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"Sometime the intricate and clever use of the mental method is used to gain access to one's property, life and information. Sometimes it is also used to mentally direct a person to do, become, or act to the will of other persons, by the process of what is called the book, the 'Mental Book.'

"Whether or not they have one on you, or your servants or your secretary, I don't know but a constant guard between dark and daylight, directly across from your room, with the door open, where you can contact me by leg, writing or voice, might pay you in the long run. Seventy five a week and meals suits me, also entitles you to my religious philosophies, ideas of Cosmic Motors, Fireball and etc., if you like to talk about things like that. You to my estimation is what is called a plum, also your aims, knowledge, and advantage or disadvantage to some people may interest certain parties. I think you should set up a security. I'll explain it to you, when I see you, and you can tell that fellow at the desk or the one at the door, I already know that he is not you.

"Also there are proper people who have a book on me and they naturally would know, if anything happened, just exactly who it was. Also at the door, I am not a Bun, I just happen to be down on my ass at the present time, also due to mental directing. Seventy five a week, would solve my problem as well as yours. If I don't get the lot, watch your food for flax seed, an old Scotch wives trick. If I'm not mistaken I recall talking to you in England, years ago, as a boy of some profound intelligence, or so they thought.

"A mental book is a very clever device, no doubt being used by the Syndicate also, but it can also be used to save people, if you have allowed yourself to be read by the proper people. It's far-reaching and very clever, but there are those who can beat the book. Furthermore, I don't say anything to the assholes at the desk or the door, just you. You also will not talk finances to me, and that changes the knowledge gained by those who have gotten

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"Thank you
by
New York City, NY
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"P.S.

"Don't walk across any streets, alone."

Another sheet of paper was inserted listing the subject's qualifications, as follows:

- *Combat Soldier - 21 enemy - 21 days
- *Judo - Fair
- *Expert Marksmen
- *Quiet and studious.

- *Recommendations -
 - *Ike Isenhower
 - *F.B.I.
 - *Secret Service
 - *Military Intelligence"

Mr. BARUCH stated he did not desire any personal protection from the Bureau or the police authorities and in fact stated he was not too concerned about the letter, because he received a great many letters in the past of a similar nature; however, he stated that this letter may contain some threat to his person and consequently he is seeking the Bureau's assistance.

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Subject was located at his room at [redacted] New York City, on the same date. He stated that his true name is [redacted] and that he had never used any other names. He readily admitted sending the letter to Mr. BARUCH but claimed if there was any threat contained in the letter it was not his intention to threaten Mr. BARUCH in anyway. He said that he wanted to get a better job from the one he had at the present time as [redacted]

[redacted] New York City, and that it was his belief that the hoodlums had a mental book on Mr. BARUCH and he thought he could be of some assistance to him if he could get a job as a body guard to Mr. BARUCH.

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The subject exhibited a discharge from the United States Army for mental reasons.

The facts were submitted to Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH P. MARTIN, Southern District of New York, and after reading the letters, he stated that he could see no definite threat to kill or injure in the letter and that it appeared the letter was written by an individual who was mentally sick; therefore, he would not authorize prosecution. He stated, however, that the subject should be remonstrated and warned to desist from any further letter writing of this nature, and in the event he persisted in writing any more of these letters, AUSA MARTIN would authorize the Bureau to pick the subject up and have him committed to Bellevue for observation.

The subject was warned in accordance with the instructions of the United States Attorney and he promised that he would not write any such letters again, inasmuch as he had absolutely no desire to be confined to any hospital or to get into any trouble with the Bureau or with the law.

Mr. BARUCH was personally advised of the substance of the investigation conducted herein and the results thereof. He then stated that he felt sorry for the subject, and that he did not want to press any further action against the subject. He stated that he was in full agreement with the Assistant United States Attorney's recommendations and the Bureau's handling of the matter.

A description of the victim herein, BERNARD M. BARUCH, is not being set forth inasmuch as he is well known to the New York office and also a prominent figure and advisor to

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GOD KNOWS WHAT HE WOULD DO IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HIM UNQUOTE.
HE STATED THAT HE IS SURE THAT THE DIRECTOR IS WATCHING HIMSELF
VERY CAREFULLY THESE DAYS AND CONSEQUENTLY DID NOT WANT TO BOTHER
HIM WITH THE PHONE CALL. IN FURTHER CONVERSATION, MR BARUCH
STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION SENATOR JOE MC CARTHY WAS DOING A WONDERFUL
JOB IN EXPOSING THESE QUOTE DAMN COMMUNISTS IN THE COUNTRY UNQUOTE.
HE WENT ON TO EXPRESS HIS HIGH REGARD FOR JOE MC CARTHY, AND HE
STATED HE DID NOT CARE WHO KNEW ABOUT HIS FEELINGS. IN FACT, HE
SAID HE WAS JUST WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO CALL HIM TO TESTIFY AT SOME
HEARING AND HE SAID HE WOULD BLAST THEM TO KINGDOM COME. HE SAID
THAT THE ONLY TROUBLE IS THAT THEY ARE ALL AFRAID TO CALL HIM TO
TESTIFY BECAUSE NOBODY KNOWS WHAT HE IS EVER GOING TO SAY AND
NO ONE CAN TELL HIM WHAT TO SAY AT ANYTIME. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE
OPINION THAT ABLAI STEVEASCA IN HIS RECENT SPEECH ATTACKING MC CARTHY
REALLY SHOWED THAT HE WAS NEVER AN ANTI-COMMUNIST AS SHOWN BY THE
FACT IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR WHEN HE WAS ASST. SEC. OF THE NAVY, HE
STATED THAT THE COMMUNIST SCARE WAS A JOKE AND WE WERE FIGHTING
FASCISTS. MR BARUCH ALSO COMMENTED VERY FAVORABLY ON THE WORK OF

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SENATOR PAT MC CARRAN AND STATED THAT HE WAS IN COMPLETE ACCORD WITH MC CARRAN-S WORK TO KEEP THE UNDESIRABLE ALIENS OUT OF THE US. HE STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION THERE WERE TOO MANY UNDESIRABLE PEOPLE COMING INTO THIS COUNTRY AT THE PRESENT TIME AND HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE AND HIS REPUBLICAN FRIENDS HAVE CONTINUALLY BACKED MC CARRAN IN HIS CAMPAIGN IN NEVADA FOR REELECTION. THIS INFO IS BEING FORWARDED IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT BARUCH SAID HE WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY, MAR TEN, FOR A DAY OR TWO BEFORE PROCEEDING TO HIS ESTATE IN S. C., AND IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MAY BE IN TOUCH WITH THE DIRECTOR.

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CC: MR. ROSEN
ACT: [illegible]
EX: [illegible]

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A description of the subject is as follows:

Name
Birthdate
Birthplace
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Scars and Marks
Color
Father's name
Mother's name
Parents' residence

Marital Status

Children

Service Record
Army Serial Number
Former employment

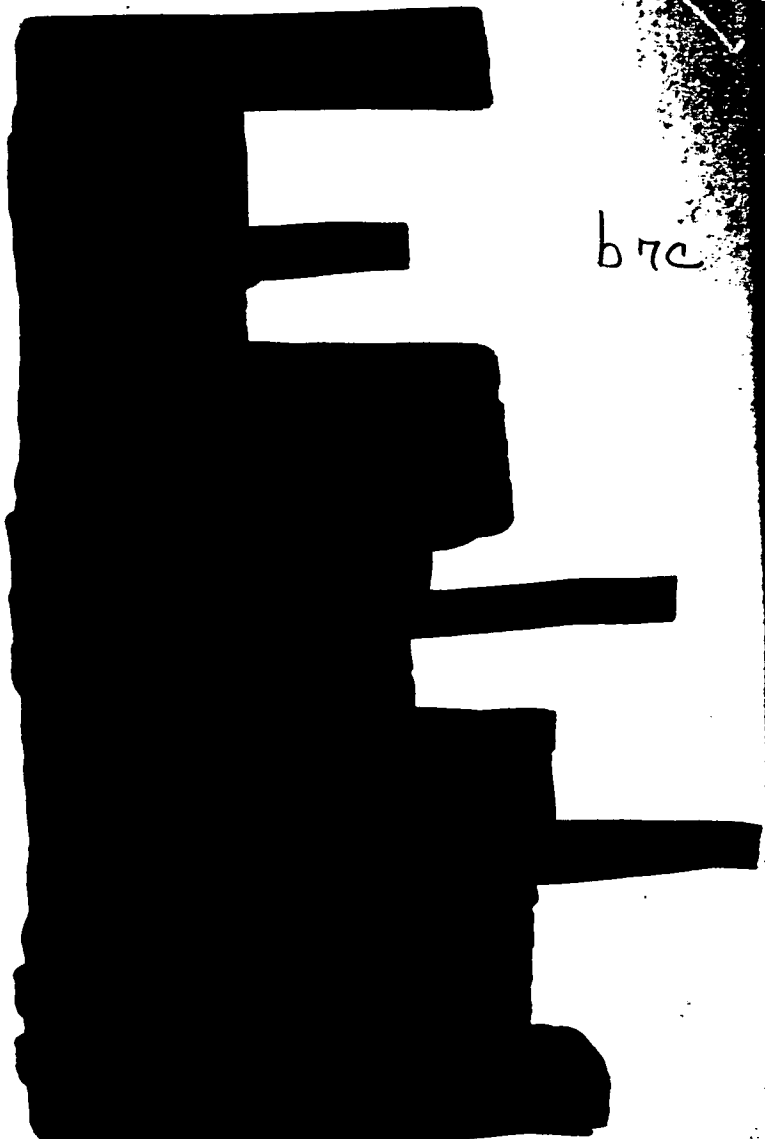
Present employment

Education

Brother

Sister

Subject's present
address



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Letter to Director, FBI
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Brother

Sister

Subject's present
address



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MISCELLANEOUS

The original letter is being forwarded under separate cover to the FBI Laboratory for inclusion in their letter file.

REFERENCE

New York phone call to Bureau, 3/5/5L.
Bureau phone call to New York, 3/5/5L.
New York teletype to Bureau, 3/5/5L.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

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| Mr. Tolson | ✓ |
| Mr. Boardman | ✓ |
| Mr. Nichols | ✓ |
| Mr. Belmont | ✓ |
| Mr. Clegg | ✓ |
| Mr. Glavin | ✓ |
| Mr. Ladd | ✓ |
| Mr. Nichols | ✓ |
| Mr. Rosen | ✓ |
| Mr. Tracy | ✓ |
| Mr. Harbo | ✓ |
| Mr. Mohr | ✓ |
| Mr. Winterrowd | ✓ |
| Tele. Room | ✓ |
| Mr. Holloman | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy | ✓ |

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DIRECTOR

URGENT

G. I. R. -7

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██████████ BERNARD M. BARUCH, VIC, EXTORTION. BARUCH
 REC'D A LETTER CONTAINING A VEILED THREAT TO HIS PERSON ON MAR
 FIVE LAST. THE SUBJ WAS LOCATED ON THE SAME DAY AND ADMITTED SENDING
 THE LETTER BUT CLAIMED NO INTENT MEANT TO INJURE MR BARUCH AND AD-
 MITTED BEING CONFINED TO STATE HOSPITAL IN ██████████ IN NINETEEN
 FORTYSEVEN WITH A COMPLETE MENTAL BREAKDOWN. AUSA MARTIN, SDNY,
 DECLINED PROSECUTION BUT DIRECTED THAT SUBJ BE WARNED THAT HE SHOULD
 DESIST IN WRITING ANY MORE SUCH LETTERS OR STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO
 COMMIT HIM. SUBJ WAS SO WARNED. FOR THE INFO OF THE DIRECTOR, THE
 IMMEDIATE SERVICES OF THIS OFFICE WERE AFFORDED MR BARUCH AND DURING
 THE INTERVIEW AND AFTER THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS, ABOVE MENTIONED,
 WAS CONDUCTED, MR BARUCH IN CONVERSATION STATED THAT HE WAS VERY
 MUCH CONCERNED OVER THE DIRECTOR-S SAFETY IN VIEW OF THE RECENT
 SHOOTINGS IN CONGRESS AND STATED THAT HE WAS GOING TO CALL THE
 DIRECTOR ON THE PHONE TO MAKE SURE HE TOOK GOOD CARE OF HIMSELF
 BECAUSE HE SAID HE HOLDS THE DIRECTOR IN SUCH HIGH ESTEEM THAT QUOTE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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| Mr. Tolson | _____ |
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| Mr. Hendon | _____ |
| Mr. Pennington | _____ |
| Mr. Quinn | _____ |
| Mr. Nease | _____ |
| Miss Gandy | _____ |

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

UNSUB; COOK OF BERNARD BARUCH; VIREX. REMYCALL TO BUREAU THIS DATE. ATTACHED IS PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF LETTER SENT TO VICTIM WHICH WAS TURNED OVER TO THIS OFFICE BY [REDACTED] SECRETARY TO BERNARD BARUCH, AT HIS OFFICE, 597 MADISON AVE., NYC. THE FACTS OF THIS CASE WERE PRESENTED TO AUSA CARMELIUS W. WICKERSHAM, JR., EDNY, WHO DECLINED PROSECUTION STATING THAT HE FELT THAT LETTER COMES CLEARLY WITHIN PURVUE OF TITLE 18, SECTION 876, USC, IN THAT IT CONTAINS LIBELOUS MATTER AND THREAT, IF ANY, IS FOR COOK TO LEAVE EMPLOYMENT. AUSA, WICKERSHAM, STATED FURTHER THAT HE HAS REVIEWED EXTORTION STATUTE AND DOES NOT FEEL THAT LETTER COMES WITHIN THE STATUTE AND DIRECTED THAT THIS OFFICE TURN LETTER OVER TO POST OFFICE AUTHORITIES. BARUCH CONTACTED AND ADVISED OF OPINION OF AUSA AND FURTHER THAT MATTER IS BEING IMMEDIATELY REFERRED TO POSTAL AUTHORITIES AND THAT POLICE BEING ADVISED. MR. BARUCH AGREED TO ABOVE STATING HE THOUGHT LETTER PROBABLY WRITTEN BY A "CRANK". LETTER PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO POSTAL AUTHORITIES, NY. NYCPD AND PD COVERING OYSTER BAY ALL ADVISED.

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Handwritten initials: WJD

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Mr. Rosen

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIR-TEL
New York, NY, 9/7/54

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

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| Mr. Tolson | |
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UNSUB, COOK OF BERNARD BARUCH, VICTIM, EXTORTION. RE: AIRTEL
9/3/54. ATTACHED IS PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF LETTER SENT TO VICTIM
WHICH WAS INADVERTENTLY RETAINED BY NYO.

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Mr. Parsons

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: *Unsub;
Conn of Bernard Baugh,
Vicks*


J. H. P.
File # *9-26003-2*
Lab. # *D-190626 New*

Examination requested by: *SAC, NEW YORK*

Date of reference communication: *9-7-54*

Date received: *9-8-54*

Examination requested: *DOC.*

Examination by: *9-10-54 St. J.*

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Result of Examination:

*Search conducted approp. Sections A&F but no
ident made.*

None retained.

Specimens submitted for examination

*Pc1 - Photostat of one side of an envelope bearing address "Koch
Side of Bernard Baugh Estate, Capt. Bay Long Island
New York" and Postmarked "Los Angeles Calif. Aug 28, 1954
1 AM"*

*Pc2 - Photostat of accompan. letter, text of which begins
"If you only know -- "ending" --- what do
you think"*

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*Sub report
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General 3A in Cal, N.Y., Tex., Ariz., VT., Wash., Ill.

CORRECTION

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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New York, NY, 9/7/54

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9/3/54. ATTACHED IS PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF LETTER SENT TO VICTIM
WHICH WAS INADVERTENTLY RETAINED BY NYO.

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Mr. Rosen

Mr. Parsons

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Sub report
for O. [unclear]
9/14/54

Handwritten initials: JPK

Approved

Sent _____ M Per _____

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

September 14, 1954

To SAC, New York

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Re: **JNSUB;**
COOK of BERNARD BARUCH,
VIKSI

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

D-190626 **HW**

Examination requested by: **New York**

Reference: **Airtel 9/7/54**

Examination requested: **Document**

Specimens

- Qc1** Photostat of one side of an envelope bearing address "Head Cook Bernard Baruch Estate, Oyster Bay Long Island New York" and postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. AUG 28, 1954
LAK"
- Qc2** Photostat of one side of accompanying letter, text of which begins "If you only know..." ending "... what do you think."

Results of Examination:

A search was conducted in the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification.

Specimens Qc1 and Qc2 are retained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

October 6, 1954

To SAC, Los Angeles

Re UNSUB.;
HEAD COOK OF BERNARD BARUCH
VIKEX

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO. 9-~~New~~
FBI FILE NO. 9-26803 - 3
LAB. NO. D-191518 H

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Letter 9/23/54

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

- Q1 Envelope with address handwritten in ink "Head Cook
% Bernard Baruch Estate Mill Neck, Long Island
New York" and postmarked "LOS ANGELES 14, CALIF.
AUG 28, 1954 7 AM."
- Q2 Accompanying letter handwritten in ink, text of which
begins "If you only know...." ending "....what do you
think."

ALSO SUBMITTED: Photostat of face of Q1 and Q2.

Result of examination:

The New York Office, with airtel dated 9/7/54, forwarded
Photostats of the faces of Q1 and Q2 for examination. A result-
ing search in the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter
File failed to effect an identification. Photographs of Q1 and
Q2 are being added to this file for future reference.

The physical characteristics of Q1 and Q2 are being
recorded in the Laboratory's files.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI 9-0-211

DATE: September 29, 1954

Handwritten initials

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-NEW)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
HEADLINE OF BERNARD BARUCH - VICTIM
EXTORTION

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

There is enclosed herewith the original and one photostatic copy of a letter received by victim, which was postmarked August 28, 1954, at Los Angeles and addressed to "Head Cook, c/o Bernard Baruch Estate, Mill Neck, Long Island, New York". The letter, which is handwritten in ink on a piece of plain yellow paper, begins "If you only" and ends [redacted]

Letter was furnished this office by [redacted] Post Office Inspector in Charge, Post Office Department, San Francisco, California.

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Assistant United States Attorney BRUCE A. BEVAN, Los Angeles, advised it is his opinion that the contents of this letter are not sufficiently threatening to constitute a violation of the Extortion Statute.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the writing on this letter with handwriting contained in the anonymous letter file and advise the Los Angeles and New York Offices the results of this comparison. It is possible that subject is or may become a prolific letter writer.

Two photostatic copies of this letter are being furnished the New York Office. The New York Office will, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, furnish information regarding this matter to the victim as well as to Mr. BERNARD BARUCH and to local interested law enforcement officials.

No investigation is being conducted at Los Angeles. A closing report will be submitted.

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JHE:MGB
cc: NEW YORK (Encls.)

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Handwritten notes on left margin:
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W. L. ...
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EXP-REC'D

Handwritten signature

Presumably franked. NLF without ident. See orig. exhibit.

① used bond envelope with this 14 stamp. Mill Creek paper. Address crossed out. Oyster Bay apparently added in its place.

no watermark.

6" x 3.53"

thickness 42-44 mils

② Yellow bond paper - no watermark.

Message H.W. in - 6-26803-3

8.52 - 8.53" x 10.99"

42-44 mils thickness.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

FO LAB FILE

Re: U.SUB; HEAD COOK OF BERNARD BARUCH
VIKEX

File # 9-26803 - 3
Lab. # D-191518 XV

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles (9-New)

Date of reference communication: 9-23-54

Date received: 9-27-54

Examination requested: Doc.

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [Redacted]

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Photostat of envelope with address handwritten in ink, prepared photographically. The envelope is addressed to the U.S. Mail, attention J. T. b7c

Specimens submitted for examination

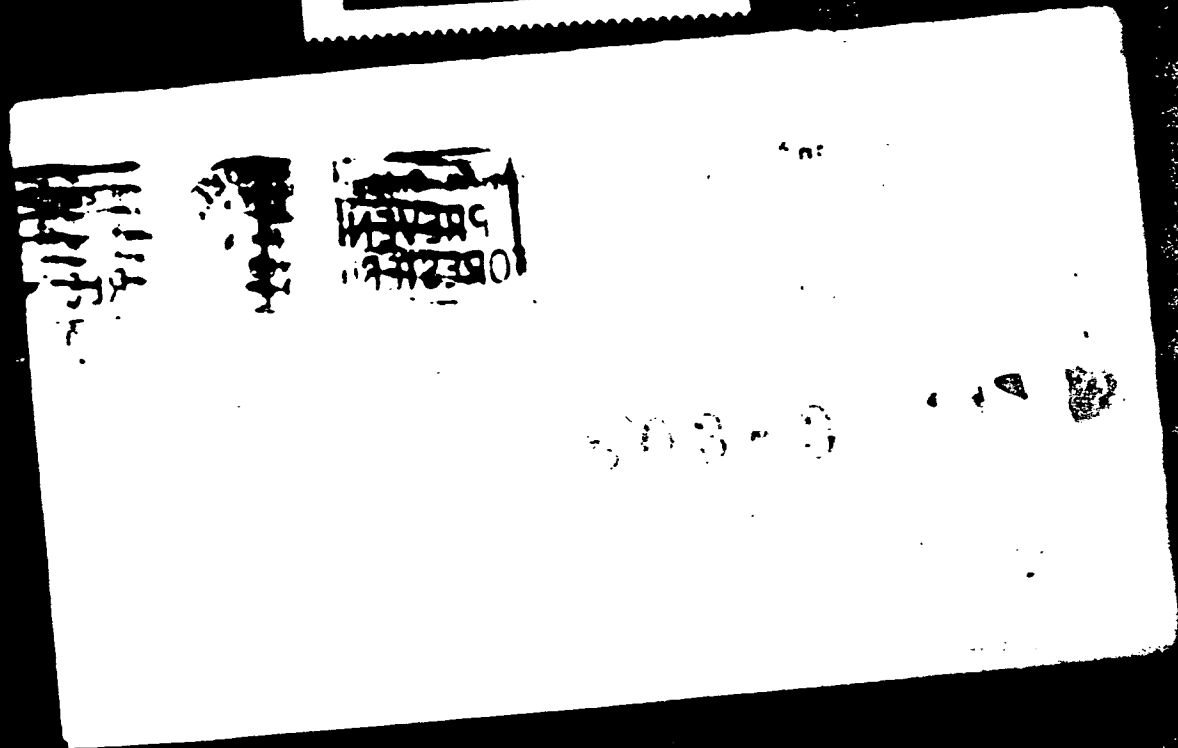
- Q1 - Envelope with address handwritten in ink "Head Cook & Bernard Baruch Estate Mill Neck, Long Island New York" and P.M. "LOS ANGELES 14, CALIF. A.G. 22. 1954 7 AM."
- Q2 - Accom. letter handwritten in ink ^{top of which begins} beginning "If you only know" ending ".... what do you think"

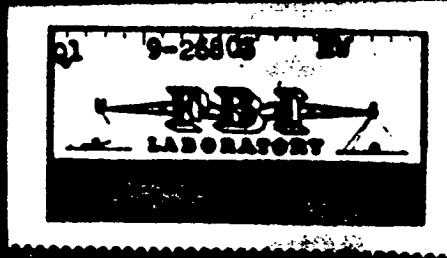
ALSO SUBMITTED: PHOTOSTAT OF FACE OF Q1 and Q2

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Lab. # 10-6-54

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Lead Cook

% Bernard Baruch

Estate

Copter Bay

~~9-26805-3~~
Long Island

New York.



Erad Cook

of Bernard Baruch

Estate

Cyster Bay

North Neck

Long Island



Stallor Hotel Los Angeles Cal

Dear

of Bernard Baruch --

It is only know what your Master Mr Baruch really
is and what he now does to the American working People
and what his activity is. If you know that what you
know that he is like a Poisonous Snake he is one of
them that keeps the people in fear Starvation and War
and he is a human Beast. he is one of em some
of the (Dinner Circle) or the Ruling Class. Our men
have trailed him for the least 14 Months
and we know he is a mistake. he is one of them that will
be removed from the face of the Earth and a few others
with him will the people live in Peace and freedom If you
are in the Employment then you are in great danger
soon the command will be given to blast the house he is
in and you will not escape why dont you give him poison
and save us the work. and you will be save
what do you think

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re: UNSUB; HEAD COOK OF BERNARD BARUCH
VIOLX

9-26803
File # D-191518 NY
Lab. #

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles (9-New)

Date of reference communication: 9-23-54

Date received: 9-27-54

Examination requested: Ess.

Result of Examination:

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Examination by:

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[Redacted]
[Signature]

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 - Envelope with address handwritten in ink "Head Cook of Bernard Baruch Estate Hill Neck, Long Island New York"
- Q2 - Assoc. letter handwritten in ink beginning "If you only know" ending ".... what do you think"

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Head Cook

% Bernard Bushick

Estate

Copter Bay

~~Matt Neck~~

Long Island



Staller Hotel Los Angeles Cal.

Head Cook

of Bernard Baruch -

If you only know what your Master Mr Baruch really is and what he now does to the American working people and what his activity is, if you know that I wish you should kill him like a Poisonous Snake he is one of them that keeps the people in fear Starvation and War. Yes he is a human Beast. he is one of em some call ^{them} of the (Inner Circle) or the Ruling Class. our men and women have trailed him for the last 14 Months and we make no mistake. he is one of them that will be swept from the face of the Earth and a few others only then will the people live in Peace and freedom. If you stay in his Employment then you are in great danger soon the command will be given to blast the house he lives in and you will not escape why dont you give him poison and save us the work. and you will be save

what do you think?

9-0-911

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JGL:mfb 9-3-54

F. L. PRICE MEMO TO MR. ROSEN BERNARD BARUCH

EXTORTION-GENERAL

COPY

SA Handley, NY, advised that Mr. Baruch's head cook had received a letter thru the mail containing a threat, Letter postmarked 8-28-54, Los Angeles, Cal. WSA states not within purview of Ext. Statute but should be handled by postal authorities.

APPENDIX JGL:rmb 9-3-54

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SERIAL 4 MISSING
AT TIME OF FILMING.
UNABLE TO LOCATE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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| REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK | DATE WHEN MADE 9/16/54 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/3, 13/54 | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c arl |
| UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: [REDACTED] b7c - VICTIM | | | CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Letter postmarked 8/26/54 at Los Angeles, California, mailed to victim at estate of **BERNARD BARUCH**, Mill Neck, Long Island, NY. Letter generally is critical of **BERNARD BARUCH**, warns victim of consequences if he remains in the employ of **BARUCH** as his cook. Letter suggests that victim poison in order to "save us the work". Letter is headed "Statler Hotel, Los Angeles, Cal." and is signed [REDACTED]. Facts presented to USA, EDNY, who declined prosecution under Extortion Statute and advised that letter is postal violation, and directed that letter be turned over to postal authorities which was done. **BARUCH** contacted and advised of opinion of USA. He expressed opinion that letter probably written by a "crank". NYCPD and Mill Neck, Long Island PD advised.

DETAILS: The title of this report is being marked changed in order to reflect victim's name. Previous correspondence in this case has been entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, COOK OF **BERNARD BARUCH** - VICTIM; EXTORTION."

On September 3, 1954, [REDACTED] Secretary to **BERNARD BARUCH**, 597 Madison Avenue, New York City, turned over to this office the following letter which was postmarked at Los Angeles, California, on August 26, 1954:

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED COPY IN FILE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES RECORDED |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT (2) - Bureau 1 - USA, EDNY 2 - New York (9-2069) | SE |

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*Staller Hotel Los Angeles Cal.

*Head Cook

of Bernard Baruch-

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what do you think

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Upon receipt of aforementioned letter from [redacted] the writer contacted Assistant United States Attorney CORNELIUS W. WICKERSHAM, JR., Eastern District of New York, who declined prosecution under the Extortion Statute and stated that he felt that the letter comes clearly within the purview of Title 18, Section 876, United States Code, in that it contains libelous matter and the threat, if any, is for the cook to leave the employment of BERNARD BARUCH. Assistant United States Attorney WICKERSHAM directed that this office turn aforementioned letter over to postal authorities.

BERNARD BARUCH was contacted at his estate at Mill Neck, Long Island, New York, and he was advised of the opinion of Assistant United States Attorney WICKERSHAM, JR. and was further advised that the letter was immediately being referred to postal authorities and that Police Departments in New York City and Mill Neck, Long Island were being advised. Mr. BARUCH agreed to the above and expressed an opinion that the letter was probably written by a "crank".

On September 3, 1954, the writer personally delivered the letter

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to [REDACTED] Postal Inspector's Office, Main Post Office, 33rd Street and 8th Avenue. On the same date the New York City Police Department and Mill Neck Police Department were advised.

The following is a description of the victim:

Name
Born
Place
Sex
Height
Weight
Build
Eyes
Complexion
Hair
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On 9/3/54, the Bureau was telephonically advised of receipt of
aforementioned letter and was also advised of opinion of AUSA, SDNY. b7c

New York City Police Department was advised by SA [REDACTED]

Mill Neck Police Department was advised by SA [REDACTED]

By Air-tel dated 9/3/54, the Bureau was advised of opinion of
AUSA, SDNY and facts of case. A photostatic copy of the letter was for-
warded as an enclosure with above Air-tel.

REFERENCE: NY telephone call to Bureau on, 9/3/54.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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| REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES | DATE WHEN MADE 10/25/54 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/23;10/11/54 | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] mh |
| TITLE THE OWN SUBJECT; Wa. [REDACTED] VICTIM b7c | | | CHARACTER OF CASE EXPORTION b7c |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Letter postmarked 8/28/54 at Los Angeles, addressed to "Head Cook c/o BERNARD BARUCH Estate, Mill Neck, Long Island, New York" is generally critical of BERNARD BARUCH and warns victim of consequences if he remains in the employ of BARUCH. Letter suggests that victim poisons BARUCH to "save us the work". USA, LA declined prosecution.

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DETAILS:

By letter dated September 10, 1954 received at Los Angeles September 14, 1954, [REDACTED] Post Office Inspector in Charge, transmitted a letter mailed at Los Angeles and addressed to "Head Cook, c/o BERNARD BARUCH Estate, Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York. It is noted the letter was originally addressed to Mill Neck, Long Island, New York, but the word Mill Neck was struck out and Oyster Bay substituted. The letter contains no return address but is postmarked August 27, 1954, 7 AM, Los Angeles, California. The letter is handwritten in ink on a piece of plain yellow paper and headed at the top, "Statler Hotel, Los Angeles, California."

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| COPIES OF THIS REPORT ② - Bureau (9-26806) 1 - USA 2 - New York (100-1670) | | 10 OCT 29 1954 <i>[Signature]</i> | |


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The letter states as follows:

"Head Cook
of Bernard Baruch-

"If you only know what your master Mr. BARUCH really is and what he now does to the American working people and what his activity is. If you know that truht you would kill him like a poisonous snacke he is one of them that keeps the people in fear starvation and war. Yes he is a human beast. he is one of em some call them of the (Inner Circle) on the Rulling Class. our men and woman have trailed hm for the last 14 months and we macke no mistacke. he is one of tem that will be swept from the face of the Earth and a few others only then will the people live in Peace and freedom. If you stay in his Employment then you are in great danger soon the comant will be given to blast the house he lives in and you will not escape why dont you give him poison and save us the work. and you will be save

"What do you think

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Assistant United States Attorney BRUCE A. BEVAN was contacted and advised contents of this letter is not sufficiently threatening to constitute a violation of the Extortion Statute.

The letter received by the victim was submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory who advised on October 6, 1954 that the anonymous letter file failed to reflect an identification for the letter.

For the information of the United States Attorney at Los Angeles, this matter had previously been brought to the attention of the New York Office who advised victim and BERNARD BARUCH concerning the receipt of this letter.

The facts of this case were also presented by the New York Division to Assistant United States Attorney CORNELIUS W. WILKERSHAM, Jr., Eastern District of New York, who declined prosecution under the extortion statute and suggested that the matter be turned over to the Postal Authorities. On September 3, 1954, the New York Division delivered the

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letter to the Postal Inspector's Office at New York.

The New York Police Department and the Mill Neck Police Department were advised that the victim had received the aforementioned letter by the New York Office on September 3, 1954.

The New York Division previously interviewed the victim and obtained the following description:

Name:
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Sex:
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Weight:
Build:
Eyes:
Complexion:
Hair:
Occupation:



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The New York Division is being designated as office of origin in this matter inasmuch as they had previously handled the matter and referred it to the Post Office who erroneously referred the letter back to the Los Angeles Office.

The letter received by the victim is being forwarded by registered mail to the Postal Inspector's Office at San Francisco.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/16/54 at New York.
FBI Laboratory report dated 10/6/54 to Los Angeles.

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██████████ ADVISES HIS SOURCE OF INFO FOR ARTICLE IN LOS ANGELES TIMES WAS ██████████ INDICATES HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE BEHIND SCHEME TO OPEN THE HOLLYWOOD RACE TRACK. HIS ARTICLE WAS MERELY A GENERAL PROTEST AGAINST OPENING OF THE TRACK IN VIEW OF THE SECURITY CONDITIONS THEN PREVAILING IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA AND THE FACT THAT OTHER RACE TRACKS IN THIS AREA HAD KEPT TO THE PROMISE NOT TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A RACING MEET. ██████████ FELT THAT THE HOLLYWOOD RACE TRACKS IN THIS CASE WERE A BLACK MARK AGAINST HORSE RACING GENERALLY. ██████████

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██████████ ADVISED THAT HE REPRESENTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR, PATTERSON IN THE JOINT MEETINGS WITH LOS ANGELES AREA RACE TRACKS AND LOS ANGELES CITIZENS MANPOWER COMMISSION. ADVISE THAT THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION AMONG ALL REPRESENTATIVES WAS THAT EXISTING CONDITIONS IN THIS AREA DO NOT PERMIT OF HORSE RACING MEETS, AND ALL RACE TRACK REPRESENTATIVES WANTED NOT TO ASK FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD A MEET. SUBJECT ██████████ WAS

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MOST VEHEMENT IN HIS PROTEST AGAINST THE OPENING OF ANY TRACKS AT THIS TIME. [REDACTED] REPORTED THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSION TO PATTERSON AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY VERY MUCH EMBARRASSED BY THE OPENING OF THE HOLLYWOOD TRACK. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH [REDACTED] OF THE LOS ANGELES CITIZENS MANPOWER COMMITTEE IN AN EFFORT TO PLACE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPENING OF THE HOLLYWOOD TRACK HE QUOTES [REDACTED] AS STATING THAT [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES ATTORNEY, WAS THE PERSON EMPLOYED BY THE HORSE RACING INTERESTS TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE WAR MANPOWER COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON, DC TO ALLOW THE TRACKS TO OPERATE. HE STATES FURTHER THAT HERBERT BAYARD SVOPE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE RACING BOARD AND LATER ASSOCIATED WITH TROPICAL PARK TRACK IN FLORIDA WAS ALLEGEDLY CONCERNED WITH THIS PRESSURE GROUP. [REDACTED] STATES HOWEVER THAT [REDACTED] FELT THIS PRESSURE GROUP DIDNT HAVE TO APPROACH WASHINGTON ON THE MATTER BECAUSE [REDACTED] HAD BEEN "GOTTEN TO" AND THAT "THE WAY HAD BEEN GREASED" AND THAT HE HAD ARBITRARILY DECIDED TO ALLOW HOLLYWOOD TO OPEN WITH NO PRESSURE BEING APPLIED BY WASHINGTON OFFICIALS. SVOPE IS ALLEGEDLY VERY FRIENDLY WITH [REDACTED] OF HOLLYWOOD TRACK. [REDACTED] ADVISES THAT BARNET BARUCH IS THE SOURCE OF MUCH OF SVOPE-S INFLUENCE IN WASHINGTON, DC. [REDACTED] STATES THAT HE MADE NO PERSONAL INVESTIGATION ON THE HOLLYWOOD TRACK MATTER AND DEPENDED UPON [REDACTED] FOR HIS INFORMATION.

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[REDACTED] SUGGESTS THAT [REDACTED] THE WAR DEPARTMENT
REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WAR MANPOWER COMMITTEE IN LOS ANGELES,
POSSIBLY CAN GIVE SOME DATA ON THIS MATTER. [REDACTED] VERY
COOPERATIVE.

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[REDACTED] states that SHOFF's contact in Washington appears to be EDWARD BAUGH who has had much influence with the various executives in the present administration. He states that this information is strictly off the record as far as he is concerned and these impressions were formulated in his mind through conversations he had with [REDACTED]. He states however that in his opinion it had not been necessary to actually go to Washington to contact officials there to go over [REDACTED] head and he felt that the whole matter was handled locally and that there was no doubt in his mind that [REDACTED] was handled through financial contributions to him or else by an officer of a position with the Hollywood Turf Club. He states that if the matter had gotten to Washington the chances are that he or Assistant Secretary of War Patterson might have heard about the deal which would not be advisable in view of the publicity which might ensue. [REDACTED] states that SHOFF is very friendly with [REDACTED] of the Hollywood Turf Club and that SHOFF allegedly can handle anything in matters of this sort both in California and Washington.

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[REDACTED] states that at the time the conferences were being held in Los Angeles relative to this matter there was a [REDACTED] who was the local War Department representative on the War Relocation Authority and that he was very familiar with all of the facts in these matters and no doubt would have information concerning any details that might have been made to influence [REDACTED]. He suggests that [REDACTED] be contacted in Los Angeles for his opinion in the matter.

• REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

March 28, 1954

Honorable Bernard M. Baruch
597 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

My dear Mr. Baruch:

The thought occurred to me that you might be interested in the attached communication, which is a copy of a letter I have sent to Dr. Donald G. Barnhouse, of Philadelphia, as a result of unfounded charges he made in the March issue of Eternity Magazine. His article asserted that "seventy-seven per cent of all Agents of the FBI are now Roman Catholics."

With warmest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

NOTE: On Special Correspondents' list. Letter based upon the recommendation in a memorandum from M. A. Jones to Mr. Nichols dated March 24, 1954, which was approved by Mr. Tolson and the Director.

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