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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MAY 18 1956

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. Samuel J. Papich

FROM : Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT : WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, with aliases
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1. Reference is made to the last paragraph of your field report, NY 65-15665, dated 28 March 1956, subject as above, copy of which has been received by our office.

2. As indicated in Paragraph b (8) of our CSCI dated 25 April 1956, to your office,

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Date: May 28, 1956

To: Director (Orig & 1)
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

VIA LIAISON

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, with aliases
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(Your Reference CS CI [redacted]) (S) b1, b3 per CIA

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Attached for your information and assistance

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9 - AUG 1956

TO : Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM : Deputy Director, Plans (M)

SUBJECT : WINSTON MANSFIELD BURDETT, with aliases
ESPIONAGE - R

1. Reference is made to our communications of 25 April, 4 May and 18 May 1956 (CSCI's [redacted] and [redacted] respectively), subject as above.

2. [redacted]
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DETAILS:

BURDETT, in signed statements dated July 20, 1953, and April 19, 1955, advised that his espionage contact in Sweden in 1940 was a Mr. "MILLER," referred to as man number 3 in subject's signed statements.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] 3/26/56 at New York.
Letter from Legat Rome, Italy, to Bureau dated 5/22/56.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-376050)
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-15665)
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SA [REDACTED] Enclosed herewith are five copies of report of
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Captioned case has been reviewed and careful consideration given to the advisability of any re-interviews, interviews or other action which may now appear warranted. In the event such now appears desirable, necessary action is being initiated.

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Records Branch

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☒ Return to [REDACTED] 1738 2184
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☒ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
☐ Subversive References Only
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☐ Buildup ☐ Variations
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Subject Winston Mansfield
 Birthdate & Place _____
 Address Burdett

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W. M. Burdett

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TO [REDACTED]

DATE: October 3, 1956

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This investigation was closed initially 3-54 and was reopened 3-55 when Burdett related to [REDACTED] in New York City details concerning Burdett's CP membership and involvement in Soviet espionage.

Burdett, at present a CBS commentator stationed in Rome, Italy, was accused by Elizabeth Bentley to have been a contact of her superior, Jacob Golos. Burdett, in signed statements of 7-20-53 and 4-19-55 and in Executive and Public Sessions before the Eastland Committee on 5-12-55 and 6-29-55, respectively, admitted contact with Golos in 1940, CP membership in the U. S. from 1937 to 1940, and contacts with several unidentified individuals in Europe from 1940 to 1942. Other than furnishing his observations on public morale and certain political matters, Burdett stated he did not cooperate with those contacts abroad. On 7-12-55 he filed a Registration Statement and Exhibit G with the Justice Department.

Burdett is not on the Security Index, and dissemination has been made of pertinent reports [REDACTED] (S)
 Photographs have been shown Burdett, and he has been interviewed further with negative results in an effort to identify some of his contacts abroad. [REDACTED] (S)

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 [REDACTED] ONI, G-2, [REDACTED] A review of Bureau files failed to reflect any information suggesting further investigation at this time. (S)

RECOMMENDATION: In view of the above and since all logical leads appear to be covered, it is recommended that this case be closed.

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October 12, 1956

Director, FBI (100-376050)

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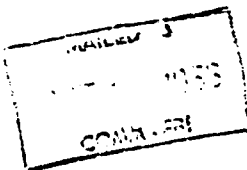
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New York, New York
November 27, 1956

Name - BURDETT, WINSTON MANSFIELD

Alias - Paul Strickland

Nationality - American

Description - (Photos Available)

Born - December 12, 1913, Buffalo, New York

Height - 5'8"

Weight - 155 pounds

Build - Slender

Hair - Brown

Eyes - Brown

Complexion - Pale

Peculiarities - Precise fluent speaker

Marital Status - Married July 28, 1940 and July 1, 1945

Wife - GIORGINA NATHAN BURDETT

Born - [REDACTED], London, England

Former Wife - LEA SHTAVA

Born - March 2, 1907, Borgosesia, Italy

Killed in Iran April 24, 1942

Children - Daughter - CRISTINA (two years old 1955)

Education - Harvard University (BA 1933) BURDETT

Columbia University (1933-34 graduate studies)

Residences - 8409 Talbot Street, Kew Gardens, Long Island,
New York (1933-36)

2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York (1936-40)

5 Montague Terrace, Brooklyn, New York (1940)

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Bucharest, Rumania (1940)

Belgrade, Yugoslavia (1940-41)

Ankara, Turkey

Tehran, Iran (1941-42)

New Delhi, India

Cairo, Egypt (1942-43)

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Residences - Algiers (1943-44)

Italy (1944-46)

2800 Woodley Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C. (1946-48)

Rome, Italy (1948-51)

Hotel Gladstone, 114 West 52nd Street, New York City (1951)

430 East 63rd Street, New York City (1951-55)

London, England (1955-56)

Rome, Italy (1956-)

**Employment - Reporter, columnist and associate editor
"Brooklyn Daily Eagle," Brooklyn, New York (1934-40)**

Free lance correspondent abroad, "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," (1940)

Trans Radio Press reporter (1940)

Foreign correspondent and news commentator, Columbia Broadcasting System throughout Europe, North Africa and Asia (1940-46)

Member of news staff of CBS affiliated Station WTOP, Washington, D. C. (1946-48)

CBS, Rome, Italy (1948-50)

CBS New Department, New York (1951-55)

CBS, London and Rome (1955-)

Intelligence Activity

~~In early 1940 Max Einhorn, court reporter for the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," advised Winston Mansfield Burdett to go see Joe North, then a correspondent for the "Daily Worker." Joe North proposed to Burdett that he go overseas on what Burdett believed was an assignment for the Communist Party.~~

The first step in this mission was a meeting with a mysterious "third man" whom Burdett subsequently identified as

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Jacob Golos, named by Elizabeth Bentley, confessed former communist courier, as her contact with the Party apparatus. Golos gave Burdett certain specific instructions regarding his mission abroad. His first assignment for the communists, after his arrival in Stockholm, Sweden, in February, 1940, was to go to Finland and sound out the feelings of the Finns on the war with Russia which was then being fought.

Burdett's intelligence mission in Finland was abruptly terminated with the end of the war in March, 1940. He then decided on his own to go to the Balkan countries to observe conditions there. On a stopover in Moscow he was instructed to get in touch with the Russian Consulate in Bucharest, Rumania, for another assignment. The Russian Consulate did not respond and Burdett left for Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

In Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and Ankara, Turkey, Burdett made himself available to the Russians and carried out a number of assignments for them. However, in February, 1942, Burdett broke off all activity with the Russians and so advised them. Since that time, according to Burdett, he has had nothing to do with either the Russians or the communists.

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From:

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [REDACTED]

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Rome, Italy

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Date: June 19, 1957
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From: Legat, Rome (S)
Subject: [REDACTED] (S)

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Re NY let to Bureau 5/31/57 requesting that WINSTON M. BURDETT be interviewed in Italy to determine if he could identify a photograph of above-captioned subject as the person with whom he was in contact in Ankara, Turkey in 1941 and 1942.

BURDETT, CBS News Correspondent, Piazza Venezia 5, Rome, Italy, was interviewed in this regard on 6/18/57. He advised that he has a clear recollection of the individual whom he first described to [REDACTED] agents on 4/19/55 as a Soviet woman official in the Soviet Embassy at Ankara, Turkey. He stated that this individual at that time was about 40 years of age, was fair complexioned with light colored eyes, and appeared matronly in her build and walk. He stated he does not believe that she speaks English inasmuch as they conversed in French on all the occasions in which they met. He further advised that on one occasion she stated that Kiev, Russia, her home town, had been severely damaged by the Germans.

BURDETT advised that she could very possibly be identical with the individual whom he knew in Ankara, Turkey in 1941. He added, however, that the intervening years have changed the features of this person and that he does not recall her to be as heavy-set or as full-faced as the individual in the photograph. He advised that he definitely could not eliminate the photograph as not being identical.

BURDETT could offer no further information with regard to this matter.

Extra copies of this letter are attached for forwarding to the New York Office for information. 100-376000

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