saturday, December 6th, and obtain from him all the information concerning Coe, and run out any angles he might furnish to them. Mr. Hood stated this would be done.

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[redacted] has previously been furnished information concerning Coe. Virginius Frank Coe was named by Whitaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley as a person involved in Soviet espionage activities, although neither Chambers nor Bentley knew Coe personally. Coe appeared before the McCarran Committee on December 1, 1952, and refused to testify on the basis that he did not desire to incriminate himself. On December 2, 1952, Coe resigned from his position as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund at the request of the head of the International Monetary Fund.

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It has been reported to us that Coe, according to Elizabeth Bentley, had been in touch with a Canadian during the period of time that Bentley knew of Coe's activities. We are seeking elaboration on this point from Elizabeth Bentley. It is reported that Jay Lovestone has suggested that Coe's Canadian contact might be a Mr. Skelton, an assistant to Mr. Lester Pearson for many years. It was stated that Skelton was not known to have any visible Communist Party connections. Skelton reportedly died when his boat capsized in Nigeria several years ago.

We note in the material you furnished us on the [redacted]

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We also note that Gousenko furnished a message from the Soviet Embassy files to the following effect: "After this Leon goes to the meeting in Eaton's store, corner of Young and Queen Streets, Eric calls (invites) through Skelton." Gousenko said Leon was Mergel Moudriovtsev, First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa. Gousenko thought Eric in this instance was Eric Adams. The report of the Royal Commission states on page 172 that Adams was on the staff of the Bank of Canada and was evidently to use the direct wire of the Bank from Ottawa to Toronto for the purpose of calling Henry Harris in Toronto in connection with a passport for Ignata Witczak and these calls would be covered up by using the name of Mr. Skelton, an official of the Bank of Canada. (S) (u)

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On December 19, 1942, Mr. Edgar J. Tarr of the Monarch Life Assurance Company, Winnipeg, Canada, wrote to Mr. Edward C. Carter of the Institute of Pacific Relations in New York City stating he had "asked Wilgress, our Minister to Russia, to gather Keenleyside, Rasminsky and Skelton together to have a talk with them about the Conference, with a view to his getting in touch with our I.P.R. folk in Russia." The letter continues, "Would you be good enough to give me little who's who sketches (with addresses where possible) of our I.P.R. men with whom it would be mutually beneficial for him to get in touch? I have told Wilgress that I will try to let him have this within the next ten days or so."

On December 29, 1942, Carter replied as follows:

"The people you say wish Wilgress to meet are as follows:

V. M. MOTYLEV - Economic geographer; first Editor-in-Chief of the Great Soviet World Atlas; member, International Geographical Society; Professor in the Graduate University for University Professors; Member of the USSR group at the IPR Conference, Yosemite Park, 1936; Chairman, USSR Council of the IPR; Member, Pacific Council, IPR.

G. V. VITINSKY - Member, Institute of World Economics and Politics of the Academy of Science in Moscow; Research Director, USSR IPR; Soviet member, International Research Committee, IPR; Expert on China and the Far East.

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"ALEXANDER DUMANSKY - Formerly USSR ambassador in Washington; now head of TASS. Has broad general knowledge of the IPR."

We note the 1950 "Canadian Almanac" lists Mr. Alex Skelton as Assistant Deputy Minister of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

We would like to know if the Skelton referred to by Lovestons as having died several years ago is identical with Alex Skelton of the Bank of Canada. Do you have any information available to you indicating Alex Skelton was active in the Institute of Pacific Relations? Do you have any information indicating Skelton was pro-Communist or knowingly involved in Soviet espionage activities? Do you know of any connection between him and Gos? In this connection, we know that Gos was active in the Institute of Pacific Relations. We also know that from October, 1936, to May, 1939, he was employed by the Bankers Educational Association, Toronto, Canada, and from February, 1942, to February, 1945, he was on the Joint War Production Committee of the United States and Canada as Executive Secretary. It would, therefore, appear to be entirely logical that Alex Skelton and Gos would be known to one another.

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I talked to Ben Mandel Friday night. He mentioned a couple of matters of interest.

Frank Coe, according to Elizabeth Bentley, had been in touch with a Canadian during the period of time that Elizabeth Bentley was active in the Soviet espionage network. Jay Lovestone has informed Ben Mandel that he believes that the individual who may have been Coe's contact in Canada was an individual named Skelton, who was the assistant to Lester Pearson for many years, who had no visible Party connections in Canada and who died a couple of years ago. Mandel thought that perhaps this might be important.

Later Mandel advised me that he had learned that Skelton was drowned when his boat capsized in Nigeria. Mandel further stated that in the IPR records, E. C. Carter makes a reference to Skelton but does not use his first name. Mandel stated that it was his understanding that Carter was answering all questions put to him by the FBI and that it might be a good idea to ask Carter for any additional information he might have on Skelton.

Mandel has been harping for years on Louis Dolivet, who at one time headed the United Nations magazine, and who has been denied entrance back into the United States. He pointed out that when Beatrice Straight was seeking a divorce from Dolivet, she hired Ladislav Tarago, who made an extensive investigation of Dolivet, who testified in Executive Session of the House Committee on Un-American Activities at great length, submitting documents and other details which made a very impressive showing which, in his mind, conclusively established Dolivet's Communistic connections.

He further referred to an article by Leon Dennen which appeared in the New York Telegram and Sun on Friday reflecting that Dolivet was now talking about Noel Field's Communistic and Soviet connections. Mandel thought that maybe Dennen, to re-establish himself, has now decided to make a disclosure. It is suggested that the Security Division consider this interview and whether it would be desirable to have our Legal Attache interview Dolivet.

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Reference is made to the Bureau's memorandum of December 10, 1952. There are attached hereto one Photostat of the testimony of Coe before an Executive Session of the McCarran Committee on December 1, 1952, and also one Photostat of his testimony on December 1, 1952, before an open hearing of the McCarran Committee. You are cautioned that his testimony before the Executive Session is not to be referred to or disseminated outside the Bureau. You should carefully review this testimony for all possible leads which may exist in our investigation of Coe.

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FROM : L. B. Nichols  
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Volume 18 - ACTIVITIES OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS EMPLOYED BY THE UNITED NATIONS at New York, New York, December 1, 1952

Testimony of Virginus Frank Coe  
1918 North Roosevelt,  
Arlington, Virginia

Accompanied by his counsel, Milton H. Friedman  
722 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York

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cc - Mr. Ladd  
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1952

United States Senate,

Subcommittee to Investigate the  
Administration of the Internal  
Security Act, and other Internal  
Security Laws, of the Committee  
on the Judiciary.

New York, New York.

The subcommittee met in executive session at 12:05 p. m.  
in room 1304, United States Courthouse, Foley Square, Senator  
Herbert R. O'Connor, presiding.

Present: Senator O'Connor.

Also Present: J. G. Sourwine, Committee counsel;  
Robert Morris, Subcommittee Counsel; Benjamin Mandel, Re-  
search Director.

Senator O'Connor. Will you be sworn, Mr. Coe?

In the presence of Almighty God, do you swear that  
the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the  
whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

Mr. Coe. I do.

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TESTIMONY OF VIRGINIUS FRANK COE,  
1918 NORTH ROOSEVELT, ARLINGTON,  
VIRGINIA, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS  
COUNSEL, MILTON H. FRIEDMAN, 722  
FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

Senator O'Connor. For therecord, Mr. Coe, will you kindly  
state your name?

Mr. Coe. Frank Coe.

Senator O'Connor. And your position?

Mr. Coe. I am Secretary of the International Monetary  
Fund.

Senator O'Connor. You are accompanied by counsel?

Counsel, will you identify yourself for the record?

Mr. Friedman. Milton H. Friedman, my office is at 722  
Fifth Avenue, New York.

Senator O'Connor. We are pleased to have you, Mr.  
Friedman.

Counsel, will you proceed, please?

Mr. Morris. How long have you been Secretary of the  
International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. Since the Middle of 1946.

Mr. Morris. The Middle of 1946. Now, did you know at  
the time you took that employment a man named Harry Dexter  
White?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, on advice of counsel and under  
the protection of the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer.

Mr. Morris. You will not tell us whether you knew at

1 that time Harry Dexter White?

2 Mr. Coe. The same answer, Mr. Morris.

3 Mr. Morris. Well, was Harry Dexter White the first  
4 Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund?

5 Mr. Coe. It is a matter of record that he was, yes.

6 Mr. Morris. Do you know, as a matter of record, from  
7 reading the newspapers, when Harry Dexter White ceased living?

8 Mr. Coe. According to my recollection, it would have been  
9 about the summer of 1948.

10 Mr. Morris. Have you ever been a member of the Communist  
11 Party?

12 Mr. Coe. On the grounds of the protection afforded  
13 me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer.

14 Mr. Morris. When did you last see alive Harry Dexter  
15 White?

16 Mr. Coe. On the grounds of the protection afforded me  
17 by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer.

18 Mr. Morris. Have you ever engaged in espionage against  
19 the United States?

20 Mr. Coe. On the grounds of the protection afforded me by  
21 the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer.

22 Senator O'Connor. Have you ever engaged in subversive  
23 activity, or are you now presently engaged in subversive ac-  
24 tivities?

25 Mr. Coe. On the grounds of the protection afforded me

1 by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer.

2 Mr. Morris. Have you read the questioning and data  
3 before the Internal Security Subcommittee relating to you  
4 during the last two years?

5 Mr. Coe. I have read some of it.

6 Mr. Morris. May we have an executive session in the  
7 absence of counsel?

8 (Whereupon, at 12:10 p. m., the subcommittee proceeded  
9 to further business.)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *VAB*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: MC CARRAN COMMITTEE TESTIMONY

DATE: December 10, 1952

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Testimony of Virginus Frank Coe,  
1918 North Roosevelt Street,  
Arlington, Virginia  
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This testimony again reviewed May 1, 1953 nothing noted which necessitates additional action. Please note memo to Director 12-10-52 which sets forth Coe refused to answer pertinent questions before McCarran Committee. Also note letter to field 12-16-53 referring to etched testimony and ordering further investigation of Coe. Also note memo to field 12-22-52 furnishing photos of ex. session testimony to open testimony instructing careful review of testimony for all possible leads.

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United States Senate,

Subcommittee to Investigate the Adminis-  
tration of the Internal Security Act,  
and other Internal Security Laws, of  
the Committee on the Judiciary.

New York, New York.

The subcommittee met at 12:15 p. m., in Room 1306, United States Courthouse, Foley Square, Senator Herbert R. O'Connor, presiding.

Present: Senator O'Connor.

Also present: Representative James G. Donovan.

J. G. Sourwine, Committee Counsel; Robert Morris, Subcommittee Counsel; and Benjamin Mandel, Director of Research.

Senator O'Connor. The open hearing of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee will now be in order.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman.

Senator O'Connor. Mr. Morris.

Mr. Morris. At this time may we interrupt the proceeding that had been planned for this morning while I offer for the record the opinion of the Legal Body that rendered a decision

yesterday in connection with the powers inherent in the position of Secretary General of the United Nations, with respect to disloyal employees?

Senator O'Connor. That is the opinion, Mr. Morris, which has been rendered by the group of International Lawyers, constituting the panel that Mr. Lie designated?

Mr. Morris. That is right, Mr. Chairman. We have asked the United Nations to supply us with a copy of this particular opinion, and I have here a copy of that opinion.

Senator O'Connor. The opinion will be received and considered a part of the official record. It might be observed in passing that the opinion, judging by the newspaper references to it which have so far been available, to the committee, confirms the position heretofore taken by the committee in respect to the employees in question; and it will, therefore, be accepted and made a part of the record.

(The document referred to is as follows:)

Senator O'Connor. May we have the first witness?

Mr. Morris. The first witness will be Mr. Virginus Frank Coe.

Senator O'Connor. Mr. Coe, will you step forward. Will you raise your right hand, please?

In the presence of Almighty God, do you swear that the testimony you are about to give to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

Mr. Coe. I do.

TESTIMONY OF VIRGINUS FRANK COE, 1918  
NORTH ROOSEVELT STREET, ARLINGTON, VIR-  
GINIA, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS COUNSEL, MILTON  
F. FRIEDMAN.

Senator O'Connor. Will you state your full name?

Mr. Coe. My name is Frank Coe. I was born Virginus Frank Coe, and have been dropping the "Virginus" for many years.

Senator O'Connor. What is your address?

Mr. Coe. 1918 North Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia.

Senator O'Connor. What is your position?

Mr. Coe. I am Secretary of the International Monetary Fund.

Senator O'Connor. You are accompanied, Mr. Coe, by counsel today?

Mr. Coe. Yes, sir.

Senator O'Connor. Counsel, will you be kind enough to state your full name and address for the record.

Mr. Friedman. Milton H. Friedman, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Senator O'Connor. Mr. Morris, will you proceed?

Mr. Morris. Mr. Coe, when did you first take employment with the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. In June, I believe it was, of 1946.

Mr. Morris. I see. Now, where were you born, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. In Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Morris. Where did you attend school?

Mr. Coe. I attended public schools in Memphis and Birmingham, and in Chicago; and college at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Morris. When did you graduate from the University of Chicago?

Mr. Coe. 1926.

Mr. Morris. What degree did you obtain there?

Mr. Coe. Bachelor of Philosophy.

Mr. Morris. Now, what post-graduate work have you done?

Mr. Coe. I did post-graduate work at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Morris. Did you obtain a post-graduate degree?

Mr. Coe. No.

Mr. Morris. How long did you do post-graduate work at the

University of Chicago?

Mr. Coe. For about three years.

Mr. Morris. What was the nature of your studies at that time?

Mr. Coe. Economics.

Mr. Morris. Now, when did you first take Government employment?

Mr. Coe. I first took Government employment in the summer of 1934, I believe it was, as a consultant for the Treasury Department, and remained there a few months.

Mr. Morris. How did you obtain that particular employment?

Mr. Coe. Professor Jacob Viner asked me to assist in some work.

Mr. Morris. What was Jacob Viner at that time?

Mr. Coe. He was a consultant or assistant to the Secretary.

Mr. Morris. Now, would you tell us of your next employment from that time?

Mr. Coe. I was employed again in the summer of 1936, briefly, by the Treasury Department, as a consultant.

Mr. Morris. How did you obtain that employment?

Mr. Friedman. Did the question, Mr. Morris, refer to Government employment?

Mr. Morris. His next employment.

Mr. Friedman. I think he is limiting himself to Govern-

ment employment, in his answer.

Mr. Morris. If you had any intervening employment of a non-Governmental nature, would you relate that to us?

Mr. Coe. Yes. From 1934 to 1939 I was employed as a lecturer at the University of Toronto.

Mr. Morris. During that time you did have employment with the United States Government, did you not?

Mr. Coe. In the summer of 1936 and in the spring and summer of 1939, with the Treasury Department.

Mr. Morris. How did you obtain that employment?

Mr. Coe. On the advice of counsel and under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer.

Mr. Morris! That is on the grounds that your answer might tend to incriminate you?

Mr. Coe. That is correct.

Mr. Morris. Now, Mr. Coe, what was your next Government employment?

Mr. Coe. In the Fall of 1939 I believe it was, I was appointed financial adviser or consultant to the Federal Security Administrator.

Mr. Morris. How long did you have that job?

Mr. Coe. I held that job until about the summer of 1940.

Mr. Morris. I see. Now, how did you obtain that employment?

Mr. Coe. Under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer.

Senator O'Connor. And are we to understand that you base your declination upon the grounds that if you were required to answer, your answer might tend to incriminate you?

Mr. Coe. That is correct, that my answer might tend to incriminate me.

Mr. Morris. What was your next employment after that, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. I was employed for a couple of months, two or three months, in the summer of 1940, with the National Advisory Defense Council.

Mr. Morris. How long did that employment last?

Mr. Coe. That lasted until about September, 1940, I think.

Mr. Morris. I see. Now, what was the nature of that particular assignment?

Mr. Coe. That was to help organize a fiscal staff, a staff of economists, working on fiscal problems.

Mr. Morris. I see. At that time did you work with a man named Harry Dexter White?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer.

Mr. Morris. How did you obtain that employment, the particular assignment that you have just testified about?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Coe, what was your next Governmental assignment, after the one you have just described?

Mr. Coe. I was appointed Assistant Director of the Division of Monetary Research, I believe it was, in the latter part of 1940, in the Treasury Department.

Mr. Morris. How did you obtain that position?

Mr. Coe. Under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Well, now, what was your next assignment?

Mr. Coe. Toward the end of 1941 and the beginning of 1942, I was transferred to the payroll of the Board of Economic Warfare, and I worked there as executive -- I shouldn't say there -- but I worked as executive secretary of the Joint War Production Committee of the United States and Canada, and subsequently as an assistant to the Executive Director of the Board of Economic Warfare.

Mr. Morris. What was your salary there?

Mr. Coe. Sir, I don't recall.

Mr. Morris. What do you estimate the salary to be?

Senator O'Connor. To the best of your knowledge, approximately?

Mr. Coe. \$7,000 or \$8,000, I should think.

Mr. Morris. How did you obtain that employment?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer.

Senator O'Connor. Again on the grounds that it might tend to incriminate you?

Mr. Coe. Again on those grounds.

Mr. Morris. Would you give us a full description of your duties in that particular assignment?

Mr. Coe. Which one?

Mr. Morris. That last one which you just described, the Board of Economic Warfare.

Mr. Coe. Initially, at the Board of Economic Warfare, or for the chairman, or the Executive Director, I served as Secretary of a committee he handled, and the function of the committee was to stimulate or coordinate the production for defense and for the war, of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Sourwine. Who was the Director at that time, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. Milo Perkins. This work grew out of the Hyde Park Agreement between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Mackenzie King of Canada. It consisted largely in suggesting procedures whereby the procurement officials of the two countries would get together and work in common.

Mr. Morris. Did you work with Milo Perkins at that time rather frequently? Was your relation with him personal?

Mr. Coe. He was my direct superior, and I worked under him.

Mr. Morris. Did you know a man named Laughlin Currie in that period?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Did you work in concert and association with Laughlin Currie at that time?

Mr. Coe. On the same grounds, I decline to answer.

Senator O'Connor. On that point, Mr. Coe, entirely apart from any relationship that you may have had with him, or any transactions jointly participated in, laying any of that aside if such there had been -- and I am not assuming that there was -- was there such an individual as Laughlin Currie, to your knowledge?

Mr. Coe. I know from the record of his employment that there was. Certainly.

Senator O'Connor. Where was he employed?

Mr. Coe. According to records I have seen, he was employed as an Assistant to President Roosevelt.

Senator O'Connor. Just from records, whether newspapers or periodicals or otherwise, do you recall over what period of time, approximately, he was situated at the White House?

Mr. Coe. No; I am not sure of that.

Senator O'Connor. Was he so situated during the period

between 1935 and 1945?

Mr. Coe. I am not sure.

Senator O'Connor. From the records, and from general information, would you say what period he was there? Would you say for how long? I do not mean to hold you to that.

Mr. Coe. I am not sure of his employment record, Mr. Chairman.

Senator O'Connor. But you do know that he was employed and was there? You knew that from current information?

Mr. Coe. Yes, sir.

Senator O'Connor. All right.

Mr. Morris. During that period that you were with the Board of Economic Warfare, did you know a man named Michael Greenberg?

Mr. Coe. Under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Even though the question was directed to your knowledge of Michael Greenberg, during the period you were at the Board of Economic Warfare?

Mr. Coe. Yes, sir.

Mr. Morris. How long were you with the Board of Economic Warfare?

Mr. Coe. I was with it from about the beginning of 1942 to its dissolution, which I think was about the middle of 1943. It then became one part of the Foreign Economic Administration.

Mr. Morris. Now, during that period of time, did you have access to any security information?

Mr. Coe. May I consult counsel?

Mr. Morris. Yes.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. Coe. Under the protection granted me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Even though the question is directed only toward your having access to this information?

Mr. Coe. Yes, sir.

Mr. Morris. Will you tell us what your next Governmental assignment was, if your next assignment was a Governmental assignment?

Mr. Coe. When the Foreign Economic Administration was formed, I became Assistant Administrator in it.

Mr. Morris. Who was your superior?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Leo Crowley.

Mr. Morris. Would you spell that name?

Mr. Coe. C-r-o-w-l-e-y.

Mr. Morris. Did you meet with Mr. Crowley regularly in connection with that assignment?

Mr. Coe. As the work required, I did.

Mr. Morris. Did you at that period of time also meet with Laughlin Currie?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, under the protection of the Fifth

Amendment, I must respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. How long did you hold your position as Assistant Director of the FEA?

Mr. Coe. I think that that was terminated at about the end of 1944; perhaps the first month in 1945.

Mr. Morris. Now, will you give us a brief description of your duties, together with your salary in that position?

Mr. Coe. I was Assistant Administrator for part of that time. The larger part of that time I was in charge of an office called the Office of Economic Programs. It was my duty to direct that office. Its precise functions I can no longer give you, but they were concerned with economic aspects of the work of the agency, certain post-war economic research; and in general I would say that my duties concerned finance more than anything else.

Mr. Morris. What was your salary at that time?

Mr. Coe. I think it was about \$9,000 but I am not sure.

Mr. Morris. That was a gross salary? You are giving your gross figure?

Mr. Coe. Yes; I am not sure.

Mr. Morris. Well, when did you leave the FEA?

Mr. Coe. Either at the end of 1944 or the beginning of 1945.

Mr. Morris. What was your next employment, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. I was appointed Director of the Division of Monetary Research in the Treasury Department.

Mr. Morris. Who caused you to have that employment? Who, or under what circumstances?

Mr. Coe. Under the protection of the Fifth Amendment, Mr. Chairman, I will respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Will you give us a description of that particular job?

Mr. Coe. That was an office that performed economic research on financial matters, largely, but not exclusively of an international character, for the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Morris. Would you give us a more full description than that, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. Well, I might say that during that time I had the position of Secretary of the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial problems, an inter-governmental organization which had just begun as a result of the passage of the Bretton Woods Act.

Mr. Morris. Who was the chairman of that group?

Mr. Coe. The chairman of that group was Secretary Vinson. Senator O'Connor. Mr. Coe, in the posts of Director of

Monetary Research in the Treasury, or as affiliated with the National Advisory Council, would one in that position have access to information relating to the financial structures of the various governments of the world?

Mr. Coe. May I consult counsel on that?

Senator O'Connor. Yes.

(Witness conferred with his counsel).

Mr. Coe. The nature of your surmise is correct. The nature of the work meant that such material was dealt with.

Senator O'Connor. It was dealt with. I am just asking for what, in the regular course of affairs, would be available to one in that post, and that is correct? In other words, it would have to do with confidential information of the various member governments?

Mr. Coe. On the question of confidential information, Mr. Chairman, on advice of counsel, if I may --

Senator O'Connor. Yes.

(Witness conferred with counsel.)

Mr. Coe. On the advice of counsel, I would like to decline to answer on the grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment.

Senator O'Connor. Of course, that information would be available otherwise.

Mr. Coe. But I meant to say, in answer to your question, that the subject matter of the work consisted of financial systems of various countries of the world.

Mr. Morris. How long did you hold that position?

Mr. Coe. Through May of 1946, I believe it was.

Mr. Morris. That is in both capacities? You described your assignment there as of a double nature, did you not, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. Well, it was perhaps of a double nature, but, as you know, it is very frequent for people in governmental positions to sit in various capacities on committees.

Mr. Morris. I understand, but when you said that that particular assignment terminated in 1946, would all aspects terminate?

Mr. Coe. All aspects terminated in 1946, and all my employment with the Government terminated at that time.

Mr. Morris. What was your next assignment after that?

Mr. Coe. I became Secretary of the International Monetary Fund.

Mr. Morris. You became Secretary of the International Monetary Fund. Now, as a matter of record, and not from your own knowledge, was Harry Dexter White the First Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. As a matter of record, he was.

Mr. Morris. I see. Do you know as a matter of fact, from your own experience with him, that he was the first Executive Director?

(Witness conferred with counsel)

Mr. Coe. Yes; I was Secretary at that time.

Mr. Morris. Will you describe in general the purpose of the International Monetary Fund?

Senator O'Connor. Mr. Morris, if you are going to leave the other point, I would like to ask one question.

Apart from any relationships that you may have had with him, but merely as a matter of record, do you know what other posts Harry Dexter White held immediately prior to that to which you have just referred?

Mr. Coe. I think it is a matter of record, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. White was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Department immediately prior to his assuming the post.

Senator O'Connor. And as a matter of record, without asking whether you knew him personally, do you know of any other posts that he held?

Mr. Coe. I think, also as a matter of record, that he was, prior to that time, the Director of the Division of Monetary Research, of the Treasury Department.

Senator O'Connor. All right.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, it has been a matter of record in our hearings, according to sworn testimony, that Harry Dexter White was involved with a Communist Espionage ring. That is, as I say, in the record of the Institute of Pacific Relations' hearings before the same subcommittee. Do you have any knowledge, Mr. Coe, that Harry Dexter White was engaged in

espionage against the United States?

Mr. Coe. Under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Well, now, after you became Secretary of the International Monetary Fund, and while Harry Dexter White was its Executive Director, how frequently did you confer with him?

Mr. Coe. Under the protection of the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Will you give us a description, explaining to the best of your ability, the function and role of the International Monetary Fund, pointing out in the course of that description its connection with the United Nations?

Mr. Coe. The International Monetary Fund was established by a document known as the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund, and all the countries who have become members, including the United States, have subscribed to those articles.

Mr. Morris. Who drafted the articles?

Mr. Coe. I beg your pardon?

Mr. Morris. Who drafted these articles?

Mr. Coe. The articles were drafted finally at an international conference held at Bretton Woods.

Mr. Morris. In what year?

Mr. Coe. In 1944.

I should mention that I was the technical Secretary General there.

Mr. Morris. So that you did aid in drafting the articles which provide the basis for the setup of the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. Prior to that, I should say, in work in the United States Government, I had served on committees which worked on United States' versions of these drafts. The final draft was arrived at at this conference where I was concerned with the administration and running of the conference, the delegates from various nations.

Mr. Morris. You say you were the technical secretary at the Bretton Woods Conference?

Mr. Coe. That is right.

Mr. Morris. And will you describe your duties at that time?

Mr. Coe. My duties were to see that the work of this conference was accomplished in time, that papers were produced and made available, that the committees go through their work, and their findings were made known to the commissions, and so forth.

Mr. Morris. And, as you say, the articles were drafted at that conference?

Mr. Coe. They were finally agreed on there.

Mr. Morris. And what nations participated in the final

form, in determining the final form for those articles?

Mr. Coe. Well, there were some 30 or 40 nations, 44 nations, perhaps, represented.

Mr. Morris. Was the Soviet Union represented?

Mr. Coe. The Soviet Union was represented.

Mr. Morris. As a matter of record, what position did Harry Dexter White have at that time? He was the Under Secretary of the Treasury, was he not?

Mr. Coe. He was the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, I believe, but I am not certain.

Mr. Morris. Assistant Secretary, not Under Secretary. He became Under Secretary later?

Mr. Coe. I don't think he ever did, but I am not sure.

Mr. Morris. Well now, what role did he have in the Bretton Woods Conference?

Mr. Coe. As nearly as I recall, he was a member of the United States Delegation.

Mr. Morris. He was not head of the delegation, was he?

Mr. Coe. I believe Secretary Morgenthau was head of the Delegation.

Mr. Morris. Did he play an active role in drafting the articles?

Mr. Coe. I think it is well known in the press that Mr. White had, as early as 1941, produced something called the White Plan.

Mr. Morris. Would you tell us about that, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. Just what about it?

Mr. Morris. Tell us what the White Plan was.

Mr. Coe. It was a plan for an international organization similar to that which was later created.

Mr. Morris. In other words, you say that which was coming to birth at this Bretton Woods Conference was really the flowering of a plan that had acquired his name?

Mr. Coe. In part.

Mr. Morris. I see.

Mr. Coe. Lord Keynes had also very early produced a plan, and that had influence.

Mr. Morris. So is it your testimony that the Bretton Woods Conference represented the fulfilment of the plan worked out by Mr. White?

Mr. Coe. I don't know that I would say "fulfilment"; I would say that various plans were produced of which his was most carefully studied and the draft of the Fund Agreement which was finally made, of course, was the result of work of men from many countries.

Mr. Morris. But many of the features of his plan were incorporated into the final agreement, is that right?

Mr. Coe. That is correct.

Mr. Morris. Would you say that a substantial number were incorporated?

Mr. Coe. I would, but I think that is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Morris. So Mr. White was very active at the Bretton Woods Conference, was he not, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. As I recall, he was head of the Commission which dealt with the Fund.

Mr. Morris. I see.

Now, would you give a relative description of your own activity, relative to his? Were you more or less active or about as active as Mr. White?

Mr. Coe. I am not sure that I could answer that. I would say that all of the people who were there, or a great many people, were extremely active. My work was quite different.

Mr. Morris. I see. You were the Technical Secretary at the Bretton Woods Conference?

Mr. Coe. That is correct.

Mr. Morris. Now, would you describe the duties of the Technical Secretary at that time?

Mr. Coe. The duties of the Technical Secretary were to see that papers were in order and ready for the committees, that the meeting places for the committees were arranged, and that all of the administrative work of the conference proceeded.

Mr. Morris. Well now, during that period of time, were you the member of an espionage ring, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. Under the protection afforded me by the Fifth amendment, Mr. Chairman, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. You will not tell this committee whether you, while acting as the Technical Secretary of the Bretton Woods Conference, were then a member of an espionage ring?

Mr. Coe. I think that is the same question.

Mr. Morris. I just wanted to be sure that you understood the question that you were refusing to answer.

Mr. Coe. Yes.

Senator O'Connor. Mr. Coe, just because this information which now is being given in public will be known to people all over the United States in a relatively short time, it seems only fair that the Chair advise you that the implications are quite damaging, and, if you persist in your refusal to answer on that ground, you, of course, must suffer the consequences. Do you understand that?

Mr. Friedman. May I say something, Senator?

Senator O'Connor: No, sir. I would rather have your client speak. You are certainly privileged to advise, but we do not think that you are in a position to testify.

Mr. Friedman. I merely wanted to discuss the proposition of law that you had asserted.

Senator O'Connor. Will the witness undertake to answer?

Mr. Coe. I would like to hear from my counsel on the law.

Senator O'Connor. You are at liberty to consult with him.

(Witness conferred with counsel)

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, I am using, as you know, the Constitutional privilege against self-incrimination. It is my understanding that no inference is guilt is necessarily drawn.

Senator O'Connor. That is correct.

Mr. Coe. From that use.

I recognize and regret the implications to which you refer here.

Senator O'Connor. Most assuredly no inference is to be drawn by the Committee from that. I merely wished to advise you of just what may be interpreted by the American public, as to your attitude toward the United States Government, as the result of your refusal to answer such a very important and serious question.

Mr. Coe. I appreciate your advice, Senator.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Coe, we had gotten to the point where you were describing the nature of the International Monetary Fund, and you had stated, I believe, that it was an organization that came into being as a result of the articles that had been drafted at the Bretton Woods Conference. Will you continue with your description?

Mr. Coe. Yes, I would like to say that, as you doubtless know, it is a very complex structure which cannot be easily

summarized. But, in three or four sentences, I will say this: It is an organization which has funds of gold and local currencies which members can purchase from the fund for an exchange.

Mr. Morris. Tell me what assets, in numbers, the International monetary fund has?

Mr. Coe. I believe somewhere between \$7,000,000,000 and \$8,000,000,000.

Mr. Morris. Now, as Secretary of that Fund, in handling the \$7,000,000,000 or \$8,000,000,000 you can exercise an influence on the disposal and use of those funds?

Mr. Coe. I am doubtful that that is correct.

Mr. Morris. You are doubtful?

Mr. Coe. That that is so. I suppose in one sense everyone who works there exercises an influence.

Mr. Morris. But you are the Secretary.

Mr. Coe. But the rules about the use of resources and decisions about use of resources are not matters which come within the purview of the Secretary.

Mr. Sourwine. Have you never sought to influence the disposal or the use of the funds of the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. I wouldn't say that, no.

Mr. Sourwine. You have, then, sought to influence such disposal or use?

Mr. Coe. I have participated in staff discussions, concerning all business of the Fund.

Mr. Sourwine. The question was as to intent; whether you had sought to influence it in any respect, at any time, to influence the disposal or use of those funds?

Mr. Coe. I don't recall my seeking to, but I wouldn't deny that I might have.

Senator O'Connor. Mr. Coe, in the exercise of the duties of the Secretary, would not the Secretary be called upon at times to either express an opinion or to give information upon which the decisions would be reached? Would that not be in the regular course of duty?

Mr. Coe. Well, the regular course of my duties as Secretary are procedural matters, relating to the various Boards and Committees of the Fund, and I don't think the Managing Director or either one of the Boards considers it part of my duties to discuss and to formulate decisions respecting the use of the Fund.

Mr. Morris. Now, in your post as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund, do you have access to the economic facts and monetary setup of every member country?

Mr. Coe. I have access to papers, which it is my duty to lay before the Board, of which I am Secretary.

Senator O'Connor. Papers pertaining to what?

Mr. Coe. Some of those papers may concern economic or

financial affairs of particular members.

Mr. Morris. Well, you can, can you not, because of your position, Mr. Coe, and the International Monetary Fund itself, can pretty much obtain all monetary and economic information that you need in carrying out your work? You can obtain that from any particular country, isn't that so, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. I think it is true that the Fund is given powers to obtain the information that it needs, for its work.

Mr. Morris. And isn't one of the functions of the International Monetary Fund to make detailed, thorough and confidential surveys of the monetary and economic setup of all of the member countries? Isn't that one of the functions of the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. The Fund in connection with its functions, does attempt to study, to make a study, such as you have described, and it has, as a matter of fact, made such studies, that is right.

Mr. Morris. And that is a matter of record. It is published, isn't it, Mr. Coe? The fact underlying the question just addressed to you has been made public, has it not, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. I don't know, but I certainly think it could be.

Mr. Morris. And you have, as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund, access to all of the studies?

Mr. Coe. I have access to them; that is correct.

Mr. Sourwine. Mr. Coe, is there any information available to the International Monetary Fund which is withheld from you?

Senator O'Connor. Any information which is withheld from the Secretary?

Mr. Coe. There may be. There probably is.

Mr. Sourwine. To your knowledge, is there any information which is withheld from the Secretary?

Mr. Coe. The Managing Director has confidential relations with members, and it is in his discretion whom he tells about that.

Mr. Sourwine. I was speaking of information available to the Monetary Fund as such, not confidential communications to the Managing Director. Is there any information in the archives or files of the International Monetary Fund which is withheld from the Secretary of the Fund?

Mr. Coe. There may be.

Mr. Sourwine. Do you have any knowledge of any such information?

Mr. Coe. I know that it is the duty of various persons in the fund to safeguard particular types of information, and I don't know, because I haven't asked them, but it may very well be that they would withhold it from me.

Mr. Sourwine. Do you know of any rule or order instituted by duly constituted authority, and effective, with regard to the Fund, which requires that any information, or any class

of information be withheld from the Secretary?

Mr. Coe. No; but that isn't the way that an order would be issued.

Mr. Sourwine. Have you ever asked for any information available to the Fund that you did not receive?

Mr. Coe. I can't recall.

Mr. Sourwine. That is all.

Mr. Morris. What is your present salary?

Mr. Coe. \$15,500.

Mr. Morris. Is that a gross or net salary?

Mr. Coe. That is a net salary.

Mr. Morris. What is your gross salary?

Mr. Coe. About \$20,000.

Mr. Morris. How long have you been drawing the \$20,000, since you first occupied the position?

Mr. Coe. No; I have been promoted twice since I was there, once in 1948 and again in 1950, to my present salary.

Mr. Morris. What was your first salary then?

Mr. Coe. My first salary was \$12,000.

Mr. Morris. Have you held the title of Secretary throughout?

Mr. Coe. Yes.

Mr. Morris. And even though you have retained the same title, you did receive an increase?

Mr. Coe. Yes.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, may I suggest that it is one o'clock?

Senator O'Connor. That would seem to be an appropriate time to suspend. We will suspend until 2:00 o'clock.

(Whereupon, at 1:00 o'clock p. m. the committee recessed, to reconvene at 2:00 o'clock p.m. of the same day.)

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AFTER RECESS

2:30 p. m.

(The subcommittee reconvened at 2:30 o'clock p. m. upon the expiration of the recess.)

P R O C E E D I N G S

Senator O'Connor. The committee will come to order, please.

Mr. Morris, will you proceed?

TESTIMONY OF VIRGINIUS FRANK COE  
ACCOMPANIED BY HIS ATTORNEY.  
(Resumed)

Mr. Morris. Mr. Coe, could you tell us what is meant by a Specialized Agency of the United Nations? I am talking about the International Monetary Fund being a Specialized Agency of the United Nations. Would you develop for us the relationship between the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations?

Mr. Coe. As I understand it, which is probably not too exact, but roughly accurate, a Specialized Agency is one of those international agencies which has been brought into some kind of formal relationship with the United Nations. For instance, in the case of the International Monetary Fund, we are set up under a separate charter, have our own rules, as the United Nations has. On the other hand, there is an agreement between us which agreement is recorded, is available to the public.

Senator O'Connor. The chair understands that Congressman Donovan is present. Congressman, would you honor us by coming

forward.

Mr. Morris. Was there anything further, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. That was all, Mr. Morris.

Mr. Morris. And the International Monetary Fund is considered to be a specialized agency of the United Nations?

Mr. Coe. That is correct. I should say that following the usual meeting of the Board, the Fund considers itself and the United Nations to be working in a specialized field.

Mr. Morris. I see. When did you last have an official session as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. About a week ago.

Mr. Morris. Where did you sit? In Washington?

Mr. Coe. Yes.

Mr. Morris. Who were the people present at this meeting that you were at last week?

Mr. Coe. I beg your pardon? I was in my office. That is what I mean.

Mr. Morris. When did you last have an official session with members of the Board?

Mr. Coe. I just don't recall the date of it -- two or three or four weeks ago.

Mr. Morris. Two or three or four weeks ago. Now, who is the chairman or director of the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Evar Rooth is the Managing Director and Chairman of the International Board. That is R-o-o-t-h.

Mr. Morris. He is a national of what country?

Mr. Coe. Sweeden.

Mr. Morris. And as such, does he have conferences with Mr. Tryvgie Lie, the Secretary General of the United Nations?

Mr. Coe. He may have.

Mr. Morris. Do you participate in any conferences between the United Nations and the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. I haven't for sometime. I think my business has not called for it.

Mr. Morris. When was the most recent time you did sit in on any conference between officials of the United Nations and officials of the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. The last time I recall is some years ago when one of the officials was visiting us.

Mr. Morris. I see. Now, when did Mr. Rooth last have a conference on the subject of the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. That I wouldn't know and couldn't answer for.

Mr. Morris. And you say you last sat three or four weeks ago with the other directors of the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. With the Directors.

Mr. Morris: How many were there?

Mr. Coe. Sixteen.

Mr. Morris. Sixteen and yourself as Secretary?

Mr. Coe. That is right.

Mr. Morris. What other officials besides yourself were present?

Mr. Coe. I don't know. Offhand, I don't know.

Mr. Morris. At that time were you a member of an espionage ring?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, on advice of counsel and under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, I decline to answer that question.

Senator O'Connor. Mr. Coe, are you presently engaged in subversive activities?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Senator O'Connor. Have you throughout the period that you have been connected with the International Monetary Fund been engaged in subversive activities?

Mr. Coe. Under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, Mr. Chairman, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Well, are you presently a member of any espionage organization?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. When did you last go abroad, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. I think that the last time I was abroad was in 1950.

Mr. Morris. Where did you go then?

Mr. Coe. At that time I went to France and England on official business of the Fund, as I recall.

Mr. Morris. On official business?

Mr. Coe. Yes.

Mr. Morris. Do you have a United States passport right now?

Mr. Coe. No; I do not. I will say here that in the Fall of 1951 I applied for a passport in order to carry out official business of the Fund, and my request was denied by the State Department.

Mr. Morris. Do you know why that was?

Senator O'Connor. On what grounds?

Mr. Coe. They wrote stating that they considered it, as I recall, not in the best interests of the country that I travel abroad.

Senator O'Connor. In other words, that long ago you were singled out as being a possible subversive, so much so that the Federal Government refused to allow you to leave the country; is that correct?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, that long ago I received such a letter as I have described, from the State Department; that is correct.

Senator O'Connor. And has there been any action taken, to your knowledge, to change that, or by way of admission that the then attitude of the State Department had been changed?

Mr. Coe. I would say here, if you will permit, that it is my understanding, but I cannot vouch for it, that the Fund requested a review by the United States Government of that matter, some time in the recent summer. I learned, I thought officially, from an official of that Government, that the Government maintained the same position.

Senator O'Connor. And yet you have been kept in your position all this while?

Mr. Coe. I have been in my position recently.

Senator O'Connor. Somebody seems to have been at fault in making it possible, Mr. Coe, for you to be continued, or allowed to be continued in a position, if that was the official finding of the Government of the United States.

Proceed, Mr. Morris.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Coe, do you have a brother?

Mr. Coe. Yes; I have a brother.

Mr. Morris. What is his name?

Mr. Coe. Charles Coe.

Mr. Morris. Was he sometimes known as Bob Coe?

Mr. Coe. That is correct.

Mr. Morris. That is anickname of his, or is that part of his name? "Bob"?

Mr. Coe. I think that is a nickname given him.

Mr. Morris. His middle name is not Robert?

Mr. Coe. No.

Mr. Morris. To your knowledge, has Charles Coe ever been involved in espionage?

Mr. Coe. Under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I will respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Did you know at any time in connection with your past activities a man named Harold Glasser, G-l-a-s-s-e-r?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection of the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Do you know a person named Sonia Gold, a woman named Sonia Gold?

Mr. Coe. The protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Do you know a man named Bela Gold, whom I believe is the husband of Sonia Gold?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Did you have any dealings with a man named Lee Pressman?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Do you know a man named Alger Hiss?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection afforded me by

the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Did you know a man who worked in the Treasury Department, named Solomon Adler?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Does Irving Friedman work in the International Monetary Fund at this time?

Mr. Coe. According to the record, he does.

Mr. Morris. Do you know Irving Friedman?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. You do that even though you realize that he is now working in the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. Yes, sir.

Mr. Morris. You know Mr. Rooth, do you not, the Director of the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. That I do.

Mr. Morris. And you will acknowledge knowing Mr. Rooth before this committee?

Mr. Coe. I do.

Mr. Morris. And yet you refuse to tell us anything about your relationship with another man on the International Monetary Fund, namely Irving Friedman?

Mr. Coe. That is correct, sir.

Mr. Morris. Is a man named Edward George Poseniak working on the International Monetary Fund? Do you know him?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection afforded me under the Fifth Amendment, I must respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. When did you last hear from Solomon Adler?

Mr. Coe. Again, on the grounds of the Fifth Amendment and the protection it affords, I decline to answer that question also.

Mr. Morris. Now, how much time have you spent in Canada, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. I lived in Canada from 1934 to 1939.

Mr. Morris. Were you teaching at the University of Toronto then?

Mr. Coe. I was teaching at the University of Toronto, and I have occasionally, at other times, been there.

Mr. Morris. Did you ever belong to a Communist unit in Canada?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Do you know a man who I believe originally was a Canadian, who has since become an American citizen, named Laughlin Currie?

Mr. Coe. Under the protection afforded me by the Fifth

Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer your question.

Mr. Morris. Do you know William Ludwig Gilman?

Mr. Coe. Under the protection afforded me under the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Have you know, or do you know now Abraham George Silverman?

Mr. Coe. Again, on grounds afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer your question.

Mr. Morris. Do you know a man named Norman Bursler, B-u-r-s-l-e-r?

Mr. Coe. For the same reasons, namely the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer your question.

Senator O'Connor. All because of the fact that, if you were compelled to answer, your answers might tend to incriminate you?

Mr. Coe. All because, as I understand, if I were compelled and answered, my answers might tend to incriminate me.

Mr. Morris. Did you know a Chinese named Dr. Ch'ao Ting-chi?

Mr. Coe. Again, for reasons of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Do you know a man who was known as A. Peters?

Mr. Coe. Again, for reasons of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Do you know a woman named Elizabeth Bentley?

Mr. Coe. Again, on grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer your question.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, I would like to address the next series of questions to the testimony that was gathered in evidence before this subcommittee, which investigated the Institute of Pacific Relations.

In the course of that investigation Mr. Coe's name came up several times, and I would like to address the next series of questions to that fact.

Senator O'Connor. You may do so. Proceed, Mr. Morris.

Mr. Morris. Were you active in the Institute of Pacific Relations?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, on grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, our Exhibit Number 63 in the Institute of Pacific Relations, in those proceedings, which was a letter from Edward C. Carter to Mr. William W. Lockwood, dated November 28, 1942, read as follows:

"Dear Bill:

"Because of the increased membership of all the groups attending the Mount Tremblant Conference, and because of the limited accommodations at the Lodge, it has

been necessary for us to limit our usual working staffs. We would greatly appreciate it, therefore, if you could indicate which of your members and secretaries could be asked to act as reporters, recorders, or stenographic secretaries and clerical workers. The following came to mind in each of the above categories:"

These then are suggestions of Mr. Edward C. Carter, with respect to those various offices. He has as a suggested rapporteur, Harriet Moore.

Do you know Harriet Moore?

Mr. Coe. On the grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Did you know Frederick V. Field?

Mr. Coe. Again, on grounds afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Did you know Mr. William W. Lockwood?

Mr. Coe. Again on grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Do you know William Stone?

Mr. Coe. Again, on grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, the next recommendation of Mr. Carter is Mr. Frank Coe. Mr. Carter then recommends Frank Coe. Exhibit 63 would show that.

Now, this next series of questions about the individuals, is not asked you in connection with this particular meeting; but under absolute circumstances, do you know William Lockwood?

Mr. Coe. Again under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Do you know William Stone?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Did you attend the Mount Tremblant Conference?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection afforded me under the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, our Exhibit Number 113 contains a list of members of the Institute of Pacific Relations who were invited to a discussion group on United Nations cooperation, March 15, 1943.

Among those listed as "members expected" is Dr. Frank Coe of the Board of Economic Warfare, Washington, D. C. Mr. Coe, were you on March 15th, 1943, associated with the Board of Economic Warfare?

Mr. Coe. I think that it is a matter of record that I was, yes.

Mr. Morris. Did you attend this Institute of Pacific Relations discussion group on United Nations Cooperation?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, on grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, our Exhibit Number 104 is a memorandum to Mr. Edward C. Carter. It is from Mr. William W. Lockwood, with a copy to Mr. Jessup, dated November 30, 1942. It reads:

"In response to your request for designations of American Council members of Mount Tremblant committee, I am putting down the following suggestions.

"These should be reconsidered at Mount Tremblant, after checking with Jessup, so that they are merely tentative for the present."

Now, the recommendations are as follows:

"The Pacific Council: Jessup, the regular American Council member, will be in the chair, so presumably another American should represent the council. I believe Kizer is the best choice."

Do you know Mr. Philip Jessup?

Mr. Coe. May I ask counsel?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, again, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Senator O'Connor. Mr. Coe, let me interpose there that as a matter of record you know, of course, who Philip Jessup

is?

Mr. Coe. As a matter of record, I have read his name, and know of various positions he has held.

Senator O'Connor. And I am sure that you are aware from the newspaper accounts or other sources of information, that he was selected to be our representative at the United Nations in the past. You know that as a matter of record?

Mr. Coe. Yes.

Senator O'Connor. You know that he was appointed just a year ago in the very critical state of world affairs, to be the United States representative. Do you not know that as a matter of record?

Mr. Coe. Yes.

Senator O'Connor. And yet do you persist in your declination, even to admit knowing him, because, if you were to admit it, you might disclose information that would incriminate you?

Mr. Coe. I have declined to answer as to whether I knew him, on the grounds of the Fifth Amendment, and that so to answer might tend to incriminate me.

Senator O'Connor. I did understand you to say that, and the only reason that I ask if you persist in saying that is that I wanted you to realize the very astonishing situation which is left as the result of the position you take here today, and ask if you desire to let that remain on the record

in that state?

Mr. Coe. Pardon me. May I consult counsel?

Senator O'Connor. Yes, indeed.

(Witness conferred with his counsel)

Mr. Coe. I have nothing more to say.

Senator O'Connor. You persist in your refusal to answer?

Mr. Coe. I persist in my refusal.

Mr. Morris. Did you know the other man referred to, Mr. Benjamin Kizer? He is a Washington attorney.

Mr. Coe. Again on grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer.

Mr. Morris. Did you know Robert C. Miller of the State Department?

Mr. Coe. Again on grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, I would like to make reference to our Exhibit Number 132, dated August 1, 1944.

This is a memorandum from Mr. Philip C. Jessup to Mr. Raymond Dennett, who was then Secretary of the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

This contains a list of thirty-some people who are recommended by Mr. Jessup to be delegates to the Hot Springs Convention.

Among the names, we have Mr. Frank Coe --  
did you serve as a delegate to the Hot Springs Convention of

Institute of Pacific Relations, in 1944 or early 1945?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, on grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Did you know Mr. Len de Caux, who was here invited, or suggested to be invited?

Mr. Coe. Again on grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, I think that by the direction that this is going, I have here, I would say, twenty or possibly thirty references to Mr. Coe in the course of the Institute of Pacific Relations' testimony.

Other than to relate the various occurrences of his name in the testimony to this particular occasion of his testifying today, I think it would be futile if we pursued this any further, in view of his persistent refusal to answer questions, on the grounds that he has claimed.

Senator O'Connor. Mr. Coe, I would make this inquiry: The committee wishes to give you a full opportunity to say anything that you wish to say, and I do not desire, by reason of stopping this line of questions, to have it said that anything was omitted. If, however, we are to understand that you will decline to answer any questions in this general category, it would just be a waste of everyone's time to pursue it.

With that statement, is there anything you desire to

volunteer, in explanation of your own position, or in regard to the matters about which Mr. Morris has interrogated you?

Mr. Coe. May I consult counsel?

Senator O'Connor. Yes, indeed.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, thanking you for what you have said, I have no comments that I wish to volunteer.

Senator O'Connor. I just want you to feel that if you do desire to volunteer any statement, that the opportunity is here, and we will be glad to refer to any part of that record that Mr. Morris has referred to, that can be referred to. We will be glad to do so. I think that the opportunity should be given to you because, frankly, Mr. Coe, this is the sorriest spectacle that I have ever witnessed in investigations of this kind, over a period of years; and it is most disgraceful.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, I have here a notice in our report on the Institute of Pacific Relations, a paragraph that reads:

"In 1950, the State Department published a book entitled 'Post War Foreign Policy Preparation', which was a detailed description of post-war planning from 1935-45 (page 3868).

"From this book the staff of the subcommittee prepared a memorandum on the activities of persons associated with the IPR who were active in post-war planning. This

showed the very extensive activity of Esther Brunauer, Frank V. Coe, Laughlin Currie, Harry Glasser, Alger Hiss, Philip C. Jessup, William T. Stone, and Harry Dexter White (pages 2868-2869, footnote 23). Among those with IPR associations who played roles in postwar foreign policy preparation (2868) were the following: (page references are to the book) ... "V. Frank Coe listed as a representative at meetings of the Interdepartmental group to consider post war international economic problems and policies, representing the Treasury Department (page 29) attended meetings of the American Technical Committee, representing the Foreign Economic Administration (page 143-n), alternate member of the Informal Policy Committee on Germany (page 370)."

now, Mr. Coe, did you have anything to do with post war planning with respect to Germany, as far as its fiscal policies were concerned?

Mr. Coe. May I consult counsel?

Senator O'Connor. Yes, indeed.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, in the exercise of my privilege, under the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer on the grounds that so to do might tend to incriminate me.

Mr. Morris. Did you have anything to do with the fiscal policies of the United States towards China?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection of the Fifth Amendment, I will respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Have you seen in connection with work at the United Nations, Mr. David Weinthal?

Mr. Coe. Again, on grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Do you know Michael Greenbergm who worked in the Board of Economic Warfare?

Mr. Coe. On grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Strictly as a matter of record, do you know what job Emile Des Pres held during the war?

Mr. Coe. As a matter of record, I am sorry, I do not.

Mr. Morris. Do you know Emile Des Pres, D-e-s P-r-e-s.

Mr. Coe. May I consult counsel?

Mr. Morris. Yes.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. Coe. Again on grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, as I say, there are many references in the report; not only the actual testimony here during the course of the hearings, which, as you know, comprise fourteen volumes, but there are nine page references in the report itself.

I would like to ask Mr. Coe a few general questions.

Senator O'Connor. Proceed.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Coe, have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Coe. Under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Senator O'Connor. Are you now a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. In connection with the Institute of Pacific Relations, did you at any time meet with members of the Communist Party and discuss plans concerning the program of the Institute of Pacific Relations?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I must respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Are you acquainted with the Form 57 that is filled out in Government employment?

Mr. Coe. I know the name. I don't know the contents of the form as of now.

Mr. Morris. Have you ever filled out a Form 57? That is a form that an applicant for employment or someone working for the Federal Government, has to fill out.

Mr. Coe. May I consult counsel, please?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Have you always made full and complete answers to any question asked of you by the United States Government in its Form 57?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection of the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Now, do you know whether Mr. Rooth, who is the director of the International Monetary Fund, knows of the testimony that has been adduced, brought forth, before our committee, in connection with the Institute of Pacific Relations hearings?

Mr. Coe. I can't say for certain, but I have told him and others that it should be looked at.

Mr. Morris. When did you tell him that?

Mr. Coe. As it has appeared.

Mr. Morris. I see. And do you know, as a matter of fact, whether he did look at the testimony as it appeared?

Mr. Coe. I am sorry. I can't say.

Mr. Morris. You cannot say, but you gave him notice at the time it was coming out?

Mr. Coe. Whenever I have been aware of that kind of testimony, I have so informed him.

Mr. Morris. Have you appeared before the United States Grand Jury?

Mr. Coe. Yes. Two days before I received a call to this body, I appeared before a Grand Jury.

Mr. Morris. Now, did you tell Mr. Rooth about your appearance before that Grand Jury?

Mr. Coe. I did.

Mr. Morris. Did you give him a report as to what happened when you appeared before that Grand Jury?

Mr. Coe. I gave him a summary report.

Mr. Morris. I see. Did that report, whatever it was, cause any change in his attitude toward you?

Mr. Coe. I think the whole question of his attitude toward me is and has been under consideration by Mr. Rooth, and I can't answer for him.

Senator O'Connor. That has been over what length of time, would you say, Mr. Coe?

Mr. Coe. I think I should say here that some weeks ago Mr. Rooth received a request from Secretary Snyder to terminate my employment with the Fund. That was several days after Senator McCarthy had named me in a speech, and one day before the Election; and it has been my understanding that since this time this whole matter has been under consideration by Mr. Rooth, if not before; but I am not informed beyond what I tell you.

Senator O'Connor. Yes. Well, Mr. Coe, was that the first such request of which you know; that is to say, a request on the part of a responsible American Official to have your services terminated?

Mr. Coe. That is one that I know of, and I can't answer for anything else which may have transpired.

Senator O'Connor. Of course, you would not be expected to answer with respect to anything you did not know.

My question was whether you knew of any previous request.

Mr. Coe. No; I personally did not?

Senator O'Connor. How long ago did you say your passport was denied?

Mr. Coe. It was denied in November, I think.

Senator O'Connor. November of 1951?

Mr. Coe. 1951.

Senator O'Connor. So that approximately a year elapsed after the State Department saw fit to deny you a passport, before a formal request was made, to your knowledge, that your services be terminated?

Mr. Coe. To my knowledge, that is right.

Mr. Morris. Who is Mr. Snyder?

Mr. Coe. Mr. Snyder, the Secretary of the Treasury, who is Governor of our Institution.

Mr. Morris. When did you last see Mr. Snyder?

Mr. Coe. I just can't recall; perhaps a year ago.

Mr. Morris. Have you had any communication with him, correspondence with him?

Mr. Coe. In my official capacity?

Mr. Morris. That is what I mean.

Mr. Coe. In my official capacity as Secretary, I may have addressed communications to him. I don't recall.

Mr. Morris. That is all right. I just wanted to be sure that you were testifying about your relations with Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Coe. Yes.

Mr. Morris. Have you been to Mexico?

Mr. Coe. Yes.

Mr. Morris. When did you go to Mexico?

Mr. Coe. I went to Mexico in 1949, I believe, on official business of the Fund, and I think that during the War I was there once on official business of the United States Government.

Mr. Morris. Did you ever meet a man named Constantine Oumansky?

Mr. Coe. May I consult with counsel?

Mr. Morris. The question is: Did you ever meet him?

Mr. Coe. May I still consult with counsel?

Mr. Morris. Yes.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, in the exercise of my privilege under the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer, on the grounds that my answer might tend to incriminate me.

Mr. Morris. Did you meet Mr. Oumansky in Mexico? That is spelled O-u-m-a-n-s-k-y.

Mr. Coe. The same answer, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Morris. Whom did you give as references when you applied for a passport in connection with those two trips to Mexico?

Mr. Coe. I will have to consult counsel.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. Coe. I just don't recall.

Senator O'Connor. I assume that you mean that which is a matter of record, Mr. Morris?

Mr. Morris. I mean that.

Senator O'Connor. Might you refresh the witness's recollection?

Mr. Morris: I am afraid I will have to do that at another time. I do not have those references here.

Now, with whom did you discuss your trips to Mexico on those two occasions? In other words, was there an official decision made by the body for which you were working in connection with your trip to Mexico?

Mr. Coe. In each case.

Mr. Morris. How many is that, two or three trips to Mexico?

Mr. Coe. Two, but I may have made three. I am not certain.

Mr. Morris. I see.

Mr. Coe. At any rate, in every trip that I made to Mexico I have proceeded there for official business of the body I was working for.

Mr. Morris. Now, did you consummate any business other than official business while you were in Mexico on those three occasions?

Mr. Coe. Again on grounds of the Fifth Amendment, I will respectfully decline to answer.

Mr. Morris. Do you know a man named Toledano, Vincent Lombardo Toledano? Did you ever meet a man by that name?

Mr. Coe. Again, in the exercise of my privilege under the Fifth Amendment, I will decline to answer, on the grounds that to do so might tend to incriminate me.

Mr. Morris. Do you know Mr. William H. Taylor?

Mr. Coe. He is an employee of the Fund.

Mr. Morris. When did you last see Mr. William H. Taylor?

Mr. Coe. Again -- I beg your pardon. I think I had better consult counsel.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. Coe. I saw Mr. Taylor here in the corridor.

Mr. Morris. I see. When did you see him prior to that time?

Senator O'Connor. Would you withdraw that question for a moment?

Just what, as a matter of record, is his position, in relation to that of the Secretary of the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. As a matter of record, he is, I believe, an Assistant Director of one of the Departments of the Fund, separate from my own.

Senator O'Connor. And in the regular course of business, does the Assistant Director have occasion to contact the Secretary of the Fund in the regular pursuit of his affairs?

Mr. Coe. There might for him, as for many others, be such cause.

Senator O'Connor. All right.

Mr. Morris. When did you see Mr. Taylor prior to the time when you saw him in the courtroom today?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the privilege granted me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer on the grounds that so to do might tend to incriminate me.

Mr. Morris. Have you advised with Mr. Taylor in the last week? Have you consulted with him in connection with his and your appearance before this subcommittee?

Mr. Coe. Again on grounds of the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. You will not tell this committee whether you conferred with Mr. Taylor in the last week?

Mr. Coe. I think that is the same question. I give the

same answer.

Mr. Morris. Did you advise Mr. Taylor, or take any recommendations from Mr. Taylor in connection with your department before this committee today?

Mr. Coe. May I consult counsel before I answer?

Senator O'Connor. Yes, indeed.

(The witness conferred with counsel.)

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. What position does Mr. Posniak hold, as a matter of record, in the International Monetary Fund?

Mr. Coe. I am sorry. I don't know.

Mr. Morris. Do you personally know Mr. Posniak?

Mr. Coe. Again, under the protection afforded me by the Fifth Amendment, I respectfully decline to answer that question.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, I would like to offer the witness a picture which is an Associated Press photograph which appeared in the Washington Star of September 10, 1951, page 1.

Senator O'Connor. Suppose you present it to counsel first.

(Picture handed to witness's counsel.)

Mr. Morris. You see, Mr. Friedman, that in the caption it mentions that Mr. Coe was present.

Mr. Friedman. I see his name is underscored.

Mr. Morris. Do you see his picture there?

Mr. Friedman. I don't think so.

Senator O'Connor. I think it would be proper to have the witness see the photograph.

Mr. Friedman. Is there a question before the witness?

Mr. Morris. No. His picture obviously does not appear in that picture.

Mr. Coe. What is it presented to me for?

Mr. Morris. That purports to be, Mr. Coe, a picture taken of a group of people whose names are mentioned, in the caption, and, Mr. Friedman, would you read the last name?

Mr. Friedman. Frank Coe.

Mr. Morris. Is there any description?

Mr. Friedman. Secretary of the Fund.

Mr. Morris. And yet your picture does not appear there, does it?

Mr. Coe. I don't see it. I am a little bewildered.

Mr. Friedman. The page is cut off. We do not know where it was cut off.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that the picture is not as represented, I will discontinue that line of inquiry.

Senator O'Connor. As counsel has correctly stated, it does appear that there has possibly been some deletion from the picture, and it is not in its complete state. I do not think that it is proper to go in just as it now appears, because

it is obvious that the picture of the witness is not discernible, if counsel agrees with that.

Mr. Friedman. I do not see it.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, for the present, I have no more questions.

Senator O'Connor. Now, Mr. Coe, I feel very definitely that any further opportunity which you may desire to avail yourself of is now given and will be given to you, to make any explanation, or to say anything you desire, to amplify whatever you may have said, or to attempt to clear up what is left at this state of the proceedings. The committee is anxious to give you every possible chance to say anything at all which you feel may be in your own interest, because we do not want to either cut the hearing short, or to avoid giving you the opportunity to say anything you desire to say. Even though you are not being questioned about it, you are at liberty now to volunteer anything you may wish to volunteer in fairness to yourself, and in the protection of anything you feel it is necessary to protect.

Mr. Coe. May I have a word with counsel?

Senator O'Connor. Yes, indeed. Take all the time you wish.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. Coe. Mr. Chairman, I think that beyond the fact that I have carefully considered my situation and have a clear conscience, I have no comments I wish to make.

Senator O'Connor. Counsel, is there anything that you desire to say?

Mr. Friedman. No, sir; there is nothing I care to add,

Senator. Thank you.

Senator O'Connor. We would be pleased to have you make any observations or make any comment, if you elect to do so.

Mr. Friedman. No, sir.

Senator O'Connor. In view of that, the chair feels that a statement just penned here, would properly reflect the views of the chair, as the result of and at the conclusion of this testimony, and I will read it, so as to keep it within certain limits.

Of course, a copy will be made up before any public distribution. It is as follows:

The disclosures made today in the public session will result in considerable disturbance to the American people. And understandably so. More damaging developments could hardly be imagined than occurred today in respect to the appearance of Frank Coe, Secretary to the International Monetary Fund.

This American citizen has been continued in one of the highest posts in an international organization at a sizeable salary, where he has been in a position to wield great influence on national and international affairs.

Now, when questioned as to his possible active participation in Communist activities, he declines to answer on

on the grounds that his answers might tend to incriminate him.

Secretary Coe even declines to say whether he is now a member of an espionage ring or whether he has been continuously engaged in subversive activities throughout his service in his highly-placed position over the years.

Furthermore he admits that he was refused a passport by this country in the past because of his questionable background. Why he was kept all this time in such a sensitive post, affecting world matters, is impossible to understand. There has been a lamentable and shocking disregard of duty in permitting him to remain in his position.

Coe should be dismissed summarily from his post. The interests of American security demand that he no longer be allowed to continue in a post where he can do much to defeat the efforts of peace-loving nations to achieve world accord.

The revelations are more serious than even our committee had anticipated. They prove unmistakably that serious conditions exist in respect to the personnel of international organizations which require official attention. The investigation must go on, in order to bring to light the reasons why Coe was retained, and who has been responsible for this indefensible action.

Now, Mr. Coe, having heard that statement, is there anything that you desire to say? If so, the committee will give

you every opportunity to say anything you wish by way of reply, explanation, or in any other manner. We do not wish in any sense to deprive you of an opportunity to place on the record fully any views which you might care to express.

Mr. Coe. I may wish to, Senator, after I have had an opportunity of reading that. It is obvious that I cannot agree with the statement. I think I would like to read it.

Senator O'Connor. You will certainly be afforded an opportunity to do so. A copy of it will be supplied to your counsel.

Mr. Friedman. I may say, Senator, that I cannot agree with your statement either. I say that with all due respect.

Senator O'Connor. I did not mean, counsel, that we were asking you to testify, but rather to indicate any further efforts that the committee might undertake, in fairness to the witness, or give him opportunity to say anything he pleases, in defense of himself, or in answer to the observations that have been made, or to bring to light any facts that should bear upon this all-important subject.

Mr. Friedman. I should say that one fact that should be emphasized now is that Mr. Coe has never been convicted of any crime or offense. He has never been indicted for any crime or offense. He has never been charged with any crime or offense, or conduct of any kind. It is for that reason that I think the premise contained in your statement is one that I

cannot possibly agree with. While he has asserted his constitutional privilege here, he has done what any American citizen can do. No inference can be drawn, as you said earlier in this hearing, Mr. Chairman, from his assertion; and I do not think that any statement as to his retention in his position should be based on charges of any criminal conduct, since the record is void of any charges against him.

Senator O'Connor. All right.

Mr. Coe, you have the opportunity, as I said before, to say anything that you desire. The committee gives you that opportunity willingly, so that you may have any chance to speak in your own defense, or to amplify any statement that has been made.

Mr. Coe. I have not, until after I have had a chance to read that.

Senator O'Connor. All right. You will be excused, then.

Mr. Morris. Mr. Chairman, we have some other witnesses, whom we are going to hear in executive session, but there will be no more open hearings today.

Senator O'Connor. That being so, the committee will now stand adjourned and will go into executive session. The committee will stand in recess until 11:30 tomorrow morning.

(Whereupon, at 3:25 o'clock p. m. the committee recessed, to reconvene at 11:30 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, December 2, 1952)



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Frank Coe mentioned by Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers in connection with Soviet espionage activity. Bentley and Chambers both understood Coe to be Communist Party member. Investigation of Coe began in Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case in 1946 and on interview on May 29, 1947, Coe denied Communist Party membership and espionage. [redacted] before Federal Grand Jury. [redacted] convened to hear

[redacted] On 8-13-48 Coe denied espionage and Communist Party membership before House Committee on Un-American Activities which publicized Coe's connection with Silvermaster case. [redacted] before a Federal Grand Jury, [redacted] and on 12-1-52 before the McCarran Committee. On 12-2-52 Coe resigned on request from International Monetary Fund. In view of lack of corroborative evidence, individual case file on Coe was closed July, 1952, although efforts to develop entire Silvermaster case have been continuous.

Coe has also been receiving continuous attention in connection with SOVME material but no identification effected to date. Renewed investigation of Coe centers about review of diary of John Hazard, former Assistant to Officer in Charge of Soviet Lend-Lease Program, on suggested possibility Coe might have made requests for information on Soviet lend-lease beyond scope of his authority with Foreign Economic Administration. WFO instructed to follow up all leads from this diary that may be productive.

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BACKGROUND OF COE:

SUMMARY

Virginus Frank Coe was born January 15, 1907, in Richmond, Virginia. He received an A.B. degree and later a Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago. He lectured at the University of Toronto on economics from September, 1934, to June, 1936. He then worked for a short period for the Treasury Department until October, 1936, at which time he returned to the University of Toronto. In 1939, he was re-employed by the Treasury Department and later the same year went into the Federal Security Agency, remaining there until 1940, when he went with the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense. In August, 1940, he became Assistant Director of the Division of Monetary Research, Treasury Department. In February, 1942, he was appointed Executive Secretary of the Joint War Production Committee of the United States and Canada and with its successor agencies including the Foreign Economic Administration where he held the position of Assistant Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Office of Economic Programs. In February, 1945, he became Director of Monetary Research in the Treasury Department, succeeding Harry Dexter White. He resigned on April 30, 1946, to become the Secretary of the International Monetary Fund. He presently resides at 1918 N. Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia. He is the brother of Charles J. Coe, usually referred to as Bob Coe.

DETAILS:

By memorandum of 12-4-52 Mr. Nichols advised that Lee Groff, 2406 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia, is a very pro-Bureau and thoroughly reliable individual who lives near Coe and had offered to be of assistance in any way he could in any investigation we might have on Coe. You commented, "I assume we are checking out on Coe and his activities."

Investigation of Coe was based upon information received from Elizabeth Bentley in January, 1946, that Coe, while employed in the Treasury Department, was a relatively unimportant member of the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster

espionage network. She believed that Coe was in South America on a Treasury Department mission during most of the time he was in contact with Silvermaster. She said Coe sent information from South America to Silvermaster and believed he may have also sent information to Harry Dexter White.

In the Spring of 1949, Whittaker Chambers advised that while he was in the Soviet espionage apparatus during the 1930's, on several occasions he heard from J. Peters, George Silverman, Harry Dexter White, and Harold Ware, of plans to bring Frank Coe from Canada so he could be placed in the Treasury Department by White. It was Chambers' understanding that Frank Coe, as well as his brother, Bob, were members of the Communist Party. Chambers said on one occasion he got documents from White delivered to him by Bob Coe, which were photographed by the espionage apparatus.

Investigation of Coe was first conducted in connection with the over-all Silvermaster case. In May, 1947, when individuals involved in the Silvermaster case were being interviewed, Coe was interviewed on 5-29-47. He denied passing information for transmission to a Russian contact or to Silvermaster. On [redacted] appeared before the Federal Grand Jury, [redacted] but a true bill was not returned.

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On August 13, 1948, Coe testified before the HCUA denying Bentley's allegation and Communist Party membership. He admitted knowing numerous persons who, it is alleged, have been engaged in espionage activity, including Alger Hiss, Abraham George Silverman, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and Harry Dexter White. The HCUA publicized Coe's connection with the Silvermaster case.

On [redacted] appeared before a Federal Grand Jury, [redacted] and on December 1, 1952, he appeared before the McGarran Committee. In each instance he refused to testify. On December 2, 1952, he resigned upon request from the International Monetary Fund.

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Investigation of Coe has not produced corroborative evidence of the allegations of Communist Party membership and espionage activity, and in July, 1952, the individual case file on Coe was closed though efforts to develop the entire Silvermaster case have been continued. The extensive efforts along this line indicate that the necessary corroboration concerning Coe and all persons involved in the Silvermaster network will be forthcoming only if someone a party to the conspiracy decides to make a revelation. The possibility of inducing such a revelation has been considered and kept in mind in connection with all persons involved in this conspiracy and at the present time an attempt to induce such a disclosure is being made in the case of Abraham George Silverman by having his registration solicited under Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

In addition, continuing consideration has been given to Coe in connection with [SOVME material furnished by (S) (U)] but to date an identification has not been effected. (S) b3

WFO let 12-6-52 supplied information that Willis C. Armstrong, Deputy Director, Office of International Materials Policies, and George E. Truesdell, Office of Eastern European Affairs, both former employees of the Lend-Lease Administration, had made it known to Mr. Carlisle Humelsine, State Department, that Coe may have made certain requests unusual or beyond the scope of his duties with the Foreign Economic Administration for information on Soviet lend-lease matters. Mr. Humelsine offered to make available any information on Soviet lend-lease which was pertinent to Coe.

A survey of the available records reflected that they include a day journal or diary that had been maintained by John Hazard, purporting to cover the calls and contacts received and made by Hazard, who was Assistant to General C. M. Wesson, Officer in Charge of Soviet lend-lease. This diary is being examined by WFO for possible references to Coe or other individuals in whom the Bureau is interested.

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WFO is not being instructed to review the other voluminous records (approximately forty four-drawer cabinets), which are indexed only by subject matter, in view of the lack of a specific instance in which Coe is alleged to have made a request for such information. In addition, it is highly doubtful that any information supplied to Coe, as might possibly be developed by such an examination, would be of such a character as to furnish any evidence of espionage or subversive activity or even be without the scope of Coe's normal duties. These files, of course, will be checked where necessary for details or explanation of any pertinent diary entries that might be noted.

In connection with the review of the material made accessible by Mr. Humelsine, you instructed that any leads developed which may be productive should be followed. These instructions were passed to SAC Hood, WFO, 12-9-52.

This matter will be followed closely to insure thorough investigative effort.

**ACTION:**

None. For your information.

Complete investigation on Coe should be pressed. Maybe perjury can be developed against him.

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 7--ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1939, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, IN THE PRESENCE OF DON LEVINE, A LIFE-LONG ANTI-COMMUNIST, LEFT WITH ADOLF BERLE, THEN AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, A MEMORANDUM ON THE ALGER HISS UNDERGROUND COMMUNIST SPY RING. IT CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH.

" --BLANK, WHO WAS ONE OF WHITE'S ASSISTANTS, IS A PARTY MEMBER OF THE UNDERGROUND GROUP. ADLER OR ODLER IS ALSO ONE OF WHITE'S ASSISTANTS. HE USED TO HAVE TWO BROTHERS NAMED COE REVOLVING AROUND HIM. THE OTHER COE TEACHES AT MCGILL UNIVERSITY. WHITE WANTED TO BRING HIM INTO THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, TOO."

CHAMBERS WAS TALKING ABOUT FRANK COE AND HIS BROTHER CHARLES. IN THE INTERVENING YEARS FRANK COE WENT ON TO BUILD A CAREER IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE WHICH EVENTUALLY PLACED HIM AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT \$20,000 A YEAR.

BERLE INFORMED THE LATE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT OF THE CHAMBERS LIST OF REDS. ROOSEVELT LAUGHED AND INFORMED BERLE TO MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS. BERLE AT THE TIME -- THE EVE OF WORLD WAR II -- WAS HANDLING SECURITY PROBLEMS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION. HE WAS SO UNSUSPECTING, POLITICALLY, THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE ROOSEVELTS WERE HAVING COMMUNISTS AS HOUSE GUESTS.

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XX GUESTS.

THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE JUST RECENTLY LISTENED IN AMAZEMENT WHEN FRANK COE DECLINED TO STATE WHETHER OR NOT HE IS CURRENTLY, OR HAS IN THE PAST, ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND IS A COLLECTING POINT FOR HIGHLY SECRET DATA ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCE, PRODUCTION AND EXCHANGE. IT DUMPS ALL OF ITS INFORMATION INTO THE UNITED NATIONS WHERE COMMUNISTS, DESPITE THE MUMBLING OF ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, ARE SO PLENTIFUL IT RESEMBLES A JUNIOR SIZED VERSION OF THE KREMLIN.

COE HAS BEEN A FAIR HAired BOY IN THE NEW AND FAIR DEALS FOR 13 YEARS. JUST LIKE A LOT OF THESE CHARACTERS WHO GET BASHFUL WHEN SEATED IN THE WITNESS CHAIR, HE MOVED IN ON THE WASHINGTON REVOLUTION FROM CANADA. HE WAS, NATURALLY, A PROFESSOR, WHICH OCCUPATION, ALONG WITH A PAIR OF DARK RIMMED GLASSES, WAS ALMOST ALL YOU NEED TO GET IN ON THE ROOSEVELT VERSION OF THE FIVE YEAR PLAN FOR SOVIETIZING THE U.S.A.

COE DECLINED TO SAY WHO SERVED AS HIS GUARDIAN ANGEL DURING THE 13 YEARS HE MOVED AHEAD IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE. BUT SOMEBODY DID, AND IT'S IMPORTANT NOW TO FIND OUT WHO IT WAS. HE WAS IN THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND PERFORMED VARIOUS SERVICES FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO JOINING THE UN'S INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND. SOMEBODY KEPT TAPPING HIM FOR THESE JOBS AND FOR PROMOTIONS. WHO WAS IT?

COE WAS A BUDDY OF LEE PRESSMAN, THE SELF-CONFESSED RED, OF ALGER AND DONALD HISS, OF HENRY COLLINS, CHARLES CRAMER, JOHN ABT, LAWRENCE DUGGAN, NOEL FIELD AND MAX LOWENTHAL.

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XX LOWENTHAL.

LOWENTHAL RECENTLY DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY WRITING A BOOK  
ATTACKING THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. HE ALSO IS CREDITED  
WITH LINING UP TRUMAN TO MAKE THE CRACK ACCUSING PRESIDENT-ELECT  
EISENHOWER OF ANTI-JEWISH AND ANTI-CATHOLIC BIAS.

LOWENTHAL STILL IS HANGING AROUND THE WHITE HOUSE. ALGER HISS  
IS IN JAIL, DUGGAN JUMPED OR WAS PUSHED TO HIS DEATH FROM A NEW YORK  
OFFICE BUILDING; FIELD HAS DISAPPEARED BEHIND THE COMMUNIST IRON  
CURTAIN, ABT IS BUSY WITH A COMMUNIST CONTROLLED UNION AND PRESSMAN  
IS TRYING TO SCRAPE OUT A LIVING AS A LAWYER SINCE HE PARTED COMPANY  
OFFICIALLY WITH THE COMMUNISTS.

ONLY HISS AND COE ARE STILL ON THE BACKS OF US TAXPAYERS, BUT I  
DON'T MIND PAYING MY SHARE OF WHAT IT COSTS TO KEEP HISS WHERE HE IS.

COE IS DIFFERENT. HE IS COSTING US THE MAJOR PART OF \$20,000  
A YEAR AND PROBABLY A LOT MORE THAT WE'LL NEVER KNOW ABOUT. AS TAX-  
PAYERS, ALL OF US ARE ENTITLED TO KNOW WHAT WE ARE GETTING FOR OUR  
MONEY. IN COE'S CASE WE ARE PAYING FOR A MAN WHO LACKS THE  
PATRIOTISM TO STAND UP AND DENY HE IS A SOVIET AGENT; A MAN WHO  
THINKS SO LITTLE OF THE COUNTRY HE LIVES IN THAT HE REFUSES TO SAY  
WHETHER OR NOT HE KNOWS OF A SOVIET ESPIONAGE NET IN OUR MIDST.

MOST EVERYBODY WANTS COE FIRED, BUT MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO  
LET HIM STAY WHERE HE IS AND SIC SENATOR MCCARTHY'S SENATE INVEST-  
IGATING COMMITTEE ONTO HIM AND ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PROTECTING  
HIM. IT MIGHT BE ONE WAY TO FINALLY CLEAN OUT THE WHOLE ROTTEN MESS  
OF RUSSIAN LOVERS WHO CAN COUNT THEIR SUCCESSES BY THE GROWING  
NUMBER OF AMERICAN DEAD IN KOREA.

PERSONALLY, I'VE HAD MY FILL OF THESE SNIVELING CREEPS. IF  
THERE ISN'T A LAW ON THE STATUTE BOOKS TO HANDLE THEM, LET'S GET  
ONE QUICK.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: December 31, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (77-2536)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE  
aka Frank Coe,  
V. Frank Coe,  
Frank V. Coe  
ESPIONAGE - R

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FRANK COE's employment as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund was terminated December 3, 1952, upon request. COE had refused to tell a Senate Internal Security Committee in New York if he were ever a Communist or a member of an underground spy ring.

On August 13, 1948, FRANK COE, accompanied by his Counsel, O. JOHN ROGGE, appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities to answer charges made by ELIZABETH BENTLEY. When questioned by Mr. STRIPLING as to whether he knew SOLOMON A. LISCHINSKY, he stated that he met SOLOMON LISCHINSKY once or twice he believed at the time UNRRA was winding up. He (LISCHINSKY) came to the Foreign Economic Administration or the Treasury Department for that employment. Otherwise, he did not know him. HAROLD GLASSER, in an interview with Agents of this office on April 30 and May 3, 1947, reported that he first met FRANK COE when both were in attendance at the University of Chicago. "We were also employed together at the Labor Bureau of the Midwest in Chicago." GLASSER during the interview indicated that he, GLASSER, also had been acquainted with SOL LISCHINSKY in Chicago, Illinois, in 1932, and LISCHINSKY lived in the same building as FRANK COE. ELIZABETH BENTLEY admitted under questioning before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that she knew HAROLD GLASSER and SOLOMON LISCHINSKY as members of the PERLO group.

The Chicago Office is requested to refer to the report of Special Agent WILLIAM H. SHAW dated July 12, 1951, at Chicago, Illinois, captioned "VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka, SECURITY MATTER - C."

It is requested that the records of the University of Chicago and the Labor Bureau of the Midwest, 11 South La Salle Street, be re-checked for all references, associates, sponsors, and etc., of the sub

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It is further requested that pertinent University of Chicago College Yearbooks be searched for information concerning the subject in an effort to ascertain organizations and clubs that he was a member of with the view of interviewing associates to determine his activities in Chicago, Illinois.

Will also obtain all of the residences of COE through pertinent sources, such as Chicago City Directories, to ascertain whether SOLOMON LISCHINSKY resided in the same building as COE as reported by HAROLD GLASSER. Provided that this is determined, will conduct inquiries with neighbors who resided there during the pertinent period to establish the relationship between the subject and LISCHINSKY.

Chicago Office is further requested through established sources familiar with Communist activities during the pertinent period to determine whether COE or his wife had any associations with the Communist Party during their residence in Chicago.

*COE aka Mrs. Virginia Frank X Coe*  
Subject stated in passport application that he married NORA MALLINSON on June 20, 1931, at Yorkshire, England, although passport records (to date) fail to disclose he was issued passport prior to 1941. She was born December 6, 1906, at York, England. ILL.

Subject's personnel records denote that COE stated that he was employed from June, 1931, to September, 1932, at Duluth, Kentucky, writing his dissertation. Inquiry at Duluth, Kentucky (a rural community), reflected that the subject was not known there.

In regard to the above, this office is re-checking passport records of the Department of State and will review Immigration and Naturalization Service records on the subject to determine subject's whereabouts during the period June, 1931, to September, 1932.

The current edition of "Who's Who in America" reflects that COE was a member of Johns Hopkins Law Institute from 1928 to 1930. The files of this office denote COE was employed September, 1928, to June, 1930, as a Research Assistant, Johns Hopkins Institute of Law, at Baltimore, Maryland.

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The Baltimore Office is requested to review the records of Johns Hopkins Law Institute for information concerning COE with particular attention to residences, references, sponsors, and associates.

The Baltimore Office will determine through established sources who are familiar with Communist Party activities during the pertinent period whether COE had any connection with the Communist Party in the Baltimore area.

The Baltimore Office is further requested to cause a search to be made of the records of G-2 and Office of Special Investigations concerning the subject and his wife, NORA MALLINSON, in order that the Bureau will have available all information concerning these individuals which might be in the possession of other intelligence agencies.

The Bureau has directed that this investigation be given immediate attention and that the results be promptly furnished to the Bureau in report form suitable for dissemination.

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- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MR. TOLSON:

I was furnished the following information last evening, which may be of interest.

Considerable criticism will probably be directed at Martin Durkin, the new Secretary of Labor, as he is supposed to have a reputation of excessive drinking.

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Virginus Frank Coe

Frank Nash, present Undersecretary for Air, is a protege of Frank Graham of the University of North Carolina and is sponsored in his present job by Anna Rosenberg. In the early Thirties he was connected in some way with the National Education Association and a check is presently being made to see if the NEA journals refer to him as attending the University of Moscow.

*We should try to tie this down*

Max Lowenthal was at the White House on December 2. He was responsible for putting Frank Coe in the Board of Economic Warfare and Mrs. Joe Short is alleged to have said she typed the statement which the President sent to the group in Philadelphia charging bigotry and intolerance on the part of General Eisenhower; that Lowenthal wrote the statement. Mrs. Short is supposed to have told a neighbor, who in turn told my informant. You will recall that Walter Trohan had previously told me that Burt Wheeler accused Lowenthal of having written the statement. Lowenthal did not deny, but defended it.

*see teletype  
WFO  
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negative*

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John Sirica, formerly an assistant U. S. Attorney, has been seeking to get the job as General Counsel of the Senate Investigating Committee and at one point, Senator McCarthy had practically decided to give it to him. McCarthy was then advised by a friend that Sirica had been in the FCC and his law firm had represented a Milwaukee radio station that had been anti-McCarthy. Sirica is now out of the running and it appears Robert Morris is favored for the position as Counsel to the Senate Investigating Committee.

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Senator McCarthy and Jeannie Kerr are presently being seen together again and it looks like their romance has been revived.

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Senator Francis Case (South Dakota) who was on the so-called truth team, while in San Francisco had one of his secretaries with him and every indication was he was having an affair with her. Bert Wissman, formerly of the Times Herald, who now has a twelve thousand dollar a year job with the Senate Policy Committee, was also with the party and is expected to cause Case difficulties as Wissman was out after the same girl.

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Norris Nelson is being favored for the Voice of America, along with Henry J. Taylor. Arthur Summerfield wants Nelson in this job.

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What do we know of Nelson?

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Respectfully,

✓  
L. V. Nichols

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VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, ESPIONAGE DASH R. REBUTEL TO SL DATED DEC. TEN  
 LAST. REVIEW OF BOBARD OF ECONOMIC WARFARE-FILES ON COE BY SE EARNEST  
 B. SCHINDLER, CONTAINED NUMEROUS CORRESPONDENCE. HOWEVER, MAX LOWENTHAL  
 NOT MENTIONED IN COE-S PERSONNEL FILE. LETTER IN FILE FROM JOHN  
 M. SIMMONS, PERSONNEL OFFICER, BEW TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, TREASURY  
 DEPARTMENT DATED JAN TWENTY SEVEN, NINETEEN FORTY TWO INQUIRING WHETHER  
 TREASURY DEPARTMENT WILL INTERPOSE ANY OBJECTION TO THE RELEASE OF COE  
 FOR TRANSFER TO BEW. REPLY TO THE ABOVE LETTER INTERPOSED NO OBJECTION  
 AND WAS SIGNED BY H. D. WHITE, ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY  
 DATED JAN. THIRTY, NINETEEN FORTY TWO. INTER-OFFICE MEMO FROM D.  
 W. VAUGHAN, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO MILOW PERKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
 DATED MAY TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN FORTY TWO INQUIRING ABOUT THE PROMOTION  
 OF COE AND WHO COULD REPLACE HIM IF PROMOTED. NUMEROUS OTHER INTER-  
 OFFICE MEMOS CONTAINED IN COE-S BEW FILE. THE FOLLOWING NAMES APPEARED  
 IN THESE INTER-OFFICE MEMOS -- WAYNE CHAMBERS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT,  
 OFFICE OF ECONOMIC WARFARE ANALYSIS -- FIELD HAVILAND, PERSONNEL  
 DIVISION -- FLORRIE STEVENS, CHIEF CLERK, BRITISH EMPOIRE DIVISION --  
 W. T. STONE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC WARFARE ANALYSIS -- J. H.  
 LIGHTSEY, SECRETARY FOR THE EFFICIENCY RATING COMMITTEE. THE ABOVE

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INDIVIDUALS ARE WITH BEW. FILES CONTAINED LETTER TO CSC DATED JULY TWENTY, NINETEEN FORTY TWO SIGNED BY R. C. ARNOLD, CHIEF CLASSIFICATION SECTION, EXPLAINING THE ALLOCATION OF COE-S POSITION. LETTER DATED JUNE TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN FORTY THREE FROM JAMES J. TOWNSEND, OFFICE OF LEND LEASE ADMINISTRATION TO GEORGE STEPHENSON, BEW, IN WHICH IT WAS STATED THAT COE WAS SUPPOSED TO GIVE A FORTY-FIVE MINUTE TALK OF BEW. COE-S BEW RECORD ALSO CONTAINED LETTER DATED MARCH FIRST, NINETEEN FORTY ONE TO COE FROM GEORGE P. DOHERTY IN CARE OF AMERICAN EMBASY, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA INQUIRING AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING DOHERTY TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER FIELD AREA. EFFICIENCY RATINGS WERE RATED BY PERKINS MENTIONED ABOVE AND HENRY W. RILEY, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR BEW.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

cc - Mr. Nichols

DATE: December 30, 1952

TO : A. H. Belmont  
FROM : W. A. Branigan  
SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, was  
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### SYNOPSIS:

Information secured on 12-15-52 from Ben Mandel that Frank Coe, according to Elizabeth Bentley, had been in touch with a Canadian during the period of time that Elizabeth Bentley was active in the Soviet espionage network. Jay Lovestone had informed Mandel that he believes the Canadian may have been an individual named Skelton. Lovestone said Skelton was for a number of years an assistant to Mr. Lester Pearson. Additional data received reflected Skelton's full name is Douglas Alexander Skelton and he died by drowning at Lagos, Nigeria, in July, 1950. The files of the Institute of Pacific Relations contain a memorandum to Soviet Ambassador Litvinoff from Edward C. Carter of the IPR dated November 3, 1942, listing persons expected to attend the Mont Tremblant Conference of the IPR. These included D. A. Skelton, Director of Research, Bank of Canada, of the Canadian Delegation and the U. S. Delegation included the name Frank Coe. This Conference was held in December, 1942. Information also located in Bufiles reflected the name of Skelton was contained in the material furnished by Igor Gouzenko. Investigation in Canada reflected D. A. Skelton was acquainted with Eric Adams and Agatha Chapman, employees of the Bank of Canada, implicated in the Soviet espionage network there. On December 16, 1952, the New York Office was instructed to reinterview Elizabeth Bentley for additional details and a request was made of [redacted] for data on Skelton. Additional instructions are being given to the New York Office in the attached memorandum; there is also being furnished to [redacted] additional data developed.

### PURPOSE:

To recommend approval for the attached memorandum to the [redacted] and to the New York Office.

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DETAILS:

In a previous memorandum Mr. Nichols set forth that Ben Mandel on December 5, 1952, had advised him that Frank Coe, according to Elizabeth Bentley, had been in touch with a Canadian during the period of time that Elizabeth Bentley was active in the Soviet espionage network. Jay Lovestone had informed Mandel that he believes that the individual who may have been Coe's contact in Canada was an individual named Skelton. He said Skelton for a number of years was an assistant to Mr. Lester Pearson. He said that Skelton was not known to have any visible known Communist connections. He indicated that Skelton had died when his boat had capsized in Nigeria several years ago.

The New York Office by a memorandum of December 2, 1952, set forth details of data received from Elizabeth Bentley relative to a Canadian contact of Frank Coe's. We have secured a copy of Elizabeth Bentley's testimony before the McCarran Committee in Executive Session on December 1, 1952, during which Bentley testified that Coe, during a period when he was on a Joint Canadian-American Finance Board, had run into an old comrade of his, a Canadian, and had suggested to Nathan Gregory Silvermaster or William Ludwig Ullman that this Canadian might have valuable information. This matter was referred to Bentley's Russian contact who kept stalling on giving Bentley an answer on whether this Canadian should be used.

It is not known on what basis it is that Jay Lovestone suggests that this Canadian might be Douglas Alexander Skelton. [We have located since the receipt of Skelton's full name a document in the files of the Institute of Pacific Relations which was made available to us which is a memorandum from Edward C. Carter of the Institute of Pacific Relations to Soviet Ambassador Litvinoff dated November 3, 1942. This listed persons who

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[were expected to attend the Mont Tremblant Conference of the IPR. D. A. Skelton, Director of Research, Bank of Canada, was listed in the Canadian Delegation and the U. S. Delegation included the name of Frank Coe. This Conference was held between the dates December 4 and 14, 1942.] (u)

Mr. Nichols also secured from Mr. Mandel on December 12, 1952, an article which appeared in the Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science of February, 1951, which indicated that Douglas Alexander Skelton died by drowning at Lagos, Nigeria, in July, 1950. It was set forth in the article that in 1935 he became Chief of the Research Department of the Bank of Canada and in 1944 Research Advisor. He held this position until he transferred to the Department of Trade and Commerce as Assistant Deputy Minister in 1948. We have also located the testimony of Skelton before the Royal Commission impaneled to hear testimony concerning Soviet espionage in Canada. Skelton testified on April 16, 1946, at which time he was asked if he could explain the listing of the name Skelton on a document which had been furnished by Igor Gouzenko which stated, "Eric calls through Skelton." Skelton said he knew Eric Adams and had met Sam Carr on one occasion a number of years previously. He said he assumed the document referred to himself but he claimed he could not understand the meaning of the document. He suggested one explanation might be that a number of persons were permitted to use the Bank of Canada's direct wire between Ottawa and Toronto and between Ottawa and Montreal. He suggested that Eric Adams may have used the direct line and used his name in making the telephone calls. It was also developed during Skelton's testimony before the Commission that one of the study groups used as a recruiting ground by Russian Embassy officials had been held at the home of a Mrs. Turner whom Skelton said was his wife's mother. Testimony by another individual before the same Commission reflected that Skelton had been responsible for the hiring of both Eric Adams and Agatha Chapman by the

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[Bank of Canada and it is to be noted that both of these persons were implicated in the disclosures concerning Soviet espionage activities in Canada.] We issued instructions to the field on December 16, 1952, for a more complete interview of Elizabeth Bentley on this matter. We also on the same date requested information from [redacted] (U) (C) It is contemplated that once this information is secured it will be desirable to arrange to have Jay Lovestone contacted, in order to determine what is the basis for his suggestion that Frank Coe's Canadian contact was Douglas Alexander Skelton. (C)

RECOMMENDATION:

[Attached herewith are memoranda to the New York Office and to [redacted] (C) (U) setting forth the additional facts which have been developed in connection with this matter.] The New York Office is instructed to carry out a detailed interview of Elizabeth Bentley on this point.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: 1/7/53

*S.A. re*

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE [redacted]

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SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Bureau letter 12/16/52 instructing Baltimore to interview WHITTAKER CHAMBERS regarding subject. RE WFO letter, 12/31/52 setting forth additional leads for Baltimore in instant case.

In connection with re Bureau letter, reference is also made to Baltimore letter 12/22/52, captioned "LEON PRESSMAN, wa., SM - C, Perjury, IS Act of 1950" (Bufile 100-11820)(WFO file 100-828) wherein are set forth statements furnished by Mrs. CHAMBERS as well as CHAMBERS' physician re CHAMBERS availability for testifying and interview. In view of these statements it is not deemed feasible to interview CHAMBERS at this time regarding instant case and, UACB, recontact will be had with Mrs. CHAMBERS and Mr. CHAMBERS' physician on or about February 28, 1953 with a view toward determining CHAMBERS' availability for interview at that time.

For information of the Bureau and WFO, leads set forth in re WFO letter, 12/31/52, are being handled at this time and Baltimore will surep as expeditiously as possible.

REGISTERED MAIL

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CC: WFO (77-2536)  
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TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: VIRGINUS FRANK COE  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: December 4, 1952

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(M)

Lee Groff, whom I have known for many years and who runs a hardware store in Alexandria at 2406 Duke Street and who is very pro-Bureau and thoroughly reliable, called me. He had been very much upset over the news from New York on the appearance of Frank Coe before the Internal Security Subcommittee.

Coe lives near him and his wife takes the Coe children along with their children to the Sidwell Friends School each day. He has also had a suspicion of Coe but has never been able to crystalize it or back it up with facts. He wanted to know if there was anyway he could help out in any investigation we might have; that the thought occurred to him they might get a party line; that if our Agents had Coe under surveillance they might use his home as a headquarters or that he in turn might be coached to infiltrate Coe.

I do know of two other cases involving loyalty where Lee Groff has been of assistance. It is suggested that in the event we have any future investigations involving Coe that the Domestic Intelligence Division bear Groff's offer in mind as he is thoroughly reliable and trustworthy.

cc - Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Belmont

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*memo to Dir  
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*I assume we are  
checking out on Coe  
& his activities.*

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BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR~~

December 23, 1952

Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

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EMIL LANG

*Virginia's Frank Coe*

By letter dated October 27, 1952, the Executive Secretary, Regional Loyalty Board, Second United States Civil Service Region, New York, New York, requested information concerning certain named associates of Lang.

There are transmitted herewith four copies each of the following listed reports.

Report of Special Agent John B. VanNeston dated May 15, 1951, at Washington, D. C., and captioned Virginia's Frank Coe. (100-364447-16)

Report of Special Agent Patrick M. Rice dated April 17, 1952, at Washington, D. C., and captioned Virginia's Frank Coe. (100-364447-27)

Report of Special Agent William J. Pantoja dated July 28, 1952, at Boston, Massachusetts, and captioned Frederick Lewis Schuman.

Report of Special Agent George W. Hymers dated June 27, 1941, at Indianapolis, Indiana, and captioned Harold Dwight Lasswell.

Report of Special Agent Hugh L. Steger dated July 2, 1941, at Washington, D. C., and captioned Harold Dwight Lasswell.

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Mr. James K. Hatcher  
U. S. Civil Service Commission

Report of Special Agent W. R. Douglas dated July 15, 1941, at New York, New York, and captioned Harold Dwight Lasswell.

Report of Special Agent J. A. Fisher dated July 3, 1941, at San Francisco, California, and captioned Harold Dwight Lasswell.

Report of Special Agent S. R. Russo dated July 5, 1941, at Los Angeles, California, and captioned Harold Dwight Lasswell.

Report of Special Agent H. L. Stager dated July 14, 1941, at Washington, D. C., and captioned Harold Dwight Lasswell.

Report of Special Agent R. F. Kelley dated July 22, 1941, at Chicago, Illinois, and captioned Harold Dwight Lasswell.

Report of Special Agent P. C. Dunson dated August 5, 1941, at Chicago, Illinois, and captioned Harold Dwight Lasswell.

Report of Special Agent James T. Severdy dated March 19, 1951, at New Haven, Connecticut, and captioned Harold Dwight Lasswell.

Report of Special Agent William P. Dix dated March 28, 1951, at New York, New York, and captioned Harold Dwight Lasswell.

Report of Special Agent Robert E. Paul dated April 7, 1951, at Washington, D. C., and captioned Harold Dwight Lasswell.

The files of this Bureau failed to reveal any identifiable data pertinent to your inquiry concerning E. (Doll) Fawcright.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (110-0)

SUBJECT: CHINA STABILIZATION FUND  
FOREIGN ECONOMIC MATTER

DATE: 12/15/52

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During the course of an ICE investigation on 12/9/52, SA LUDY interviewed Mr. ARTHUR CAMPBELL, Customs Agent, 201 Varick St., NYC, who furnished the following information:

CAMPBELL was treasury attache at Hong Kong, China in 1940, and naval attache in that country during World War II. He stated that he had just recently returned from Java in the East Indies, where he had been a government employee.

Mr. CAMPBELL went on to say that he had been acquainted with HARRY WHITE, now deceased; WILLIAM (BILL) TAYLOR, now at United Nations Monetary Fund; V. FRANK COE, United Nations employee, and SOLOMON ADLER, who is now in England teaching at Oxford University and who has applied for English citizenship. He went on to say that these individuals had been administrative officials on the China Stabilization Fund and as such had made the decisions which went far in undermining the Chiang Kai-shek regime in China and in bringing to power the Communist Party.

Mr. CAMPBELL stated that he was closely associated with BILL TAYLOR and SOL ADLER and that he himself could furnish substantially detailed information concerning these two individuals.

He stated that ADLER had been a close associate and in fact roomed with a Dr. CHI (ph) who was then a Chinese representative on the China Stabilization Fund and who is now an important fiscal expert in the Red China finance structure.

He further stated that he knows a Dr. LIN (ph) presently associated with the Renho Corporation, Importers and Exporters, 25 Broadway, NYC, who was a Chinese representative on the China Stabilization Fund and is familiar with technical details of the maneuvers made by the above named Americans on the Fund, which directly aided the CP in China. He explained that Dr. LIN is a brilliant individual and an expert on fiscal matters.

Mr. CAMPBELL stated that he has been contacted recently by the Chief Investigator of the Internal Security Committee concerning Chinese matters and that he had discussed the above matter with him but indicated complete willingness and a desire to furnish any information which he may have to the Bureau and also to attempt to persuade Dr. LIN to furnish information.

He stated that he has discussed this matter with Dr. LIN with the idea of persuading him to cooperate with American authorities concerning the information which he has and that while Dr. LIN is extremely reluctant to furnish any information, it is his opinion that he could persuade Dr. LIN to cooperate with the Bureau.

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The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau. No further action will be taken by the NYC.

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Reference is made to the Bureau's memorandum of December 16, 1952. The following additional information has been located on Douglas Alexander Skelton.

The files of the Institute of Pacific Relations previously made available to the Bureau contain a memorandum to Ambassador Litvinoff from Edward C. Carter of the IIR dated November 3, 1942. This memorandum listed persons expected to attend the Mont Tremblant Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations and included the name of D. A. Skelton, Director of Research, Bank of Canada, as a Canadian delegate. The U. S. Delegation included among the various delegates listed Laughlin Currie, Harry Dexter White and Frank Coe. The Mont Tremblant Conference was held in Mont Tremblant, Quebec, from December 4 to December 14, 1942. (24)

(100-64700-271 pg 1293)

Douglas Alexander Skelton testified before the Royal Commission impaneled to hear testimony concerning Soviet espionage in Canada on April 16, 1946, at which time Skelton was asked if he could explain the listing of the name Skelton on a document which had been furnished by Igor Gouzenko which stated, "Eric calls through Skelton." Mr. Skelton said he knew Eric Adams and had met Sam Carr on one occasion a number of years previously. He said he assumed the document referred to himself but he claimed he could not understand to what it referred. He suggested that one explanation might be that a number of persons were permitted to use the Bank of Canada's direct wire between Ottawa and Toronto and between Ottawa and Montreal. He suggested Eric Adams may have used the direct line and used his name in making the telephone calls. (u)

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It was also developed during Skelton's testimony before the Royal Commission that one of the study groups used as a recruiting ground by Russian Embassy officials had been held at the home of a Mrs. Turner. Skelton said she was his wife's mother but he had not known anything about the study groups and did not know Eric Adams had attended such a group. ~~SECRET~~ (u)

(100-342972-729 encl pg 548)

The Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science for February, 1951, Volume 17, pages 89 - 91, contains a write-up on Douglas Alexander Skelton. It is set forth that he died by drowning at Lagos, Nigeria, in July, 1950. It was set forth that in 1935 he became Chief of the Research Department of the Bank of Canada and in 1944 Research Advisor, a position he held until he transferred to the Department of Trade and Commerce as Assistant Deputy Minister in 1948. He stated that while he "laid firm foundations for the work of the Bank's research department, he was absent from it on special assignment for most of ten years."

There is being attached hereto one Photostat for both the New York and Washington Field Office of the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley before an Executive Session of the McCarran Committee on December 1, 1952. You will note that Elizabeth Bentley testified that Coe, during a period when he was on a Joint Canadian-American Finance Board, had run into an old comrade of his, a Canadian, and had suggested to Ullman or Silvermaster that this Canadian might have valuable information. This matter was referred to Bentley's Russian contact who kept stalling on giving Bentley an answer on whether this Canadian should be used. You will note that this is the basis of the information in referenced Bureau letter relative to the Canadian contact of Frank Coe. You are instructed to carry out a detailed interview of Elizabeth Bentley relative to this matter in line with the instructions given to you in referenced Bureau letter. Your attention is also directed to the fact that the testimony of Bentley before the Executive Session of the McCarran Committee is confidential and is not to be disseminated or referred to outside the Bureau.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *pl*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT : VIRGINUS FRANK COE *D*

DATE: December 12, 1952

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By previous memorandum, I have <sup>been</sup> advised according to Ben Mandel that Elizabeth Bentley indicated a connection between Coe and a Canadian named Skelton. I am attaching the copy of an article from the Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science, February, 1951, which Ben Mandel has sent me reporting the death of Alex Skelton.

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DOUGLAS ALEXANDER SKELTON (1906-1950)

"The death of Alex Skelton by drowning at Lagos, Nigeria, in July, 1950 brought to a premature end a fruitful and distinctive career. To his many friends, Sandy or Alex Skelton, as he was known to successive generations, was a winning and powerful personality, strong in his opinions, scornfully resentful of pretension, but with a warm generosity which they remember gratefully. To his colleagues and acquaintances among the economists, he was a forceful mind, never neutral, unacademic in his approach to problems, but thorough in his investigations, original in his analysis, and incisive in presenting his views.

"Alex Skelton was the eldest son of distinguished parents. His father, O. D. Skelton, achieved great distinction as a writer, as Professor of Political and Economic Science at Queen's University, and as Under Secretary of State for External Affairs. His mother, Mrs. Isabel Skelton, has found time in a busy life to write a number of books which combine competent historical research with insight and graceful writing. Alex was born in Chicago, where his father was a graduate student, grew up in Kingston, and returned there to attend Queen's University after a year spent at Bembridge School, Isle of Wight. As a student he was brilliant in perception and capable periodically of an astonishing tour de force, but he found it difficult to fit himself docilely into the conventional pattern of an academic curriculum. Extraordinary in his enthusiasm and physical energy, he was an athlete of note and developed an abiding love for sailing boats whether on Lake Ontario, the Mediterranean, or the Ottawa.

"After graduation, he spent two years at University College, Oxford, as a Rhodes Scholar and returned to spend a year in teaching political science at the University of Saskatchewan. He often spoke warmly of this experience but decided against an academic career. For four years he was economist to the Eouharnois Power Corporation and during that time collaborated under the Harvard Bureau of International Research in the publication of the volume, International Control of Non-Ferrous Metals, a subject in which he had become

interested because of the importance of electro-metallurgy as a market for power. In 1925 he became the first chief of the research department of the Bank of Canada and in 1944 research advisor, a position which he held until he transferred to the Department of Trade and Commerce as Assistant Deputy Minister in 1948.

"Skelton's distinctive work was not all or even mainly to be found within the confines of his official positions. Though he laid firm foundations for the work of the Bank's research department, he was absent from it on special assignment for most of ten years. He was a man of projects and forays and was rarely in better form than when organizing a task force. Routine and the daily round dulled his edge and made him restive. During the war and after there were numerous pioneer jobs to be done which were assigned to him, but unquestionably his greatest work which will bear fruit over many years was that as Secretary of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations and later as Secretary to the Cabinet Committee on Dominion-Provincial Relations. He was responsible for much of the notable report of the Commission and for the organizing of the Conferences of 1940, 1945, and later.

"One can criticize some of Alex Skelton's work by saying that he tended to organize it on too grand a scale. He found few helpers who could work as massively as he could when he had been caught up by a project and few who could assimilate to an orderly pattern the innumerable facts which his energy and unorthodox methods turned up. His methods paid rich dividends in the Report of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations. Though many others helped, and helped decisively, Skelton was the architect of the investigations and the framer of the issues. The recommendations of the Commission suffered some degree of obsolescence by reason of the war, but the analysis in the Report and in its many appendices will stand for many years as perhaps the most substantial contribution to applied social science which has been made in this country. It is difficult to think of anyone who could have brought to this enormous task the energy and concentrated talent which he put into it.

"This was his great work but there were scores of other projects in Ottawa that were carried through because of Alex Skelton's quick grasp of the essentials and his prodigious energy. At the time of the accident which ended his life, he was a member of a Royal Commission to advise on a federal system for the West African colonies. His ability to fix a wide range of detail in his mind and yet achieve

significant generalizations was of an unusually high order. With it he combined an astonishing knowledge of personalities, both high and low, and an insatiable interest in them. For the poseur and the unimaginative he had little tolerance. But for his many friends and co-workers he had a warm regard and strong loyalty. His personality and his ability had given him a distinctive place which can never quite be filled by others."

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Source: The Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science,  
February, 1951, Vol. 17, p. 89-91.

[Ellen L. Vaughn  
History and General  
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Reference is made to your communication [redacted] We are setting forth hereinafter a short summary on Virginus Frank Coe and his brother, Charles J. Coe, usually called Bob Coe. We know of no relationship between the Robert Coe, former Second Secretary at the U. S. Embassy in London and Virginus Frank Coe or his brother, Charles J. Coe. The same is true with respect to Dr. George Coe who was a member of the United States Sponsoring Committee of the World Youth Congress. (S) (X-1)

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Virginus Frank Coe was born January 15, 1907, in Richmond, Virginia. He received an AB degree and later a Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago. He lectured at the University of Toronto on economics from September, 1934, to June, 1936. He again worked for a short period for the Treasury Department in October, 1936, at which time he returned to the University of Toronto. In 1939 he was re-employed by the Treasury Department and later the same year went into the Federal Security Agency remaining there until 1940 when he went with the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense. In August, 1940, he became Assistant Director of the Division of Monetary Research, Treasury Department. He served as Special Assistant to U. S. Ambassador to England Mr. Winant at London, England, from June 26, 1941, to December 2, 1941. In February, 1942, he was appointed Executive Secretary of the Joint War Production Committee of the United States and Canada and was under the Board of Economic Warfare. He was also under the successor agency to the Board of Economic Warfare, the Foreign Economic Administration, where he held the position of Assistant Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Office of Economic Programs. In February, 1945, he (S) (X-1)

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became Director of Monetary Research, Treasury Department, succeeding Harry Dexter White. He resigned on April 30, 1946, to become the Secretary of the International Monetary Fund. He resigned from that position on December 2, 1952, at the request of the International Monetary Fund. (S) U

Elizabeth Bentley has furnished information to the effect that Coe while employed in the Treasury Department was a relatively unimportant member of the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster espionage network. She has stated that she recalls that Coe had a Canadian contact and had suggested that this contact might be of value. This suggestion was passed by Bentley to her various Soviet superiors but insofar as she knew no action was taken on the suggestion. (S) U

Whittaker Chambers furnished information in the Spring of 1949 to the effect that while he was in the Soviet espionage apparatus during the 1930's on several occasions he heard of plans made by Harry Dexter White and others to bring Frank Coe from Canada so that he could be placed in the Treasury Department by White. It was Chambers' understanding that Frank Coe as well as his brother, Bob, were members of the Communist Party. (S) U

Charles J. Coe, who is usually called Bob Coe, was born August 9, 1908, at Richmond, Virginia. He has been employed since 1935 by Farm Research, Inc., and is the editor of a publication put out by that corporation entitled "facts for Farmers." The organization Farm Research, Inc., was cited as a Communist front organization by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 29, 1944. Charles J. Coe, according to Whittaker Chambers, was in 1935 very close to Harry Dexter White of the Treasury Department and through Coe, Chambers subsequently got documents which came from White. These documents were photographed by Chambers and returned to Coe. (S) U

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Louis Budenz has advised that he understood that Charles Coe had worked in the Communist underground in Washington, D. C. He said Coe also has written extensively in Communist publications on agricultural questions under the name of Robert Digby including articles in "The Communist" and "Political Affairs." Articles did appear in "The Communist" under the name of Robert Digby in the issues of August, 1942, October, 1943, and August, 1944. Articles in "Political Affairs" under the name of Robert Digby appeared in the issues of February, 1945, February, 1946, January, 1947, February, 1947, and January, 1948.

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December 15, 1952

Frank COE

In view of the recent publicity given to the case of Frank COE our Headquarters have been reviewing their files on this man. They find that they know nothing of his history before 1941 apart from his employment in Canada between 1934 and 1939, and his service in London, England, before September 1941 on "work with the United States Government".

A person who appears to be Frank COE's brother, Robert COE, was a Second Secretary at the U.S. Embassy, London, England, in 1942 and was then the official contact of our Headquarters in the U.S. Embassy. There is evidence that he interested himself in communist affairs in that capacity. We note that Robert was alleged by Whittaker Chambers to have been a member of an undercover Communist group before 1937.

Our Headquarters have a further record of a Dr. George COE who was a member of the United States Sponsoring Committee of the Communist influenced World Youth Congress held at Vassar College, New York, in August 1938. We would be glad to know if this is a third brother.

Our Headquarters would be grateful for any information you may be able to give them on the progress of your [redacted] into the COE family.

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Reference is made to the memorandum to you dated December 16, 1952. We have now identified the full name of the Skelton referred to in our previous memorandum as Douglas Alexander Skelton and we note that according to the Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science of February, 1951, he died by drowning at Lagos, Nigeria, in July, 1950. We have also located his testimony before the Royal Commission on April 16, 1948, at which time he offered the explanation that his name might have been used by Eric Adams in placing telephone calls between Ottawa and Toronto over the Bank of Canada's direct line. We also note that he was asked about study groups held at the home of a Mrs. Turner whom he said was his mother-in-law. The files of the Institute of Pacific Relations contain a memorandum to Ambassador Litvinoff from Edward G. Carter of the Institute of Pacific Relations dated November 8, 1942, which listed persons who were expected to attend the Mont Tremblant Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations. D. A. Skelton, Director of Research, Bank of Canada, was listed in the Canadian delegation and the U. S. delegation included the name of Frank Coe. We understand that the Mont Tremblant Conference was held between the dates December 4 and 14, 1942. (U) (100-64700-271 pg 1293)

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We are furnishing you this information as it does clarify to some extent some of the questions we asked of you in our previous memorandum. You will be advised when the full results of the reinterview of Elizabeth Bentley are secured on this point. We would appreciate receiving any information you might be able to furnish us on Douglas Alexander Skelton.

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VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, ESPIONAGE DASH R. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INTERVIEW LORIE TARSHIS FOR DATA REGARDING COE. WFO IS OFFICE OF ORIGIN. SUBMIT REPORT BY JANUARY 26, 1953.

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Note: Lorie Tarshis is a professor of Economics at Stanford University and wrote to SF Office re his association with Coe. We investigated him on basis of his name being in notebook of Israel Halperin who was involved in Soviet espionage in Canada. We interviewed him on 1-19-51 relative to his knowledge of Halperin and he was cooperative. It is believed he should be interviewed re his letter to SF Office. (100-346192)

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"I did not then suspect, & nothing in my memory of discussions at that time with him would lead me to suspect now that he was a Communist,"

In connection with the writer of the above letter, whose full name is LORIE KENT ~~TARSHIS~~, it is noted that he is the subject of an Internal Security - R investigation, bufile 100-346192. This file reflects that TARSHIS was interviewed in 1951 concerning his acquaintanceship with ISRAEL HALPERIN, who was connected with the Corby Case.

Bureau authority is request to interview TARSHIS in detail concerning his knowledge of VIRGINIUS FRANK COE.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, was  
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In a memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated December 3, 1952, it was pointed out that Max Lowenthal was at the White House on December 2. It was stated Lowenthal was responsible for putting Frank Coe in the Board of Economic Warfare. The Director noted that we should try to tie this down.

A review of our investigation of Frank Coe in the Silvermaster case and in his individual file failed to reflect any connection between Lowenthal and Coe. The Washington Field Office reviewed the Treasury employment file on Coe which failed to reflect any mention of Lowenthal. The St. Louis Office by teletype of December 23, 1952, advised that the Board of Economic Warfare employment file on Coe reflected no mention of Lowenthal.

It should be noted that when Coe transferred to the Board of Economic Warfare from the Treasury Department, Harry Dexter White, Assistant Secretary of Treasury, wrote a letter dated January 30, 1942, stating there was no objection to this transfer. According to Whittaker Chambers, Harry Dexter White in the late 1930's along with other members of the Chambers espionage apparatus were considering bringing Frank Coe from Canada so that White could place Coe in the Treasury Department. Frank Coe's brother, Charles J. Coe, according to Chambers, was very close to White. White became Executive Secretary of the International Monetary Fund on May 1, 1946. At the same time Coe became attached to the International Monetary Fund. It would appear very likely that White was principally responsible for Coe's rise to prominence in U. S. Government agencies and in the International Monetary Fund. White, who was implicated in espionage activities by both Chambers and Bentley, died August 16, 1948.

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| TITLE<br><b>VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka Frank Coe,<br/>Frank Coe, Frank V. Coe</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>      |

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, self-confessed former Communist and Soviet Espionage Agent, unavailable for interview in instant case. Records of T-1, another government agency, reflect that a FRANK COE arrived New York 9/25/41 from Lisbon. Results of review of records at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, set forth.

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AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND DATE: Dec 6, 1998

On December 18, 1952 Mrs. ESTHER CHAMBERS, wife of JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, self-confessed former Communist and Soviet Espionage Agent, advised SA MARVEN H. KABERLE and the writer that on November 4, 1952, Mr. CHAMBERS was stricken with coronary thrombosis, with complications of virus pneumonia, and that he was confined to St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore, with limitations of having no visitors. Mrs. CHAMBERS expressed the opinion that as a result of CHAMBERS' ailment he will never again be in a position to testify inasmuch as same might effect a recurrence of an attack which might, the next time, be fatal.

On December 19, 1952 Dr. A. P. ALLAGIA, 3326 Frederick Avenue, advised SAS RICHARD G. SULLIVAN and MARVEN H. KABERLE that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS has been under his care since November 4, 1952, having been stricken on that date with a very serious attack of coronary thrombosis necessitating "complete rest" without visitors

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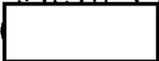
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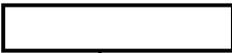
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for at least a month. At the end of a month, according to Dr. ALLAGIA, a series of graduated exercises will be prescribed for CHAMBERS which, over an extended period of time, should eventually lead CHAMBERS back to a "more normal life". By way of prognosis Dr. ALLAGIA stated that in approximately two months, sometime around the end of February, 1953, he will be able to give a more accurate estimate as to when CHAMBERS will be capable of testifying in a public trial; however, he continued that as of now he is of the opinion that CHAMBERS should not be required to testify any time prior to September, 1953. Further, Dr. ALLAGIA expressed the opinion that CHAMBERS should be caused no undue strain or excitement until such a time as a more accurate prognosis can be furnished.

The records of Baltimore Confidential Informant T-1, another government agency that conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, as reviewed on January 7, 1953, contained a cross reference sheet captioned "Special Passengers on Board 'Atlantic Clipper' and 'Dixie Clipper", arrived New York 9/25/41 from Lisbon". Among the names reflected on this cross reference sheet was one FRANK COE, United States citizen. The records reflect that this latter information was received from T-1's New York Office September 26, 1941 and further, that T-1's Washington Office may have additional information concerning the subject. The records of Baltimore Confidential Informant T-1 contained no further reference to subject or his wife, NORA MALLISON COE MRS. VIRGINIUS FRANK COE

On January 7, 1953 Miss IRENE DAVIS, Registrar, Johns Hopkins University, furnished to SA GEORGE W. MAYO, JR. records of the Registrar's Office reflecting that VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, born January 5, 1907 at Richmond, Virginia, attended one class in Political Economy during the school year 1928-29. The records of the Registrar's Office at Johns Hopkins University further reflect that subject's father was JAMES COE, 1276 1/2 West 37th Drive, Los Angeles, California and further, that subject had obtained a Ph.B. degree in 1927 at the University of Chicago. There is no further reference to subject in the files of the Registrar's Office at Johns Hopkins University.

On January 7, 1953 Miss AUDREY WITCHER, Payroll Clerk, Johns Hopkins University, advised SA MAYO that her records reflect that subject was employed by the Institute for the Study of Law from September 31, 1929 through May of 1930. Miss WITCHER advised that there is no further reference to subject in her

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files, adding that the Institute for the Study of Law has long since been disbanded at Johns Hopkins University and that, to her knowledge, there are no further records pertaining to it.

The Alumni Records of Johns Hopkins University, as reviewed by SA MAYO on January 7, 1953, reflect that subject was a Research Assistant of the Law Institute from 1929 to 1930 and that his present occupation was listed as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund. According to the Alumni Records, subject's address as of March 25, 1952 was 1918 North Roosevelt, Arlington, Virginia. The Alumni records further reflect that subject is married to NORA MALLISON and the following former addresses are listed for the subject, the dates for these addresses not being specified:

The Hull House, 800 S. Halstead St., Chicago, Illinois  
Social Science Research Building, University of  
Chicago, Chicago, Illinois  
Brookings Institute, 722 Jackson Place, Washington,  
Duluth, Kentucky  
Franklin Park Road, East Falls Church, Virginia

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| T-1<br>Records of Central Records Facility, G-2, Fort Holabird Balto, Md. as furnished by Major WALTER PINKHAM Commanding Off. CRF | Info re FRANK COE arriving New York City from Lisbon aboard vessel 9/25/41 | 1/7/53             | SA WILLIAM M. MOONEY     | CRF, Fort Holabird Baltimore Maryland |

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Information copies of instant report are being furnished the Chicago, Los Angeles, Louisville and Richmond Offices inasmuch as these offices may be requested to conduct investigation in this case on the basis of information set forth in instant report, it being noted that Baltimore is not in possession of the full facts of this case and, therefore, is not in a position to determine the extent of the leads set out. It is noted that the Alumni Records at JHU reflect the Hull House, Chicago, Illinois, as a previous address for the subject. In this regard it is noted that Chicago, by letter dated August 11, 1952, captioned "ROSE LEE MARTIN, wa.; SM-C" (CGO file 100-26013) advised that on June 19, 1940 Professor O. G. DAVIS, 6646 South Sangamon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, stated that the Hull House was a "hotbed" for Communism, and stated that Communist literature emanates from the Hull House. Further, Chicago, by the same letter, advised that on March 15, 1951 [redacted] furnished a written report to SA RAYMOND L. BECK reflecting that the Hull House was on the mailing list of the Civil Rights Congress. A lead for the Chicago Office to document the Hull House contemporary with subject's location there is being left to the discretion of the Washington Field Office.

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For the information of offices receiving copies of instant report, it is being pointed out that the Bureau, by letter dated December 16, 1952, directed that this investigation be given immediate attention and that the results be promptly furnished to the Bureau in report form suitable for dissemination.

LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will review files of the 116th CIC Detachment, Military District of Washington, as well as the files of the Office of Special Investigations, U.S. Air Force (see Baltimore airtel dated 1/8/53)

THE BALTIMORE OFFICE

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Will, on or about February 28, 1953, interview Dr. A. P. ALLAGIA, 3326 Frederick Avenue, physician of JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with a view toward determining CHAMBERS' availability for interview.

REFERENCES:

Bureau letter dated 12/16/52 *ser. 36*  
WFO letter dated 12/31/52 *ser 49*  
Baltimore letter dated 1/7/53 *ser 53*  
Baltimore airtel dated 1/8/53

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: January 7, 1953

FROM : SAC, Washington Field (77-2536)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, Aka.  
Frank Coe, V. Frank Coe, Frank  
V. Coe  
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Records of the United States Civil Service Commission, Status Division, denote the following employment of COE, which personnel records have been forwarded to the Federal Records Center at St. Louis, Missouri, for storage:

- 9-28-39 to 6-30-40 Federal Security Agency, Office of the Administrator, Washington, D.C.
- 7-1-40 to 8-12-40 Advisory Committee to the Council of National Defense, Washington, D.C.
- 2-2-42 to 7-22-44 Board of Economic Warfare, Washington, D. C.
- 7-22-44 to 2-15-45 Foreign Economic Administration, Office of the Administrator, Washington, D.C.

COE was born January 5, 1907, at Richmond, Virginia, and resides at 1918 North Roosevelt, Arlington, Virginia.

The St. Louis Office is requested to review the above records with particular attention to residences, references, associates, and sponsors.

**EXPEDITE PROCESSING**

The Bureau has directed that this investigation be given immediate attention, and the results promptly forwarded to the Bureau in report form suitable for dissemination.

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TO : Director, FBI - 100-364447  
 FROM : SAC, New York - 100-96778  
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Rebulet, 12/16/52.

The Grand Jury records maintained by the United States District Court. [redacted] were made available by [redacted]. These records reflected that [redacted] testified before the Grand Jury [redacted].

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: January 12, 1953

FROM : SAC, WFO (77-2536)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
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SHELDON AKERS, Executive Manager, Brookings Institution, 722 Jackson Place, Northwest, advised that COE was engaged by the organization from September, 1933 to June, 1934 as a Research Assistant. He was engaged in a statistical project concerning the NRA under SAMUEL HENRY NERLOVE and LEVERETT SAMUEL LYON. The file denotes that the subject had an offer for employment with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration of the Department of Agriculture and with the Department of Treasury. The latter offer was tendered by Dr. JACOB WINER, although the person who made the offer at AAA is not specified.

The 1950-51 Who's Who in America denotes that LEVERETT SAMUEL LYON resides at 219 Lakeshore Drive, with offices at Number One North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The above addition denotes that SAMUEL HENRY NERLOVE resides at 5658 Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. NERLOVE and LYON do not appear in the indices of this office.

The Chicago office is requested to check office indices on the above individuals and if deemed advisable to interview them concerning the subject. It is desired to determine the individual who tendered COE an offer for employment with the AAA. It is to be noted that the subject's brother, CHARLES or BOB COE was with the Brookings Institution at the same time.

In connection with the subject's employment at the University of Chicago, personnel records of the Treasury Department denotes that COE was a Research Assistant from June, 1930 to June, 1931 at the University of Chicago under one HENRY SCHULTZ.

The Chicago Office is further requested to determine HENRY SCHULTZ's identity through records at the University of Chicago and to set appropriate lead to have him interviewed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, 1/15/53

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, AKA, ESPIONAGE DASH R. REBULET TO  
WFO 12/16/52. ELIZABETH BENTLEY ENGAGED IN CONFERENCES  
WITH USA AND FOR NEXT SEVERAL DAYS WILL BE TESTIFYING IN  
NYDC RE WILLIAM REMINGTON CASE. NOT DEEMED ADVISABLE TO  
CONTACT HER UNTIL COMPLETION OF TESTIMONY. WILL BE CONTACTED  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF TESTIMONY AT WHICH  
TIME REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED. GJ RECORDS   
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| Mr. Harbo      |  |
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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD  
 VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, AKA, ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE WFO LETTER  
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 AND ALSO TO REVIEW RECORDS OF JOHNS HOPKINS LAW INSTITUTE  
 FOR PERIOD NINETEEN TWENTYEIGHT TO THIRTY AND TO CHECK SOURCES  
 FAMILIAR WITH CP ACTIVITIES DURING THAT PERIOD RE SUBJECT.  
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 NAMES LISTED ON THIS CROSS REFERENCE SHEET WAS ONE FRANK COE,  
 U. S. CITIZEN. CRF FILES CONTAIN NO FURTHER INFO RE COE OR  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: FRANK COE

DATE: January 3, 1953

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Pete Edson, the NEA columnist, came in to see me Friday, January 2, 1953. He stated that representations had been made to him that Frank Coe was innocent and was the subject of false charges; that his real backer was Chief Justice Vinson, who became very well acquainted with Coe in the Treasury Department. Pete stated that he has looked at the record of Coe and he doesn't like the looks of it. He wondered if I would advise him on a solely personal and confidential basis whether he should dig further.

I told Pete, of course, officially we could make no comment; that I thought that his judgment in reviewing the record on Coe good and that I certainly would stop, look and listen.

He stated that this was enough for him.

cc - Mr. Ladd

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (RM)  
FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (100-~~364447~~)  
SUBJECT: FRANK COE  
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On December 31, 1952, Mr. REED C. WEBB, 2227 West Third Street, advised SA GORDON S. CARR that he had recognized the picture of FRANK COE appearing in the December 4, 1952 Journal Herald newspaper of Dayton, Ohio reporting COE's dismissal from the UN for refusing to answer senate investigators and wished to give the FBI some information concerning FRANK COE.

WEBB stated that about seventeen or eighteen years ago, FRANK COE had asked WEBB's grandfather, Mr. WILLIAM WEBB (now deceased), to allow him to build a log house on his property and live there four years. The arrangement was made whereby COE would turn the house back to WILLIAM WEBB at the end of the four years. During the four years that COE lived at Deluth, Kentucky, neither he nor his wife, NORA COE, were employed. WEBB said that COE and his wife spent all their time writing, and that all this writing and correspondence to COE was in a language other than English. WEBB said that COE hired several of the younger children of the WEBB family, including himself, to dig holes for burying cans of COE's writings. WEBB said that the writings were buried rather than being burned, at COE's instructions. REED WEBB stated that these cans were made of metal, probably tin, and were buried about 500 yards behind COE's house in the woods.

Some of COE's books and correspondence is now in the possession of KATHERINE WEBB, Big Hill, Kentucky.

WEBB said that FRANK COE claimed that he and his wife were from England, and when COE left Deluth, Kentucky he said that he was going to Canada. According to WEBB, COE had a sister-in-law named "BETTY".

COE's friends were said by WEBB to be persons who were well fixed financially from the appearance of their cars. WEBB stated that COE owned an English made car during the time he lived in Kentucky.

REED C. WEBB advised that he was going home in about one month and any information that was brought to his attention

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CC: 2 - Louisville (RM)  
2 - New York City (RM)

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would be brought to the attention of the FBI at Dayton, Ohio. He said that the FBI is welcome to look through and examine any of COE's books at his mother's home at Big Hill, Kentucky, and he also said that if he could locate one of those cans of COE's writings he would give such information to the FBI.

Copies of this letter are furnished Louisville and New York City offices for their information.

In the event either office or the Bureau has information indicating COE at one time resided in Kentucky or that there may be some basis for the allegations made by WEBB same is requested so that appropriate consideration can be given to future information furnished by WEBB.

Louisville is requested to contact KATHERINE WEBB, Big Hill, Kentucky for any pertinent information.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-364447)

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-96778)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
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Enclosed herewith are 5 copies of the report of SA JOSHUA D. ENSOR, 1/22/53, New York.

Referenced letter dated 12/16/52, requested that ELIZABETH BENTLEY explain why it was that she now recalled the information regarding the Canadian contact of FRANK COE, and to whom she had previously furnished it.

Miss BENTLEY stated, when interviewed on 1/16/53, that she believed that she had originally furnished this information to the Bureau when she first gave her information regarding the SILVERMASTER group in late 1945, or early 1946, although she could not be positive, due to the volume of information which she had given at that time.

A review of the original statement given by Miss BENTLEY to the New York Office on 11/30/45, failed to reflect any mention of FRANK COE. However, in a separate interview on 1/30/46, BENTLEY made available the information regarding her knowledge of COE's activities in the SILVERMASTER group, but nothing was given regarding COE's Canadian contact.

The enclosed report reflects that BENTLEY described COE's Canadian contact as a former friend who COE had met in about the Spring of 1943, and renewed their friendship. She believes that she had heard his name mentioned, but could not recall his name. She recalled that this Canadian had a short, Anglo Saxon name, and was supposed to be COE's counter-part on a joint United States and Canadian Board, on which COE was at that time working.

When [redacted] appeared before the Federal Grand Jury, [redacted] he stated that about

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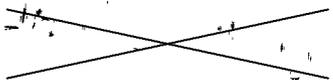
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From the above information, it would appear that the Canadian contact of COE was employed as COE's counter-part when COE was employed as Executive Secretary of the Joint War Production Committee of the United States and Canada.

(X) It is suggested that the Bureau may wish to contact its [redacted] to determine who from Canada was employed on this Board during 1942 and early 1943. The names of these individuals can then be asked of BENTLEY, to determine if any of them are familiar to her. (X) b7D



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| TITLE<br><b>VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka</b> |                                  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>           |  |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject member of Institute of Pacific Relations in 1943. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY states COE former member of SILVERMASTER group in Washington, D. C., in early 1940's. BENTLEY states COE, in Spring of 1943, had met a friend of his in Canada, who wanted to furnish information to the Russians. BENTLEY mentioned this to her superiors, but was told not to develop this contact. Canadian contact believed to be COE's counter-part on a joint U. S. and Canadian Board, on which COE was employed at the time. COE refused to tell Senate Internal Security Committee whether he was or ever had been engaged in espionage.

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BY: [signature]  
Re: Spouse Nora  
ICC To Rept. State & Treasury*

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DETAILS:

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that FRANK COE was invited to attend the second session of the round table discussion on Chinese Post-War Reconstruction, held on October 2, 1942, by the Institute of Pacific Relations, at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D. C.

Confidential Informant T-1 also advised in October of 1942, that COE had tentatively accepted an invitation to the conference to be held by the Institute of Pacific Relations.

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T-1 advised, further, in June of 1943, that FRANK COE, of the Board of Economic Warfare, Washington, D. C., was one of the members of the Institute of Pacific Relations which was expected for the meeting on "Collective Security in the Pacific and the Far East."

T-1 advised that FRANK COE had attended meetings of the Institute of Pacific Relations on Collective Security in the Pacific and the Far East on May 27, 1943, and June 17, 1943.

The informant also advised that FRANK COE had indicated that he would attend a luncheon of the Institute of Pacific Relations, given by the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations, on February 4, 1944, at the Bankers Club, 120 Broadway.

LOUIS BUDENZ, former Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, advised on April 22, 1944, that the Institute of Pacific Relations was originally non-Communist, but Communists had infiltrated it. The Institute of Pacific Relations was discussed at political committee meetings of the Communist Party. The professional staff of the Institute of Pacific Relations contained many non-Communists, who were friendly to the Communists because of the myth that the Chinese Reds were merely agrarian reformers. The Communist Party did have a very great influence in the Institute of Pacific Relations, and at times, helped control its policy. According to BUDENZ, FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD, by his contributions to the Institute of Pacific Relations, had a strong influence. BUDENZ said that FIELD was a member of the Communist Party.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY advised SA LESTER O. GALLAHER and the writer on January 16, 1953, that she knew FRANK COE to be a minor member of the SILVERMASTER group in Washington, D. C., from 1941, until she ceased her activities at the end of 1944. She had never met FRANK COE, but she knew that COE was a member of this group, because SILVERMASTER had told her that COE was a member. She also recalls that at one time, SILVERMASTER had given her a report on economic information which was listed as "from FRANK". Miss BENTLEY could not recall the exact information which was contained in this report. She was also of the opinion that COE, who was employed by the United States Treasury, may have furnished information to SILVERMASTER through HARRY DEXTER WHITE, although she had no way of actually determining this.

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From what she had learned from SILVERMASTER, Miss BENTLEY characterized COE as an opportunist, who was out to get all he could for himself, even though he was a Communist. She had no definite information that he was a Communist, although it was her understanding from SILVERMASTER that he was. Every so often, COE would "lie down on the job", and SILVERMASTER would have to "bait him" by getting him a better job through his, SILVERMASTER's, connections in the government.

About the Spring of 1943, which was prior to the death of JACOB GOLOS, SILVERMASTER told Miss BENTLEY that COE had said that he had met a former friend of his in Canada, and that after renewing their friendship, they both discovered that they were "in the same category," and this friend led COE to believe that he was still a Communist, and would like to furnish information to the Russians. This information, which was relayed to Miss BENTLEY by SILVERMASTER, was relayed by her to JACOB GOLOS, who was supposed to check on it. In the meantime, GOLOS died, and Miss BENTLEY took the matter up with her Russian superiors, who, after much deliberation, told her to "drop it". This information was referred on to SILVERMASTER, and nothing further was done to develop this Canadian contact of COE's.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she believes that she had heard the name of this Canadian friend of COE's mentioned, but she cannot recall the name. She does recall that this person was a man with a short, Anglo Saxon name, who was supposed to be COE's Canadian counter-part on some type of joint United States and Canadian Board, on which COE was at that time working. She also believes that this Board had something to do with economics.

Miss BENTLEY was asked whether this unknown individual might have been ERIC ADAMS of the Canadian Foreign Exchange Control Board, or an individual named SKELTON, who was for a number of years an assistant to LESTER PEARSON. She said that she could not recall, but the name ADAMS seemed to fit the type of name to which she had previously made mention.

Miss BENTLEY states that she knew FRANK COE had a brother, BOB COE, who was a fairly well-known and open Communist, and who was known to be active in the agriculture field, and editor of some agriculture publication. She had no further information regarding BOB COE.

The "New York Times", issue of December 2, 1952,

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carried an article entitled, "World Fund Aide Balks at Spy Query", which article states that FRANK COE, Secretary of the International Monetary Fund of the United Nations, before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee, on December 1, 1952, refused to tell whether he had ever been, or was at the present time engaged in espionage against the United States. COE also refused to answer on the ground of possible self-incrimination, to say whether he was or ever had been a member of the Communist Party. Senator O'CONNOR of Maryland, sitting as a one-man sub-committee, at a public hearing in the Federal Courthouse on Foley Square, New York City, demanded to know why COE had been retained in his \$20,000.00 a year position, after the State Department had denied a passport to him last year as a poor security risk, and after Secretary of the Treasury JOHN SNYDER had requested IVAR ROOTH of Sweden, Managing Director of the Monetary Fund, to dismiss him nearly a month ago.

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| T-1<br>CNDI, [redacted]<br>[redacted] from the files of the Institute of Pacific Relations, maintained in the custody of EDWARD CARTER, former International General of the Institute of Pacific Relations, Lee, Massachusetts | 1931-1944   | 3/23/50<br>to<br>3/27/50 |                                | 100-17808,<br>A 593, 594         |

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REFERENCE

Bureau letter, 12/16/52, Washington Field.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL**

LORIE TARSHIS, Professor of Economics, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, advised that he was employed by the Joint War Production Board from About April or May, 1942 until approximately April, 1943. Subject, at that time, was alternate for the American chairman of the WPB and in such position received secret information developed by TARSHIS and others concerning the war production of the US and Canada. TARSHIS said he heard no statements nor observed any actions on part of subject at that time indicating Communist sympathies or affiliation and had no knowledge of such sympathies on part of subject until he read in newspaper accounts that subject had refused to state whether he had ever been a member of the CP or whether he had had access to secret material. TARSHIS said it was rather common knowledge that subject was "Left of the New Deal" at that time.

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DETAILS: By letter postmarked December 19, 1952, LORIE TARSHIS, Professor of Economics, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, advised as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"Mr. V. F. COE was recently asked to resign from his position with the International Monetary Fund after refusing to answer questions as to membership in the Communist Party and espionage activities on behalf of Russia. In the newspaper report that I read I noticed that he refused to say whether he had had access to classified data. I submit the following information in the belief that if he is innocent, no harm to him will come of it, and if he is guilty he deserves no protection:

"He did get from me a good deal of classified information between April 1942 and March 1943. As far as I can recall this information has to do only with the War Production of the United States & Canada; & perhaps too, although my memory is not clear about this, the war production of Great Britain. The material was all derived from the secret report: 'Official Munitions Production of the U.S.' of the War Production Board. I gave him this in connection with official duties. I was at that time the 'Director of Research' of the Joint War Production Committee of the U. S. & Canada -- U. S. Section. I believe that he was the alternate to the American chairman -- at first, MILC PERKINS of the Board of Economic Warfare. Later the committee was moved to the War Production Board and Mr. C. E. WILSON became chairman:

"My reports which I suppose are on file were a running commentary on our own & Canada's munitions production. The Committee was charged with the job of coordinating this production & it was thought necessary to keep both the Canadian & U. S. members informed about developments.

"Perhaps I should say that when I state that he did get this information from me, I mean that these reports were prepared for the Executive Director of the U. S. Staff, & that copies were sent to Mr. COE for Mr. PERKINS sometimes, as when there was no Director, reports went directly to him.

Yours sincerely,  
/sgd/ LORIE TARSHIS

"L. TARSHIS  
Professor of Econ.

"I did not then suspect, & nothing in my memory of discussions at that time with him would lead me to suspect now that he was a Communist."

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AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

LORIE TARSHIS advised that he had first met subject in Toronto, Canada sometime prior to 1939. At that time subject was an instructor at the University of Toronto. He did not see subject thereafter for some time but recalled that subject, when he was Director of the Research Division of the Treasury Department, had contacted him and had offered him employment with the Treasury Department. TARSHIS said that at that time he was a teacher at Tuft's College and since he was not particularly interested in other employment, he did not avail himself of subject's invitation to join the Treasury Department.

TARSHIS said that sometime about January or February, 1942 while he was still at Tuft's College he received a telegram urging him to accept a position with the War Production Board. He said that upon receiving this telegram from subject he felt his own personal desires were subjugated to the demands of the country and at the close of the school term about April or May, 1942, he proceeded to Washington. He said that upon his arrival there he found that MILO PERKINS was in charge, but that COE, in his position of alternate for the American chairman was actually in charge of the work. TARSHIS said that in any event, COE was the person who directed his activities and the person to whom he made the reports of the work done by him. He said his work was secret in that it dealt with the war potentials and production of the United States and Canada. He said that while the reports were confidential, he felt no reluctance to turn them over to COE since the latter would certainly appear to have been entitled to them by the very nature of his position.

TARSHIS said that at the time he was associated with subject in his employment with the WPB that he observed no actions on the part of subject nor heard no statements by him that would indicate any sympathy or affiliation with the Communist Party. He said further that he had no suspicion that subject might have been engaged in any espionage activities. He said it was common gossip and knowledge in Washington at that time that subject was very pro-New Deal and that for that matter he was probably "Left" of the New Deal. Subject was known to have been in close association with LAUGHLIN CURRIE, whom TARSHIS described as a confidant of President ROOSEVELT at that time. TARSHIS said that by the very close association of subject with CURRIE and suspicion that he, TARSHIS, might have had of subject were allayed.

TARSHIS said that it was his impression that subject was always very guarded in his conduct. He said he felt that this was born out by the demeanor of subject at the time he was questioned concerning his affiliation with the CP and any espionage activities in which he might have been engaged. TARSHIS said that from what he had read in the newspaper accounts it appeared that subject had specifically commented that it was his understanding that his refusal to state whether he had been affiliated with the CP should not in itself be construed as any admission of guilt. TARSHIS said that such an answer would seem to typify the personality and attitude of the subject.



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TARSHIS said that since he had read the newspaper accounts of subject that he had looked back in retrospect in an effort to determine if on the basis of his present knowledge of subject's possible involvement in espionage, he could recall any acts or statements on the part of subject during the time that he was associated with him that would indicate such involvement on the part of the subject. TARSHIS said that even in this light he could think of nothing that would be construed as subversive on the part of subject.

TARSHIS said that he was much disturbed by the newspaper accounts he had read concerning the hearing given the subject and his refusal to answer questions, particularly as to whether he had had access to classified data. He said that he was shocked by the attitude of subject and the fact that he might have been implicated in espionage activities. He said that it immediately occurred to him that subject had had access to secret data concerning the war production of the United States and Canada in connection with his employment with the WPB and for that reason he had written his letter concerning subject. He said that he did not feel that persons of the type of the subject should be allowed to hold positions of trust in the Government. He also said that he had an uncomfortable feeling about having been employed with the subject in Government service at a time when subject might possibly have been engaged in subversive activities.

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REFERENCE: San Francisco letter to Bureau dated 12/29/52. *REV 58*  
Bureau Air-Tel to San Francisco dated 1/15/53. *REV. 58*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: January 28, 1953

FROM : SAC, WFO (77-2536) ①

*WFO*

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
ESPIONAGE - R

*WJ*

Re Louisville letter to the Director dated January 22, 1953.

The Louisville Office is requested to ascertain subject's activities and associations in Duluth, Kentucky. Will interview IDA GREEN concerning the box COE reportedly sent to Russia; interview Mrs. VEA SLUSHER, Duluth; and Mrs. KATE WEBB at Big Hill.

Reference letter reflects that there was a woman who reportedly visited COE who had an airplane. It is requested that inquiry be made at the Lexington Airport for any records which might assist in identifying the woman referred to by LESLIE LYNCH, and interview individuals at the airport who would recall this woman.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: January 22, 1953

FROM : SAC, Louisville [redacted]

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SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka.,  
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Reference: Cincinnati memo dated January 7, 1953.  
Louisville Airtel dated January 12, 1953.

This is to advise that on January 20, 1953, Mr. LESLIE LYNCH of 412 North Estill Avenue, Richmond, Kentucky, contacted an agent of this office at which time he made known the following:

LYNCH is an uncle of REED C. WEBB and was at the WEBB home when WEBB made known his plans to contact agents of the Cincinnati Office. LYNCH recalls subject FRANK COE coming to the Duluth community. COE was brought out to this rural community near Berea, Kentucky by the Reverend PENAMAN (Phonetic), who at that time preached at the Union Church in Berea. PENAMAN is now deceased. COE was married to one NORA COE, nee JONES, who was from England. There were a number of other people who would visit COE for a short time, while he lived in this community; one was a woman known as "BIM," (Phonetic); a second was a man known as "SHOLOE," (Phonetic). At one time there was a young boy who visited COE and he was reportedly from New York or Washington and was talented in painting scenes. There was a woman who reportedly visited with COE who had an airplane. She would fly to Lexington, Kentucky and continue her trip to Duluth via car. This entire group was supposedly from Canada. They were known to do a great deal of writing. The group would spend considerable time at night playing cards, and drinking. Subject's brother, BOB COE, visited at Duluth on one occasion, at which time he was reportedly working in the "Whitehouse" and his father-in-law was a senator.

Subject lived in a tent for several weeks time and then built a house on the W. M. "TANK" WEBB farm. This farm is now owned by MATT BAKES.

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While at Duluth, subject reportedly sent a box to Russia. This box was carried by IDA (Mrs. ~~MATT LAKES~~) ~~GREEN~~, a mail carrier, from the Duluth Post Office to the Brassfield Post Office. LYNCH stated IDA GREEN has left Kentucky, but her address should be known to her son, ~~BILL GREEN~~, who drives a milk truck from Duluth to the Berea Creamery.

LYNCH advised subject and wife would be known to Mrs. BEA ~~SLUSHER~~, who now operates the Duluth Store and who is a native of England. He also said he believed Mrs. SLUSHER has some books which COE left at her home. LYNCH was of the belief that Mrs. ~~KATE WEBB~~, at Big Hill, may have books which were left with her by subject.

LYNCH made no mention of the fact subject reportedly had buried writings in the vicinity of Duluth.

No further investigation is being conducted by this office until advised by the Bureau as to the action to be taken.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: January 21, 1953

FROM : SAC, Washington Field (77-2536)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, Aka.  
Frank Coe, V. Frank Coe,  
Frank V. Coe  
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[redacted] of known reliability, advised Special Agent ROBERT E. NEWBY on January 19, 1953, that the following individuals and/or telephone numbers were contacted through Jefferson 2-4281, which is subscribed to by V. F. COE, 1918 North Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>City Called</u>      | <u>Telephone Number Called</u> | <u>Person Called</u> |
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| 11-13-52    | Los Angeles, California | AD 1-9843                      | Mrs. FRED ROBERTSON  |
| 12-3-52     | New York City           | LOR 9-9885                     |                      |
| 12-3-52     | New York City           | WAD 3-2500                     |                      |

The June, 1952, Los Angeles Directory has no listing for a Mrs. FRED ROBERTSON at AD 1-9843.

The subject was born January 5, 1907, at Richmond, Virginia, to JOSEPH LAWRENCE COE (deceased) and CHARLOTTE GARR (KERR). His mother was born October 6, 1888, at New York City. Subject is married to NORA MALLISON (MALLINSON) COE who was born December 6, 1906, in York, England. Subject's mother was last known to have resided at 304 East 42nd Street, Los Angeles, California. His father, JAMES COE, formerly resided at 1276 1/2 West 37th Drive, Los Angeles, California, in 1929.

Passport records denote COE's mother as CHARLOTTE COE nee ROBERTSON.

The Los Angeles Office is requested to identify the subscriber to telephone number AD 1-9843, the person called, Mrs. FRED ROBERTSON, and to report information from pertinent sources concerning them. The Los Angeles Office is

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further requested to contact established sources, who are familiar with Communist Party activities, concerning the subject's mother.

For the information of the Los Angeles Office, the subject, until recent date, was employed as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund, and biographic information concerning him is available in the current edition of Who's Who.

On July 31, 1948, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, testifying in special hearings before the HCUA, related that FRANK COE was a member of the SILVERMASTER Group, a Russian espionage ring, and that COE was then employed by the Treasury Department. She also stated that it was her understanding that COE was also a member of the Communist Party.

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS advised that one BOB COE was a member of one of the Communist cells in Washington, D. C., and was in contact on one occasion with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS furnishing CHAMBERS with information obtained from Government files. CHAMBERS indicated that BOB COE had an elder brother who was named FRANK.

CHARLES J. COE, upon interview with Agents of the New York Office on March 8, 1949, related that he is the brother of FRANK COE, and that he, CHARLES COE, was also known by the name of BOB or ROBERT COE.

The New York Office is requested to identify the subscribers to the New York telephone numbers set forth above, and to report information concerning them from pertinent sources.

For the information of the Bureau, INS records denote that NORA COE first entered the United States in September, 1929, under the name NORA MALLISON. She last arrived in the United States May 27, 1939, at Niagara Falls, New York, by automobile as a returning resident. In her Alien Registration Form #5521554, dated December 11, 1940, she stated that she is a subject of Great Britain, residing at Franklin Park Road, Fairfax, Virginia. She declared she applied for first citizenship papers, having married an American citizen. On January 9, 1951, she filed an address report card stating that she is a national of Great Britain, and resided at 1918 North Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia.

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The visa record on NORA MALLISON could not be located by INS, and they are causing a recheck to be made of their files.

The Bureau has directed that all information in instant matter be given immediate attention, and the results promptly furnished to the Bureau in report form suitable for dissemination.

SAC, New York

January 21, 1952

Director, FBI

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al  
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Reurlet dated 12/15/52 captioned "China Stabilization Fund, Foreign Economic Matter," a copy of which is being enclosed with a copy of this letter for the NYO. You are instructed to interview immediately Mr. Arthur Campbell, Customs Agent, 201 Verick Street, New York City, for all information in his possession concerning Harry Dexter White, William Henry Taylor, Virginia Frank Coe and Solomon Adler. This interview should be exhaustive and should be conducted by experienced agents familiar with this case.

It is believed that the Dr. CHI previously mentioned by Mr. Campbell is probably Dr. CHI Chao-ting, who is the subject of a separate "Internal Security - CH" investigation in your Office. The interview of Campbell should, of course, elicit the full identity of the Dr. CHI also mentioned by Campbell.

This matter should be given expeditious attention and thorough handling.

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(Attachment)

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cc - 1 - 100-36447  
cc - 1 - [redacted]  
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NOTE: Campbell, former govt. employee in China, has advised NYO that he knew White, Taylor, Adler and Coe, all subjs. of separate espionage investigations, and that he could furnish substantially detailed info. re Taylor and Alder.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation to locate references, associates, sponsors of subject at the University of Chicago negative. Investigation to determine that subject and SOLOMON LISCHINSKY resided in the same building and were acquaintances negative. Informant reports subject was attending and speaking at International Labor Defense meetings during period around 1931-1933. Investigation to determine association of subject and wife, NORA MALLISON COE, with Communist Party, negative. SAMUEL HENRY NERLOVE and LEVERETT-SAMUEL LYON do not know who tendered Agricultural Adjustment Administration position to COE and do not know of any subversive activities pertaining to COE. HENRY SCHULTZ killed in automobile accident in 1939 in California.

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**DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Investigation reflected in this report has been conducted to establish the activities of the subject in the Chicago area and in an effort to establish the subject's association in Chicago, Illinois with SOLOMON LISCHINSKY. In this connection, it is noted that HAROLD GLASSER and SOLOMON LISCHINSKY have been identified as members of the Perlo Group by ELIZABETH BENTLEY, former espionage agent. HAROLD GLASSER, in an interview with Bureau agents on April 30 and May 3, 1947, stated that he had been acquainted with SOLOMON.

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LISCHINSKY in 1932 and that he was also employed with SOLOMON LISCHINSKY by the Peoples Junior College, Chicago, Illinois. GLASSER also stated that LISCHINSKY lived in the same building as FRANK COE.

### I. EDUCATION

The following investigation was conducted at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois:

#### Registrar's Records

Mrs. JANE SELLEN, Clerk, Registrar's Office, advised SA J. WILLIAM BURKE on January 14, 1953 that her records for the years pertaining to COE's attendance at the University of Chicago were very incomplete. She stated that her files reflected VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, born January 5, 1907 at Richmond, Virginia, attended the undergraduate school from September 28, 1923 to 1926. Mrs. SELLEN stated that on October 1, 1926, COE transferred to the graduate school and attended through the summer quarter of 1928 and from the autumn quarter of 1932 to the spring quarter of 1933. She advised that the professors who had the subject as a student and may know him are Professors RICHEY, NEFF, MINTS, MILLIS, SIMMONS, and WRIGHT.

Mrs. SELLEN advised that her records contained no reference to SOLOMON LISCHINSKY.

#### Office of Admissions

AVA MILLS, Office of Admissions, advised the reporting agent on January 19, 1953 that her records contained no reference to the subject. She stated that a lack of records by her office is not an indication that COE had not attended the university because the files pertaining to the period of time COE attended the university have been destroyed.

She advised she had no record of SOLOMON LISCHINSKY.

#### Economics Department

JO ANN COOLEY, Secretary, Economics Department, advised SA GEORGE M. WOODLEY on January 22, 1953 that the only information available in her files was correspondence which had been received from the

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subject in 1933. This correspondence reflected that the subject resided at 5517 South Kenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The letter contained no other pertinent information and was addressed to Professor MILLIS. Miss COOLEY further advised that Professor MILLIS was deceased.

SA WOODLEY inquired as to the location of Professor HENRY C. SIMMONS' office and he was advised by Miss COOLEY that Professor HENRY C. SIMMONS was also deceased.

Comptroller's Office

WILLIAM SHEEHAN, Supervisor, Payroll Section, Comptroller's Office, advised SA J. WILLIAM BURKE on January 14, 1953 that his records for the period that COE attended the university were very incomplete and that the only information in his files is an index card reflecting that VIRGINIUS FRANK COE was employed at the University of Chicago in an unknown capacity prior to April 1, 1931.

He stated he could locate no record pertaining to SOLOMON LISCHINSKY.

Employment Office

SARA ANN IVIE, Employment Office, advised the reporting agent on January 19, 1953 that her records for the period during the early 1930's and the 1920's are very incomplete and that she could not locate any record of employment for the subject or SOLOMON LISCHINSKY.

Alumni Association

Mr. HOWARD MORT, Executive Secretary, Alumni Association, University of Chicago, advised SA GEORGE M. WOODLEY on January 20, 1953 that his records reflect VIRGINIUS FRANK COE was a member of the Liberal Club, the Romans Club, and the Forum. Mr. MORT stated that he could furnish no information regarding the Romans Club or the Liberal Club, but mentioned that the Forum was strictly a debating and public speaking club. He stated that he did not know where any information concerning these clubs could be located for the period of time that COE attended the university. He stated he did not know during what years COE was a member of these organizations.

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Mr. MORT further advised that his records reflected that in 1937, a notation was made that VINCENT WEBB, of Duluth, Kentucky, would always know COE's address.

Mr. MORT further advised that COE received a Ph. B. Degree from the University of Chicago in September, 1926.

He stated his records also reflect that COE formerly resided at 1918 North Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia (1949), and Franklin Park Road, East Falls Church, Virginia (1941), and that COE's business address was shown as 1818 H Street NW, Washington, D. C.

Mr. MORT advised that he was at the University of Chicago in the early 1930's but does not recall the subject.

Mr. MORT advised that he has no information pertaining to SOLOMON LISCHINSKY.

#### Student Activities

[T-11, of known reliability, advised on January 21, 1953] that he had no information pertaining to COE while a student at the university. Neither did he know LISCHINSKY. (u)

[T-11] stated that prior to 1935, clubs and organizations at the University of Chicago did not need the university approval; therefore, they were not required to register at the university and were not required to submit membership lists. [T-11] further advised that he does not have any information pertaining to the Liberal Club, the Romans Club, or the Public Speaking Club during the period that COE attended the university. (u)

#### Interviews with Professors

Professor WILLIAM H. SPENCER, School of Business, advised the reporting agent on January 22, 1953 that he recalled COE as a fine, upstanding student while COE was at the university. He stated he did not recall any other information pertaining to COE and did not know if COE participated in any subversive activities.

He stated that he has not seen COE in about 25 years.

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Professor SPENCER advised that he did not recall the name SOLOMON LISCHINSKY.

Professor JOHN NEFF, Department of Economics, advised SA GEORGE M. WOODLEY on January 22, 1953 that he has been with the Economics Department since 1928 and recalls COE in name only. Professor NEFF stated that he could not recall anything pertaining to COE.

Professor NEFF advised that HENRY SCHULTZ, who was formerly a professor at the University of Chicago, was killed in an automobile accident in 1939 while in California. It is noted that COE was Research Assistant from June, 1930 to 1931 at the University of Chicago under one HENRY SCHULTZ.

Professor C. W. WRIGHT advised SA GEORGE M. WOODLEY on January 22, 1953 that he recalled COE in name only.

Professor LLOYD MINTS, Economics Department, advised SA GEORGE M. WOODLEY on January 22, 1953 that he recalled COE in name only. Professor MINTS suggested that Professor L. C. MARSHALL, retired Chairman, Department of Economics, American University, Washington, D. C., may be able to furnish information pertaining to COE.

Professor HERMAN G. RICHEY, Department of Education, advised SA GEORGE M. WOODLEY that he did not recall COE.

Office of Official Publications

RUTH WENTWORTH, Secretary to the Editor of Official Publications, University of Chicago, made available to the reporting agent on January 19, 1953, student directories for the period 1930 to 1939. The above mentioned directories were examined by the reporting agent and he could locate no reference made to the subject or SOLOMON LISCHINSKY.

RUTH WENTWORTH advised that prior to 1930, University of Chicago did not publish student directories.

She further advised that she did not know where records could be located, if they existed, that would reflect information concerning the subject or LISCHINSKY.

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Dean of Faculty's Office

ANN WALKER, Secretary, Dean of Faculty's Office, advised the reporting agent on January 19, 1953 that her records do not reflect any employment for COE or LISCHINSKY at the university. She stated that a research assistant would not be considered a member of the faculty and that she would have no record pertaining to the employment of research assistants.

Press Relations

JEANNETTE LOWRY, Senior Assistant of Press Relations, advised SA CHARLES O. KENNERLY, Jr., on January 19, 1953 that she had no record of any information pertaining to the subject during the period of time he attended the university.

Archives

Mr. FORD, Archives, Harper Memorial Library, University of Chicago, made available to SA GEORGE M. WOODLEY and SA CHARLES O. KENNERLY, Jr., copies of "Cap and Gown," University of Chicago yearbook, for the years of 1922 to 1926. A review of the University of Chicago yearbook for the years 1922 through 1926 by SAs WOODLEY and KENNERLY failed to reveal any information concerning the subject.

Inspector of Service, University of Chicago

GUY LYMAN, Inspector of Service, University of Chicago, who has been associated with the university for approximately 30 years, advised SA CHARLES O. KENNERLY, Jr., on January 19, 1953 that he did not know COE or LISCHINSKY.

Chief of Guards

TONY EIDSON, Chief of Guards, who has been associated with the university for approximately 25 years, advised SA CHARLES O. KENNERLY, Jr., on January 21, 1953, that he did not know COE or LISCHINSKY.

TONY EIDSON further advised that he did not recall anything pertaining to the Liberal Club, the Romans Club, or the Forum, and did not know where such information could be obtained for the period that COE attended the university.

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II. EMPLOYMENT

Miss E. LEACH, Office Manager, Labor Bureau of the Middle West, 11 South La Salle Street, advised SA JOSEPH YACKANICH on January 21, 1953 that she recalled her records being checked on a previous date pertaining to information on COE. She further advised that her records were very incomplete for the 1930s, but would make a thorough search and advise this Office of her results.

Miss LEACH advised SAYACKANICH on January 22, 1953 that her files reflected information which would indicate that COE was employed on a part time basis from 1933 to 1934. She advised that her records also reflected that COE, along with HAROLD GLASSER, were both recommended by Professor SCHULTZ of the University of Chicago. She advised that at the time COE and GLASSER were employed by her organization, they were both students at the University of Chicago.

Miss LEACH advised she had no record pertaining to SOLOMON LISCHINSKY.

She advised that the former manager of the Office was SYLVIA PLOTKIN of 4940 South East End, Barkley Apartments, Chicago.

SYLVIA PLOTKIN advised SAYACKANICH on January 22, 1953 that she could not recall COE although she recalls that during the early 1930s the organization employed part time students from the University of Chicago.

Addresses

909 Airdrie Place  
1923

Mrs. JANE SELLEN, supra, advised SA J. WILLIAM BURKE on January 14, 1953 that her records reflected that COE resided at 909 Airdrie Place in Chicago in 1923.

It is noted that Rand Mc Nally Quick Reference Street Guide of Chicago (undated) reflects that Airdrie Place has been re-named

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and is now known as West Gordon Terrace.

Mr. GUSTAV PETERS, 909 West Gordon Terrace, advised SA JAMES K. BUCKNER on January 22, 1953 that he has resided at that address for twelve years or more, and does not recall the names COE or LISCHINSKY.

He stated that prior to his owning the residence, there had been several landlords. He continued that he did not know of anyone in the neighborhood who may have been residing there during 1923.

Mr. PETERS advised that MAE FELLER who recently moved from that address, only resided there a short time and would not know any of the neighbors who resided in the vicinity in 1923.

4355 North Ashland Avenue

Mrs. JANE SELLEN, supra, advised SA J. WILLIAM BURKE on January 14, 1953 that COE resided at 4355 North Ashland Avenue in 1926.

PHYLLIS M. MALONEY, 4355 North Ashland Avenue, advised SA JAMES K. BUCKNER on January 22, 1953 that she resided at that address for four or five years, and did not know the names of COE or LISCHINSKY.

Mrs. HELEN MC CLOY, owner of the building at 4355 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, stated that she has owned the building for over twenty years, and could not recall the names of COE or LISCHINSKY. She further stated she did not recognize the pictures of COE or LISCHINSKY which were exhibited to her. She stated she has no records and had no tenants who resided there during the 1920s or 1930s. She stated that she does not know of anyone in the neighborhood who resided in that area during the 1920s.

5125 Kimbark Avenue

Mr. J. C. STANSON, Superintendent, Claims Department, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, 230 West Washington, Chicago on January 21, 1953 made available to SA JOSEPH YACKANICH old

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telephone directories for the city of Chicago for the years from 1924 to 1933. A check of these directories reflected that the only reference to the subject's name was in the June, 1928 telephone directory which contained a listing for one VIRGINIUS F. COE, who resided at 5125 South Kimbark, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. HENRY LEOPOLD, manager, apartment building at 4900 South Blackstone, who also manages the apartment building at 5125 South Kimbark, advised SA CHARLES SETAR on January 22, 1953 that he has been employed as manager of the building at 5125 South Kimbark since September of 1952. He stated that he has no records pertaining to the period prior to September of 1952.

He advised that prior to his taking over the building, the building was owned by E. and S. Loewstein and Company, 100 North La Salle Street, Chicago.

Miss H. SHOSKY, E. and S. Loewstein and Company advised SA SETAR on January 23, 1953 that her Company did not manage the apartment building in 1928. She stated that her Company took possession of the building in the middle 1930s, and she had no record of COE. She also stated that her records for the period prior to 1937 are incomplete.

She stated that the building was purchased from a Mr. ISENSTEIN who is employed by Douglas Lumber Company, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. ALBERT SAMUELS an executive of the Douglas Lumber Company, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA SETAR on January 23, 1953 that Mr. ISENSTEIN has been deceased for approximately ten years and that he knew of no records that ISENSTEIN left pertaining to the building at 5125 South Kimbark. Mr. SAMUELS stated he does not know if ISENSTEIN actually owned the building at 5125 South Kimbark in 1928.

5517 Kenwood  
1933

JOANN COOLEY, supra, advised SA GEORGE M. WOODLEY on January 22, 1953 that her records reflected that COE resided at 5517 Kenwood, Chicago, Illinois in 1933.

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It is being noted that 5517 is also part of building 5519 Kenwood, which is a large apartment building.

HELEN E. DOTSON, 5517-19 Kenwood Avenue, advised the reporting agent on January 22, 1953 that she did not know COE or LISCHINSKY. She advised that she resided there only for a few years, and that she did not know where records for this building could be located, in view of the fact that there were several fires in this building during the early 1940s and she believes the records were destroyed.

Mr. EARL W. VALENTINE, janitor of the apartment building at 5517-19 Kenwood Avenue, advised SA JAMES K. BUCKNER on January 23, 1953 that he has been janitor of the said building for approximately eight years. Mr. VALENTINE further advised that there are no records pertaining to tenants of the building through the period of 1933 because during a fire in early 1940 or late 1939 records were destroyed. He further advised he does not know of any individuals who resided in this building during 1933. He stated that he did not know either COE or LISCHINSKY.

Hull House  
800 S. Halsted Street  
Chicago, Illinois

It is noted that the alumni records of John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, as reviewed by SA M/YO on January 7, 1953, reflected that COE resided at the Hull House, 800 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois.

FRANCES MOLINARD, office manager, Hull House, 800 South Halsted Street, advised SA JAMES K. BUCKNER on January 23, 1953 that her records did not reflect the names LISCHINSKY or COE. She stated that she has been employed at the Hull House for thirty four years and does not recall either of these individuals.

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It is noted that Mr. J. C. SWANSON, Superintendent, Claims Department, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, 230 West Washington, Chicago, made available on January 21, 1953 old telephone directories for the city of Chicago for the years from 1924 through 1933. A review of these directories reflected no information pertaining to LISCHINSKY, and the only reference to the name of the subject appeared in the June, 1928 telephone directory which contained a listing for one VIRGINIUS F. COE, 5125 South Kimbark, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. SWANSON informed that the Illinois Bell Telephone Company had no telephone directories for the period prior to 1924.

A check of the 1923, 1928 and 1929 city directories for the city of Chicago was made by SA JAMES K. BUCKNER at the Chicago Public Library on January 22, 1953 and no information was found pertaining to VIRGINIUS FRANK COE or SOLOMON LISCHINSKY. The 1923 city directory contained the name of one FRANK COE whose employment was indicated to be that of a clerk at the Burrough Adding Machine Company, and whose residence was recorded as 329 South Francisco. The 1923 city directory also listed another FRANK COE as being a resident of Park Ridge, Illinois, and as being employed as a clerk by the Corn Products Company. It is to be noted that no city directories were published for the city of Chicago for the years 1924-1927 and that no directories were published for the years between 1929 and 1949.

KINSA BLAKE, Chicago Cross Reference Association, Inc., 53 West Jackson Boulevard advised SA JAMES K. BUCKNER on January 22, 1953 that her organization only published Chicago city directories for the years of 1950, 1951, and 1952. She stated that the only other city directory that she can recall being published in Chicago was an alphabetical directory published in 1929.

Interview with SAMUEL HENRY NERLOVE, Professor, School of Business, University of Chicago, and LEVERETT SAMUEL LYON, 1 N. La Salle Street, both of Chicago, Illinois

SAMUEL HENRY NERLOVE, Professor, School of Business, University of Chicago, advised SA CHARLES SETAR on January 21, 1953 that COE was employed under him for one month, during July of 1933. He stated this employment was at the time that COE was employed to draft NRA code for men's clothing manufacturers. NERLOVE

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continued that he resided at the Lee House near 15th and L Streets, Washington, D. C. during 1933, and that COE was also a resident at Lee House at that same time.

NERLOVE stated that he did not know who tendered COE a position with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration while COE was employed at Brookings Institute, Washington, D. C.

NERLOVE stated that he believed that COE, at some time during the 1930s, was friendly with one LOUIS BEAN, who was employed in the Economic Department of the Agricultural Department during the 1930s. *DC*

NERLOVE stated that he did not recall or know of any subversive activities in which the subject or his wife may have participated. NERLOVE stated that he believes that LEON C. MARSHALL, retired professor of Economics, American University, Washington, D. C., may know COE. NERLOVE stated that he believed MARSHALL was the head of the School of Business when COE attended the University of Chicago. He stated that he has heard from other faculty members that COE was extremely bright, but has heard no other information pertaining to COE. He stated that he also believes that Professor SPENCER at the University of Chicago, School of Business, also may recall COE.

LEVERETT SAMUEL LYON, Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, 1 N. La Salle Street, advised SA CHARLES SETAR on January 21, 1953 that he recalls that COE was employed by Brookings Institute in 1933 or 1934 on a statistical project concerning NRA and published under the title "NRA" by the Brookings Institute.

LYON stated that COE, at the time, was employed in the Wage and Hour Section, Brookings Institute, Washington, D. C., and that this section at that time was headed by LEON C. MARSHALL, presently at 7007 Rolling Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

LYON stated that the following persons who were employed by the Brookings Institute may have known COE.

GEORGE TERBORGH,  
The Machinery and Allied Products Corp.  
1236-20th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

CHARLES DEARING  
Staff Member of Brookings Institute

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AELNA M'QUARD, who was employed by Brookings Institute and believed to still be residing in Washington, D. C.

LYON advised that he did not know who tendered COE a position with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

He stated that he did not know of any subversive activities pertaining to COE.

Interviews with Informants

[T-1, of unknown reliability,] <sup>(u)</sup> but who has been associated with the Communist Party for several years, prior to 1940, and who was also a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party

It is noted that the Communist Party, USA, has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835 as a Communist and subversive organization which "seeks to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means."

The International Labor Defense has been cited by the Attorney General as a Communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[T-1 advised on January 21, 1953] <sup>(u)</sup> that he recalls the name COE and recognized the picture of COE which was exhibited to him and stated that during the depression years, approximately 1931 to 1933, he recalls that COE had attended three or four meetings of the International Labor Defense, and that COE also spoke at one or two of these meetings, which were held at the South Side Community Center, 32nd and Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he could not recall the topics upon which COE spoke.

He stated that he does not know COE personally.

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He stated that he did not know LISCHINSKY by name, but recognized the picture of LISCHINSKY and stated that LISCHINSKY also attended meetings of the International Labor Defense about this same time.

He stated that he does not know if LISCHINSKY and COE are acquaintances.

He further stated that he recalls seeing LISCHINSKY at a secret Communist Steel Workers meeting held in mid-summer of 1937 in the 7400 block of Kenwood Avenue in Chicago. He stated that LISCHINSKY was also engaged in giving some type of instruction to steel workers who were Communist Party members.

T-1 further stated <sup>(u)</sup> that he could furnish no further information pertaining to COE or LISCHINSKY.

He continued that he did not know COE's wife and did not know of any subversive activity on her part.

He volunteered that he would not be willing to testify to this information, although it is true, because the information is so ancient that it would be difficult to prove if it could be proven.

T-2, of known reliability <sup>(u)</sup>

<sup>(u)</sup> This informant was contacted on January 20, 1953 and photographs of COE and LISCHINSKY were exhibited to the informant. This informant advised that he did not recognize the photographs of COE or LISCHINSKY and could not offer any information pertaining to these individuals or NORA COE.

T-3, of known reliability <sup>(u)</sup>

<sup>(u)</sup> This informant was contacted on January 21, 1953 and photographs of COE and LISCHINSKY were exhibited to the informant. This informant advised that he did not recognize the photographs of COE or LISCHINSKY and could not offer any information pertaining to these individuals or NORA COE.

T-4, of known reliability <sup>(u)</sup>

<sup>(u)</sup> This informant was contacted on January 21, 1953 and photographs of COE and LISCHINSKY were exhibited to the informant. This

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informant advised that he did not recognize the photographs of COE or LISCHINSKY and could not offer any information pertaining to these individuals or NORA COE.

[ T-5, of known reliability ] (u)

[ This informant was contacted on January 21, 1953 and photographs of COE and LISCHINSKY were exhibited to the informant. This informant advised that he did not recognize the photographs of COE or LISCHINSKY and could not offer any information pertaining to these individuals or NORA COE. ] (u)

Agency Checks

[ T-6, another government agency which conducts personnel and security investigations, advised on January 22, 1953 that they had no pertinent information identifiable with the subject, his wife, or LISCHINSKY. ] (u)

[ T-7, another government agency which conducts personnel and security investigations, advised on January 22, 1953 that they had no pertinent information identifiable with the subject, his wife, or LISCHINSKY. ] (u)

[ T-8, another government agency which conducts personnel and security investigations, advised on January 22, 1953 that they had no pertinent information identifiable with the subject, his wife, or LISCHINSKY. ] (u)

[ T-9, of known reliability, advised on January 20, 1953 that his records reflect that in 1927 V. FRANK COE was president of the Liberal Club, University of Chicago, and signed a resolution which was sent to President COOLIDGE and Secretary of State KELLOGG, urging arbitration with Mexico and Nicaragua. ] (u)

He stated he had no further information pertaining to COE, LISCHINSKY or NORA COE.

It is noted the Chicago files contained no information pertaining to the Liberal Club.

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T-10, an agency which collects security information in the Chicago area, advised on January 20, 1953 that they had no information identifiable with COE, his wife or LISCHINSKY except for recent newspaper articles pertaining to COE and his resignation from the International Monetary Fund.

Credit and Criminal

The files of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc. and the Records and Communications Section, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, were caused to be checked by SA JAMES K. BUCKNER on January 20, 1953 and failed to reflect any information pertaining to COE, LISCHINSKY or NORA COE.

Mrs. HELEN BRODY, Jewish Community Center, 3500 Douglas Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA JAMES K. BUCKNER on January 20, 1953 that the Peoples Junior College was no longer in existence.

She stated that she has what records are left from the school, and her records only reflect that SOLOMON LISCHINSKY was on the payroll from September of 1935 to July of 1936. She stated that she has no other information pertaining to LISCHINSKY and could not locate any information pertaining to COE.

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~~MRS. VIRGINIA FRANK~~  
The Chicago files contain no pertinent information pertaining to COE or LISCHINSKY and contain no information on NORA MALLINSON COE.

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Identity of Informants

- T-1 [redacted] contacted by SA CHARLES SETAR on 1/21/53. (Requested)
- T-2 [redacted] contacted by SA EDWARD H. MC GRIL on 1/20/53. (U)
- T-3 [redacted] contacted by SA J. J. MC GUIRE on 1/21/53.
- T-4 [redacted] contacted by SA CARL N. FREYMAN on 1/21/53. (U)
- T-5 [redacted] Illinois, contacted by SA CHARLES SETAR on 1/21/53. [redacted] is a confidential source of the Chicago Office).
- T-6 [redacted] Chicago, contacted by SA OSCAR G. WEISHEIT, JR. on 1/22/53.
- T-7 [redacted] Chicago, contacted by SA OSCAR G. WEISHEIT, JR. on 1/22/53.
- T-8 G-2, Chicago, contacted by SA OSCAR G. WEISHEIT, JR. on 1/22/53.
- T-9 [redacted] contacted by SA WILLIAM H. SHAW on 1/20/53.
- T-10 Security Unit, Chicago Police Department, contacted by SA JAMES K. BUCKNER on 1/21/53.
- T-11 GRACE SCHOELM, Secretary to the Director of Student Activities, University of Chicago, contacted by SA GEORGE M. WOODLEY on 1/21/53. (Deemed Advisable)

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THE BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Will interview LEON C. MARSHALL, 7007 Rolling Road, Chevy Chase, regarding COE for any subversive activity and attempt to determine who tendered COE a position with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration while COE was at Brookings Institute, Washington, D. C. in 1934.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

*see 105*  
Will determine advisability of identifying LOUIS BEAN and AELVA MARQUARD.

Will determine advisability of interviewing LOUIS BEAN, Agricultural Department, Economics, during the 1930s; GEORGE TERBORGH, Machinery and Allied Products, 1236 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.; CHARLES DENNING, Staff Member, Brookings Institute, Washington, D. C.; AELVA MARQUARD, former employee, Brookings Institute believed residing in Washington, D. C.

*see 93*  
THE LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT DULUTH, KENTUCKY

Will identify and interview VINCENT WEBB to determine COE's employment, residence, subversive activities in Duluth, Kentucky from June of 1931 to September of 1932.

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VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, AKA. ESP DASH R. RE WFO LETTERS TO DIRECTOR DEC. THIRTEEN, FIFTYTWO AND JAN TWELVE, FIFTYTHREE. SAMUEL HENRY NERLOVE, CG, STATES BELIEVES COE WAS FRIEND OF LOUIS BEAN, ECONOMIST, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DURING NINETEEN THIRTIES. BEAN-S ADDRESS UNKNOWN. LEAVERETT SAMUEL LYON, CG, STATES COE WORKED AT BROOKINGS INSTITUTE, WASH, D.C. ON NRA PROJECT NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE TO NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR IN DEPT. SUPERVISED BY LEON C. MARSHALL, SEVEN ZERO ZERO SEVEN ROLLING ROAD, CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND. INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY KNOW COE WHILE AT BROOKINGS INSTITUTE ARE GEORGE TERBORGH, MACHINERY AND ALLIED PRODUCTS CORP., ONE TWO THREE SIX TWENTIETH N.W. WASH. D.C., CHARLES DEARING, STAFF MEMBER, BROOKINGS INSTITUTE, WASH. D.D., AELVA MARQUARD, BELIEVED PRESENTLY RESIDING IN WASH. D.C. UNIVERSITY OF CG RECORDS REFLECT COE ADVISED UNIVERSITY OF CG IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN THAT VINCENT WEBB, DULUTH, KY., WILL ALWAYS KNOW HIS ADDRESS. BALTIMORE WILL INTERVIEW MARSHALL RE COE FOR ANY SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY AND

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ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHO TENDERED COE POSITION WITH AGRICULTURAL  
ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION WHILE COE WAS AT BROOKINGS INSTITUTE,  
WASH.D.C. NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR. WFO WILL DETERMINE ADVISABILITY  
OF IDENTIFYING BEAN AND MARQUARD. <sup>W</sup>SFO WILL ALSO DETERMINE  
ADVISABILITY OF INTERVIEWING BEAN, TERBORGH, DEARING AND  
MARQUARD RE COE. LOUISVILLE WILL IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW  
VINCENT WEBB TO DETERMINE COE-S EMPLOYMENT, RESIDENCE,  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

FROM : SAC, WFO (77-2536)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
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DATE: February 4, 1953

Re WFO letter to Director dated December 31, 1952, wherein it is stated that the Passport Records of the Department of State denote that the subject married NORA MALLINSON June 20, 1931 at Yorkshire, England, although he is not known to have obtained an American passport prior to 1941. This information was contained in WFO letter to the director dated October 9, 1951.

The passport record of the subject was re-examined on January 22, 1953 and denotes that the letter of October 9, 1951 is in error.

COE, in his application for passport dated September 20, 1951 reported that he married NORA MALLINSON June 20, 1931, who was born December 6, 1906 at Yorkshire, England and that she is not an American citizen.

Immigration and Naturalization Service records denote that the subject's wife, NORA MALLINSON, was born December 6, 1906 at York, England. She first entered the United States in September 1929 on a three year student visa and re-entered on April 11, 1934 at New York City. In 1934 she was employed as a Research Assistant at the Federal Emergency Relief Administration in Washington, D. C.

The St. Louis Office is requested to review the personnel file of NORA MALLINSON, maintained at the Federal Records Center, 1724 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri, with particular attention afforded to references, associates, sponsors, residences, membership in organizations, etc.

For the information of the Bureau, this office will cause a search to be made of records of the National Archives to determine the American and Canadian members of the Joint War Production Committee of Canada and the

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United States as a part of the effort to ascertain the identity of COE's friend in Canada who wanted to furnish information to the Russians. ELIZABETH BENTLEY reported that this individual was supposed to be COE's Canadian counterpart on some type of U. S. Canadian Board.

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DATE Dec 9, 1992 [redacted]

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Date of Review: 2/9/82

Reference is made to our communication to you dated December 30, 1952, which furnished you a summary of information on Virginus Frank Coe and his brother, Charles J. Coe. The following information supplements the data previously given you and relates to Nora Coe, the wife of Virginus Frank Coe. Her maiden name was Nora Mallinson, and she was born December 6, 1906, at York, England, to Tom and Amy Mallinson who resided at Dragon Parade, Harrogate, England. The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect she originally entered the United States in September, 1929, on a three year student visa. She married Frank Coe in June, 1931, and from that date until August, 1932, resided in Duluth, Kentucky. In August, 1932, she went to England in order to obtain a permanent visa. She was admitted for permanent residence at New York City on April 11, 1933, and on September 17, 1934, she filed an applicant for a re-entry permit and at that time she was proposing to depart from the United States on September 20, 1934, to visit Canada, where her husband was employed. At that time she gave her employment as a Research Assistant at the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, Washington, D. C. She re-entered the United States on May 27, 1939, at Niagara Falls, New York, as a return resident. The name "Nora Mallinson, England" appeared on a card indices found on the premises of the Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas, by State of Arkansas officials at the time of its closing by the State in 1941. The charter of the college had been revoked on October 29, 1941, for failure to display the American flag, for displaying the hammer and sickle, and for teaching anarchy.

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We would like to know if you have any adverse security information concerning Nora Mallinson or on members of her family.

cc - 2 - Legal Attache  
London, England  
cc - Foreign Service Desk

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| TITLE<br><b>VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka<br/>Frank Coe, V. Frank Coe, Frank V. Coe</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>         |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records FRC, GSA, SELMO, indicate V. FRANK COE employed by FSA as Consulting Economist 9-28-39 to 6-30-40 when he voluntarily resigned to accept appointment with the National Defense Commission. He resigned same 8-12-40. On 2-2-42 subject appointed Executive Secretary, Board of Economic Warfare, and transferred to the Joint War Production Committee of Canada & U. S. 11-5-42. He transferred to the Foreign Economic Administration 7-22-44 and resigned 2-15-45 to take position of Director of Monetary Research, Dept. of Treasury. Other employment history set out. HARRY DEXTER WHITE listed as reference and former supervisor on subject's employment application.

AGENCY 7c-INS, Wash, D.C.  
REQ. REC'D 1-15-56  
REP'T FORW. 1-20-56  
BY [redacted]

*cc to Rab, State  
Dempsey  
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DETAILS:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

A review of personnel records, Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, St. Louis, Missouri, for VIRGINIUS FRANK COE reveals a V. FRANK COE, born January 5, 1907, legal resident of Duluth, Kentucky, was employed as a Consultant by the Federal Security Agency, Office of the Administrator, at Washington, D. C., effective September 26, 1939, for a period of two days. He was appointed Principal Consulting Economist by the same government organization on September 28, 1939. He voluntarily resigned June 30, 1940, to accept appointment with the National Defense Commission on June 30, 1940. Subject listed employment as follows:

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| <u>Date of Employment</u> | <u>Name of Employer</u>  | <u>Position</u>                          |
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| 9-26 to 9-28              | University of Chicago  | Research assistant                       |
| 9-28 to 6-30              | John Hopkins Institute   | Research assistant                       |
| 6-30 to 6-31              | University of Chicago  | Research assistant                       |
| 6-33 to 7-33              | National Association of Clothing<br>Manufacturers, Chicago, Illinois | Economist                                |
| 8-33 to 6-34              | Brookings Institute, Washington,<br>D. C.                            | Economist                                |
| 6-34 to 9-34              | U. S. Treasury Department  | Economic Consultant                      |
| 9-34 to 6-36              | University of Toronto, Toronto,<br>Canada                            | Lecturer                                 |
| 6-36 to 9-36              | U. S. Treasury Department  | Principal Economist                      |
| 9-36 to 4-39              | Bankers Educational Association,<br>Toronto, Canada                  | Lecturer                                 |
| 4-39 to 9-39              | U. S. Treasury Department  | Principal Economist                      |
| 9-39 to 7-40              | Federal Security Agency  | Economic Consultant                      |
| 7-40 to 9-40              | Advisory Commission to the Council<br>of National Defense            | Liaison Officer                          |
| 6-41 to 12-41             | Treasury Department, Washington,<br>D. C., and London, England       | Assistant to Ambassador<br>WINANT        |
| 9-40 to 2-42              | U. S. Treasury Department, Wash-<br>ington, D. C.                    | Assistant Director,<br>Monetary Research |
| 2-42 to _____             | Board of Economic Warfare  | -----                                    |

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This file contains two Oaths of Office dated October 4, 1939, and February 2, 1942, signed by the subject in which he swore to "support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic . . ."

On July 1, 1940, he was appointed Head Economic Analyst by the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense. His headquarters were Washington, D. C. He resigned August 12, 1940, but no reason was shown.

On February 2, 1942, subject was appointed Executive Secretary, Board of Economic Warfare, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., and transferred to the Joint War Production Committee of Canada and the United States May 4, 1942, which transfer was effected November 5, 1942. He was transferred to the position of Assistant Administrator, Office of Administrator, Office of Economic Programs, Foreign Economic Administration, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., on July 22, 1944. On February 15, 1945, he resigned to take position as Director of Monetary Research, Department of the Treasury.

This file contains an oath signed by the subject dated February 2, 1942, in which he swore that he did not advocate nor was he a member of any organization "that advocates the overthrow of the Government by force or violence . . . ."

An employment application dated January 13, 1942, shows the following as subject's former supervisors:

H. D. WHITE, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.,  
9-40 to 1-42.

Secretary MORCEN THAU, Treasury Department, and Ambassador  
WINANT, London, England, 6-41 to 12-41.

LEON HENDERSON, Advisory Commission to the Council of  
National Defense, Washington, D. C., 7-40 to 9-40

PAUL V. MC NUTT, Federal Security Agency, 9-39 to 7-40

H. D. WHITE, Treasury Department, 4-39 to 9-39

  
GEORGE HAAS, Treasury Department, 6-36 to 9-36

DEAN COCHRANE, Bankers Educational Association, Toronto, Canada, 9-36 to 4-39.

E. J. URIOICK and H. A. INNIS, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, 9-34 to date not shown.

JACOB VINER, Treasury Department, 6-34 to 9-34

LEVERETT LYONS, Brookings Institute, Washington, D. C., 8-33 to 6-34.

S. H. NERLOVE, National Association of Clothing Manufacturers, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, 6-33 to 7-33

HENRY SCHULTZ, University of Chicago, 6-30 to 6-31.

L. C. MARSHALL, John Hopkins Institute, Baltimore, Maryland, 9-28 to 6-30, and at University of Chicago 9-26 to 9-28.

As references he listed:

HARRY DEXTER WHITE, Assistant to the Secretary, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Professor JACOB VINER, Economic Professor, University of Chicago.

LAUHLIN B. CURRIE, economist, White House, Washington, D. C.

File contains a typewritten letter dated January 27, 1942, from JOHN M. SIMONS, Personnel Officer, Board of Economic Warfare, Washington, D. C., addressed to Director of Personnel, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., in which he requests advice as to whether the Treasury Department would interpose any objections to subject's transfer. By letter dated January 30, 1942, H. D. WHITE, Assistant to the Secretary, Treasury Department, answered that the Treasury Department had no objections to subject's transfer to the Board of Economic Warfare.

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Another letter is contained in the file addressed to the subject, dated March 1, 1944, signed by GEORGE P. DOHERTY, care of American Embassy, Buenos Aires, Argentina, which starts "Dear Frank" and requests subject to advise DOHERTY if he learns of any jobs opening in Washington or other field areas. An inked notation at the bottom of this letter reads, "JIM MANN has been kind enough to offer to bring this to you. If anything develops, you can get in touch with me this A. M.," signed "G. D." The significance of this notation is unknown.

There are numerous Board of Economic Warfare inter-office memos concerning the subject in which the following names appear:

WAYNE CHAMBERS, Executive Assistant, Office of Economic Warfare Analysis.

D. W. VAUGHAN, Administrative Officer to MILOW PERKINS

FIELD HAVILAND, Personnel Division.

FLORENCE STEVENS, Chief Clerk, British Empire Division.

W. T. STONE, Assistant Director, Economic Warfare Analysis.

J. H. LIGHTSEY, Secretary for the Efficiency Rating Committee.

File shows subject was a U. S. citizen and his wife, NORA M. COE, a British citizen. Subject's father was born in Germany and his mother was born in New York City. He received a Ph. B. from the University of Chicago in 1926 and he can speak and read French.

Records reveal subject was born January 5, 1907, at Richmond, Virginia, and resided at the following addresses (all dates are approximate):

10-39 -- 313 W. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland

1-42 --- Franklin Park Road, East Falls Church, Virginia

3-42 through 4-45 --- 2700 36th Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

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REFERENCES:

Butel to St. Louis dated 12-10-52;  
St. Louis teletype to Bureau dated 12-23-52;  
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SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-3547)  
CINCINNATI  
WASHINGTON FIELD (BSM) (77-2536)

VIRGINIUS FRANK COE WAS ESPIONAGE T-38 P. RE LOUISVILLE

AIRTEL JANUARY 12 AND CINCINNATI MEMORANDUM JANUARY 7, 1953.

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED TO PROVIDE WARE TRANSPORTATION TO DELUTH KENTUCKY IN EFFORT TO LOCATE BURIED WRITINGS OF COE. AGENTS SHOULD BE PRESENT WHEN EFFORTS MADE TO LOCATE WRITINGS. EXPEDITE.  
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cc 2 Washington Field (BSM)

NOTE: Reed C. Webb of Cincinnati alleges 17 or 18 years ago Coe buried cans containing his writings near Deluth Ky and Webb (probably then a boy) helped digging the holes. Louisville office suggested Cincinnati office provide transportation for Webb to Deluth, Ky in effort to locate these writings.

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VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, AKA, SMC. RE CINCINNATI LETTER JAN.

SEVEN LAST CAPTIONED FRANK COE, SMC. IT IS NOTED THAT

REPORT OF SA JOHN B. VAN ETTEN, WASHINGTON, DC, MAY FIFTEEN,

FIFTYONE ON PAGE THREE INDICATES UNDER EMPLOYMENT "JUNE,

1931, TO SEPTEMBER, 1932, DULUTH, KENTUCKY, WRITING HIS

DISSERTATION;" AND THAT THE REPORT OF SA HUGH M. BYRD, LS

JUNE SIXTEEN, FIFTYONE REFLECTED LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS

NEGATIVE FOR SUBJECT IN MADISON CO., KY., (CO. IN WHICH

DULUTH AND BIGHILL ARE SITUATED). IN VIEW OF ALLEGATIONS

SET FORTH IN WFO REPORT, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BUREAU CON-

SIDER APPROVING AN ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY MR. REED C. WEBB

OF DAYTON, OHIO, MIGHT BE PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION TO BIG-

HILL, KY., TO DESIGNATE SITE WHERE CANS CONTAINING COE-S

WRITINGS REPORTEDLY BURIED. IN THE EVENT SUCH AN ARRANGE-

MENT IS NOT DEEMED ADVISABLE, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT CINCINNATI

DIVISION OBTAIN FROM WEBB A MAP AS TO LOCATION OF THE RE-

PORTED BURIED WRITINGS FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTI-

GATION IN MADISON CO.

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Reference is made to your memorandum of February 2, 1953. The following information would appear to tend to eliminate Douglas Alexander Skelton, formerly considered as Coe's Canadian contact as described by Elizabeth P. Bentley. Elizabeth Bentley has been reinterviewed, and she states that in about the spring of 1943, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster told her that Coe had said he had met a former friend of his in Canada. Coe stated after renewing their friendship, they both discovered that they were "in the same category," and this friend led Coe to believe he was still a Communist and would like to furnish information to the Russians. This information, which was relayed to Bentley by Silvermaster, was given by her to Jacob Golos who was supposed to check on it. After Golos died, Bentley took the matter up with her new Russian superiors, who, after much deliberation, told her to "drop it." She then relayed this information to Silvermaster and nothing further was done to develop this Canadian contact of Coe's.

Bentley stated she believes she heard the name of this Canadian friend of Coe's mentioned but she could not recall the name. She does recall that this person was a man with a short Anglo-Saxon name who was supposed to be Coe's Canadian counterpart on some type of Joint United States and Canadian Board on which Coe was at that time working. She believes this Board had something to do with economics.

Bentley was asked whether this unknown individual might have been Eric Adams or Douglas Alexander Skelton. She said she was not able to recall but felt the name Adams seemed to fit the type of name to which she had previously referred.

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We previously advised you that Coe from February, 1942, to February, 1945, was on the Joint War Production Board of the United States and Canada as Executive Secretary.

We note that the report of the Royal Commission appointed on February 5, 1946, to investigate Soviet espionage in Canada, reflects that among the documents produced by Gouzenko from the Soviet Embassy was a page out of a notebook of Colonel Rubetin. Part of this page relates to Eric Adams who was known under the cover name of Ernst. The portion in question is quoted as follows: "Ernst - Jew. He works on the Joint of Military (USA and Canada) (Coordination). He gives detailed information on all kinds of industries, plans for the future. Supplies detailed accounts of conferences. Has been giving materials weekly." If it is to be assumed that Eric Adams was the Canadian contact of Frank Coe, it would explain why Bentley's superiors finally said the matter was to be dropped as undoubtedly the NKGB in Moscow would have discovered he was working for the Soviet military intelligence network in Canada. (S) (X) (U)

We are making inquiries here to determine who Frank Coe's "counterpart" would have been on the Joint War Production Board of the United States and Canada. You will be furnished any further pertinent information developed in connection with this matter. We would like to know if Eric Adams would have occupied such a position.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: February 6, 1953

FROM : SAC, WFO (77-2536)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE,  
aka Frank Coe, V. Frank  
Coe, Frank V. Coe  
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The records of the Investigations Division of the U.S. Civil Service Commission denote that the name NOLA MALLINSON, England, appeared on a card indices found on the premises of Commonwealth College, Nena, Arkansas, by State of Arkansas officials at the time of its closing by the State. These card indices contained the names of, and addresses of, faculty members, campers, students, maintenance employees, visitors and friends of instructors at the college. The records of the Civil Service Commission contain no additional identifying information regarding NOLA MALLINSON.

It is to be recalled that the subject was named by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY in testimony before the HCUA in 1948 as being a member of a group of government officials in Washington, D.C., who were furnishing information from government files to agents of the Soviet Union.

GOE was born January 5, 1907, at Richmond, Virginia, and until December 2, 1952, held the position of secretary of the International Monetary Fund. A complete biographical sketch of him is located in the current edition of Who's Who in America.

*MRS VIRGINIUS FRANK COE*

Records of INS denote that the subject is married to NORA MALLINSON, who was born January 6, 1906, at York, England. She first entered the United States in September, 1929, on a three year student visa. She re-entered the United States April 11, 1933, at New York City and again on May 27, 1939, at Niagara Falls, New York. In 1934 she resided at 1701 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and was employed by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, and by the Social Sciences Research Council. In 1932 she resided at Duluth, Kentucky. Her parents are TOM and AMY MALLINSON of Dragon Parade Harrogate, England.

The Little Rock Office is requested to cause a search to be made of pertinent State of Arkansas records for any additional information regarding the NOLA MALLINSON referred to by CSC, as appearing on the indices of Commonwealth College, in an effort to identify her as the wife of the subject.

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It is to be noted that Commonwealth College is the subject of an Internal Security - C investigation of the Little Rock Office, file number 100-355.

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VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, AKA, ESPIONAGE, R. REBUAIRTEL JANUARY TWENTY THREE  
LAST AND LOUISVILLE MEMORANDUM JANUARY TWENTY TWO LAST. REED C. WEBB,  
DAYTON, OHIO, WILL LEAVE DAYTON, OHIO JANUARY THIRTY ONE TO MEET AGENTS OF  
LOUISVILLE OFFICE, AT HOME OF HIS UNCLE, LESLIE LYNCH, FOUR ONE TWO  
NORTH ESTILL AVENUE, RICHMOND, KY., AT NINE AM, FEBRUARY FIRST NEXT.  
WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BURIED WRITINGS OF COE AT FARM NOW OWNED BY MATT  
LAKES, DULUTH, KY., AND WILL MAKE AVAILABLE BOOKS LEFT BY COE, WHICH  
ARE NOW IN POSSESSION OF KATHERINE WEBB, BIG HILL, KENTUCKY, HIS MOTHER  
AND BEA SLUSHER, DULUTH, KENTUCKY, A FRIEND. WEBB SAYS SLUSHER TOOK  
SOME OF COE-S BOOKS WITH PERMISSION OF FAMILY, AFTER THEY DESERTED  
HOUSE ON FARM WHICH WAS FORMERLY HIS GRANDFATHER-S, WILLIAM WEBB. WEBB  
ADVISES THAT EARLY IN JANUARY, HE TALKED WITH LYNCH, WHO WAS IN DAYTON,  
OHIO. LYNCH KNEW PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH COE, BUT DID NOT KNOW ABOUT  
BURIED WRITINGS. PERSON PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO AS BETTY BY WEBB, BELIEVED  
TO BE PERSON REFERRED TO BY LYNCH AS BIM, SISTER OF NORA COE AND THE PERSON  
WHO CAME TO VISIT IN AN AIRPLANE.

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Reference is made to the air-tel from the  
Louisville Office dated February 2, 1953.

The Bureau agrees that it would be impractical  
to try to dig up a one hundred yard area. It is desired,  
however, that further attempts be made to prove or  
disprove the statements of Reed C. Webb that subject Coe  
buried writings near Duluth, Kentucky. If Webb was only  
one and one-half to two and one-half years of age at the  
time the occurrence allegedly took place, obviously he  
had no direct part in it and is either fabricating a story  
or has learned of it through someone else.

The Cincinnati Office should reinterview Webb,  
point these facts out to him, and if necessary, determine  
the present addresses of other members of his family who  
may have knowledge of this matter and who can be interviewed.  
We are not in a position to ignore this matter and immediate  
efforts should be made to develop additional facts to clarify  
the allegations.

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FBI, LOUISVILLE 2-2-53

DIRECTOR, FBI AIR MAIL

VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, AKA., ESPIONAGE, R. AGENTS MET REED WEBB AS  
 PLANNED ON SUNDAY MORNING LAST. WEBB'S STORY OF CANS BEING BURIED  
 WITH WRITINGS UNABLE TO BE VERIFIED THROUGH ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL  
 IN DULUTH OR RICHMOND, KY. WEBB INDICATED HIS RECOLLECTION CANS  
 BURIED SOMEWHERE WITHIN AN AREA WITH RADIUS OF ONE HUNDRED YARDS.

IT WAS ASCERTAINED THAT WEBB WAS BORN DEC. 19, 1929, WHEREAS ALLEGED  
 DATE OF BURYING CANS WAS BETWEEN JUNE, 1931 TO SEPT., 1932, WHEN  
 WEBB WOULD HAVE ONLY BEEN ONE AND ONE-HALF TO TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS  
 OLD, AND THEREFORE DOUBTFUL THAT HE ASSISTED AS HE SAYS IN BURYING  
 THE CANS. WEBB BEGAN TO BACK UP ON HIS STORY A BIT WHEN ACTUALLY  
 APPEARED ON SPOT TO IDENTIFY PLACE CANS BURIED, INDICATING THAT  
 PROBABLY CANS AND WRITINGS WOULD ALL BE ROTTED AWAY BY NOW. WITHOUT  
 FURTHER VERIFICATION AND MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION BELIEVED INADVISABLE  
 TO ATTEMPT TO DIG ONE HUNDRED YARD RADIUS AREA AND WILL NOT BE DONE  
 UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY. REPORT OF COMPLETED INVESTIGATION  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: January 23, 1953

FROM : SAC, WFO (77-2536)

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SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE  
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Reference Bureau letter to Washington Field Office dated December 16, 1952, and Bureau letter to New York dated January 2, 1953.

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report of Special Agent WILLIAM L. DESONIA, DATED January 23, 1953, at Washington, D. C.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, before an Executive Session of the McCarran Committee on December 1, 1952, testified that COE, during a period when he was on the joint Canadian-American Finance Board had run into an old comrade of his, a Canadian, and had suggested to ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER that this Canadian might have valuable information. This matter was referred to BENTLEY'S Russian contact who kept stalling on giving BENTLEY an answer on whether this Canadian should be used.

BEN MANDEL on December 5, 1952, advised that FRANK COE, according to ELIZABETH BENTLEY, had been in touch with a Canadian during the period of time that ELIZABETH BENTLEY was active in the Soviet espionage network.

JAY LOVESTONE had informed MANDEL that he believes the individual who may have been COE'S contact in Canada was an individual named SKELTON. He said that SKELTON for a number of years was an Assistant to Mr. LESTER PEARSON. He said that SKELTON was not known to have any visible Communist Party connections. Mr. MANDEL said SKELTON reportedly died when his boat capsized in Nigeria.

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DOUGLAS ALEXANDER SKELTON testified before the Royal Commission impaneled to hear testimony concerning Soviet espionage in Canada on April 16, 1946, at which time SKELTON was asked if he could explain the listing of the name SKELTON on a document which had been furnished by IGOR GOUZENKO which stated, "ERIC calls through SKELTON." Mr. SKELTON said he knew ERIC ADAMS and had met SAM GARR on one occasion a number of years previously. He said he assumed the document referred to himself but he claimed he could not understand to what it referred. He suggested that one explanation might be that a number of persons were permitted to use the Bank of Canada's direct wire between Ottawa and Toronto and between Ottawa and Montreal. He suggested ERIC ADAMS may have used the direct line and used his name in making the telephone calls. (S)(U)

It was also developed during SKELTON'S testimony before the Royal Commission that one of the study groups used as recruiting ground by Russian Embassy officials had been held at the home of a Mrs. TURNER. SKELTON said she was his wife's mother, but he had not known anything about the study groups and did not know ERIC ADAMS had attended such a group. (S)(U)

The Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science for February, 1951, Volume 17, Pages 89 through 91, contains a write-up on DOUGLAS ALEXANDER SKELTON. It is set forth that he died by drowning at Lagos, Nigeria, in July, 1950. In 1935 he became Chief of the Research Department of the Bank of Canada and in 1944, Research Advisor, a position he held until he transferred to the Department of Trade and Commerce as Assistant Deputy Minister in 1948.

The files of the Institute of Pacific Relations denote that D. A. SKELTON, Director of Research, Bank of Canada, is listed as a Canadian delegate to the Mont Tremblant Conference to be held December 4, to December 14, 1942, at Quebec, Canada.

The United States Delegation included among others, LAUHLIN CURRIE, HARRY DEXTER WHITE and FRANK GOE.

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This Office will cause a search to be made through the pertinent records of the Department of State for additional information regarding DOUGLAS ALEXANDER SKELTON. Will also review the Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science for February, 1951, and pertinent Canadian Who's Who on SKELTON.

For the information of the Baltimore and Louisville Offices, the testimony of ELIZABETH BENTLEY before the Executive Session of the McCarran Committee is confidential and is not to be disseminated or referred to outside the Bureau.

It is not known where COE first became acquainted with "his old comrade", who probably is DOUGLAS ALEXANDER SKELTON. This information is set forth for interested offices in the event that SKELTON'S name is mentioned during the course of investigation.

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Reference is made to the report of SA Joshua D. Enser dated January 22, 1953, at New York. You will note that in an interview with Elisabeth Bentley on January 16, 1953, she said she believed Coe's Canadian contact was supposed to be the Canadian counterpart on some type of Joint United States and Canadian Board on which Coe was at that time working. As you are aware, Coe, from February, 1942, to February, 1945, was on the Joint War Production Board of the United States and Canada as Executive Secretary. Your attention is also directed to the report of the Royal Commission impaneled on February 5, 1953, to hear testimony regarding Soviet espionage in Canada. On page 171, there is information set forth concerning Eric Adams who was known under the cover name of Ernst. It was indicated he was working on some Joint Board of the United States and Canada and had been giving information weekly to the Soviet military intelligence network in Canada. If Eric Adams was the Canadian contact of Frank Coe's, it would explain why Bentley's superiors finally said the matter was to be dropped as undoubtedly the KGB in Moscow would have discovered he was already working for the Soviet military intelligence in Canada. It is desired that the Washington Field Office determine who Frank Coe's "Canadian counterpart" would have been on the Joint War Production Board of the United States and Canada in 1943. You should attempt particularly to determine if Eric Adams would have occupied such a position.

For your information, information has been received from the [redacted]

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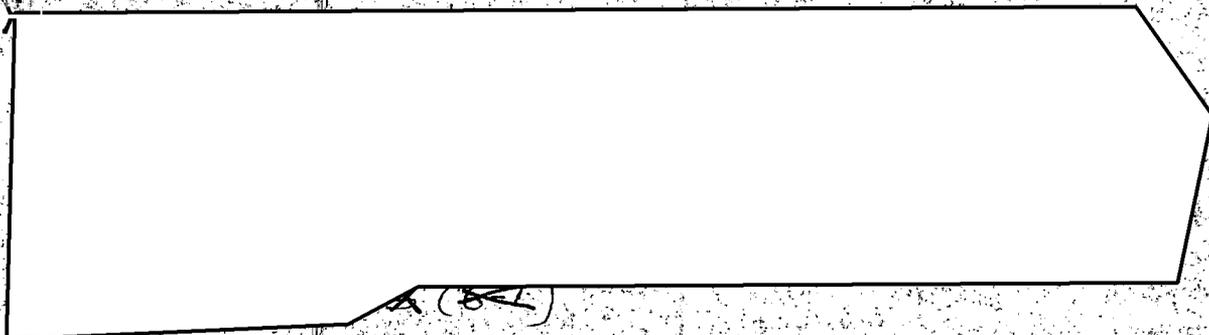
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447) DATE: January 26, 1953  
FROM : SAC, WFO (77-2536) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka.  
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The records of INS denote that the subject's wife, NORA MALLINSON, was admitted for permanent residence at New York City on April 11, 1933, and that she presented Non-Quota Immigration Visa #510, issued to her under Section 14A of the Immigration Act of 1924 as the wife of an American citizen. She was issued Immigration Identification Card #739264.

In her application she stated that she was born December 6, 1906, at York, England, to TOM and AMY MALLINSON, residing at Dragon Parade, Harrogate.

NORA COE re-entered the United States May 27, 1939, at Niagara Falls, New York, as a return resident.

On September 17, 1934, NORA COE filed an application for a Re-entry Permit #100666 with the Department of Labor at Washington, D. C., wherein she stated that she was destined to VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, Kenwood Gardens, Kenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. She was employed as a Research Assistant, Federal Emergency Relief Administration, Social Science Research Council, Washington, D. C. She proposed to depart the United States September 20, 1934, to visit Canada where her husband was employed.

① Mrs. COE advised INS by letter that she married FRANK COE in June, 1931 and from that date until August, 1932 resided in Duluth, Kentucky, Madison County, where they owned a house. In August, 1932, she went to England in order to obtain a permanent visa. In December, 1934, she and COE returned to their Kentucky residence and then again for approximately five months when the academic year ended. (Presumably returned to their home in December, 1934 and then at the end of the academic school year, although this letter is not clear in this regard).

Immigration records further denote that NORA MALLINSON originally entered the United States in September,

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1929, on a three year student visa. INS unable to locate this original visa and advised that it is located at port of entry which is probably New York City.

The New York Office is requested to cause a search to be made of INS records of New York City for the original visa record of NORA MALLINSON.

One copy of instant letter is being furnished the Chicago Office for information purposes.

It is noted that COE resided in September, 1934 at Kenwood Gardens, Chicago, Illinois.

The Louisville Office is requested to reopen their investigation regarding the subject for the purpose of determining his activities while in Duluth (Madison County) Kentucky. It is noted that previously inquiry failed to disclose any information concerning the subject at Duluth, Kentucky.

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COE'S CANADIAN CONTACT

Elizabeth Bentley testified before an executive session of the McCarran Committee on December 1, 1952, and stated that Coe, during a period when he was on a Joint Canadian-American Finance Board, had run into an old comrade, a Canadian, and Coe thereafter had suggested to Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and William Ludwig Ullman that this Canadian might have valuable information, but Bentley said nothing ever came of the matter. It was suggested to Ben Mandel by Jay Lovestone that this Canadian might be a man by the name of Skelton. We succeeded in identifying this individual as Douglas Alexander Skelton who was the Canadian Assistant Deputy Trade Minister and died in Nigeria by drowning in July, 1950. We contacted [redacted] in connection with this matter, and [redacted]

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(U) (S) [redacted] When Elizabeth Bentley was reinterviewed on January 16, 1953, she furnished additional facts concerning Coe's Canadian contact which makes it appear that this individual may be identical with Eric Adams. Bentley stated she does not remember this name but stated the name was a short Anglo-Saxon name similar to Adams. Eric Adams was directly involved in the Soviet military intelligence network in Canada. This might account for the fact that Bentley says nothing ever came of Coe's suggestion relayed by her to the Russians that the Canadian contact be developed. It may be that the MGB discovered that the person, if he were Adams, was already functioning for the Soviet military intelligence network. Bentley did not recall the name of Skelton as being familiar to her.

COE'S CONNECTION WITH HARRY DEXTER WHITE

You may recall that Harry Dexter White was an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury during the war years, and he became Executive Secretary of the International Monetary Fund on May 1, 1946. At the same time Coe became attached to the International Monetary Fund. White was definitely engaged in Soviet espionage in the United States

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for the MGB, and we have details available concerning this espionage from Whittaker Chambers, Elizabeth Bentley, and [redacted] White died on August 16, 1948. According to Chambers, White, in the late 1930's, along with other members of the Chambers' espionage apparatus, were considering bringing Coe from Canada so that White could place Coe in the Treasury Department.

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H. G. Bitterman, Senior Financial Advisor, Office of International Finance, Treasury Department, stated that in 1944 or 1945, White put Frank Coe in the Division of Monetary Research as the Director of the Division. According to Bitterman, Coe's appointment as Director of the Division was bitterly resented by other important officials of the Division, including Harold Glasser (also involved in Soviet espionage according to Bentley). According to Bitterman, White thought very highly of Coe. It is interesting to note that Bitterman also commented on how the Morgenthau plan for Germany was developed while speaking of White. You will recall that the Morgenthau plan was a plan whereby Germany would be laid waste by the occupied allied forces, and her industries would be completely dismantled. This plan was used to good advantage by the Russians in propagandizing in Germany at the end of the war. According to Bitterman, the State Department had a plan for the rehabilitation of Germany, and Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau objected to the plan, and President Roosevelt told him to work out another plan. Morgenthau then had Harry Dexter White work out a plan that expressed a view extremely opposite to the State Department plan. Some publicity leaked out, and Morgenthau who had been opposing the extreme nature of it, decided to defend it. According to Bitterman, White lost all sense of proportion about the plan and regarded it as something which was good in itself rather than recognizing it as an extreme position.

OTHER INVESTIGATION OF COE  
BEING CONDUCTED

In addition to the foregoing, we are conducting considerable other investigation of Coe, including attempting to find some documents which he is reported to have buried in the early 1930's near Duluth, Kentucky. We are attempting

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to develop data concerning his wife whose maiden name was Nora Mallinson, and she was born in England on December 6, 1906. The name "Nora Mallinson, England" appeared on a card indices found on the premises of the Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas, by State of Arkansas officials at the time of its closing by the State in 1941. We are also conducting additional investigation relative to previous employments and activities during attendance at educational institutions, and interviews of persons whom Coe has known. Reports received from this investigation are being disseminated to the State Department, to the Treasury Department, and to the Records Administration Branch.

RECOMMENDATION

The foregoing is for your information. There would appear to be no further reason to check on Douglas Alexander Skelton as Elizabeth Bentley does not recall his name. There are attached for your approval a memorandum to [redacted] concerning additional developments in this matter, and a memorandum to the Field instructing to conduct further investigation. A memorandum is also attached to [redacted] asking them if they have any security information concerning Nora Mallinson Coe.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

COE employed 6/19/46 to 12/3/52, as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund at which time his resignation was requested by IVAR ROOTH, Managing Director. In testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee 12/1/52, at New York City, COE declined to answer, under the protection afforded by the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, whether he was engaged in espionage activity, whether he was a Communist or whether he knew individuals named by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY in her testimony before the HCUA in 1948, as members of a wartime espionage ring. COE similarly declined to state whether he knew various individuals associated with the Institute of Pacific Relations. COE employed Brookings Institute 9/33 to 6/34.

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DANA E. BRANTLEY, Assistant Director of Personnel, International Monetary Fund, 1818 H Street, North West, reported that V. FRANK COE was employed as Secretary of the

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Fund from June 19, 1946, to December 3, 1952, at which time he resigned upon the request of IVAR Rooth, Managing Director. His net salary at resignation was \$15,500.00 per annum. COE was born January 5, 1907, at Richmond, Virginia, and resided at 1918 North Roosevelt Street, in Arlington, Virginia.

In regard to COE'S duties or job description, BRANTLEY made available Organizational Bulletin Number 9, effective Date May 1, 1952, which describes the principal functions of the Office of the Secretary as follows:

- "1. Arrangement for and supervision of the conduct of business and the procedures of the meetings of the Executive Board and its committees; acts as Secretary of the Staff Committee.
- "2. Supervision of all preliminary planning and other arrangements necessary for the conduct of the Annual Meetings of the Board of Governors.
- "3. Records, certifies, and communicates actions taken by the two Boards; also acts as liaison with members, their agencies and the staff of the Fund in connection with meetings of either Board, their rules of procedure and their decisions and resolutions.
- "4. Participation with other departments in analysis and study of technical Fund problems and preparation of reports and documents for consideration of top staff and the Executive Board.
- "5. Custodianship of all Fund records and of the official seal of the Fund; responsibility for authenticating and certifying all documents, records, letters and signatures of the officers of the Fund; supervision and maintenance of official records of the Fund and planning of programs covering records management and installation of records systems in the Fund as a whole; arrangement for safekeeping of all official documents of the Fund and the two Boards, including program for microfilming and storing the essential records of the Fund.

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- "6. Preparation for publication of the secretariat documents of the Fund and publications and procedures of the two Boards and their committees; compilation and certification of decisions of the Executive Board and authorization of publication of resolutions of the Board of Governors; determination and supervision of internal and external distribution of such documents and publications.
- "7. Receipt, recordation and distribution of correspondence directed to the Fund; preparation or coordination of the preparation of correspondence originating within the Fund; and maintenance and operation of the Fund's code and cipher system. In this connection, the Secretary has the authority to issue and authenticate all materials used in that system supplemental to or related to the basic system (including the test number code) which is issued to members, fiscal agencies and depositories by the Managing Director.
- "8. Handling of applications for membership in the Fund and in this connection undertakes consultation and affords advice and assistance to prospective members.
- "9. Operation of a translating service.

"The Office of the Secretary is organized as follows:

Office of the Secretary  
Office of the Deputy Secretary  
Office of the Assistant Secretaries  
Office of the Assistant to the Secretary."

BRANTLEY, who has been employed by the Fund since June, 1949, went on to state that COE, as an official, probably participated in the original staffing of the Fund, but that he knew of no specific examples of such. In fact, everyone then at the Fund would have had some part in staffing key positions.

H. G. BITTERMAN, Senior Financial Advisor, Office of International Finance, Treasury Department, advised Special Agent

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LEWIS E. GLENN that he came to the Division of Monetary Research, Treasury Department, about September of 1943. HARRY DEXTER WHITE was Director of the Division. WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, HAROLD GLASSER, EDWARD M. BERNSTEIN and a man named NESS were Assistant Directors of WHITE.

BITTERMAN stated that the International Monetary Fund was established in July, 1944, and that E. M. BERNSTEIN, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, IRVING FRIEDMAN, J. EARL HICKS, and ROMAN L. HORNE went with the Fund.

He continued by saying that WHITE became an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury after the Bretton Woods conference in order that he might present to Congress the bill dealing with the Fund and the International Bank. He said WHITE'S promotion came late in 1944 or early in 1945. When WHITE became an Assistant Secretary, FRANK COE came to the Division of Monetary Research as the Director of the Division, having been formerly with the Foreign Economic Administration.

As a result of COE'S appointment as Director of the Division, relations between GLASSER and COE were "cool" and those between BERNSTEIN and COE were "worse than cool."

Mr. BITTERMAN said WHITE thought very highly of COE. BITTERMAN said he considered COE, GLASSER, TAYLOR, and WHITE to be "new dealers" who were products of the depression era; that they were interested in equitable distribution of wealth through progressive taxation, full employment, expansion of international policy, and they considered it desirable and possible to reach an agreement with Russia.

Mr. BITTERMAN further reported how the MORGENTHAU plan for Germany was developed. He said that the State Department had worked up a plan for the rehabilitation of Germany and that MORGENTHAU had objected to this plan. Thereupon, President ROOSEVELT told MORGENTHAU to work out another plan.

MORGENTHAU called on WHITE to prepare the plan and WHITE enlisted the aid of Mr. BITTERMAN, WALTER OSTROW and OTTO NATHAN. He stated that he believed the original idea was to work

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out a plan that expressed a view extremely opposite to that expressed in the State Department plan. The two plans could then be compromised. He said that it was a top secret project, but that somehow the plan received some publicity and MORGENTHAU then decided he had to defend it. BITTERMAN said WHITE lost all sense of proportion about the plan and regarded it as something which was good in itself rather than recognizing it as an extreme position.

SHELDON AKERS, Executive Manager, Brookings Institution, 722 Jackson Place, North West, advised that COE was engaged by this organization from September, 1933, to June, 1934, as a Research Assistant. He was engaged in a statistical project concerning the National Recovery Act under SAMUEL HENRY NERLOVE and LEVERETT SAMUEL LYON. The file denoted that the subject had an offer for employment with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration of the Agriculture Department and with the Department of Treasury. The latter offer was tendered by Dr. JACOB VINER, although the person who made the offer at the Agricultural Adjustment Administration is not specified.

AKERS declared that he was acquainted with COE only as one of the members of the Staff. COE resided at 1724 Eye Street, North West, which the Institution maintained as a school and quarters for the Staff. COE impressed AKERS as a person who was very much in sympathy with the programs of the "New Deal" and one who was not conservative in his economic views. There was no indication that he would advocate the overthrow of the American Government by force and violence or that he was engaged in any subversive activities.

Personnel records of the Treasury Department denote that COE was employed by the National Association of Manufacturers during the summer of 1933.

II. McCARRAN COMMITTEE DECEMBER 1, 1952,  
AT NEW YORK CITY:

VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, 1918 North Roosevelt Street,  
Arlington, Virginia, accompanied by his counsel, MILTON F. FRIEDMAN,  
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522 5th Avenue, New York City, appeared on December 1, 1952, before the Subcommittee to Investigate The Administration of the Internal Security Act and other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary at New York City. The following pertinent information is set forth under subheadings for the purpose of clarity.

1. EDUCATION:

COE advised that he attended public schools in Memphis, Birmingham and in Chicago. He received a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree from the University of Chicago in 1926, and did post-graduate work in economics at the University of Chicago for approximately three years although no post-graduate degree was obtained.

2. EMPLOYMENT:

COE reported that he was employed for several months in the summer of 1934 as a Consultant for the Treasury Department having obtained this position through Professor JACOB VINER.

During the summer of 1936 and spring of 1939, COE was employed by the Treasury Department as a Consultant; from 1934 to 1939, he was employed as a Lecturer at the University of Toronto. COE declared that in the fall of 1939, he was appointed a Financial Adviser or a Consultant to the Federal Security Administrator, which employment terminated in the summer of 1940.

During the summer of 1940, COE related that he helped to organize a fiscal staff of economists at the National Advisory Defense Council.

In late 1940, COE informed that he was appointed Assistant Director of the Division of Monetary Research. He then transferred to the payroll of the Board of Economic Warfare in early 1942, where he worked as Executive Secretary of the Joint War Production Committee of the United States and Canada, and subsequently as an Assistant to the Executive Director of the Board of Economic Warfare.

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In the middle of 1943, the Board of Economic Warfare became part of the Foreign Economic Administration, where he became Assistant Administrator under LEO CROWLEY. COE was in charge of the Office of Economic Programs, which was concerned with economic aspects of the work of the agency, certain post-war economic research, and general finance.

This position terminated in late 1944 or early 1945, when COE was appointed Director of the Division of Monetary Research in the Treasury Department. This Office performed economic research on financial matters, largely, but not exclusively, of an international character for the Secretary of the Treasury. The subject matter consisted of financial structures of various countries of the world.

All of COE'S Government employment terminated in 1946, when he became Secretary of the International Monetary Fund.

Under the protection afforded by the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, COE declined to answer questions as to how he obtained employment with the above agencies, except with the FEA where this question was not propounded. COE similarly declined to state whether he had access to confidential information when employed by the Board of Economic Warfare and as Director of the Division of Monetary Research.

### 3. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND:

COE advised that he became Secretary of the International Monetary Fund in the summer of 1946 and that HARRY DEXTER WHITE was the first Executive Director. COE'S gross salary was \$20,000.00 per annum, with a net salary of \$15,500.00 per annum.

The International Monetary Fund was established by a document known as the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund, which was drafted at Bretton Woods Conference held in 1944, where COE acted as Technical Secretary. The United States Delegation was headed by Secretary MORGENTHAU and HARRY DEXTER WHITE was a member heading the commission which dealt with the Fund.

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COE'S duties were to see that papers were in order and ready for the Committee, that the meeting places for the Committee were arranged and that all of the administrative work of the conference proceeded. In regard to COE'S aid in drafting the Article which provided the basis for the International Monetary Fund, COE declared that prior to the Conference he worked in the United States Government and served on Committees which worked on the United States versions of these drafts.

COE declared that it is well known in the press that WHITE as early as 1941 produced the WHITE Plan for an International organization similar to which was later created. The Conference did not represent a "fulfilment" of the plan worked out by WHITE, but "various plans were produced of which his was most carefully studied and the draft of the Fund Agreement which was finally made, of course, was the result of work of men from many countries." Many features of the WHITE Plan were incorporated into the final agreement.

COE reported that the International Monetary Fund is considered as a specialized agency of the United Nations. It is an organization which has funds of gold and local currencies which members can purchase from the Fund for an exchange. The assets are somewhere between \$7,000,000,000.00 and \$8,000,000,000.00.

The following testimony is set forth concerning possible exercise of influence by the Secretary of the International Monetary Fund on the disposal and use of funds of the Fund and his access to confidential information. Senator HERBERT R. O'CONOR presiding with J. G. SOURWINE, Committee Counsel, and ROBERT MORRIS, Subcommittee Counsel:

"Mr. MORRIS. Now, as Secretary of that Fund, in handling the \$7,000,000,000 or \$8,000,000,000 you can exercise an influence on the disposal and use of those funds?

"Mr. COE. I am doubtful that that is correct.

"Mr. MORRIS. You are doubtful?

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"Mr. COE. That that is so. I suppose in one sense everyone who works there exercises an influence.

"Mr. MORRIS. But you are the Secretary.

"Mr. COE. But the rules about the use of resources and decisions about use of resources are not matters which come within the purview of the Secretary.

"Mr. SOURWINE. Have you never sought to influence the disposal or the use of the funds of the International Monetary Fund?

"Mr. COE. I wouldn't say that, no.

"Mr. SOURWINE. You have, then sought to influence such disposal or use?

"Mr. COE. I have participated in staff discussions, concerning all business of the Fund.

"Mr. SOURWINE. The question was as to intent; whether you had sought to influence it in any respect, at any time, to influence the disposal or use of those funds?

"Mr. COE. I don't recall my seeking to, but I wouldn't deny that I might have.

"Senator O'CONNOR. Mr. COE, in the exercise of the duties of the Secretary, would not the Secretary be called upon at times to either express an opinion or to give information upon which the decisions would be reached? Would that not be in the regular course of duty?

"Mr. COE. Well, the regular course of my duties as Secretary are procedural matters, relating to the various Boards and Committees of the Fund, and I don't think the Managing Director or either one of the Boards considers it part of my duties to discuss and to formulate decisions respecting the use of the Fund.

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"Mr. MORRIS. Now, in your post as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund, do you have access to the economic facts and monetary setup of every member country?

"Mr. COE. I have access to papers, which it is my duty to lay before the Board, of which I am Secretary.

"Senator O'CONNOR. Papers pertaining to what?

"Mr. COE. Some of those papers may concern economic or financial affairs of particular members.

"Mr. MORRIS. Well, you can, can you not, because of your position, Mr. COE, and the International Monetary Fund itself, can pretty much obtain all monetary and economic information that you need in carrying out your work? You can obtain that from any particular country, isn't that so, Mr. COE?

"Mr. COE. I think it is true that the Fund is given powers to obtain the information that it needs, for its work.

"Mr. MORRIS. And isn't one of the functions of the International Monetary Fund to make detailed, thorough and confidential surveys of the monetary and economic setup of all of the member countries? Isn't that one of the functions of the International Monetary Fund?

"Mr. COE. The Fund in connection with its functions, does attempt to study, to make a study, such as you have described, and it has, as a matter of fact, made such studies, that is right.

"Mr. MORRIS. And that is a matter of record. It is published, isn't it, Mr. COE? The fact underlying the question just addressed to you has been made public, has it not, Mr. COE?

"Mr. COE. I don't know, but I certainly think it could be.

"Mr. MORRIS. And you have, as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund, access to all of the studies?

"Mr. COE. I have access to them; that is correct.

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"Mr. SOURWINE. Mr. COE, is there any information available to the International Monetary Fund which is withheld from you?

"Senator O'CONNOR. Any information which is withheld from the Secretary?

"Mr. COE. There may be. There probably is.

"Mr. SOURWINE. To your knowledge, is there any information which is withheld from the Secretary?

"Mr. COE. The Managing Director has confidential relations with members, and it is in his discretion whom he tells about that.

"Mr. SOURWINE. I was speaking of information available to the Monetary Fund as such, not confidential communications to the Managing Director. Is there any information in the archives or files of the International Monetary Fund which is withheld from the Secretary of the Fund?

"Mr. COE. There may be.

"Mr. SOURWINE. Do you have any knowledge of any such information?

"Mr. COE. I know that it is the duty of various persons in the fund to safeguard particular types of information, and I don't know, because I haven't asked them, but it may very well be that they would withhold it from me.

"Mr. SOURWINE. Do you know of any rule or order instituted by duly constituted authority, and effective, with regard to the Fund, which requires that any information, or any class of information be withheld from the Secretary?

"Mr. COE. No; but that isn't the way that an order would be issued.

"Mr. SOURWINE. Have you ever asked for any information available to the Fund that you did not receive?

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"Mr. COE. I can't recall.

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"Mr. SOURWINE. That is all."

Mr. COE asserted that in the fall of 1951, he applied for a Passport in order to carry out official business of the Fund and that his request was denied in that the State Department considered it not in the best interest of the Country that he travel abroad.

COE declined to answer under the protection afforded by the Fifth Amendment, whether he is presently engaged in subversive activity, is a member of an espionage ring, whether he was engaged in subversive activities throughout the period that he was connection with the International Monetary Fund, or whether he has been a member of the Communist Party.

4. RELATIONS BETWEEN COE AND PERSONS NAMED BY THE COMMITTEE:

COE, upon the basis of the protection afforded by the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, declined to state whether he knew a number of individuals submitted to him by the Committee, which persons are subsequently set forth.

It is to be recalled that ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities Hearings regarding Communist espionage in the United States Government in 1948, identified two Communist espionage groups, composed of Government employees and Government officials in Washington, D. C. Information supplied from the files of the Federal Government by members of these espionage groups was conveyed to New York City and turned over to agents of the Soviet Union, according to Miss BENTLEY. She divided these groups into the Silvermaster Group, under NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, the Perlo Group, under VICTOR PERLO, and unattached members.

On August 3, 1948, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS testified to the above Committee regarding an underground apparatus which was

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set up by the Communist Party in the early 1930's for the purpose of infiltrating the Federal Government. This was known as the Ware-Abt Group, named after HAROLD WARE and JOHN J. ABT.

COE declined to answer, under the protection afforded by the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, whether he knew ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, upon questioning by the McCARRAN Committee.

A. CHARLES COE  
Aka. Bob Coe

COE reported that he has a brother CHARLES or BOB COE. He declined, however, on the basis of the Fifth Amendment, to state whether BOB COE was engaged in espionage. D.C.

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS furnished detailed information to Special Agents of the New York Office concerning his activities from 1924 to 1938. During the period of time in Washington, D. C., in the early and middle 1930's, when CHAMBERS was attempting to make contacts for his Communist Party underground group and also for espionage apparatus, HAL WARE, whom CHAMBERS described as the person responsible for forming the underground Communist group in Washington, D. C., with whom CHAMBERS was in contact, introduced CHAMBERS to one BOB COE, who was very close to HARRY DEXTER WHITE of the Treasury Department.

CHAMBERS continued, "ROBERT COE, I believe was a member of one of the cells of apparatus A. I do not know what Department of the Government he was employed in, if any. His older brother, FRANK COE, was at that time, I believe an Economic Instructor at McGill University in Canada. On several occasions from J. PETERS," (who has since been identified as ALEXANDER STEVENS, a known espionage agent) "GEORGE SILVERMAN, HARRY DEXTER WHITE and probably HAROLD WARE, I heard mentioned plans to bring FRANK COE from Canada so that he could be placed in the Treasury Department by WHITE. It is my understanding that FRANK COE, as well as his brother, ROBERT COE, was a member of the Communist Party."

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CHAMBERS described ~~GEORGE SILVERMAN~~ and ~~HAROLD WARE~~<sup>D.C.</sup> both as Communist Party members of the underground group.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY described GEORGE SILVERMAN and HARRY DEXTER WHITE both as members of the Communist Party and engaged in espionage activities for the benefit of the USSR in the early 1940's.

B. SOLOMON ADLER

COE, in his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 13, 1948, related that he had met SOLOMON ADLER at the Brookings Institution in 1933 or 1934. ADLER was subsequently a fellow employee at the United States Treasury Department and saw him from time to time.

On July 28, 1946, Special Agents RAPHAEL I. NIXON and CARL S. VOELKER observed ADLER at GEORGE SILVERMAN'S apartment from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. ADLER was observed by Special Agents BURT H. HEACOCK and JAMES J. KEECH to depart the SILVERMAN residence and to enter the residence of FRANK COE where he spent the remainder of the evening.

~~SOL ADLER~~ was named by Miss BENTLEY as a member of the Silvermaster Group engaged in Soviet espionage at Washington, D. C.

The name ~~SCHLOMER ADLER~~ (SOL ADLER?) was contained among the original notes made by ADOLPH A. BERLE, then Assistant Secretary of State, during the course of an interview with CHAMBERS, self-confessed espionage agent, at CHAMBERS' request in early September, 1939, concerning the existence of a possible Communist underground in the United States Government and CHAMBERS' knowledge of the identities of persons active therein whom he knew to be Communist or to have Communist leanings.

C. NORMAN BURLER

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COE, in his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 13, 1948, advised that he may have

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met BURLER when BURLER was employed by the United States Department of Justice, but he could not specifically recall. COE subsequently stated before the same Hearing that "I have seen almost nothing of him."

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY named NORMAN BURLER, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, as a member of the Silvermaster Group.

D. CHAO-TING CHI

COE advised Special Agents PATRICK M. RICE and HOWARD FLETCHER, JR., in March, 1952, that he was a classmate of CHI in the middle 1920's when both were students at the University of Chicago. He saw very little of CHI between the time that they were fellow students until early 1940. During World War II, CHI was an employee of the Chinese Government, probably with a purchasing commission in New York City, and came to Washington, D. C., from time to time on official business. He recalled that in 1945 he had some business with CHI, at which time CHI represented the Chinese Nationalist Government and he, COE, represented the United States Treasury Department.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities contains a clipping from the Washington Daily News, dated May 8, 1950, entitled "Amerasia Educator Duped By Co-founders" and bearing the by-line FREDERICK WOLTMAN. The article stated that Dr. CYRUS H. PEAKE of Columbia University and then an Intelligence Officer in the Division of Far Eastern Affairs, Department of State, told the News that he and other co-founders of the magazine "Amerasia", were completely unaware of PHILIP JAFFE'S Communist background, and that JAFFE'S closest associates in this magazine, FREDERICK V. FIELD and CHAO-TING CHI, were Communists and that all three had operated under aliases. Later in the article the following statement appeared:

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". . . CHAO-TING CHI, alias HANSU CHAN, wrote numerous articles in book reviews for the magazine 'Amerasia'.

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JAFFE described him in 'Amerasia' as a 'young Chinese scholar'. Actually CHI was a leading Chinese Communist who attended the Moscow Congress of the Communist Internationale . . . ."

No source was shown for the above information. The article also contained the statement that CHI helped edit a Chinese Communist newspaper from the ninth floor Politburo of the Communist Party Nationalists Headquarters in New York City. The article stated that CHI was waiting in Hong Kong to aid Soviet China's delegation to the United Nations as the nationalists were unseated.

E. LAUHLIN CURRIE

COE, in his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 13, 1948, asserted that he and LAUHLIN CURRIE were members of the same staff at the FEA in 1933. COE worked under CURRIE and had seen him from time to time.

On August 13, 1948, LAUHLIN CURRIE testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that he knew FRANK COE very well. He said that COE was Director of the Research in the FEA when he, LAUHLIN CURRIE, was Deputy Administrator at FEA.

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WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had stated that CURRIE was a "Fellow Traveler" who helped various Communists, but who never went the whole way.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in August, 1948, reported that LAUHLIN CURRIE was a member of the Silvermaster Group in that he furnished information to SILVERMASTER, but she stated that he was not a Communist to her knowledge.

F. ALGER HISS

COE advised in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 13, 1948, that he had met ALGER

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HISS but knows him only slightly.

HISS, during his testimony before the same Committee on August 5, 1948, replied in the affirmative to the question whether he knew the Mr. COE who was employed in the Treasury Department, Division of Monetary Research on June 17, 1946. HISS declared he knew COE only in an official capacity at the time he, HISS, was employed in the United States State Department. ALGER HISS stated he has also known COE since COE'S employment in the International Monetary Fund since he, HISS, is interested in all phases of the United Nations activities.

ALGER HISS was convicted on two counts of perjury on January 20, 1950, by the United States District Court in New York City, resulting from his testimony before a Grand Jury, wherein he denied that he had furnished any Government documents and other information to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or to any other unauthorized persons, and wherein he denied that he had seen WHITTAKER CHAMBERS subsequent to January 1, 1937.

G. HAROLD GLASSER

COE, in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 13, 1948, reported that GLASSER was a student at the University of Chicago at the same time that he was and that he knew him in the Treasury Department.

ILL. HAROLD GLASSER, upon interview on April 30, and May 3, 1947, by Special Agents JEROME M. GARLAND and E. HYATT MOSSBERG, at Washington, D. C., asserted that he met HARRY DEXTER WHITE in November, 1936, when he came to the Treasury Department to be interviewed concerning a position. Later GLASSER further pointed out that he had been recommended to WHITE by FRANK COE, a former classmate at the University of Chicago.

GLASSER advised that he first met COE in 1925 when they were both in attendance at the University of Chicago and that they were employed together at the Labor Bureau of the Midwest in Chicago.

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, identified HAROLD GLASSER as a member of the PERLO Group.

H. BELA GOLD

COE, in his testimony before the House Committee On Un-American Activities, declared that BELA GOLD was employed in an office which COE supervised at the FEA.

On August 13, 1948, BELA GOLD testified before the same Committee that he knew FRANK COE very well, having worked for him for a year.

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BELA GOLD was named by Miss BENTLEY as a Communist Party member who engaged in espionage activities through the SILVERMASTER Group.

I. SONIA GOLD

COE reported in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 13, 1948, that SONIA GOLD was employed in the same Division of Monetary Research, United States Treasury Department, when he came to work at the Treasury Department.

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Mrs. BELA (SONIA) GOLD was identified by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY before the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist Party member who was engaged in espionage through the SILVERMASTER Group.

J. IRVING S. FRIEDMAN

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Personnel records of the Office of International Finance, United States Department of Treasury, reflect that IRVING SIGMUND FRIEDMAN was born January 31, 1915, at Brooklyn, New York. This

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file contains a letter dated May 31, 1941, from H. D. ~~WHITE~~, Director of Monetary Research, requesting to know whether FRIEDMAN would be interested in an economic research position with the Treasury Department.

By letter dated June 2, 1941, FRIEDMAN advised that he was a Research Associate of the International Secretariat of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

On June 30, 1941, FRIEDMAN entered on duty with the Treasury Department as an Economic Analyst in Washington, D. C. He was employed from May, 1930, to February, 1940, by EDWARD C. CARTER, International Secretariat of the Institute of Pacific Relations, as a Research Associate. FRIEDMAN resigned his position as Associate Director of Monetary Research July 8, 1946, to accept a position with the International Monetary Fund, as Chief of the United States and Canada Section in the Division of Research.

The Institute of Pacific Relations is subsequently described in this report.

K. EDWARD GEORGE POSNIAK

Records of the Credit Bureau in a report dated May 11, 1948, denote that EDWARD GEORGE POSNIAK, 5404 39th Street, North West, is employed by the International Monetary Fund, 1818 H Street, North West.

T-1, of known reliability, reported on August 1, 1950, that both EDWARD and BETTY POSNIAK were members of the Communist Party in T-1's unit of the Communist Party. Informant first became acquainted with these individuals in 1937 prior to their marriage on July 14, 1937. (u)

BETTY POSNIAK was a member of the Communist Party at the time, EDWARD POSNIAK was not, having been dropped from the Party, however, about six months later he rejoined the Party.

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EDWARD POSNIAK claimed to have been very active in the Communist Party in France and claimed to be one of the Communist stalwarts who prevented the fascists from taking over power in France in 1934.

L. ~~J. PETERS~~  
Alexander Stevens *DC*

J. PETERS has been previously identified in this report by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as a known Russian espionage agent.

M. LEE PRESSMAN

On August 3, 1948, the House Committee on Un-American Activities heard the testimony of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. He testified regarding an underground apparatus which was set up by the Communist Party in the early 1930's for the purpose of infiltrating the Federal Government. Among the members of this group, according to CHAMBERS, was LEE PRESSMAN. *D.C.*

The 1948-1949 Who's Who in America denotes that LEE PRESSMAN, an attorney, was born July 1, 1906, at New York City, New York. From 1929 to 1933, he was Assistant General Counsel, Agricultural Adjustment Administration; 1933 to 1935, General Counsel, Works Progress Administration; 1935 to 1936, General Counsel, Congress of Industrial Organization, and for various labor unions. He resided at 4619 Norwood Drive, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

N. ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

COE, in his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 13, 1948, informed that he first met SILVERMAN about 1933 at Brookings Institution, Washington, D. C., and knew him subsequently in Washington, D. C., socially.

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FLORENCE TOMPKINS, 1812 18th Street, North West, reported in March, 1949, that during the period September, 1935, to May, 1945, she was employed as a domestic for SILVERMAN where she knew FRANK COE as a friend and visitor of SILVERMAN.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY named SILVERMAN, in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, as a member of the SILVERMASTER Group.

O. WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN D.C.

COE, in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 13, 1948, declared that ULLMAN was employed by the United States Treasury Department when COE worked there in 1939 and saw him there.

GEORGE E. STRIPLING, Chief Investigator, House Committee on Un-American Activities brought before the above Committee WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN'S Civil Service Application, Form 57, dated April 4, 1946, in which ULLMAN listed as his immediate supervisor FRANK V. COE, Director of Monetary Research, United States Treasury Department.

ULLMAN, who during the period of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY'S activity, resided with NATHAN G. SILVERMASTER, was described by Miss BENTLEY before the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist Party member who participated in espionage activities which included photographing Government documents, photographs of which were passed on to BENTLEY for transmission to her Russian superiors.

5. INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS

Exhibit Number 113 was introduced which contained a list of members of the Institute of Pacific Relations who were invited to a discussion group on the United Nations cooperation, March 15, 1943.

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Among those listed as "members expected" is Dr. FRANK COE of the Board of Economic Warfare, Washington, D. C. COE declined to state whether he attended this meeting on the basis of the protection afforded by the Fifth Amendment.

The Committee made reference to Exhibit Number 132, dated August 1, 1944, which is a memorandum from PHILIP C. JESSUP to RAYMOND DENNETT, who was then Secretary of the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations. It contained a list of some thirty individuals who were recommended by JESSUP to be delegates to the Hot Springs Convention. Among those named was FRANK COE.

COE declined to state whether he attended the above convention on the basis of the Fifth Amendment.

Mr. MORRIS, reading from the report on the IPR, stated that the Department of State in 1950 published a book entitled, "Post War Foreign Policy Preparation" which was a detailed description of post-war planning from 1935 to 1945. From this book the Subcommittee prepared a memorandum on the activities of persons associated with IPR who were active in post-war planning. Among those with IPR associations who played roles in post-war foreign policy preparation were the following:

"V. FRANK COE listed as a representative at meetings of the Interdepartmental group to consider post-war international economic problems and policies, representing the Treasury Department attended meetings of the American Technical Committee, representing the Foreign Economic Administration, alternate member of the Informal Policy Committee on Germany."

COE declined on the basis of the Fifth Amendment to state whether he participated in post-war planning with regard to Germany or China as far as fiscal policies were concerned.

Under the protection afforded by the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, COE declined to answer whether

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he knew the following individuals upon questioning before the Committee. This list is primarily individuals associated with the Institute of Pacific Relations:

A. LEN de CAUX  
Leonard Howard de Caux

[T-2, of known reliability, (S)(u)] reported in July, 1943, that LEONARD de CAUX attended the Eighth International Conference of the American Council of Pacific Relations at Mount Tremblant, Quebec, during the early part of December, 1942.

(S)(u) [T-3, of known reliability, reported in the fall of 1950, that ZIVA RAY BROWN invited T-3 to join the Communist Party in the presence of LEONARD HOWARD de CAUX. In extending this invitation, BROWN stated that de CAUX was a member of the Communist Party.] (S)(u)

B. EMILE DES PRES

[T-1 reported in May, 1951, that while T-1 had no direct knowledge of DES PRES' affiliation with the Communist Party in Washington, D. C. T-1 knew that EMILE DES PRES' wife, JOANNA, was a member of the Communist Party during the time the DES PRES resided in the Washington, D. C., area.] (S)(u)

[T-1 recalled comments made by DES PRES' wife, JOANNA, which indicated that his, EMILE DES PRES', Party membership was taken for granted.] (S)(u)  
A.C. C.P.

EDWARD C. CARTER, a Board member of the Institute of Pacific Relations, advised the Senate Subcommittee investigating the IPR, that EMILE DES PRES has been a contributor or has been connected with the Institute for some time.  
M.K.

C. FREDERICK V. FIELD  
Frederick Vanderbilt Field

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former managing editor of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, advised Special

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University, 1934, Master of Arts, Columbia University, 1924, Doctor of Philosophy, Columbia University, 1927, and Doctor of Laws, Western Reserve University, 1941. Since 1925, he has been a member of the faculty of Columbia University.

During 1924 and 1925 he was Assistant Solicitor for the United States Department of State. In 1929 he served as Assistant to ELIHU ROOT at the Conference of Jurists on a preliminary Court of International Justice. In 1930, he was Legal Advisor to the American Ambassador in Cuba. JESSUP held the position of Chairman of the Office of Foreign Relief, United States Department of State, from February to December, 1943.

During the years 1943 and 1944, he served as Assistant Secretary General at the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration Conference and the Bretton Woods Conference. He was Chairman of the Pacific Council, Institute of Pacific Relations 1938 to 1942, trustee Carnegie Institute for International Peace, American Bar Association, member Board of Directors, Foreign Policy Association and others. JESSUP is the author of numerous books dealing with International law.

F. BENJAMIN KIZER

The records of T-4, another Government Agency which conducts personnel and security type investigations, reflects that BENJAMIN H. KIZER, member of the law firm of Graves, Kizer and Graves, appears on a list of the proposed delegates to the IPR Triennial Conference to be held at Mt. Tremblant, Canada, December 4 to December 14, 1942.

G. WILLIAM W. LOCKWOOD  
William Wirt Lockwood

*N.Y.*  
The personnel files of the United States Army reflect that WILLIAM WIRT LOCKWOOD was employed from February, 1935, to February, 1940, as Research Secretary of the American Council

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Agents WILLIAM J. McCARTHY, JR. and EDWARD F. McCARTHY on April 18, 1950, that the IPR was not a Communist front organization, but many Communists were active in the organization and had a strong influence in it. He stated that for many years ~~FREDERICK V.~~ FIELD was the Secretary of the IPR. He knew ~~FREDERICK V.~~ FIELD to be a Communist because he met him at closed Communist meetings.

On April 5, 1950, BUDENZ reported that from 1937 to 1945, FIELD was a member of the Politburo of the Communist Party and attended meetings two or three times a week at which meetings he submitted detailed reports. BUDENZ further advised that it was generally understood at the top level of the Communist Party that FIELD engaged in espionage activities due to his contacts with J. PETERS and also FIELD'S report mentioned his "couriers and information he received from them."

D. MICHAEL GREENBERG  
Of the Board of Economic Warfare

COE, in his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 13, 1948, declared that MICHAEL GREENBERG was employed in the FEA or Board of Economic Warfare and that COE knew him at that time. COE saw him several times, this being about 1943, but does not recall GREENBERG very well.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, in her testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, named MICHAEL ~~GREENBERG~~ as one of the unattached individuals who cooperated in furnishing information from Government files for the use of Russian agents.

E. PHILIP CARYL JESSUP

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Personnel records of the United States Mission to the United Nations denote that PHILIP CARYL ~~JESSUP~~, United States Ambassador at Large, was born January 5, 1897, at New York City. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Hamilton College in 1919, Doctor of Laws, Hamilton College, 1937, Bachelor of Laws, Yale

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of Pacific Relations, 129 East 52nd Street, New York City, New York, where he was responsible for planning and conducting research on economic problems of the Far East with particular interest to Japanese industry and trade.

H. ~~ROBERT C. MILLER~~  
(State) Robert T. Miller, III

COE, in his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 13, 1948, related that ROBERT T. MILLER, III, is a parent at the school where his child attends and he has met MILLER there.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, in her testimony before the above Committee, reported that there were certain individuals engaged in the Government who cooperated in obtaining information from the files of the Government for the use of Russian agents, but who were not actually attached to either the SILVERMASTER or the PERLO Group. She included ROBERT T. MILLER in this category.

I. ~~HARRIETT MOORE~~  
Mrs. Samuel Gelfan  
nee Harriett Lucy Moore

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker", advised Special Agent WILLIAM J. McCARTHY, JR. on June 23, 1950, that HARRIETT MOORE was formerly connected with the IPR in New York City, and was also a writer for "Soviet Russia Today".

BUDENZ declared that during the early 1940's, he was advised by EUGENE DENNIS or JACK STACHEL, Communist Party National Functionary, that HARRIETT MOORE was a member of the Communist cell in the IPR. Her name had been mentioned as a Communist by FREDERICK V. FIELD in a report to Politburo on Eastern Affairs.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~J. CONSTANTINE OUMANSKY

CONSTANTINE OUMANSKY, former Russian Ambassador to the United States from 1939 to 1941, was killed in an airplane crash en route from Mexico to Costa Rica.

K. WILLIAM T. STONE  
William Treadwell Stone

The personnel records of the Board of Economic Warfare contain an application in which STONE indicated that he had been a member of the American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations, 129 East 52nd Street, New York City.

On February 20, 1939, the IPR filed a Certificate of Incorporation, at Washington, D. C., and among the incorporators were WILLIAM T. STONE.

L. WILLIAM H. TAYLOR

N.Y. D.C. C.R.

COE reported that he knew WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, an employee of the Fund. He declined, however, to state when he last saw TAYLOR prior to the time he saw him in the Courtroom on December 1, 1952. TAYLOR is now an employee of the International Monetary Fund. COE has seen little of TAYLOR socially. During most of this period TAYLOR has been abroad.

On August 13, 1948, when testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, COE related that TAYLOR was employed in the Division of Monetary Research, United States Treasury Department, on two occasions while COE was employed there.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY has named WILLIAM H. TAYLOR in her testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities as

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a member of the SILVERMASTER Group of the Communist Party.

M. VINCENT LOMBARDO ~~TOLEDANO~~

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[T-5, of known reliability, advised that whereas there is no proof of VICENTE LOMBARDO ~~TOLEDANO~~'S, Head of the Confederation of Latin American Workers, membership in the Communist Party, all of his acquaintances and associates are those of a Communist. T-5 advised that the Confederation of Latin American Workers is an instrument for Communist activity, particularly in the labor field throughout Latin America. It is controlled and dominated by known Communist members such as LAZARO ~~BENA~~ of Cuba and SALVADOR ~~UCAMPO~~ of Chile.

N. DAVID ~~WEINTRAUB~~

~~MA'S~~ DAVID ~~WEINTRAUB~~ recently resigned his position as Director of the Division of Economic Stabilization and Development, Department of Economic Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, New York City, New York, having been in that position since 1946.

[T-6, who has furnished information which in some instances has been found reliable and which in some instances has been found unreliable, advised on January 15, 1937, that DAVID WEINTRAUB was employed by the National Research Project, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was a Communist organizer for New York City in 1930.

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[On May 3, 1950, T-6 related that he could not remember WEINTRAUB'S association with the National Research Project, however, [T-6] claimed that WEINTRAUB was a Communist Party member in 1930, although [T-6] did not know the basis for this assertion.

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[T-7, of known reliability, reported that he first met WEINTRAUB and his wife, SYLVIA, during 1934. WEINTRAUB must have joined the Communist Party about 1937, as about that time he began talking about it. [T-7] did not know of any documentary evidence to

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support WEINTRAUB'S membership in the Communist Party.

WEINTRAUB was familiar with [T-7's] (X (u)) background in the Communist Party and for that reason appeared to feel free to discuss such matters. [T-7] recalled on one occasion WEINTRAUB complained about the amount of dues he had to make to the Party. WEINTRAUB never mentioned anything to indicate that he ever held an office in the Communist Party, but he did indicate that he worked completely under cover which was the policy for members to follow when they were working in the Government service.

In regard to the Institute of Pacific Relations, LOUIS F. BUDENZ on April 2, 1948, reported that the "Institute of Pacific Relations was originally non-Communists, but Communists infiltrated. The IPR was discussed at political meetings of the Communist Party. The professional staff of the IPR contained many non-Communists who were friends to the Communist because of the myth that the Chinese Reds were merely agrarian reformers. The Communist Party did have a great influence in the IPR and at times controlled its policy."

The American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations, was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in their report of 1948, as a Communist front organization which received funds from the American People's Fund, another front organized and directed by FREDERICK V. FIELD as a repository for funds to be distributed to Communist enterprises.

[The files of T-8, a Government Agency which conducts personnel and security type investigations, reflect that the Institute of Pacific Relations was not completely "Communistically controlled" but has served as a "Communist propaganda agency". The information continued that in February, 1942, the American Section of the Institute of Pacific Relations, headed by PHILIP C. JESSUP had served as a "Communist propaganda agency".

III. MISCELLANEOUS:

The records of [T-8] (X (u)) contain no additional information on the subject or his wife.

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[The records of T-9, a Government Agency which conducts personnel and security type investigations,] contain no additional information on FRANK COE. (S) (u)

The files of [T-9] denote that the name NOLA MALLINSON, England, appeared on a card indices found on the premises of the Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas, by State of Arkansas Officials at the time of its closing by the State. These card indices contained the names of and the addresses of faculty members, campers, students, maintenance employees, visitors and friends of instructors of the College.

It is not known whether the NOLA MALLINSON referred to above is identical with the subject's wife. ARK ENGLAND

It is to be noted that the Corporate Charter of the Commonwealth College was revoked upon conviction in criminal proceedings brought by the State of Arkansas January 29, 1941, at Polk County Circuit Court, Arkansas, for failure to display the American Flag, displaying an illegal emblem (the Hammer and Sickle) and for teaching anarchy.

The records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities contain no additional information regarding the subject.

[T-10, T-11, T-12, and T-13, all of known reliability,] who are familiar with various phases of Communist Party activities in the Washington, D. C., area, advised that the subject and his wife are unknown to them. (S) (u)

The Greater Washington Metropolitan City and Telephone Directory reflects that FRANK V. COE resides at 1918 North Roosevelt, Arlington, Virginia.

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One copy of instant report is being furnished to the Richmond Office inasmuch as the subject resides in that territory.

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Louisville Office inasmuch as that office may be requested to conduct investigation in instant matter.

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| Re: DES PRES       |  | 8/1/50        | JOHN E. HOWARD          | 101-343-21, page 1  |
| T-2<br>[redacted]  |  | 7/1943        |                         | 100-3188-29-1       |
| T-3<br>[redacted]  | (S)(U)   |               | EDWARD J. KIRMY         | 100-3188-179-page 1 |

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Security Division,  
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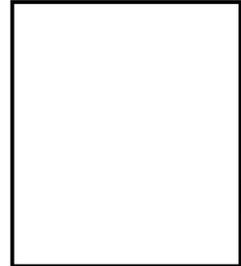
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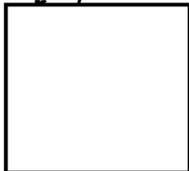
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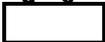
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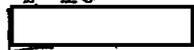


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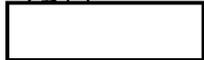
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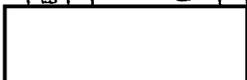
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WILLIAM P. SPRINGSTON

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

*Ser. 105*

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Will report the results of a thirty day mail cover placed on subject's residence at 1918 North Roosevelt, Arlington, Virginia.

Will report a check on the subject's long distance telephone number placed for the past three months at JE 2-4281.

Will report the results of a review of the Immigration and Naturalization Service records of the subject's wife, NORA MALLISON.

Will review Passport records on the subject at the Department of State. It is noted that he reported to the Department of State that he married NORA MALLINSON June 20, 1931, at Yorkshire, England, although Passport records denote no issuance prior to 1941.

Will report the results of name check of the subject and his wife with OSI, Security Division, Department of State, CIA and Military Intelligence, District of Washington, D. C.

Will determine whether subject or his spouse are known

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Will conduct discreet neighborhood investigation at 1918 North Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia, to ascertain subject's employment and activities.

Will conduct neighborhood investigation on past residences of COE in the Washington, D. C., area.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C. (Continued)

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Will interview individuals who associated with the subject at all Government agencies where he was employed.

Will interview LEON C. MARSHALL, 7007 Rolling Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland, for whom COE was employed at John Hopkins Law Institute and at Brookings Institution.

Will search appropriate University of Toronto College Directory at the United States Office of Education for information concerning COE and his associations in Canada. It is noted that in an application at the Treasury Department, he listed V. W. BLADEN, University of Toronto, the person to be notified in the event of an emergency.

The names E. J. URWICK of the University of Toronto and JOSEPH PARKINSON, Ottawa, Canada, appeared in the subject's personnel records.

Will set out appropriate lead to identify the NOLA MALLINSON, England, whose name appears in the card indices found at Commonwealth College.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE:

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK:

Will check records of the National Association of Manufacturers on subject who was employed on a research project for them in the summer of 1933.

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AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK: (Continued)

Will check offices indices and if deemed advisable will interview ALBERT GAILORD HART, date of birth March 9, 1909, Oak Park, Illinois, 29 Clairmount Avenue, New York City, for information concerning COE.

Treasury records denote HART was employed on a Money and Planning Survey for the Treasury Department with COE. HART was a teaching assistant at the University of Chicago from 1932 to 1934, and an Economic Analyst in 1934.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field Office dated December 16, 1952.  
Bureau letter to New York dated January 2, 1953.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

LEON C. MARSHALL first met FRANK COE at University of Chicago. MARSHALL was Dean of the School of Commerce and COE was in his classes 1925-1928. MARSHALL had subsequent employment contacts with COE at Johns Hopkins University, Institute of Law, Baltimore about 1930 and at Brookings Institute, Washington, D.C., 1933. MARSHALL recalls no contact with COE since 1934. MARSHALL says it is very difficult for him to believe COE could have had any CP connections during the period 1925-1934.

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*Report submitted 3-26-53.*  
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**DETAILS:**

LEON C. MARSHALL, former supervisor of subject at Brookings Institute, Washington, D.C. was interviewed in an attempt to determine who tendered COE a position with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in 1934.

AT CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

Mr. LEON C. MARSHALL was interviewed at his residence, 7007 Rolling Road. He is retired from the faculty of American University.

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During the period 1925-1928 he taught at the University of Chicago and was Professor of Economics and Dean of the School of Commerce. ~~Mrs. VIRGINUS FRANK COE~~ was one of his students. Mr. MARSHALL was unacquainted with COE prior to the time he met him at the University of Chicago.

At the outset of the interview Mr. MARSHALL explained that his personal recollection of names, dates and places was sometimes vague and not as good as that of his wife. He thereupon called upon Mrs. MARY K. MARSHALL to assist him and the interview from this point was conducted jointly with Mr. and Mrs. MARSHALL.

Mr. MARSHALL explained that COE was one of a small research group of about 12 students who, in addition to their classroom studies, used to meet at the MARSHALL residence in the evening for continued study and discussion. At these sessions Mrs. MARSHALL would serve refreshments and she likewise became personally acquainted with COE on this account.

Mr. MARSHALL continued that about 1928 he transferred to John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, where with three other founders, he started the Institute of Law. A staff of some 20 to 25 persons was assembled to work under the supervision of the four founders into a research study of the origins of law and Mr. MARSHALL could not recall exactly, but he believed he probably brought COE along with him or sent for him and offered him a job on the research staff. The Institute itself continued for about five years and how long of this period COE was employed he could not recall.

In any event, with the advent of the depression

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years certain stocks and securities, the income from which was supplying funds for the Institute, became less valuable and the Institute was discontinued. Mr. MARSHALL had a vague recollection that immediately after leaving the Institute, COE and his wife went to some small town in Kentucky, where they "lived in the woods" and perhaps COE taught at some small neighborhood college or school.

Both Mr. and Mrs. MARSHALL said they had no social contact with COE during the Baltimore period and Mr. MARSHALL's contacts with him were confined exclusively to their mutual employment.

Mrs. MARSHALL commented that it was during this period at Baltimore that COE met and married a girl named NORMA (NORA), an English girl, who was one of the research workers on the Institute staff.

Mr. MARSHALL continued that when the Institute folded he obtained employment at the Brookings Institute, Washington, D.C. This was about 1933. Again his recollection was vague as to how COE came to work under his supervision there, but he was of the opinion that he probably corresponded with COE and offered him a job, or COE showed up and asked for one. In any event, during the period about 1933-1934, MARSHALL was engaged in a research project having to do with NRA and COE worked under him.

Mr. and Mrs. MARSHALL both stated neither of them had any social contact with Mr. and Mrs. COE in Washington, D.C., their knowledge of him during this period being confined to Mr. MARSHALL's contact with him at work.

Mr. MARSHALL said he left the Brookings Institute just after General JOHNSON gave up the NRA and he, MARSHALL, was one of the committee thereafter set up to run NRA. MARSHALL was Executive Secretary of this committee. He has no recollection that COE came with him to NRA and does not know what became of COE at this time. Mr. MARSHALL had no information as to how COE transferred to the Agriculture Adjustment Administration at this time and could offer no information as to who may have sponsored COE with AAA. He did say that with respect to his own leaving of Brookings

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Institute, that the project of NRA research had been completed and COE had been working with him on this project and the chances are that COE's job ran out at Brookings Institute and it was necessary for him to obtain employment elsewhere.

Mr. MARSHALL said he has no recollection of having seen COE since about 1934. He continued that he has a "dim" suspicion that he may have seen COE on the street and had a passing conversation and it may well be that shortly after leaving Brookings Institute that he was in correspondence with COE on the basis of a request from COE for an employment recommendation. Any such correspondence would be within a few years of 1934 and he is quite positive that he has not seen nor corresponded with COE since 1940.

Both Mr. and Mrs. MARSHALL expressed themselves as being surprised when they read in the papers recently that COE had refused to answer questions before a Senate Investigating Committee bearing on the question whether he is now or ever was a member of the Communist Party. Mrs. MARSHALL remarked that she had read a newspaper which carried COE's photograph and on viewing it she recognized him from her Chicago contacts with him and called the news item about the Senate Internal Security Hearings to her husband's attention.

Mr. MARSHALL commented with reference to his reading of the news stories, that nothing had ever come to his attention before to reflect COE was "a wild-eyes radical." He continued that he remembered COE as a "nice lad" who was alert and quick and he carried away no impression that COE was "unusually liberal or conservative." Mr. MARSHALL stated "In such matters COE did not stand out in any particular manner, nor did any of COE's associates." He further stated that it was very difficult for him to believe that COE could possibly have had any CP connections during the time 1925-1934, when he was associated with him in the classroom and at work.

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Mr. LEON C. MARSHALL said that the small group of research students in Chicago included WILLIAM GOETZ, who is now a Professor of Economics on the faculty of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and WILLIAM SHELDON, who may now be on the faculty of Columbia University, New York City. MARSHALL said that SHELDON is a "brain" in the psychosomatic field and has written books on this subject and if not on the Columbia University staff, could be located through inquiry there or at Rockefeller Institute, New York City, which has sponsored SHELDON as a research fellow.

Others recalled by MARSHALL as fellow classmates of COE who would know him well are AELVA MARQUARD, who works in Washington, D.C. and who lived in an apartment on 16th Street, N.W. Also, RUTH RETICKER, who is employed by Social Security and who lives in Washington, D.C.

He commented that the four he named were very high type individuals who would willingly furnish any information within their knowledge of interest to the FBI, and he believed that inasmuch as they were of the same age group as COE, that they would be in a better position to furnish information on COE's activities and contacts during the period of their acquaintance with him at the University of Chicago. He does not know if any of the four have been in any close contact with COE since their college days.

With respect to possible contacts at the Institute of Law, Johns Hopkins University, Mr. MARSHALL commented that two of the remaining three founders are dead and the staff is scattered and he doubts if any of those who worked with COE in Baltimore would have had any close contact with him during those years.

Mr. MARSHALL was unable to suggest any contacts or acquaintances closely connected with COE at the Brookings Institute or in subsequent years.

A copy of this report is furnished to the Louisville Office for its information, but no lead is set out inasmuch as the pertinent lead was set out in the teletype referenced.

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For the information of the Cincinnati Office the Bureau, by letter dated December 16, 1952, directed all investigation in this case was to be given immediate attention and the results are to be properly furnished to the Bureau in report form suitable for dissemination. Persons interviewed should be questioned to determine the background activities and associations of the subject which would establish CP membership or association. The subject is one of 22 American employees of the United Nations who took refuge in their constitutional right of refusing to answer questions on the ground that they might incriminate themselves when they were recently called before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee holding hearings in New York City. VIRGINUS FRANK COE was Secretary of the International Monetary Fund and was drawing an annual tax free salary of \$20,000. He has since been fired.

The Bureau has also furnished information that BEN MANDEL on 12-5-52 advised that FRANK COE, according to ELIZABETH BENTLEY, had been in touch with a Canadian during the period of time that ELIZABETH BENTLY was active in the Soviet espionage network. JAY LOVESTONE had informed MANDEL that he believes the individual who may have been COE's contact in Canada was an individual named SKELTON.

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CINCINNATI -OFFICE

AT YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO

Will interview WILLIAM GOETZ, Professor of Economics on the faculty of Antioch College, who was a fellow student with FRANK COE at the University of Chicago about 1925-1928.



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NEW YORK OFFICE

AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Will interview WILLIAM SHELDON, believed to be on the faculty or who may be located through inquiry at this University or the Rockefeller Institute and who is prominent in the pschosomatic field. SHELDON was a fellow student with FRANK COE at the University of Chicago about 1925-1928.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will interview AELVA MARQUARD, believed to be employed in Washington, D.C. and to reside in an apartment on 16th Street, N.W., and RUTH RETICKER, employed by Social Security and residing in Washington, D.C. These two were classmates of FRANK COE and belonged to a research study group with him at the University of Chicago about 1925-1928.

Reference

Report of SA ALEKSO POPTANICH, dated 1-26-53  
at Chicago *ser. 73*  
Butel to WFO, Baltimore and Louisville, 1-21-53.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: February 17, 1953

FROM : SAC, WFO (77-2536)

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
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Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service as reviewed February 4, 1953, on the subject's wife, NORA MALLINSON, reflect that she was born December 6, 1906, at York, England. She first entered the United States in September, 1929, on a three year student visa. She attended the University of Chicago on a fellowship to study philosophy where she met FRANK COE and married him June 20, 1931, at Richmond, Kentucky. *ILL*

On January 23, 1933, COE filed a petition for issuance of an immigration visa for his wife wherein he was required to have two witnesses. They were FREDERICK L. SHUMAN, 6149, Dorchester Avenue, who was born February 22, 1904, Chicago, Illinois, and HAROLD GLASSER, 5514 Blackstone Avenue, born November 9, 1905, both residing Chicago, Illinois, who both stated that they have known COE for a period of ten years. *111*

GLASSER had advised agents of this office on April 30, and May 3, 1947, that he and COE were classmates at the University of Chicago and that they were employed together at the Labor Bureau of the Midwest in Chicago.

The 1948 - 1949 edition of Who's Who in America reflects that FREDERICK L. SHUMAN is a Professor at Williams College with residence at 10 Glen Street, Williamstown, Massachusetts. He was an instructor in Political Science at the University of Chicago from 1927 - 1932.

It is to be recalled that the subject and HAROLD GLASSER were both named by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948 as being members of a group of government officials in Washington, D. C., who were furnishing information from government files to agents of the Soviet Union.

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COE was born January 5, 1907, at Richmond, Virginia, and until December 2, 1952, held the position of Secretary of the International Monetary Fund. A complete biographical sketch is available on him in the current edition of Who's Who in America.

The Boston Office is requested to search office indices on FREDERICK L. SHUMAN and if deemed advisable, interview him concerning the subject's activities during the period he was acquainted with him at Chicago, Illinois.

Will also determine whether SHUMAN was acquainted with GLASSER and if so ascertain his knowledge of GLASSER's activities at Chicago, Illinois.

The Bureau has directed that all investigation in this matter be given immediate attention and the results be promptly furnished to the Bureau in report form suitable for dissemination.

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C. F. SIMPSON, Postmaster, Arlington, Virginia, informed SA WILLIAM L. DESONIA on February 16, 1953, that the following correspondence was received at 1918 North Roosevelt Street, Arlington, Virginia, from January 7, 1953, to February 7, 1953, which residence is occupied by V. FRANK COE:

| <u>TO</u>      | <u>FROM</u>  | <u>DATE</u>                          |
|----------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| FRANK COE      | W. W. HAWK<br>Delmonte Ranch<br>San Cristobal, New Mexico            | January 19, 1953                     |
| FRANK COE      | Rumpus Mart<br>1837 West Glendoaks Boulevard<br>Glendale, California | January 14, 1953                     |
| MISS ELIZ. COE | W. W. HAWK<br>Delmonte Ranch<br>San Cristobal, New Mexico            | January 20, 1953                     |
| FRANK COE      | No return address.<br>Oxford, England                                | February 2, 1953                     |
| MRS. NORA COE  | MRS. G. R.<br>4200 South San Pedro Place<br>Los Angeles, California  | January 28, 1953<br>February 7, 1953 |

The Albuquerque Office is requested to cause a search to be made of pertinent records concerning W. W. HAWK, Delmonte Ranch, Sna Cristobal, New Mexico, and report information concerning him.

The Los Angeles Office is requested to identify MRS. G. R., 4200 South San Pedro Place, and report information concerning her from pertinent sources.

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It is also requested that similar information be reported concerning Rumpus Mart, 1837 West Glendoaks Boulevard, Glendale, California.

For the information of the Albuquerque Office, it is to be recalled that the subject was named by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948, as being a member of a group of government officials in Washington, D. C., who were furnishing information from government files to agents of the Soviet Union.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

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Reference is made to Bureau letter to Washington Field dated February 4, 1953; report of SA JOSHUA B. ENSOR dated January 22, 1953, at New York; Bureau letter to New York dated January 2, 1953; Bureau letter to Washington Field dated December 16, 1952; and New York letter to the Director dated December 2, 1952, wherein reference is made to a Canadian contact of COE when COE was employed on some type of joint United States - Canadian board.

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY reported on November 20, 1952, that she never met the subject but knew him as FRANK V. COE in early 1942 when the subject supplied financial and economic data to NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER. She further advised that she could not describe specifically the type of information, but recalls that the material did have the following notation inscribed thereon "From FRANK."

MISS BENTLEY recalled that sometime in the spring of 1943, she received information from (apparently for) JACOB GOLOS to (apparently through) SILVERMASTER or ULLMAN, that he (apparently COE) met a Canadian who was a Communist and wanted to know if he should attempt to get information from the Canadian and bring it to the attention of JACOB GOLOS.

MISS BENTLEY could not recall the primary source of this information nor could she provide the name of the Canadian referred to above except that it was her opinion that it sounded like the name of a person who had been involved in the Canadian spy trials.

She advised that she could recall nothing specifically relating to COE's Canadian friend and that it was her opinion that nothing was every developed with relation to setting up the Canadian as a contact of COE.

BEN MANDEL on December 5, 1952, advised that FRANK COE, according to MISS BENTLEY, had been in touch with a Canadian during the period of

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time that ELIZABETH BENTLEY was active in the Soviet Espionage network. JAY LOVESTONE informed MANDEL that he believes that the individual who may have been COE's contact in Canada was an individual named SKELTON. He said SKELTON for a number of years was an Assistant to LESTER PEARSON. He added SKELTON was not known to have any visible Communist Party connections.

In connection with the inquiries made by the Royal Commission in Canada into Soviet Espionage, DEAN G. MARBLE, Secretary of the Bank of Canada, furnished information on March 15, 1946, concerning ERIC ADAMS of the Canadian Foreign Exchange Control Board and AGATHA CHAPMAN, an employee of the Bank of Canada. Both CHAPMAN and ADAMS were implicated in the disclosures made by EGOR GOUZENKO. MR. MARBLE stated that both ADAMS and CHAPMAN had received positions after discussions with ALEX SKELTON, Chief of the Research Department of the Bank of Canada. (S)(u)

On December 1, 1952, MISS BENTLEY in testimony before an Executive Session of the McCarran Committee related that FRANK V. COE or V. FRANK COE was a member of the Silvermaster Group and also a member of the Communist Party. She obtained this information from SILVERMASTER and his wife, HELEN. SILVERMASTER collected dues for the group and handed them over to BENTLEY. The SILVERMASTERS told her that COE's dues were included in that of the group.

MISS BENTLEY further related that COE's information was labeled "from FRANK" which consisted mainly of monetary and financial information. COE was on some joint Canadian-American Finance Board and in the course of that, he ran into an old comrade of his, a Canadian. This was before GOLOS died in 1943. After they had sparred, they both admitted that they were Communist again. This information came through ULLMAN and the SILVERMASTERS. They told BENTLEY that a Canadian man had valuable information and that the idea was that he would like to pass it on to COE, to be passed on to her. BENTLEY asserted that she spoke to GOLOS about that and that he said he would have to check on it to see whether or not it would be a good idea. Before GOLOS had a chance to have an answer on it, GOLOS died at the end of 1943, and it was never taken up after that. The SILVERMASTERS brought it up again and BENTLEY kept telling her subsequent contacts about it and they kept stalling her off.

MISS BENTLEY further reported that the last time she heard about COE when she was in the Communist Underground was in September, 1944,

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When she handed the Silvermaster Group over to some other Russian contact, COE was a party member but more an opportunist who they could not seem to control and had to offer him better positions.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY advised agents of the New York Office on January 16, 1953, that she knew FRANK COE to be a minor member of the Silvermaster Group in Washington, D. C., from 1941, until she ceased her activities at the end of 1944. She had never met FRANK COE, but she knew that COE was a member of this group because SILVERMASTER had told her that COE was a member. She also recalls that at one time, SILVERMASTER had given her a report on economic information which was listed as "From FRANK." MISS BENTLEY could not recall the exact information which was contained in this report. She was also of the opinion that COE, who was employed by the United States Treasury, may have furnish information to SILVERMASTER through HARRY DEXTER WHITE, although she had no way of actually determining this.

From what she had learned from SILVERMASTER, MISS BENTLEY characterized COE as an opportunist, who was out to get all he could for himself, even though he was a Communist. She had no definite information that he was a Communist, although it was her understanding from SILVERMASTER that he was. Every so often, COE would "lie down on the job," and SILVERMASTER would have to "bait him" by getting him a better job through his, SILVERMASTER's, connections in the government.

About the Spring of 1943, which was prior to the death of JACOB GOLOS, SILVERMASTER told MISS BENTLEY that COE had said that he had met a former friend of his in Canada, and that after renewing their friendship, they both discovered that they were "in the same category," and this friend led COE to believe that he was still a Communist, and would like to furnish information to the Russians. This information, which was relayed to MISS BENTLEY by SILVERMASTER, was relayed by her to JACOB GOLOS, who was supposed to check on it. In the meantime, GOLOS died, and MISS BENTLEY took the matter up with her Russian superiors, who, after much deliberation, told her to "drop it." This information was referred on to SILVERMASTER, and nothing further was done to develop this Canadian contact of COE's.

MISS BENTLEY stated that she believes that she had heard the name of this Candian friend of COE's mentioned, but she cannot recall the name. She does recall that this person was a man with a short, Anglo-Saxon name, who was supposed to be COE's Canadian counter-part on some type of joint United States and Canadian Board, on which COE was at that time working. She also believes that this Board had something to do with economics.

MISS BENTLEY was asked whether this unknown individual might have been ERIC ADAMS of the Canadian Foreign Exchange Control Board, or an

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individual named SKELTON, who was for a number of years an assistant to LESTER PEARSON. She said that she could not recall, but the name ADAMS seemed to fit the type of name to which she had previously made mention.

It is to be noted that on November 20, 1952, MISS BENTLEY knew of COE in early 1942, whereas on January 16, 1953, she stated this date as 1941 until he ceased his activities at the end of 1944. In her testimony before the McCarran Committee, MISS BENTLEY reported that the last time she heard about COE was in September, 1944.

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 In regard to COE's Canadian contact, she advised the McCarran Committee that it was during the period COE was on a joint ~~Canadian-American~~ Finance Board. In interview January 16, 1953, she states this date as about the spring of 1943 which was prior to the death of JACOB GOLOS (apparently determining the date by GOLOS' death) and that this board had something to do with economics.

It is further noted that during an interview on November 20, 1952, she advised that he (apparently COE) wanted to know if he should attempt to get information from the Canadian and bring it to the attention of JACOB GOLOS. It would seem that in this instance, the initiative was on the part of COE, whereas in subsequent interviews, MISS BENTLEY reported that the Canadian had wanted to furnish information to the Soviets through COE.

Records of the Office of Security, Department of State, as reviewed February 10, 1953, denote that the Joint Economic Committees of the United States and Canada were established June 17, 1941, and were directed to study and report to their respective governments on the possibility of effecting a more economic, more efficient, and more coordinated utilization of the combined resources of the two countries in the production of defense requirements and the possibility of reducing post-war economic dislocation.

The Canadian Committee established a separate Secretariat. Each member of the American Committee has had a member of his Department named as his personal assistant to prepare any material required for the Joint Economic Committees. The American Committee meets regularly once every week, the Canadian Committee as occasion demands. The Joint Committees meet every month alternately in New York and Montreal, Canada. Meetings are attended by full members, staff assistants as required, and by regular observers from the Canadian Legation in Washington, D. C., and the American Legation, Ottawa, Canada, and recently the Washington Office of the Department of Munitions and Supply.

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The original members of this committee were:

American Committee

ALVIN H. HANSEN, Chairman  
E. DANA DURAND  
WILLIAM L. BATT  
HARRY DEXTER WHITE  
LEROY D. STINEBOWER  
A. A. BERLE, Occasional member  
C. P. KINDLEBERGER, Secretary

Canadian Committee

W. A. MACKINTOSH, Chairman  
J. G. BOUCHARD  
D. A. SKELTON  
G. C. BATEMAN  
H. F. ANGUS  
H. L. KEENLEYSIDE, Occasional member  
J. J. DEUTSCH, Secretary  
R. A. C. HENRY, Economics Advisor to the Minister of  
Munitions and Supply.

During the period that the Joint Economic Committees was in operation from June 17, 1941, to March 14, 1944, it held the following eleven joint meetings:

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. July 15, 16, 1941      | Washington, D. C. |
| 2. August 8, 9, 1941      | Ottawa, Canada    |
| 3. October 10, 11, 1941   | New York City     |
| 4. November 7, 8, 9, 1941 | Montreal, Canada  |
| 5. December 5, 1941       |                   |
| 6. January 16, 17, 1942   |                   |
| 7. February 27, 1942      |                   |
| 8. May 1, 2, 1942         | Montreal, Canada  |
| 9. September 19, 20, 1942 |                   |
| 10. March 19, 20, 1943    | Montreal, Canada  |
| 11. November 5, 6, 1943   |                   |

Only one meeting was held in the spring, the eighth, at Montreal, Canada, on May 1, 2, 1942. Only one meeting was held in the first half of 1943, the tenth, also at Montreal, Canada.

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The minutes of the third, eighth, and tenth meetings are the only minutes that have been located of the eleven joint meetings. There is no record that COE attended either the third or tenth meetings.

The minutes of the eighth joint meeting which was held at the Windsor Hotel, May 1, 2, 1942, at Montreal, Canada, as reviewed at the National Archives February 9, 1953, reflect that the following were in attendance:

United States Committee

ALVIN H. HANSEN, Chairman  
E. CANA DURAND, Member  
L. D. STINEBOWER, Liaison Officer

Also

MR. L. CURRIE  
L. A. MORRISON, Representing MR. BATT  
MISS T. KISTLER, Representing MR. WHITE  
DONALD MARVIN, BEW  
ERIC ENGLUND, Department of Agriculture  
V. F. COE, JWPC  
W. A. SALANT, Assistant to MR. CURRIE  
E. M. WINSLOW, Assistant to MR. DURAND  
C. P. KINDLEBERGER, Secretary

Canadian Committee

W. A. MACKINTOSH, Chairman  
GEORGES BOUCHARD, Member  
ALEX SKELTON, Member  
H. L. KEENLEYSIDE, Occasional member  
H. F. ANGUS, Liaison Officer

Also

R. M. MACDONNELL, Canadian Legation, Washington, D. C.  
J. F. PARKINSON, Assistant  
J. J. DEUTSCH, Secretary.

The minutes denote that a portion of the conference dealt with Canada's exchange position and reciprocal lend-lease. There was a discussion of the possibility of a lend-lease agreement without Article VII. MR.

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SKELTON thought that the uncertain commitments in Article VII would eventually place Canada in an inferior position post war. MR. COE suggested that if Article VII was a mutual understanding, then it should be negotiated separately and not tied to the solution of the exchange problem. A sub-committee was appointed to meet during the evening and to report the following day. It was comprised of DURAND, COE, MACKINTOSH, and SKELTON.

In the afternoon session, F. V. C. HEWETT, Assistant to MR. BATEMAN, was also present.

On the morning of May 2, 1942, J. P. MOFFAT, United States Minister to Canada; H. CARL GOLDENBERG, Department of Munitions and Supply, were present in addition to those previously mentioned. HEWETT, COE and CURRIE were absent. In the final session, attendance was the same as the morning session with the exception of SKELTON who was absent.

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As previously stated only one meeting of the JEC could possibly be considered as taking place during the spring of 1943, the tenth, which was held in Montreal, March 19, 20, 1943. The minutes of this meeting are located in the Office of Security, Department of State, and the subject's name does not appear therein. The members of this meeting were:

United States Committee

A. H. HANSEN, Chairman  
E. DANA DURAND, Member  
ERIC ENGLUND, Member  
R. R. NATHAN, Representing WPB

Also

LAUGHLIN CURRIE, White House  
R. J. WATKINS, National Resources Planning Board  
D. H. DAVENPORT, Department of Labor  
GLENN E. MCLAUGHLIN, National Resources Planning Board  
H. A. VOGEL, United States Department of Agriculture  
WENDELL E. THORNE, Secretary

Canadian Committee

W. A. MACKINTOSH, Chairman  
GEORGES BOUCHARD, Member  
C. G. BATEMAN, Member  
ALEX SKELTON, Member  
H. F. ANGUS, Liaison Officer

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R. B. BRYCE, Department of Finance  
 ROBERT ENGLUND, Department of Pensions and Health  
 F. CYRIL JAMES, Chairman, Committee on Reconstruction  
 C. GOLDENBERG, Department of Munitions and Supply  
 SYDNEY PIERCE, Department of Munitions and Supply  
 J. J. DEUTSCH, Secretary

Biographic records of the Department of State as reviewed February 9, 1953, reflected that SYDNEY D. PIERCE was born March 30, 1901, at Montreal, Canada. In 1940, he joined the Department of Munitions and Supply and worked for four years in its Washington Office where he obtained the position of Director in General. He served as Canadian Executive Officer on the Combined Production and Resources Board (United Kingdom, United States and Canada) and as Canadian Executive Director of the Joint War Production Committee (United States and Canada).

In regard to the United States - Canadian Joint War (Defense) Production Committee, records of the National Archives denote that it was made up of two sections, United States and Canadian. This Committee consisted almost entirely of sub-committees, of specialists in the various fields, dealing with the joint production interests of the two countries. The United States Section was headed by MILO PERKINS, Chairman, and W. H. HARRISON, Director. This Committee was composed as follows in December, 1941, with the exception of J. V. FORRESTAL who later became a member:

United States

MILO PERKINS, Executive Director, Economic Defense Board, Chairman  
 J. V. FORRESTAL, Under Secretary, Navy  
 W. H. HARRISON, Director, Production Division, Office of  
 Production Management  
 R. P. PATTERSON, Under Secretary of War  
 E. R. STETTINIUS, JR., Administrator, Office of Lend-Lease  
 Administration  
 H. L. VICKERY, Vice-Chairman, United States Maritime Commission

Canada

G. K. SHELLS, Deputy Minister, Department of Munitions and  
 Supply  
 J. R. DONALD, Director General, Chemicals and Explosives Branch,  
 Department of Munitions and Supply  
 H. J. CARMICHAEL, Director General, Munitions Branch, Department of  
 Munitions and Supply

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R. P. BELL, Director General, Aircraft Production Branch, Department of Munitions and Supply  
H. R. MACMILLAN, President, Wartime Merchant Shipping Limited  
WALTER GORDON, Department of Finance

United States alternates were:

GORDON LEFEBURE  
Lieutenant L. L. STRAUSS  
HARRY BOITMAN  
General THOMAS J. HAYES  
JOHN L. PRATT  
C. W. FLESHER  
V. F. COE, United States Section, Secretary

Canadian alternates were:

LESLIE R. THOMAS, Secretary, Canadian Section  
H. C. GOLDENBERG, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

It is to be noted that LESLIE R. THOMAS and COE were secretaries from their respective countries.

In July, 1942, COE, who was in MR. CURRIE's Office, was acting as the American Executive Secretary of the United States - Canadian Committees. FRANK BROWN was Executive Secretary of the Canadian Section of the Joint War Production Committee.

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Records of the Biographic Section of the Department of Stated as searched on February 9, 1953, denotes no record of LESLIE R. THOMAS and no record which could be identified with FRANK BROWN.

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Washington Field dated February 4, 1953, regarding the possibility that ERIC ADAMS may have been COE's Canadian contact. COE from February, 1942, to February, 1945, was on the Joint War Production Board of the United States and Canada as Executive Secretary. In the report of the Royal Commission it was indicated that ERIC ADAMS was working on some joint board of the United States and Canada and had been giving information weekly to the Soviet Military Intelligence network in Canada. If ERIC ADAMS was the Canadian contact of COE, it would explain why BENTLEY's superiors finally said the matter was to be dropped as undoubtedly the MGB in Moscow would have discovered he was already working for the Soviet Intelligence in Canada. ] \$ (S) (u)

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A review of available records of the Joint War Production Committee of the United States and Canada at the National Archives on February 10, 1953, denotes no mention of ERIC ADAMS.

It is to be recalled that on December 1, 1952, MISS BENTLEY reported to the McCarran Committee that ULLMAN and the SILVERMASTERS told BENTLEY that a Canadian man had valuable information and that the idea was that he would like to pass it on to COE to be passed to her.

The report of the Royal Commission reflects that KATHLEEN MARY WILLSSHER on the solicitation of ERIC ADAMS furnished him from time to time information she obtained in the course of her employment in the Office of the High Commissioner of the United Kingdom from 1942 to September, 1945. WILLSSHER first met ADAMS in a study group or cell of the Communist Party in Ottawa of which he was the leader. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The Bureau advised that the subject of ERIC ADAMS would undoubtedly be dropped when the MGB ascertained he was already working for them. However, it is equally true that ADAMS would not have desired to furnish information to the Soviets through COE if he already was doing so through a reliable means; thus doubling the possibility of being compromised. This is evidenced by statements of WILLSSHER that ADAMS was already working for the Soviets in 1942.

~~ERIC ADAMS~~ Canada - New York.  
Russia

In regard to ERIC ADAMS, the report of the Royal Commission reflects that he was born in Hull, Quebec (his father had been born in the United States and his mother in Canada). He graduated in Engineering from McGill University in 1929 and subsequently from Harvard in 1931 with the degree of Master of Business Administration. In 1934, he made a trip to Europe, spending from six weeks to two months in Russia. After some intermediate employment with Canadian concerns, he went to New York where he remained in the employ of a firm of consulting engineers until 1939 when he went to Toronto and set up practice as an engineer. ~~(S)~~ (U)

In November, 1940, ADAMS went to Ottawa and entered the employ of the Department of Munitions and Supply and was immediately loaned to the Wartime Requirements Board as Technical Advisor. He remained there until March 22, 1941. On March 24, 1941, he entered the employ of the Foreign Exchange Control Board as Head of the Statistics and Research Division. ~~(S)~~ (U)

In October, 1944, he was transferred on loan by the Bank to the employ of the Industrial Development Bank. During these employments, he was located in Ottawa until January 1, 1945, when he moved to Montreal. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Prior to his assignment to the Industrial Development Bank, ADAMS in addition to his other duties had duties in connection with the Inter-Departmental Committee on Balance of Payments, the Advisory Committee on Foreign Exchange Conservation, the Executive Sub-Committee on Export Control, the External Trade Advisory Committee and the Main Examining Committee of the Inventions Board. ~~(S)~~ (U)

From the available information on ERIC ADAMS, it can not be determined where he could have previously known the subject in order to be referred to as an "old comrade." Investigation to date has revealed no board of committee that both the subject and ADAMS were on.

Mrs DOUGLAS ALEXANDER SKELTON Canada

In regard to SKELTON, it is recalled that SKELTON and COE attended the eighth session of the Joint United States - Canadian Economic Committees held May 1, 2, 1942, at Montreal, Canada. They were placed on a sub-committee which was to meet on the evening of May 1, along with DURAND and MACKINTOSH, and discuss lend-lease agreements.

Information has been received from the SKELTON Canada to the Bureau to the effect that they have no definite information

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SKELTON (U) Mr + Mrs. Alice Skelton Canada  
In an article appearing in the February, 1951, Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science reviewed February 10, 1953, it is reflected that SKELTON was born in 1906 at Chicago, Illinois, where his father was a graduate student. He grew up in Kingston and returned there to attend Queens University after spending a year at Bembridge School, Isle of Wright. After graduation, he spent two years at the University College, Oxford, as a Rhodes Scholar and returned to spend a year teaching political science at the University of Saskatchewan. For four years he was

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an Economist at the Beauharnoi's Paper Corporation and during that time, collaborated under the Harvard Bureau of International Research in the publishing of the volume "International Control of Non-Ferrous Metals."

In 1935, he became the First Chief of the Research Department of the Bank of Canada and in 1944, Research Advisor, a position which he held until he transferred to the Department of Trade and Commerce as Assistant Deputy Minister in 1948. Although he laid firm foundations for the work of the Bank's Research Department, he was absent from it as a special assignment for more than ten years.

SKELTON was secretary of the Royal Commission on Dominion - Provincial Relations and later was secretary to the Cabinet Committee on Dominion - Provincial Relations. He was responsible for much of the notable report of the Commission and for the organization of the conference of 1940, 1945, and later.

At the time of his death by drowning at Lagos, Nigeria, in July, 1950, he was a member of the Royal Commission to advise on a federal system for the West African Colonies.

Records of the Office of Security, Department of State, reviewed February 3, 1953, contained no additional information regarding SKELTON.

It is to be noted that [redacted] advised the Bureau on September 28, 1951. [redacted]

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It is not known whether SKELTON was acquainted with the subject prior to May 1, 1942. SKELTON in 1935, however, became Chief of the Research Department of the Bank of Canada. BENTLEY did not recognize the name SKELTON as being FRANK COE's Canadian contact.

On February 11, 1953, E. DANA DURAND, former United States Tariff Commissioner, related that he knew COE only as a member of the JEC but could furnish no information regarding him. He could not recall the sub-committee meeting on May 1, 1942, or whether COE was previously associated with any of the Canadian members of the United States - Canadian Joint Economic Committees. He stated that he attended numerous United States - Canadian meetings on various boards and that he could not recall the details of any of them.

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~~SECRET~~~~JOSEPH FREDERICK PARKINSON~~

Canada

England

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In a personal history statement dated March 26, 1942, in the subject's personnel record at the United States Treasury Department, COE listed ~~JOSEPH PARKINSON~~, Ottawa, Canada, as one of his references. JOSEPH F. PARKINSON was listed as an Assistant in the Canadian Section of the United States - Canadian Joint Economic Committees which met at Montreal May 1, 2, 1942, which COE attended.

Biographic records of the Department of State as reviewed February 9, 1953, reflect that PARKINSON was born June 5, 1904, at Wallasey, England. He received primary and secondary education in Liverpool, 1909-1920; graduated London School of Economics, 1928; associate of Institute of Bankers, 1924. He was employed 1920-1929 by the Midland Bank Limited, Liverpool; transferred to London, 1924 - 1929; 1929 - 1941, lecturer in Economics, Department of Political Economy, University of Toronto; 1939 - 1940, Economic Consultant to Bank of Nova Scotia; 1941 - 1944, on leave of absence from University during war years; 1941 - 1942, Economist with the Canadian - American Joint Economic Committees; 1942 - 1946, Economic Advisor, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Ottawa; 1945, Canadian member, Special Committee of Combined Production and Resources Board, investigating consumption levels in the United Kingdom, United States and Canada.

From 1947 - 1951, he was Financial Counselor, Washington; 1947, Alternate Delegate, United Nations Economic and Employment Commission, Second Session, New York, June; member, sub-committee to draft recommendations to ECOSCO for immediate action on short term obstacles to world economic stability; 1947 - 1951, alternate executive director, International Monetary Fund and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; attended second and third annual meetings, Board of Governors, 1947 - 1948; 1951, Minister to Paris; alternate representative, Canadian Delegation, Sixth Session, Paris, United Nations General Assembly; 1952, Head of the Canadian Delegation to organization of the European Economic Cooperation, Paris; Financial Advisor, Canadian Permanent Delegation to NATO, Paris.

It is noted that PARKINSON does not have the Anglo-Saxon name which BENTLEY advised the Canadian contact of COE's possessed; however, COE was teaching at the University of Toronto in the same department as PARKINSON from 1934 to 1939 and COE listed one JOSEPH PARKINSON as a reference in March, 1942, on a personal history statement.

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~~SECRET~~F. V. C. HEWETTCanada

It is to be recalled that at the May 1, 1942, meeting of the JEC, at Montreal, F. V. C. HEWETT, Assistant to MR. BATEMAN was present. At the morning session of May 2, 1942, HEWETT, COE and CURRIE were absent plus SKELTON in the afternoon session.

Records of the Department of State, Biographic Division, as reviewed February 10, 1953, denotes that HEWETT was born about 1908 in England and brought to Toronto at an early age. He received all of his education at Toronto ending with a BSc degree in Mining Engineering from the University of Toronto in 1933. He joined the staff of the Northern Miner published at Toronto. By 1940, he was Field Editor of the Northern Miner, when he resigned to become Assistant Manager of the Operating Company Number Four, Air Observer School, RCAF, at London, Ontario.

On May, 1941, he was called to Ottawa to the Office of the Metals Controller in the Department of Munitions and Supply as Executive Assistant. By February, 1945, when he resigned, he has risen to Deputy Associate Metals Controller. He also acted as Executive Secretary of the United States - Canadian Committee on Raw Materials. Since 1945, he has practiced in Toronto as Consulting Mining Engineer at 50 King Street, West.

GEORGE CECIL BATEMANCanada

The 1951 - 1952, edition of Who's Who in Canada reflects that BATEMAN was born December 25, 1882, at Sutton, Ontario. In June, 1940, he was appointed Metals Controller for Canada under the Department of Munitions and Supply remaining in Ottawa until the spring of 1944 when he was transferred to Washington, D. C. He was Chairman, Canadian Section, Joint War Aid Committee of the United States and Canada and Canadian member of the Joint Material Coordinating Committee of the United States and Canada. He resides at Montreal.

It is to be noted that HEWETT attended as a representative of BATEMAN while COE attended as a representative of the JWPC. COE in July, 1942, was Assistant to MILO PERKINS, Executive Director, Board of Economic Warfare.

WILLIAM ARCHIBALD MACKINTOSH

WILLIAM A. MACKINTOSH was Chairman of the Canadian Section of the JEC of the United States and Canada and attended the sub-committee meeting with the subject.

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~~SECRET~~ (U)William Archibald Canada

Biographic records of the Department of State as reviewed February 9, 1953, denote that ~~MACKINTOSH~~ was born May 21, 1896, at Madoc, Ontario. He received a Master of Art degree from Queens University in 1916 and a PHD degree from Harvard in 1922. He is a fellow, Royal Society of Canada. From 1917 to 1919, he was a lecturer in Economics, Brandon College, Manitoba; 1920 - 1923, Assistant Professor in Economics, Queens University; 1923- 1925, Associate Professor in Economics, Queens University; 1926, Investigator, Combined Investigation Act; 1926 - 1929, Investigator for Advisory Board of Tariff and Taxation; 1927, SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, Professor of Political Science and Economic Science, Queens University; 1929 - 1934, Director of Research, Canadian Pioneer Problems Committee; 1930, Vice-President, American Statisticians Association; 1936, Member, National Employment Commission; 1936- 1937, President, Canadian Political Science Association; Special Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Finance; Chairman, Canadian Committee of the Joint Economic Committees; 1940, Member, Canadian Delegation to the Informal Committee Meeting prior to the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference; member, Canadian Delegation to the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference, Bretton Woods; 1946, Chairman, Economic and Employment Commission, United Nations Economic and Social Council; director, Empire Life Insurance Company, Kingston, Ontario; 1947, Delegate, 4th meeting of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

GEORGES BOUCHARD

Canada

The 1949 - 1951 edition of the Canadian Who's Who reflects that BOUCHARD was born April 23, 1888 at St. Philippe - de - neri. He received a BA degree from Ecole Polytech, Montreal, in 1908. From 1909 to 1912, he attended Theo Semy Land University; 1913 - 1914, Superieure, an agricultural college, at Angers, France; 1912 - 1913, Instructor, Agron, Lourain, Belgium; Cornell University, 1919, receiving diploma in agriculture.

He was Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture; professor at Ecole Superieure d'Agriculture, ste-anne-de-la-Pocatiere, 1915, until present appointment. He was Agricultural Representative of L'Isles County, 1919-1922; and Director, Council of Agriculture, P.Q.; Canadian Wool Growers Cooperative Association. He resides at 408 Hinton Avenue, Ottawa, Canada.

HUGH LLEWELLYN KENNLEYSIDE

The 1949 - 1950 Who's Who in Canada reflects that KEENLEYSIDE is Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources and Commissioner of the Northwest

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*Hugh Newell* ~~Keenleyside~~ *Canada*

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Territories, He was born July 7, 1898, at Toronto, <sup>Canada</sup>. He was an instructor and special lecturer in history in the United States and the University of British Columbia from 1923 - 1927. He was appointed to the position of Third Secretary in the Department of External Affairs and promoted to Second Secretary January 1, 1929. He served as First Secretary, Canadian Legation, Tokyo, from 1929 - 1936; and in 1936 moved to Ottawa. He was promoted to Counselor in 1940, and appointed Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1941. KEENLEYSIDE was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Mexico in 1944; and served on the United States - Canadian Economic Committee, 1940 - 1944; and as member, secretary, and 1944 Acting Chairman, Canadian - United States Permanent Joint Board on Defense, 1940 - 1945. He was appointed Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources and Commissioner of the Northwest Territories in March, 1947. He resides at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

HENRY FORBES ANGUS

*Canada*  
*England*

The 1949 - 1950 edition of Who's Who in Canada reflects that ANGUS is Head of the Department of Economics, Political Science, Sociology and Commerce, at the University of British Columbia at Vancouver. He was born April 19, 1891, at Victoria, British Columbia. He was educated at McGill University (BA, 1911); Balliol College, Oxford, England (BA, 1913); BCL and Vinerian Law School, 1914; MA, 1919; LL.D, McGill University, 1949. He was Assistant Professor of Economics, University of British Columbia, 1919 to 1922, and Associate Professor, 1922 - 1929. ANGUS was a member of the Canadian group at the conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations held at Kyoto, Japan, 1929; member, Royal Commission on Dominion - Provincial Relations, 1937 - 1940; Special Assistant to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, 1941 - 1945; member, Canadian Political Science Association. He resides at 4950 Marguerite Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

DONALD MACALISTER MACDONNELL

*Canada -*  
*D-C -*  
*France*

Biographic records of the Department of State as reviewed February 9, 1953, denote that MACDONNELL was born May 11, 1909, at Vernon, British Columbia. He received a BA degree at the University of Manitoba; Oxford, BA; from 1932 - 1933, he was a lecturer, Saint Pauls College, Winnipeg; 1933 - 1934, radiobroadcasting; 1935 - 1940, Third Secretary, Washington, D. C.; 1943, First Secretary, Kuibyshev and Moscow; 1943 - 1949, First Secretary, Third Political Division, Department of External Affairs; 1944, member, Canadian Delegation, Commonwealth Air Conversations; 1944 - 1947, Secretary, Canadian Section, Permanent Joint Board of Defense (United States - Canada); Chairman, Canadian Section, Canadian - United States Committee on Customs Procedure; 1950 - date, Minister, Paris; 1951 - Observer, European Army Conference, Paris.

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H. CARL GOLDENBERG

Biographic records of the Department of State as reviewed February 10,

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H. Carl Canada  
 1953, reflect that GOLDENBERG was born in 1907 at Montreal, Canada. In 1945, he was Legal Advisor, Department of Reconstruction. He attended McGill University where he received a MA degree and in 1932, an LL.D degree. He also lectured at McGill University. GOLDENBERG was in private law practice and service of the City of Montreal. In 1947, he was an advisor to the Royal Commission on Dominion - Provincial Relations. He has served on numerous boards and commissions, with wartime service with the Department of Munitions and Supply. In February, 1952, he was appointed Kings Counsel at Quebec.

JOHN JAMES DEUTSCH Canada

Biographic records of the Department of State as reviewed February 9, 1953, denote that DEUTSCH was born February 26, 1911, at Quinton, Canada.

From 1930 - 1933, he taught at Campion College, simultaneously taking extra work from the University of Saskatchewan. He entered Queens University in 1933, graduating in 1935 with a B. Comm degree in Commerce and Economics. While attended Queens University, DEUTSCH taught at Regiopolis College.

From 1936 to 1942, he was Research Assistant to the Department of Economic Research of the Bank of Canada; and from 1937 - 1940, he was on loan to the Rowell-Sirois Commission to act as Assistant Director of Research. Concurrently, he was a special lecturer in Economics at Queens University from January, 1940, to May, 1940. In June, 1940, he entered the Bank of Canada.

In July, 1942, DEUTSCH became Special Wartime Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. In 1942, he was loaned to the Department of Labor to become Assistant Director of the National Selective Service where he remained until February, 1943, returning to the Department of External Affairs. In 1944, DEUTSCH was a delegate to the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference, Bretton Woods; in 1946, Financial Editor, Winnipeg Free Press.

Also in 1946, he was Director of Economic Relations, Department of Finance; and in January, 1952, he was an officer in the Department of Finance; September, 1951, Director of International Relations, Department of Finance, and Canadian Delegate to the International Monetary Fund meeting at Washington, D. C.

DEUTSCH was associated with the Canadian side of the developments leading up to the Bretton Woods organization.

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The New York Office is requested to review its files on all information furnished by MISS BENTLEY concerning the subject and to reinterview her on the following items:

1. Ascertain the exact period that COE was furnishing information to the Soviets; particularly when he came to her attention in 1941.
2. What type of board was COE on when he met his old Canadian acquaintance? In interview January 16, 1953, she stated that this board had to do with economics while on December 1, 1952, she states it was some sort of Joint Canadian - American Finance Board.
3. Redetermine the year that COE renewed his acquaintanceship with his Canadian comrade. It is noted that COE attended a meeting of the JEC of the United States and Canada in Toronto on May 1, 2, 1942, as a representative of the JWPC. This committee was in operation from June 17, 1941, to March 14, 1944. Only one meeting of this committee can be considered being held in the spring, that being May, 1942. A meeting was held in March, 1943, but there is no record of COE's attendance.
4. Where was the renewal of acquaintanceship with this Canadian made in Canada? (S) U
5. Did anyone in the Silvermaster group or individuals known to BENTLEY, accompany COE to this meeting?
6. Was any background data furnished on this Canadian contact, such as where did COE previously associate with him? It is believed that biographic data must have been furnished in order that the Soviets could properly identify him and appraise his potentialities. The biographic sketches furnished herein may refresh MISS BENTLEY's memory.
7. Did COE subsequent from the original contact have further dealings or meetings with this Canadian?
8. Determine whether any of the individuals appearing in this communication are known to the informant.
9. On November 20, 1952, MISS BENTLEY stated that it was her opinion that the name of the Canadian sounded like the name of a person who had been involved in the Canadian spy trials. Was this individual involved in the spy trials or merely have a similar name?

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The following information regarding COE is set forth which may assist MISS BENTLEY in the above questions:

1. August 13, 1940, COE appointed Assistant Director, Monetary Research, Treasury Department.
2. June 21, 1941, COE appointed Special Assistant to the American Ambassador to Great Britain (approximate period of his service overseas was June 26, 1941, to December 2, 1941).
3. September 29, 1941, COE arrived in New York City from Lisbon.
4. February 2, 1942, COE appointed Executive Secretary, BEW, Joint War Production Committee of the United States and Canada.
5. December 7, 1942, COE appointed Special Assistant to the Executive Director, BEW.
6. June 5, 1943, COE traveled to Mexico City, Mexico, as a member of the United States - Mexican Joint Economic Committees.
7. November, 1943 - Death of JACOB GOLOS.
8. July 22, 1944, COE transferred to Foreign Economic Administration.
9. December 1, 1944, COE appointed Assistant Administrator, FEA, Office of the Administrator, Office of Economic Programs.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: February 24, 1953

FROM : SAC, Little Rock [redacted]

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SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
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Frank V. Coe  
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Reference is made to Washington Field letter dated February 6, 1953.

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The reference letter reflects that records of the United States Civil Service Commission denote that the name NOLA MALLINSON, England, appeared on a card indices found on the premises of Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas, by State of Arkansas officials at the time the college was closed.

HOBART HENSLEY, Polk County Sheriff, Mena, Arkansas, advised that these records were seized on August 30, 1940 or shortly prior thereto. They were maintained for several years by J. F. QUILLIN, former Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Mena, but are now in the possession of ERNEST ST. JOHN, Editor of the Mena Star, Mena, Arkansas. Mr. HENSLEY advised they were loaned by Mr. QUILLIN to various government agencies.

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Examination of these records on February 17, 1953, at Mena, Arkansas, failed to reflect any record of NOLA or NORA MALLINSON or of the subject. Available copies of the Commonwealth College Fortnightly, a newspaper published twice monthly, were examined for the years 1926 to 1938 without reflecting any mention of MALLINSON or COE.

There are at present no other sources known to the Little Rock Division where information concerning COE or MALLINSON may be secured. Indices of the Little Rock Office reflect no record of COE or MALLINSON.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: February 25, 1953

FROM : SAC, WFO (77-2536)

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SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, was.  
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*John*

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY advised agents of the New York Office on January 16, 1953, that about the spring of 1943, NATHAN G. SILVERMASTER had told her that COE said that he met a former friend of his in Canada, and after renewing their friendship, both discovered that they were "in the same category" and this friend led COE to believe that he was still a Communist and would like to furnish information to the Russians.

This information was given to JACOB GOLOS by BENTLEY who was supposed to check on it with his Russian superiors.

In the meantime, GOLOS died (November, 1943) and his Russian superiors subsequently told Miss BENTLEY to "drop it."

BENTLEY further related that this individual was supposed to be COE'S Canadian counterpart on some type of joint United States - Canadian Board on which COE was at that time working. She also believed that this Board had something to do with economics.

The Joint Economic Committees of the United States and Canada were established June 17, 1941.

Records of the Security Office, Department of State, denote that COE attended a meeting of this group at Montreal, Canada, May 1 and 2, 1942, as a representative of the Joint War Production Committee.

The Joint Economic Committees terminated March 14, 1944, and investigation to date fails to disclose that the subject attended any of the other meetings of this Joint Committee.

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Of the several joint United States - Canadian committees established during that period, only the Joint Economic Committees dealt with economics or finance.

Investigation to date has failed to reveal any travel to Canada during January, 1942, to December, 1944, for the subject as a representative of a United States Committee other than his travel during May, 1942, referred to above.

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The St. Louis Office, at the Federal Record Center, is requested to review the expenses and travel vouchers of the subject from January 1, 1942, to December 31, 1944, listing all of his travel, departure dates and destinations, in an effort to corroborate Miss BENTLEY'S statements to fix the date of COE'S contact and to assist in the identification of this contact in Canada.

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| TITLE<br><b>VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka</b>      |                                  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>                     |                                       |

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REED C. WEBB unable to point out exact location where he states subject buried writings in cans near Duluth, Kentucky. Subject in Duluth from about June, 1931 to September, 1932 and WEBB born December 19, 1929. Investigation reveals subject had numerous visitors while residing Duluth where he was supposedly engaged in writing. Partial list of visitors and those subject corresponded with obtained. Subject left numerous books at Duluth and list of same obtained

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### DETAILS:

LESLIE LYNCH, 412 North Estill Avenue, Richmond, Kentucky contacted the agent at which time he furnished the following information: He had recently read in the papers information concerning FRANK COE. LYNCH stated FRANK COE had lived in the past near the Duluth, Kentucky post office. He stated some twenty years ago a Reverend "PENAMAN" (phonetic) was preaching at the Union Church in Berea, Kentucky, and PENAMAN had brought subject to Duluth at which time subject made arrangements with W. M. "TANK" WEBB to build a cabin on the WEBB land. Subject while building the cabin lived in a tent for several weeks' time. Subject lived near Duluth for a year or two and while residing there he had numerous visitors. Subject was reportedly married to a NORA JONES, a native of England. Subject and wife were visited by a woman called "BIM" (phoretic); a man called "SMCLO" (phonetic); a young boy, name unknown, who was an artist; as well as BOY COE, a brother of FRANK. According to LYNCH, the woman called "BIM" reportedly flew a plane to Lexington, Kentucky and would travel on to Duluth via car. This woman "BIM" was

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believed to be from Canada and other visitors of the COE's were believed to be from Canada. LOB COE was reportedly working in the "White House" and his father-in-law was a senator or member of congress. Subject COE and his visitors were known to spend the nights drinking and playing cards and would sleep most of the day. COE was reportedly engaged in writing. According to LYNCH, at one time COE mailed a package to Russia, which mail was carried from the Duluth Post Office to the Brassfield, Kentucky Post Office. He knew of no writings subject had buried around Duluth.

LYNCH stated subject left numerous books when he departed Duluth and he believed these books to be in the possession of Mrs. BEA SLUSHER of Duluth and Mrs. KATE WEBB of Big Hill, Kentucky.

The Bureau, Cincinnati, and Washington Field were advised upon receipt of this information from LYNCH.

The writer and SA JOHN L. EWING, JR. accompanied REED C. WEBB from Richmond, Kentucky to Duluth, Kentucky. On the farm now owned by MATT LAKES, which farm was owned by W. M. "TANK" WEBB at the time subject built a cabin there, REED C. WEBB made an effort to locate the point where he stated he had assisted subject in burying writings in cans. WEBB was unable to point out any definite location in the woods near the old cabin formerly occupied by subject and he could not narrow down the vicinity where the cans were reportedly buried to less than 100 yards in radius. Various spots were dug by the agents; however, no cans of writings were found. WEBB said he was not alone at the time the writings were buried but other than the subject, he could not recall who else was present. WEBB was unable to state whether or not any of his brothers or relatives were present at the time the writings were buried. He said it was possible the cans the writings were buried in would have rotted away and, in fact, the terrain could have changed to such an extent he could have been at a different location. It was ascertained WEBB was born December 19, 1929 and therefore would have been only one and one-half to two and one-half years of age at the time subject was known to have been in Duluth.

The Bureau, Cincinnati, and Washington Field were advised by AirTel as to the results of the search made with REED C. WEBB.

Mrs. BEA SLUSHER, Duluth, Kentucky stated she lived in Dayton, Ohio during the time subject resided near Duluth. She advised she later

taught school at Duluth and the children who attended the school had brought to her attention books that were left in the cabin occupied by subject. She said she at one time did have in her possession a book with the name of V. COE in it, but the book was only a novel. She added she had seen an invitation which reportedly came from the COE cabin; this invitation being to a communist party meeting. Mrs. SLUSHER did not recall the date or place where the communist meeting was to have been held.

The agents accompanied by REED C. WEBB examined numerous books which were left by subject at the time of his departure from Duluth and which are now in the home of Mrs. ARTHUR WEBB, Big Hill, Kentucky, the mother of REED C. WEBB. There were noted numerous novels in the collection. Also noted were the following books: "Synthetic Philosophy" by SPENCER, which book had the name of EDWARD H. GRIFFIN in it; "Wealth & Progress-A Critical Examination of the Labor Problem" by George Gunton; "Workingmen's Insurance in Europe" by Frankel & Dawson, which book had the name of VIRGINUS COE in it as well as "Baltimore 1929"; "The Facts of the Moral Life" by WEBSTER; "Ancient History" by WEBSTER which book bore the name of V. COE, Room 107 Lake View High School; "History of Mathematics" by CAJON, with the name of GERTRUDE CONGDON, Byn Mawr College, March 1902; "Immigration" by LAWRENCE GUY BROWN, which book bore the name of HAZEL CALLAHAN, 303 -3rd. St.. March 14, 1933; "History of Russia" by ROMBAUD, with the name of subject in same, Baltimore 1929; "Life Triumphant" by HENRY KNIGHT MILLER; "Loud Speaker" by JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, with the name of subject in it, Chicago, 1931; "The Philosophy of Lotze" by HENRY JONES, which book bore the name of EDWARD H. GRIFFIN and subject, Baltimore, 1930; "Practical Philosophy" and "Psychology" by LOTZE, with the name of EDWARD H. GRIFFIN in same; "The Philosophy of Art" by H. TAINE; "Whewell's Elements of Morality" with the name of DONALD McCABE, 2704 West North Avenue, Baltimore; "Parliamentary Practice" with the name of subject in same, University of Chicago, Autumn of 1924; "Philosophy & Theology"; "Schiller's Works" with the name of K. B. CLAPP in it; "Problems of Evolution" by F. W. HEADLEY; "The Elements of Morality" with the name of subject and DONALD McCABE in same, Baltimore, 1929; "Pride & Prejudice" with the name of JULIA COSGROVE in same; "Selected Papers on Philosophy" by WM. JAMES; "Alcuin" by ANDREW F. WEST, with the name of W. S. CANTHORNE, Madison, Florida, September, 1896 in same; "English Philosophers" with the name of subject and EDWARD H. GRIFFIN in same, Baltimore, 1929; "Schellings Transcendental of Idealism" by JOHN WATSON, with name of subject and EDWARD H. GRIFFIN in same; "Notes on England" by H. TAINE, with name of RICHARD D. FISHER, June, 1894 in same; "Phantasms of the Living" by EDMUND GURNEY;

"Before the Bombardment" by ASBERT SITWELL; "Alexander's Bridge" with name of ~~WARREN EVERETT WHEELER~~ in same; "New System of Philosophy" by HERBERT SPENCER; "Renascence Portraits" by PAUL VAN DYKE with the name of ~~JOHN MARTIN VINCENT~~ in same; "English Psychology" with the name of EDWARD H. GRIFFIN in same.

ARTHUR WEBB, Big Hill, Kentucky was interviewed by the agents at which time he stated he had been working away from Duluth during the time subject resided there. He said to the best of his knowledge subject came to Duluth in about 1931 and remained for about two years. He added there was another man and woman with subject and his wife when they were at Duluth. He advised there were a number of people to visit subject while he was at Duluth; he knew of a woman called "BIM", a man called "SLOMOE" (phonetic); a woman named BARBARA who was reportedly from England. WEBB said he had heard the woman called "BIM" state she had been in northern Russia for the purpose of writing a book. WEBB also stated BOB COE, a brother of FRANK, had visited at Duluth with subject. ARTHUR WEBB said he had never heard of subject leaving any buried writings around the cabin he formerly occupied. He further said REED C. WEBB, his son, was about four years of age at the time subject resided near Duluth.

JOHN WEBB, RFD, Paint Lick, Kentucky advised he formerly was acquainted with FRANK COE during the time COE resided near Duluth. He said subject was around Duluth for some two to four years time, at which time he was reportedly writing a book. He stated subject did have considerable visitors and he recalled the following: BARBARA, reportedly from England; a man named WOLFE, who was there for about a month; IRENE BISS, aka "BIM" who was from Canada; a man named WYNN PLUMSTREET, reportedly from Michigan; LYNN DUPREE and wife LINDA, from Chicago, and Mr. DUPREE believed to be a lawyer; BETTY ROTTS (phonetic) reportedly working in a bank in Canada; BOB COE, a brother of subject. WEBB stated with the exception of BOB COE, the others visited subject at various times while residing near Duluth. WEBB did not know of anyone of the group traveling via plane to Lexington, Kentucky nor did he know of any buried writings left by subject at Duluth. He stated subject informed him he, subject, was a Socialist. He added subject did not talk as to his beliefs concerning the Government of the United States or any other form of Government.

T-1, of known reliability, Duluth, Kentucky stated he believed subject resided near Duluth from about the summer of 1931 to the fall of 1932. He said subject was reportedly engaged in writing. T-1 added he

never had any reason to suspect subject of being engaged in any unlawful activities while he lived near Duluth. He said subject was known to send the following insured or registered mail: From V. COE to CHARLES COE, 343 Thayer Street, Providence, Rhode Island on January 27, 1932; from N. M. COE to Miss I. M. BISS, 85th St. George Street; Toronto, Canada on January 19, 1932; from V. F. COE to CHARLES COE, Department of Economics, Brown University on March 16, 1932; from V. F. COE to Miss BETTY MILLER, 5483 Harris Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on March 16, 1932; from Mr. or Mrs. V. F. COE to Mrs. H. THOMA, Lans-Down Sandon Road, Newton Park, Chester, England, on March 16, 1932; on April 20, 1932 from N. COE to B. C. COE, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island; May 12, 1932 from N. M. COE to I. M. BISS, New York City, New York, c/o S. S. LEVIATHAN; on June 7, 1932 from Mr. or Mrs. FRANK COE to Professor JACOB ARINES, University of Chicago; on June 30, 1932 from subject to Mr. CHARLES COE, Department of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. J.L.L.

LESLIE LYNCH, 412 North Estill Avenue, Richmond, Kentucky recontacted the agent at which time he stated he had ascertained from W. M. WEBB, 130 Main Street, Franklin, Ohio, a son of TANK WEBB, that subject had one DON VELTA, believed to be a lawyer from Chicago, Illinois, visit him while at Duluth. LYNCH further stated he had determined "BIM's" true name to be IRENE BISS, and she was the individual who flew a plane to Lexington, Kentucky when she visited with subject and his wife. He also said he determined BARBARA GIBBONS to be an individual who had visited with subject and his wife. LYNCH advised W. M. WEBB is the father of VINCENT WEBB.

From those interviewed, whose names have been set forth in this report, it was determined that VINCENT WEBB is now living near Franklin, Ohio, exact address unknown. It was ascertained VINCENT WEBB would not possess any further information regarding subject than those interviewed.



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IDENTIFY OF INFORMANTS

T-1 is ELMER TURNER, Postmaster, Duluth, Kentucky

A copy of this report is being submitted the Cincinnati Office in view of the investigation being conducted there and in view of REED C. WEBB having contacted that office.

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THE LOUISVILLE OFFICE

At Duluth, Kentucky

Will conduct additional investigation in an attempt to discover if subject buried writings in Duluth, Kentucky.

REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM DESONIA, Washington Field, January 23, 1953

Louisville airtel to Bureau, Cincinnati, Washington Field, February 2, 1953

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SAC, Washington Field (77-2536)

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A confidential source abroad has advised that they have no information available of an adverse security nature concerning Nora Mallinson, her father, or her mother. (S) (U)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

FROM : *eyg* SAC, LOS ANGELES  T

SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
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DATE: 2/24/53

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Re WFO letter to Bureau 1/21/53, wherein Los Angeles is requested to identify subscriber to telephone number AD 1-9843 and person called a Mrs. FRED ROBERTSON.

It has been determined that telephone number ADams 1-9843 is listed to Mrs. FRED ROBERTSON, 304 East 42nd Street, Los Angeles. It is noted that Mrs. FRED ROBERTSON is the mother of subject and that information concerning her has previously been obtained by the Los Angeles Office as reflected in report of SA RICHARD E. SCHWAB dated 10/30/51 at Los Angeles. One copy of Agent SCHWAB's report is being forwarded as an enclosure with this letter to WFO and no further investigation is being conducted at the present time by the Los Angeles Office.

A check of the registration of voters for Los Angeles County failed to reflect a registration for a Mrs. FRED ROBERTSON or CHARLOTTE ROBERTSON. However, it does reflect a new voter's registration on 3/27/52 for a Mrs. LILLYAN C. ROBERTSON, who furnished her address as 304 East 42nd Street, her occupation as housewife, 5'4", birthplace New York City. It is entirely possible that this is the registration of Mrs. FRED ROBERTSON.

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cc: 2 - New York (100-96778) (Reg.)  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: March 2, 1953

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

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SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka  
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RE: Letter from WFO to Director, dated February 17, 1953 requesting the Boston Division, if deemed advisable, to interview Dr. FREDERICK L. SCHUMAN, Williams College, Professor, concerning the activities of subject COE during the period they were acquainted at Chicago.

It is felt the above individual is Dr. FREDERICK LEWIS SCHUMAN, subject of Bufile 100-165656, and identical with WFO file 101-2762, currently teaching at Williams College and the subject of a four-volume case at Boston.

SCHUMAN is on the proscribed list of professors who are not interviewed by agents of the Boston Division. Boston considers it highly inadvisable to interview SCHUMAN particularly at this time in the light of the current HCUA investigations dealing with Communist Party infiltration of Massachusetts colleges.

Boston will take no further action UACB.

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cc: Bufile 100-165656  
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Records FRC, GSA, St. Louis, Mo., reflect that one NORA COE employed by Federal Emergency Relief Administration, Washington, D. C. in 1935. Terminated by reason of transfer to Census Bureau.

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**Details:**

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review of the personnel records, Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, St. Louis, Missouri for one NORA COE reflects that she was employed on June 8, 1935 as a Supervisor (Senior Assistant to the Statistician Analyst) with the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, Halton Roads Section at Washington, D. C. This employment was terminated on September 12, 1935 as a Supervisor by reason of transfer to the Census Bureau. The above information was taken from incomplete records. The date and place of birth were not listed.

Personnel Federal Records Center advised that no record of Census Bureau employment for NORA COE, nee Mallinson could be located.

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Reference is made to the Bureau's  
memorandum dated February 4, 1953, relative to  
the Canadian contact of Coe. [redacted]

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The Washington Field Office is requested to  
immediately advise the results of its investigation to  
determine who Frank Coe's "Canadian counterpart" would  
have been on the Joint War Production Board of the  
United States and Canada in 1943.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE: 3/5/53

FROM : SAQ, BALTIMORE [redacted]

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SUBJECT: VIRGINIUS FRANK COE, aka Espionage - R

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ReBulet 12/16/52 setting forth lead for Baltimore to reinterview WHITTAKER CHAMBERS re FRANK and BOB COE to ascertain if CHAMBERS can expand on his previous information. Rerep SA PATRICK D. PUTNAM, 1/9/53 at Baltimore, reflecting information re CHAMBERS' unavailability for interview.

On 2/25/53 Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS advised SA PATRICK D. PUTNAM that any interview with CHAMBERS at this time could very well adversely affect his condition. Mrs. CHAMBERS explained that since his original heart attack on November 4, 1952, CHAMBERS has suffered two relapses, the latter one having occurred about one month ago. Mrs. CHAMBERS added that the latter relapse resulted in CHAMBERS being in a very critical condition for a period of a week.

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At the present time, according to Mrs. CHAMBERS and Mr. CHAMBERS, himself, CHAMBERS is confined to bed in an upstairs bedroom under doctor's orders and he is allowed visitors for only ten minutes a day. Mrs. CHAMBERS advised that CHAMBERS' doctor has suggested that CHAMBERS not enter into any discussions or activity that might upset him since such might delay his recovery. CHAMBERS advised that if he has no further relapses, the doctor might allow him to leave bed periodically in about two or three months.

In view of the above, future attempts will be made to ascertain CHAMBERS' availability for interview on or about May 25, 1953. UACB instant case will be maintained in a pending inactive status in Baltimore.

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