On March 14, 1946, a reliable source of information advised that Mary Jame Keeney again contacted Mrs. Silvernaster and stated that she would like to visit the Silvernasters that evening, but Mrs. Silvernaster advised that it would be inconvenient since William Indexig Ullman would not be at home and that she, Mrs. Silvernaster, was not feeling well. 65-56402-811, p. 125

William Induig Ullman, mentioned above, is a subject of this investigation about whom complete information is set out in another perties of this memorandum. It is noted that he advised Mr. and Mrs. Silvermaster on January 26, 1946, that he had met Mary Jane Keeney while he, Ullman, was in Germany. 65-56402-811, p. 133

A reliable source of information advised that on March 15, 1946, Elector Wheeler, the sister-in-law of Donald Miven Wheeler, a subject of this investigation, was in contact with Mary Jane Meeney at which time Mrs. Wheeler invited Mrs. Escrey to her house the following evening. Mary Jane Meeney advised that she did not have any specific message for Mrs. Wheeler from her husband, George Wheeler, who, it is known, was in Germany at the same time as was Mrs. Keeney. 65-56402-811, p. 138 (2)

A physical surveillance on March 17, 1946, reflected that Mrs. Mary June Memory visited at the residence of Mathan Gregory Silvermaster from 3:55 p.m. until 7:25 p.m. 65-56402-1019, p. 57

A source of information regarded as completely reliable informed that Mary Jame Econoy and Mrs. Helen Silvernaster were in social on mach with one another on April 17, 23, 24, 27, and 26, 1946. 65-56402-1187, p. 45

Ersula Ensurman, mentioned hereinbefore, was known to contact Hrs.

Mary Jane Econey on April 23, 1946. At this time Braula Masserman was residing at Helasin 1906, Buenos Aires, Argentina. 65-56402-1187, p. 43

On April 30, 1946, a reliable source of information reported that Hrs. Mary June Keeney received a communication from Dr. I. Alpher, 900 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. G. This person is believed identical with Dr. Isadore Alphe: who is a known contact of Elizabeth Sasuly, Maurice Helperin and David E. Wahl, all whom have been mentioned prominently elsewhere in this memorandum.

On June 27, 1946, seconding to a reliable and confidential source, Mary Jane Keeney was contacted by Breula Messerman, who was in New York City and Wasserman advised that she would be in Weshington on the following Monday and that she would stey with Mrs. Homey. She indicated that she had recently returned from Argentina. Breula Wasserman mentioned that she desired to see Dan Melaher, believed to be identical with the Director of the Mational Committee for Atomic Information. 65-56402-1281

On June 28, 1946, a reliable and confidential source reported that Mary Jane Econey made arrangements with Olive Chuba of This Hems Agency, Washington, D. C., for luncheon on the following day. In introducing herself to Chuba, Mary Jane Keeney advised that it was suggested she get in touch with Olive Chuba.

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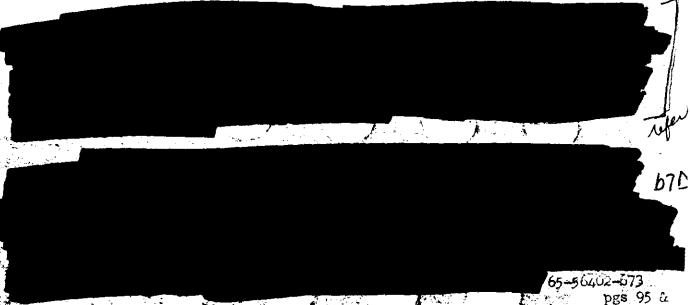
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Millip Olin Keeney is presently in depen as a representative of the flar Department as a Research Specialist. Prior to that time he was employed at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. Mary Jane Reeney, until July, 2945, continued her employment at the Foreign Roomonic Administration, when her resignation became effective. She is presently unemployed,

#### Activities

The name of Mary Jane Reeney appeared emong the membership indices of the United American Spanish Relief Committee. She was also interested in obtaining financial support for the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago, Illinois. Her name also appears in the active indices of the Washington Book Shop Ageociation.



High further reference to Phillip Clin Deeney, husband of Mary Jone Thomay, it was reported that as early as Hovember, 1944, he was suspected of Communist activities and possibly Soviet explorage ectivities. In this connection a reliable source of information advised that David Ralph Wahl, them an employed of the Office of Strategic Services, was sent to Washington during the time of the Russian-German Pact to furnish information to the Communist Party concerning troup movements, et ceters, and that this information was in turn made svailable by the Communist Party to the Soviet Government. This reliable source further advised that Phillip Reeney had been brought to Washington by David Wahl. David Wahl is a known close contact of Maurice Halperin, a subject of importance in this investigation. 65-56402-234 p. 63

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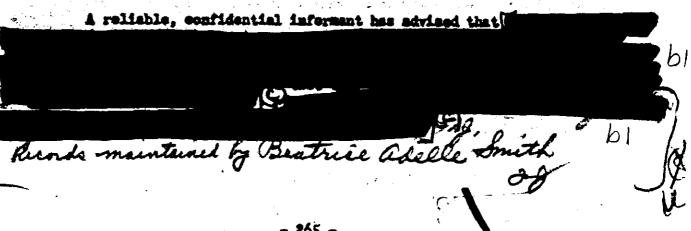
Mary Anne Moeney, Mathan Oregory Silvermaster, and Milliam Ludwig Ullman are known to be stockholders in the Metropolitan Broadcasting Corporation, 1822 Jefferson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C. This corporation has applied for a standard broadcasting station in Washington, D. G. (FM) to operate from sumrise to sunset. Allan R. Rosemberg is handling legal matters for this corporation. All of the above individuals are subjects in this investigation and are dealt with in separate portions of this memorandum. 100-345662-1

July 15, 1946. Washington Field Office report 8-1-46, 65-56402-p. 52-

#### Bernard Mor

Northen was first observed in connection with this case to have visited the residence of Victor Perlo on December 1, 1945. Subsequently 14 was ascertained that he visited the office of Dr. Abrahau B. Wilastein on March 11, 1946. Both Perlo and Weinstein are subjects of this investigation and are treated in separate sections of this memorandum.

P. Bernard Mortman was born October 8, 1912, in New York City. Mis father, Maurice M. Mortman, and his mother, Jennie Most Mortman, were born in Poland and naturalised in the United States in 1911. Bernard Mortman attended the Morris Righ School in New York City from 1924 to 1930, and the Gollege of the City of New York from 1930 to 193h where he obtained a B.S.S. degree. He attended Columbia University from 1934 to 1935 and from 1937 to 1938. He has been employed by the Ares Statistical Office, New York City, from January to September, 1936; by the Mational Bureau of Economic Research, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from September, 1936, to March, 1937; by the Anthracite Coal Industry Commission in Philadelphia from March to September, 1938. From 1938 to 1939, he was employed by Columbia University in New York; from September, 1939 to Pebruary, 1942 he was employed as a research assistant by the Mational Bureau of Economic Research and during the same period was an instructor at Columbia University and an Economic Advisor in the New York City Department of Investigation. He was employed by the Office of Price Administration in Mashington, D. C., from February to December, 1942, and by the Army Service Affairs, War Department, Washington, B. C., from December, 1942 to August, 1943. From Argust 19h3 to 19h5 he was employed as Assistant to the Director, Planning Division, War Production Board, Washington, B. C. He is presently employed by the State Department in the Enemy Branch, Industry Bivision, doing highly specialised and technical work as an expert of the Division on Problems of Rebabilitation and Reconstruction in the European Area.



With respect to Martman's suspected Communistic activities, Gregory advised in Jenuary, 1947, that he first met Mortman while he, Gregory, was attending Columbia University in about 1936. Gregory stated that Northen and he were both in Buit I of the Marlen Section of the Communist Party. At that time Gregory saw Morthan very frequently et Communist Party meetings. From his observations of Mortean's activities, Gregory believed that he was very active in this perticular unit and sould well have been a functionary, and Gregory stated that is about 1937 this unit was split and Nortman became sesociated with another unit but that he saw Mortsen around Columbia University and knew that Nortman was still active in Communist Party activities. Although Gregory recalls positively that Mortman had a Party name, he is wmable to recall it. Gregory stated that he saw Nortman at Columbia University in about 1938 and thereafter did not see him until the spring of 1944. On the occasion of this meeting Gregory was on route from Washington, B. C. to New York City on a train when he accidently met Nortman. Gregory said that Nortman seemed surprised on seeing him and although there was considerable conversation between them until Wortman left the train at Philadelphia, Gregory declared that Nortman was very careful in his talk; that the conversation was innocuous and no reference was made to former Farty activities on the part of either of them. At that time Gregory stated that Bortman was employed with the War Production Board.
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#### Results of Investigation

Through a physical surveillance it was ascertained that on December 1, 1965, P. Bernard Bortman, his wife and a child visited the home of Victor Perlo. They arrived at the Perlo home at approximately 4:00 P.M. and departed at 6:10 P.M.

A highly confidential source has advised that on March 11, 1916, Fortman visited the office of Dr. Abraham B. Weinstein, a dentist in New York City and an important subject of this investigation.

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As a German alien and thought to be disloyal in an enonymous letter directed to the Special Counities Investigating Un-American Activities, House of Representatives on Jenuary 29, 1966.

on August 19, 1966, Mortman was in contact with William Remington, another subject in this case. Mortman indicated to Bemington that he was now employed in the Economic Security Policy Section, Pinancial Development Division of the State Department and his position entailed working on leans to foreign sountries. According to Mortman, his boss at the present time is in London working with Lubin, who is attached to a subcommittee of the United Mations Conference. Mortman also mentioned that fom Blaisdale had been appointed a Dejuty Associate to this subcommittee of the United Mations Conference. Remington inquired whether Mortman would be interested in accepting a teaching job with a salary of \$3500 for two terms. Mortman stated, however, that due to his financial status he would be unable to accept such an appointment.

It was also apparent that Nortman and Remington are friendly with Maynard Certler, a contact of other subjects in this case, and in commenting on the fact that Certler is unemployed at the present time, Bortman stated, "Re is one of the few people who have not been placed. ">() ()

On August 19, 1966, Mary Jone Keeney contected Northern and inquired as to the whereabouts of Bowen Smith, who has also been prominently mentioned elsewhere in this investigation. During this conversation Keeney mentioned Carl where in this investigation. During this conversation Keeney mentioned Carl Wheren, Maynard Gertler, and one Martin Bennett. According to Keeney, Bennett was unable to get an appointment as delegate to the Reparations Council in Japan. In concluding the conversation, Keeney and Mortman agreed to meet at a later date.

Physical surveillance reflected that Mary Jene Keepey was observed having lunch with Mortman on August 22, 1966. On August 28, 1966, physical surveillance reflected that Mortman had lunch with one ilexander Gerschenkron. Gerschenkron is the subject of a separate Security investigation being conducted by this Bureau and during this investigation information has been received that Gerschenkron is a member of the USSR Country Constitute, Department of State, to which Committee all problems regarding the Soviet Union coming up within the which Committee all problems regarding the Soviet Union coming up within the State Department are referred. This Committee has allegedly soft-pedalled all problems in which the Soviet Union was involved on the grounds that any strong action would estrange the Soviet Union.

On September 3, 1946, physical surveillance reflected that Nortman lef his office carrying a legal size folder and proceeded to the office of Victor Ferle, another subject in this case. Nortman spent approximately one hour and a half with Perlo and when he departed it was noted that he was not carrying the legal size folder. After his departure, Nortman returned to his office.

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Procume, Severding to confidential sources, has been in contact with Marry Bester Units, Ameteli Broner, and Fedor Gerazin, all subjects of this investigation.

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Low Processes was been July 1, 1806, in New York City. He possived an A.R. degree from Cornell University in 1825 and an Li.R. degree from the Marvard University Law School in 1829. From 1829 to 1865 he was associated with the low firm of Chadbourne, Standfield and Lovy. He served as Coneral Doumeal for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in Undington, D. C., from 1855 to 1865; in 1865 he was appointed Coneral Counsel for the Works Progress Administration and later in that year noted as Coneral Counsel for the Resettlement Administration. In June of 1856 he was made General Counsel for the Steel Workers Organizing Consistee and in March, 1837 was also made Coneral Counsel for the Steel Workers Organizing Consistee, Later in 1857 he was appointed as the Coneral Counsel for the Estimal Congress of Industrial Organizations (610) which position he presently helds.

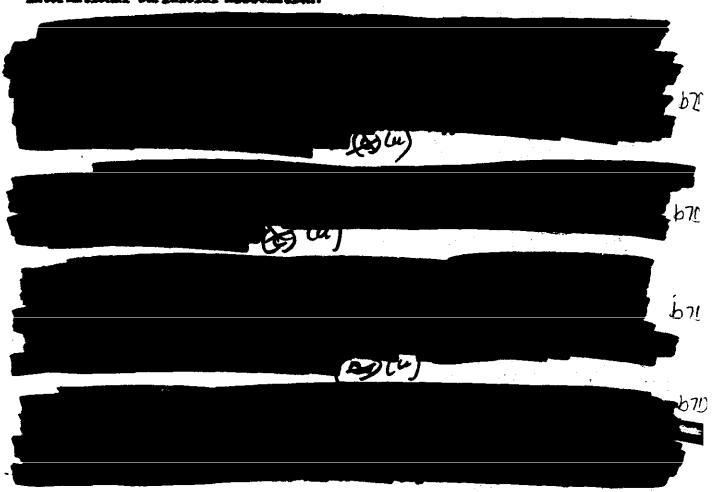
#### <u>Activition</u>

Exformation has been received from confidential sources indicating that Pressan has been associated for a number of years with income and alloged Communist functionaries. Associated have been key Burneman Medson, a number of the Sational Country of the Communist Party of the United States; Louis Boris Soldhlatt, Sebretary and Pressurer of the International Languagement's and Barehousement's Union, and a number of the Special Branch of the Communist Purty in San Francisco; Elector Take, Assistant Boscarch Director of the International Longshorement's and Marcheusement's Union, SID, and also a number of the Special Branch of the International Longshorement's and Unrehousement's Union, SID, in Northern California, the is also a number of the Special Branch of the Communist Party in San Francisco and Frederick Balson "Maskie" Special Branch of the Communist Party in San Francisco and Frederick Balson "Maskie" Special Branch of the Special Securities of the Batismal Special Securities of the Batismal Maritime Union, CIO, and a member of the Batismal Securities of the Batismal Securities of the Securities Party.

Procured has also been reported by confidential sources as associated with various alleged Communist From erganizations. He was reported as a number of the Washington Countition for Researchie Action and appeared as a speaker on April 20, 1940, he a conference called by this organization in Washington, D. C. He was also reported as an active number of the Washington Book Shop, Washington, D. C., an alleged Communist dominated organization. He also is reported as

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having been affiliated with the Lawyers Countities on American Relations with Spain which organisation was allegedly set up by the Communist Party during the Spanish Civil Nar. One of the purposes of this organisation was to secure the lifting of the embargo against Spain. He also was affiliated, according to confidential sources, with the International Juridicial Association which was allegedly organised for the purpose of developing opposition to the growing wave of "reactionary" legislation and "persecution" of liberal elements in all countries. This association was formed in 1931 as the American section of the International Juridicial Association.



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A highly confidential source advised that on Ortober 27, 1945, Presents was in contact with Anatoli Gromer who has been identified elsewhere in this memorandum as a Russian agent known to Gregory as "Al."

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A highly confidential source has also advised that Pressman has been in frequent contact with Harry Dexter White, also a subject of this investigation. These contacts are reported more fully in the section of this memorandum perteining R.G.Fletcher:wmj:mmh

ELIZABETE BASULY. lies Mrs. Richard Sesuly, Elizabeth Selma Lazareff



#### Connection with Case

Elizabeth Sesuly, according to highly confidential and reliable ources and through physical surveillances, is known to be a contact of Mathan regory Silvermester and his wife, Eslen, and several other individuals intioned prominently in this investigation.

#### Background

Elizabeth Sesuly was born in Chicago, Illinois, on December 9, 1911. father, Benjamin George Lazareff, was Russian born. Her mother's name Luba Hill (or Evisialaky).

Prior to 1942, she was employed by the California Farm Research and Legislative Committee, Santa Clara, California. She is presently the Mational Legislative Director for the Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers of America, CIO. Her place of business is located at 1307 H Street, H. W., Weshington, D. C. She presently resides with her husband, Richard Sesuly, in Apartment 436 at 5700 Massachusette Avenue, E. W., Washington, D. C.

#### Activities

Elizabeth Sesuly was a delegate to the First Convention of the erican Peace Mobilisation held in December of 1940 in Los Angeles, California, and she was elected as an executive board member of that organization in Los ingeles.

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According to a highly reliable and confidential source, Elizabeth is in close and active collaboration with Eoyt Maddock, Arthur

Hesuly works in close and active collaboration with East Maddock, Arthur Phillips, Bjorns Halling and Seth Levins, all officials of the CIO Mational Maritime Committee who are strongly suspected Communist Party members in the District of Columbia, for the purpose of influencing various Congressmen in behalf of pending legislation. (65-56402-269, page 26 & 27)

#### Results of Investigation

Through a physical surveillance, it was learned that on November 26, 1945, Bela Gold, after leaving his place of employment, met Mrs. Elizabeth Sasuly and thereafter he drove her to his residence where she remained until 11:25 P.M. Thereafter, she proceeded alone to her Apartment in the Alban Towers Apartments, 3700 Messachusetts Avenue, N. W. Bela Gold is a subject of importance in this investigation and more detailed information concerning him is set out in a separate portion of this memorandum. (65-56402-573, page 43)

On December 2, 1945, a physical surveillance reflected that at 10:40 P.M. William Ludwig Ullmann, Mrs. Helen Silvermaster, and Elizabeth Sasuly proceeded in Silvermaster's automobile to the Alban Towers Apartments where it is known that Mrs. Saguly resides. Ullmann and Mrs. Silvermaster then returned to their residence. (65-56402-269, page 229)

On December 16, 1945, a highly reliable and confidential source advised that Elizabeth Sasuly contacted the residence of Bela Gold and advised that she would visit the Golds on the evening of that date and that she was bringing a friend of here from California with her 65-56402-464, page 11)

On December 28, 1945, a highly reliable source advised that Elizabeth Sesuly contacted Sonie Gold and advised that Mrs. Sesuly's husband, Eichard, was returning soon from Europe. Mrs. Gold invited Elizabeth Sesuly to their pesidence on the following Sunday for dinner (65-56402-466, page 33)

On December 29, 1945, a highly reliable source stated that Elizabeth Sasuly was in contact with Helen Silvermaster and stated that she was attempting to reach her husband, Dick Sasuly, in either Frankfurt or Berlin, Germany, and wanted to know if Ludwig Ullmann would know the address of I. G. Farben. My

Solvernaster suggested that Mrs. Sasuly contact Irving Raplan at the Treasury Department. Irving Esplan is a subject in this investigation and will be dealt with more fully in another section of this memorandum, 165-56402-466, page 14

A highly confidential and reliable source advised that on December 30, 1945, Elizabeth Sasuly was a visitor at the home of Sonie and Bels Gold.

A reliable source of information advised that on December 31, 1945, Mrs. Erna Rosenberg, wife of Allan R. Rosenberg, a subject in this investigation, was in contact with a Mrs. Emily iSherfman, wife of a legal associate of Mr. Rosenberg, and mention was made of the Sasuly party which they had attended on an unspecified date 1865,58402-466-131

On January 1, 1946, a highly reliable source advised that Elizabeth Sasuly contacted Irving Esplan and stated that she had been in contact with Leonard Electronery who advised that Esplan might know if Elichard Sasuly's transportation was being changed from a boat to a plane. Esplan said that Elichard had already left Germany but that Esplan was attempting to expedite his arrival in this country in order to appear as a witness before the Eligore Committee hearings (265-56402-466, page 59)

On January 8, 1946, a reliable source stated that Richard Sasuly was incontact with Mrs. Helen Silvermaster and advised her that he was then out of the Army. Thereafter he was in contact with Mathan Gregory Silvermaster and promised to contact Silvermaster the following day in the latter's office. Apparently Richard Sasuly had recently returned from Germany 255-56402-466, page 1

On January 9, 1946, Elizabeth Sasuly, according to a reliable source, contacted Mr. Silvermaster and mentioned that this was the first opportunity that she had to contact him since her husband had left. Mrs. Sasuly mentioned that they probably would not go to California because her husband, Eichard, is busy at the Treasury Department working on some material \$165-56402-466, page 146)

On January 16, 1946, a highly confidential source of information informed that Elizabeth Sasuly was in contact with Sonie Gold. It was decided that due to Elizabeth's illness she would have to cancel the party to which the Golds were invited at Sasuly's the following Saturday night, (65-56402-673, page

On January 26, 1946, a confidential and reliable source stated that Elizabeth Sasuly was in contact with Mrs. Helen Silvermaster and Mrs. Sasuly requested Mrs. Silvermaster to have lunch with her, which arrangements could pot be made. Mrs. Sasuly stated that her husband, Richard, was working on that date helping Russell Nixon. She further advised that Richard Sasuly was to testify before the Kilgore Committee on January 30. Mrs. Sasuly also mentioned that she had a party on the previous night for some Congressmen, which party was strictly for business. She said that Congressmen Coffee and Congressmen Savage of Washington, Congressmen Savage of Alabama, Congressmen Caylor of Connecticut, and Congressmen Lan of Chio, as well as Congressmen Webb of Michigan, were all there (1) 65,56402-673, page 91 & 92)

On January 27, 1946, a reliable source of information stated that Bruce Waybur, Richard and Elizabeth Sasuly spent the night at the Silvermaster residence due to a heavy enow fall. Bruce Waybur is a former employee of the Treasury Department, now associated with the United Electrical Workers of America. (65-56402-673, page 92)

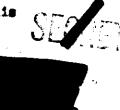
A physical surveillance reflected that on the night of January 30, 1946, Bathan Gregory Silvermaster and his wife were dinner guesta at the apartment of Elizabeth Sasuly. It was also determined that Congressman Vito Marcantonio from New York was also a guest at this dinner. (65-56402-673, page 90

On February 20, 1946, a highly reliable and confidential source advised that Sonie Gold was contacted by Elizabeth Sasuly and Elizabeth advised that she was having a party on the following Sunday for her husband, Eichard Sasuly, to begin at about 5:30 P.M. Sonie indicated that she would be very glad to welcome Dick back 5:365-56402-676, page 24)

The same highly reliable source advised that Elizabeth Sasuly invited Irving Esplan and wife and Allan Rosenberg and wife to this party (4) (4) (65-56402-676, page 24, 3)

With respect to Jean Minton Greene, this individual was formerly President of the Industrial Union Council, CIO, in Machington, and was at one time President of Local #1 of the United Public Morkers of America. On February 1, 1945, she was listed as a member of the Machington Book Shop Association. In connection with a public mass meeting held at the Asbury Methodist Church on April 12, 1944, in Washington, protesting Senator Bilbo

of Mississippi, Jean Minton Greene was known to be an endorser of this meeting. (65-56402-676, page 65)



Dr. Isadore Lattman in 1945 was listed on the indices of the Washington Committee for Demogratic Action, the American Peace Mobilization, and various other Communist front organizations. He was born in Odessa, Russia, and was married to the widow of one Max Sasuly who is the deceased father of Richard Sasuly. (65-56402-676, page 66 & 67)

A physical surveillance reflects that a party was held at the home of Elizabeth Sasuly on February 24, 1946, and among those attending were Frank J. Donner and his wife Madeline, William L. Greene and his wife, Jean Einton Greene of 1739 Harvard Street, W. W., and a man and woman identified as Allan Rosenberg and his wife Erns. Isadore Lattman of 2800 Woodley Road, W. W., was also observed departing from the Essuly apartment.

Frank J. Donner is believed identical with Frank Jarvis Donner who was formerly an assistant attorney in the Litigation Enforcement Section in the Estional Labor Relations Board and is presently associated as assistant counsel for the CIO. His wife, Madeline, has been active in Communist Party affairs in the District of Columbia and was formerly employed as an associate statistician with the Farm Security Administration, Department of Agriculture. She is reported to be a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, the Washington Book Shop, and the Washington Committee to Aid China.

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Rose Alpher, mentioned above, is the wife of Dr. Isadore Alpher, who resides in the Alban Towers Apartments, which is the same building wherein the Sasulys reside. Dr. Alpher is the physician for Maurice Halperin, a subject in this investigation, and one of his close associates, David R. Wahl. Rose Alpher is reported to be a member of the American Peace Mobilisation and the League of Women Shoppers. In August, 1941, she was employed as an assistant supervisor at the Pederal Emergency Relief Administration. Her maiden name was Rose Weintraub. Rose Alpher has recently been the assistant to Daniel Melcher, Director of the Mational Committee on Atomic Information. (65-56402-1019)

65-56402-1019 page 130

On March 21, 1946, according to a reliable source of information, Elisabeth Sasuly contacted Mrs. Silvermaster and inquired for her husband, Richard, who Mrs. Silvermaster advised was developing pictures with William Ludwig Ullmann at the Silvermaster residence (25,602-1019 page 143)

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A highly reliable source of information reported that Elizabeth and Richard Sasuly were guests at the home of Emily Sharfman for cocktails on March 27, 1946.

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On March 30, 1946, a source regarded as highly reliable reported that Mr. and Mrs. Silvermaster were guests at Elisabeth Sasuly's apartment for dinner on that evening.

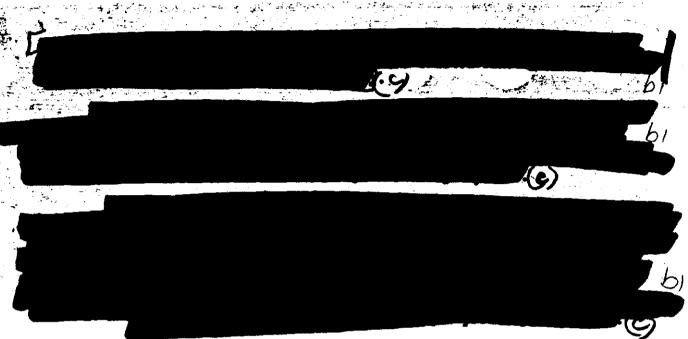
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During the period from July, 1946, to the present date Elizabeth Sasuly has spent a considerable pertion of mer time away from Washington, D. C. However, during the time spent in Mashington, she has been in constant and close association with prominent individuals mentioned in this investigation including Mathan Gregory Silvermaster and his wife, Helen Silvermaster, Lee Pressman, Milliam Ludwig Ullmann and others.

On July 30, 1946, Elisabeth Sasuly went to San Francisco, California, where she remained until approximately October 7, 1946. Luring that period she was working on election matters in connection with the cannery union. Following her return in October, 1946, she has been again in close contact with Melen and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster.

On Sovember 18, 1946, Elisabeth Sasuly and her husband, Richard Sasuly, left Sashington, B. C., for an extended vacation in Mexico.



#### URSULA TREER WASSERSALE

#### Allegations of Gregory

Orgula Irene Wasserman is not and has mover been known to Grogory, and sensequently Gregory can furnish me information concerning her. As set out in greater detail below, Ursula Masserman came into this investigation as a result of her activities and her centacts with other individuals of importance. The significant activities of Braula Irene Wasserman first came to light through her association with her paramour, Jules Escohien, a known Communist and a partner of Abraham Brothman, an engineer who is discussed in greater detail elsewhere in this memorandum and who is known to have at one time been furnishing numerous industrial blue prints to Jacob M. Golos, the important Soviet agent who was Gregory's superior until his death. In March, 1946, when active investigation was instituted of Masserman she was living with Korchien at 110 Christopher St., E. T. C. where she presently resides.

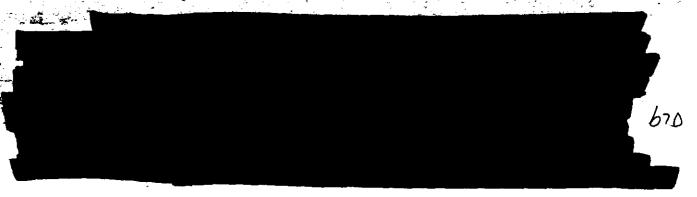
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#### Background

Ursula Irene Masserman was been in Hamburg, Germany, on March 10, 1915, and entered the United States on February 23, 1959, aboard the ES Queen Mary from Southampton, Angland, listing her last residence as London, England. She filed a Declaration of Intention to become a United States citizen on September 5, 1959, in the United States District Court at Trenton, New Jersey, and on August 1, 1944, she became a maturalized United States citizen in Mew York City. INSTANCE 65-56402-810

During 1941 and 1942 Wasserman was employed by the Service Bureau for International Education in New York City. Subsequently she was employed by the British Information Service in New York; the International Labor Office, Mentreal, Canada, and the Office of Mar Information. At the present time and for several months she has been doing free-lance writing. In connection with her employment by the International Labor Office in Montreal it is noted that at least two known Seviet espionage agents had been employed by that organization in Canada in recent years. 65-56402-810



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#### Results of Investigation

During the early months of 1946 it was ascertained that Jules Kerchien, a partner and slose associate of the subject Abraham Brothman, was the paramour of Ursula Irone Wasserman, who since her arrival in the United States in 1959 has been in sentact with a number of prominent Communists as well as a number of Soviet espionage agents who are described in greater detail below.

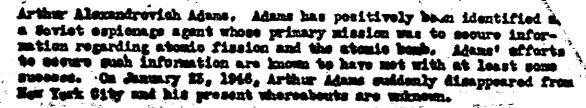
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On March 1, 1946, Wasserman did depart from New York City as scheduled. At the time of her departure, Wasserman was in possession of letters of introduction from Harry Freeman, an employee of TASS, the official Soviet news agency in the United States, in New York to Grigori Stepanian, TASS representative in Montevideo, Uruguay.

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Harry Freeman has been in contact with a number of suspected Soviet agents, and of particular interest is the fact that he was in frequent contact with Vladimir Sergeovich Pravdin, the husband of Olga Borisovna Pravdina, who has been identified definitely as the Soviet espionage agent "Margaret," who is discussed in greater detail elsewhere in this memorandum and who was Gregory's superior for some time. Vladimer Mergeovich Pravdin and Olga Borisovna Pravdina departed from New York City for the Soviet Union on March 11, 1946 14 65-56402-558, 758, 810

At the time of her departure for Suenos Aires, Ursula Irene
Masserman had in her possession an address book containing the names, addresses
and telephone numbers of a large number of individuals, many of whom are known
to be Soviet espionage agents, strengly suspected of implication in Seviet
espionage or involved in Communist activity as such within the United States;
In view of the large number of these contacts listed in Ursula Irene Wasserman's
address book, they are not being set out in full herein. However, set out
below are the names of several of the most important individuals contained
in Wasserman's address book together with brief identifying data concerning them



Assob Broches Araneff. Araneff was a close associate of Arthur Adams and of various contacts of Adams. Investigation of Araneff has clearly indicated his past and probable present implication in Soviet espicance operations. It appears that one basis for the association between Aranoff and Wasserman lay in the fact that they were both interested in the publication of a "black book" on alleged Masi atrocities which was edited by Ursula Drens Masserman and was published under the Sponsorship of various Sewish Communist elements.

Marian Bachrach. She is an official of the Council for Pan-American Democracy in New York City, a Communist front organization. Marian Bachrach has been an important Communist for many years, and it is interesting to note that she is the sister of John J. Abt, Councel for the Amalgamated Clothing Northers of America in New York City. Abt has been deeply involved in Soviet espionage operations and particularly in the operations of the Victor Perle group. Further details concerning Abt are set out in another section of this memorandum.

Bernard Bernstein. Bernstein, formerly of Washington, D. C., and presently practising law in New York City, was formerly a Colonel in the Army of the United States and is a known close centact of the Bovist espianage agents, Harry Dexter White and Mathan Gregory Silvermaster, both discussed in greater detail elsewhere in this memorandum.

Joseph Milton Bernstein. Bernstein has been involved in a number of phases of Seviet Intelligence operations. He is a close sentect of Gerhart Rieler, a known agent of importance for many years of the Comintern, and he has been closely associated with a number of other suspected Seviet agents and prominent Communists in New York City. Upon one occasion Philip Jacob Jaffe in dissurating an individual believed to be identical with Joseph Milton Sernstein indicated that this individual was a Seviet agent and was attempting to take over Jaffe's contacts in the State Department. It will be recalled that Jaffe is the editor of America and purloising N. N. T. vermont documents. Further information concerning Sernstein is set out immediately below in connection with the subject Mary Jame Keensy and Jules Korchien. (\*\*\*) (\*\*\*)

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John Dierkes and Mrs. Cynthia Dierkes of Mashington, D. G. John and Cynthia Dierkes are mentioned elsewhere in this memorandum and are known to be elese and frequent contacts of a number of subjects in this investigation who have been identified as Soviet espionage agents, principally Mathan Gregory Silvermaster and Robert Talbott Miller, III.

Helen Dukas, Secretary to Albert Einstein, Princeton, New Jersey. Dukas is known to have been associated with a number of Communists as well as with at least one individual active in the Free Germany Movement who has been identified as having occupied positions of importance in the apparatus of the Comintern.

Sen Eoin Goldberg of New York City. Goldberg is a contact of the known Soviet agent Arthur Adams and has been deeply involved in Jewish Communist activity in New York City. He has been active particularly in the affairs of the Ambijan Committee which has been identified as a Communist and Soviet front. In addition, Goldberg has been in contact with a number of preminent Communists as well as a number of other strongly suspected Soviet agents.

Daniel Melcher. For a considerable period of time Melcher was Director of the Mational Committee for Atomic Information in Washington, D. C. Available information reflects that he has been implicated in Communist activities and he has been in contact with a number of persons who have figured in this investigation.

Reubin Saltaman of New York City. Saltaman has been an important Jewish Communist in New York for many years and presently directs the activities of the Jewish acction of the International Workers Order which is the largest of the nationality groups of the IWO, the primary Communist front in the fereign mationality field in the United States. Saltaman has also been active in the affairs of the Norming Probeit, Yiddish language Communist nowspaper in New York City.

Agnes Smedley. Smedley for many years has been an important fanatical Soviet propandist and has made frequent trips to the Soviet Union and contiguous territory.

Vihjalmm Steffansson. Steffansson has for a considerable period of time been deeply implicated in Communist front activity, particularly in the New York area. 65-56402-758

It has been ascertained that prior to her first appearance in this investigation Wasserman was upon several occasions in contact with Jacob Broches Aronoff, who is discussed above. 65-56402-810

After Wasserman's departure for Argentina her paramour Jules Korchien continued to reside at her apartment at 110 Christopher Street, New York City.

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In March 7, 1946, it was ascertained that Korchien had received and opened a letter addressed to Iraula Irans Wasserman by Mary Jane Keeney, who at that time was returning to the United States from her assignment in Europe with the Allied Geometrical of Reparations. Keeney apparently had written this letter to Wasserman conserming her expected arrival in New York City on March 8, 1946, without Impering that Wasserman had departed from New York for Argentins.

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In March 8, 1946, Many Jane Reeney arrived in New York City aboard the 83 MIT Victory, traveling under an efficial United States passport. At the time of her arrival Keeney was not by Jules Korchien who immediately conducted her to Wasserman's apartment where she stayed a few days. Many Jane Keeney is the wife of Phillip D. Feeney.

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On March 9, 1946, the evening following her arrival in New York City, Mary Jane Keeney Rept a dinner engagement with a then unidentified men to whom she passed a package, the contents of which could not be assertained.

semutain and the unidentified man to whom Kammey delivered the package were identified without question as one and the same. It is obvious from this that Mary Jame Keeney delivered this political testament, which she procured apparently in France, to Bernstein, identified above as a Soviet agent, who in turn delivered it to Trachtenberg.

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implicated in the espionage operations in this case and is discussed in greater detail elsewhere in this memorandum. Hrs. John J. Abt is the widow of Harold Ware, son of Mother Ella Reeve Bloor, aged and important Communist. Ware in the 1930's directed the Communist Party underground group in the United States Government in Washington, D. C. At the present time Mrs. John jet is in bon-tact with a large number of important Communist functionaries as well as a number of strongly suspected Soviet agents.

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On March 11, 1946, Mary Jane Keeney proceeded to Washington, D. C., where it is of interest to note one of her first contacts was with the subject Melen Silvermaster, the wife of Mathan Gregory Silvermaster. Buring this contact Keeney is known to have indicated that she had been in contact with the subject William Indwig Ullmann while in Europe.

Vrsula Irene Wasserman remained in South America, principally in Argentina, until her departure for Eami, Florida, on June 10, 1946. She arrived in Mazai on June 13, 1946, and returned to New York City on June 15, 1946, resuming residence at 110 Christopher Street, New York City.

Early in July, 1946, Draula Wasserman proceeded to Washington, D. C., where she spent several days with subject Mary Jane Keeney. While at the residence of Keeney in Washington, D. C., during this period, Wasserman was in sontact with a number of individuals who have been in close contact with several important subjects in this investigation.

On October 15, 1946, Wasserman again visited Mary Jane Keeney in Washington and made several contacts which appeared to be primarily concerned with Wasserman's obtaining employment. She returned to New York on October 16.

As of December, 1946, Wasserman was residing at 110 Christopher Street, New York City, and was employed in the Editorial Division of the United Nations at Lake Success, New York. It is also noted that at this time Mary Jane Keeney made a trip to New York City with her husband, Phillip, at which time Wasserman entertained them as her guests at the United Mations meeting at Lake Success, New York.

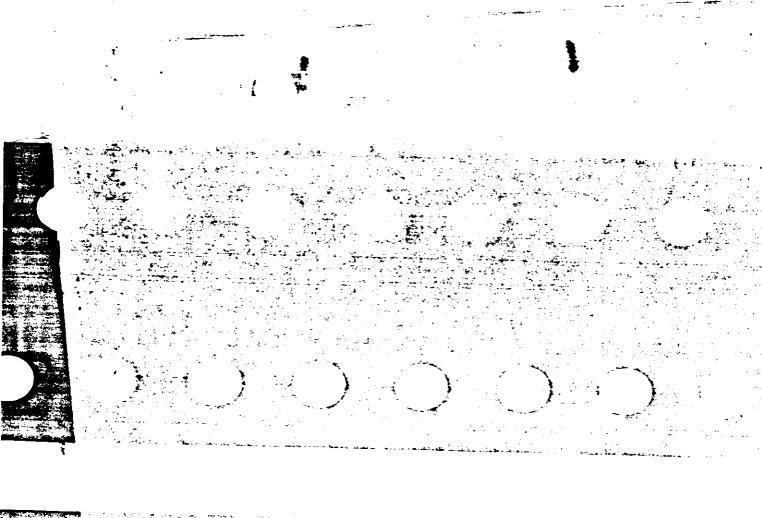
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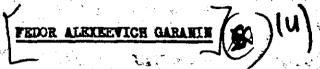
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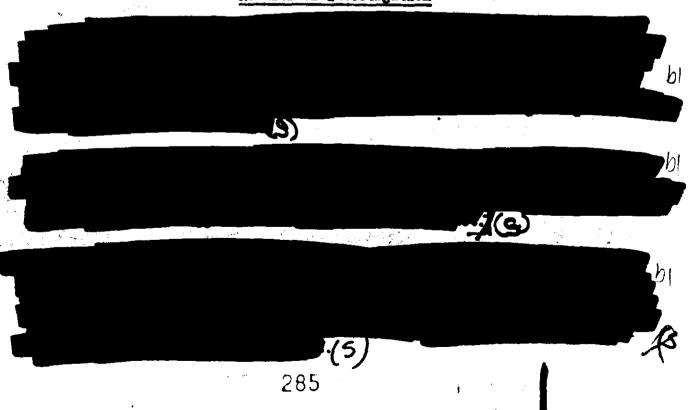
#### Connection with the Case

During the course of this investigation it has been determined through confidential sources and physical surveillances that Fedor Alexeevich Garanin was very close to Anatoli B. Gromov prior to Gromov's departure from the United States. Gromov was First Secretary of the Russian Enbassy in Washington, D. C., and has been identified by Gregory as "Al," the Russian agent with whom Gregory was in contact. Since Gromov's departure from the United States, Garanin appears to have assumed his duties at the Embassy.

#### Background

Garanin was formerly Second Secretary of the Soviet Legation in Havana, Cuba, and was transferred to the Soviet Embassy in Mashington, D. C. in 1945.

#### Results of Investigation



Japan, on a nine months: assignment as a Research Specialist under the auspices of the War Department. At that time his wife was reported to be in Europe on the Staff of the Allied Reparations Commission.

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#### llegations of Gregory

Borisovich Grossov, First Secretary, Soviet Esbassy, Vashington, B. C.

Gregory had previously been informed that two contacts would be evailable for the transmittal of information, one a Bussian with suthority sufficient to decide matters of policy and with whom Gregory would confer, and the other an American who would be in effect a sourier. It was plainly indicated to "Jack", an individual who has not as yet been identified, that Gregory felt of enough importance to meet any requirements and insisted on meeting a highly placed Bussian. Gregory advised that subsequently "Jack" stated that he had made arrangements for Gregory to seet his highly placed Bussian contact and it was indicated that this individual had not at that time arrived in the United States, but that soon after his arrival arrangements would be made for them to meet. "Jack" informed Gregory that after Gregory had met the Bussian contact, this Bussian would unquestionably tell Gregory to take up all subsequent matters with "Jack" as this Bussian individual would be an extremely busy men and might not always be readily available.

Gregory advised that cometime in Movember, 1944, final arrangements were made for Gregory and an individual known as Al to meet at the Georgetown Pharmacy located on Wisconsin Avenue in Washington, D. C. During the initial conversation with Al, Gregory was informed that Al would probably see Gregory from time to time but that it was very difficult for Al to leave Washington and if it would be agreeable, Gregory was to take up matters of policy and other questions directly with Wisch. Al indicated, however, that he was in fact the superior of Wash, Gregory continued to see Al at intervals thereafter.

According to Gregory, Al from the beginning knew Gregory's identity and stated that in Moscow in 1942 he had become sware of the fact that Gregory was working with Jacob Goles in the United States and farther, that he had some to know Gregory's work so wall that he felt he had known Gregory for a least than

at the first meeting with all at the deorgetous Pharmany, Gregory and Al then had dinner at Maylor's Restaurant at which time they talked concerning the business of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. Al, according to Gregory, stated that their meetings must be cautious and that he must especially evoid the vicinity of the Government buildings on Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, as well as the Northwest Section of Washington,

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D. C., as he stated that he was very well known in these vicinities and he did not wish to be seen there. Al further pointed out that he was acquainted with a number of Government efficials, as well as Austiens, and was taking this precention for Gregory's sake. Arrangements were also made during the tempory's or Al's identity, was to give a fictitious story which indicated they were only easual friends. Al stated that Gregory was to inform anyone the might question that Al was a Cachoslovakian businessmen who was working in Machington, D. D. Gregory indicated that at the first meeting Al was extremely continue and made numerous efforts to determine if he were being followed. Arrangements were also made between Al and Gregory whereby on subsequent meetings, if Gregory was unspicious of being followed, a prearranged at goal should be given in order that Al might pass on surrecognized.

Grommy advised that in the latter part of Movember, 1944, "Jack" made arrangements for Gregory to meet al in New York City at the Edison Hotel on Broadway. At that hime Al informed Gregory that it was a memorable day since he had just received word from Moscow that on November 7, 1944, the Supreme Pressidium of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republies had awarded Oregory the Order of the Red Star for distinguished service. Gregory inquired as to whether Jacob Colos had ever received such an award and was informed by Al that he had not and that as a matter of fact, Gregory was a more valuable subject to the Bussians than Colos had been. Al stated that this award was partially for services performed and partially for services to be performed in the future. Al informed Gregory that this Order of the Red Star was a distinctive bonor and that many other benefits accrued to the person upon whom this honor had been bestowed. These benefits included a monthly salary to accrue in Hussia, preferential living quarters in Moscow, free Vacations with all expenses said, free streetoar transportation, etc. Al further eautioned that Gregory should tell no one about receiving this award, with the exception of Earl Browder. 

Aregory further advised that about one week before Christmas in 1944, in eccordance with instructions received from "Jack", Gregory met Al sutside of the Best and Company Department Store on Connecticut Avenue in Washington, D. O. At that time Al appeared very perturbed and insisted that Gregory make arrangements to turn over all of Gregory's Washington contacts. Al also stated that the FMI had been proviling around, that Helen Tenney had shared a taxicab with an individual who later turned out to be with Military Intelligence, and that J. Julius Joseph had been associating with a man who turned out to be a Covernment agent. Al also at that time stated that he had received an inside tip that the FMI was inquiring into the affairs of the United States Service and Ehipping Corporation and that it would be readily discovered that the serporation had been leading money for the past few years. He further stated that the FMI might come to believe that the denocars was not strictly legitimate but rather a front for Mussian activities. He also instructed that Gregory secure new living quarters inamuch as Gregory's contacts



men Gregory's residence telephone number and he stated that that situation was undesirable. During this same meeting, according to Gregory, all showed Gregory the Red Star Medal which had been awarded. He also exhibited a small hook which on the inside cover contained Gregory's name in the Bussian language, together with the date the Order of the Red Star had been awarded. Both the medal and the book were retained by Al.

on approximately June 5 or June 6, 1945, Gregory again met 11 in a small motion picture theater in Washington, B. C., the arrangements for this meeting having been previously made through May Mison. On this eccasion Al informed Gregory that il was desirous of having Gregory out of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation to take a vacation, probably in Mexico or Canada. Al impressed upon Gregory that Gregory's position was extremely dangerous and that it might be a good idea if Gregory were able to get to Canada or Mexico to be sauggled out of either of these countries to Moscow, Russia. Al indicated that if Gregory were able to get to Mexico or Canada, the Aussians could handle the passport and visa problem in those countries.

Gregory advised that in April of 1945, Gregory had met Peter Heller in Brooklyn, Hew York, who had indicated to Gregory that he, Heller, was an investigator, but Gregory had not been able to determine whether he was sennected with the United States Covernment or was in some way connected with the Bussians. Gregory had previously indicated to "Jack" the information concerning Heller and at the meeting in June, 1945, Al brought up the matter of Gregory's acquaintambeship with Heller, which information he had apparently received from "Jack". At this same time Al indicated that he thought Heller might be an FMI agent and instructed Gregory to cease any further activity with him and to definitely break away from him. Arrangements were also made by Al and Gregory to meet in approximately ten days in Washington, D. C.

At this subsequent meeting Al indicated to Gregory that it might be well for Gregory to go to Moscow and there receive special training after which Gregory would be sent to Latin America or Canada, or might possibly return to the United States under a fictitious name. Also on this occasion Al informed Gregory that Gregory could have a vacation not to exceed two months and that after that time Gregory would be given an assignment of some mature. Arrangements were made for a subsequent meeting in Washington, D. C., on August S, 1945.

Gregory experienced considerable difficulty in arranging for this subsequent poeting and the final arrangements were made through Ray Elson, the meeting to take place at Alexander's on Sixth Avenue, New York City. At the appointed place and date Al appeared and matters pertaining to the business of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation were discussed. Also discussed was the position of Colonel John Hazard Reynolds with the corporation, as well as that of Ray Elson. According to Gregory, Al repeatedly

prested that Gregory terminate Gregory's commention with the United States arvice and Emipping Corporation. Again on this eccasion Al brought up the tter of Peter Heller and urged Gregory but to see Heller any further. Also advised Gregory that in view of the fact that the plane of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation had not as yet been settled, Gregory should take another month's vacation and it was arranged that they should meet again at Alexander's on a specified date in the third week of September, 1945.

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At 6:00 P.M. on October 17, 1945, Gregory again met Al at Bickford's Restmirent, 23rd Street and 8th Avenue, New York City. This meeting had been arranged by Gregory through may Elson. During the conversation at this time Al telked at great length about intelligence work getting into one's blood and that if one divorces himself from such work after having been engaged in it for some time, life becomes dill and uninteresting. Al also inquired as to whether Gregory had seen "Bill". He also attempted to determine the whereabouts of Peter Rhodes through Krs. Bhodes and to make a definite date for a contact which Al would arrange. Al also acquissed to the desire of Gregory to return to the United States Service and Shipping Corporation and indicated that because of dregory's past activities he would arrange to have immediate sencessions allocated to that corporation. At the senclusion of this meeting il gave gregory an envelope which contained \$2000 in bills of \$20 denomination nd stated that this money was with no strings atteched. He also stated that this mener would corve Gregory in mod steed in the event enything happened to the business or in the event Gregory became involved in finencial diffisulties. Al requested that Gregory execute a receipt and this receipt was executed by thregory on a piece of the envelope in which the money was contained. Also, according to Gregory, on the occasion of this meeting Al stated that he would see Gregory at 4:00 P.M. on Movember 21, 1945, at Mickford's Restaurant, 23rd Street and 8th Avenue, New York City. He also stated that in the event he desired to get in touch with Gregory prior to that date, he would telephone

the pilies of the Service and Shipping Corporation and ask for Gregory, stating the was Mr. Allenburg and that he desired to send a package to Seeden, the desired to send packages to Seeden which will indicate to him that they were to meet at Mckford's, 23rd Street and the Avenue, two hours subsequent to the time he made the telephone call.

Approximately one week after the Ortober 17 meeting with Al, Gregory has visited by Lon Harris, a prominent New York Communist Party Ameticany, with reference to a financial matter and as a result of this visit, tropper -informed Buy Rison that it was very important that Gregory and Al should must at the first apportunity. Accordingly, on November 5, 1945, Ray Elson informed Gregory that arrangements had been made for Gregory to meet Al on the following Friday, November 9, 1945, at which time Gregory was to meet him at 7:00 P.M. at Guffenti's Restaurant, 26th Street and 7th Avenue, New York Sity. This appointment was not kept by Al. However, as previously mentioned, Gregory had an appointment to meet Al an November 21, 1945, at Mickford's Besterrent and on that date, at 4:00 P.E., 41 met Gregory and apologised for having been unavoidably detained and unable to keep the Ouffanti appointment. Al stated that he had been on the West Coast, that it was impossible for anyone to contact him, and that even had they been able to contact him, he would have been unable to get there in time. During this meeting Al appeared to have no specific reason for seeing Gregory and talked about a variety of topics, including Gregory's future and the problems still to be solved with reference to the affairs of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. "Gregory indicated to Al that Gregory was somewhat bored with the nature of the work Gregory was performing with the company and Al replied that that was apparently what Gregory had wanted and that Gregory had no one to blame for the predicament other than Gregory. During the same discussion Al and Gregory apole rather seriously concerning the international situation and it was recalled by Gregory that Al remarked that there might be a war. Upon being asked with whom, Al replied, "The "damed Bussians, "" Gregory during the gene discussion asked al if he did not agree that it might be wise for Gregory to rejoin the Communist Farty. Al stated that he definitely would not sensider such a step and that Gregory's present situation was only temporary. Arrangements were made at that time for a subsequent meeting on Jamany 21, 1946, It was also determined by Gregory that any fature contact with Al should be arrenged through my alson.

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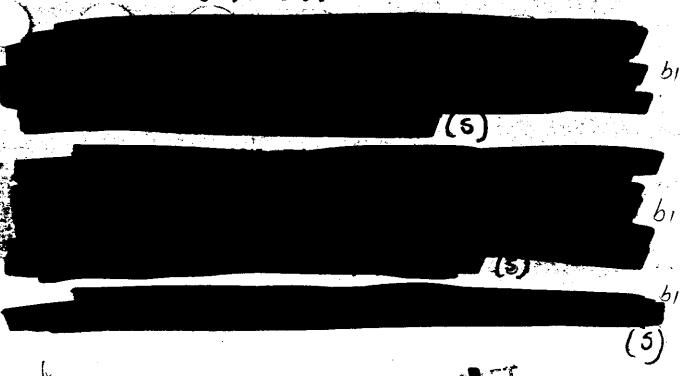
Anatoli Porisovich Grossov was born on Povember 29, 1907, in Mossow, Busile. We had previously been said good by the Bussism Covernment in London, England, until January 29, 1944, at which time he departed indicating that he was returning to Moscow on duty soting as a diplomatic courier. The records of the Iunigration and Maturalization Service reflect that Grossov and his wife made one prior entry into the United States at San Francisco, California, on

Hevember 13, 1940, at which time he was a diplomatic efficial attached to the Department of Foreign Affairs, Moscow, Bussia. On September 15, 1944, Fromov and his wife entered the United States. No prior information had been received from any source indicating that Gremev was on his way to the United States; nor was there any information to indicate that he was scheduled to be First Secretary of the Seviet Embassy. Subsequently, however, Gromov established residence in Washington, D. C., and became First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy. Subsequently, Mosever, Gromov established residence in Washington, D. C., and became First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, residing at 2910 Cortland Flace, N. W., Washington, D. C.

#### Mesults of Investigation

Gregory identified a photograph of Amatoli Morisovich Gromov, First Secretary of the Mabasay of the USSR, as being the individual known to Gregory as Al.

A physical surveillance on November 21, 1945, revealed that Gromov, alias al, met Gregory on the southeast corner of 23rd Street and 5th Avenue, New York City, and that they remained together until 5:45 P. M. The discussion which took place during this meeting is set out under the allegations of Gregory above. On the occasion of this meeting, Gromov, alias Al, advised Gregory that he would not be able to see Gregory again until January 21, 1946, and it was arranged that they would meet at the same hour and at the same place. Al stated that it would be necessary for him to spend considerable time on the West Coast in the near future. On the same date Al was observed to be driven to Laguardia Field, New York City, in a Russian Gonsulate sutomobile and returned to Washington, B. C. by plane.



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### OLGA BORISOVNA PRAVDINA with alias Margaret

#### Allegations of Gregory

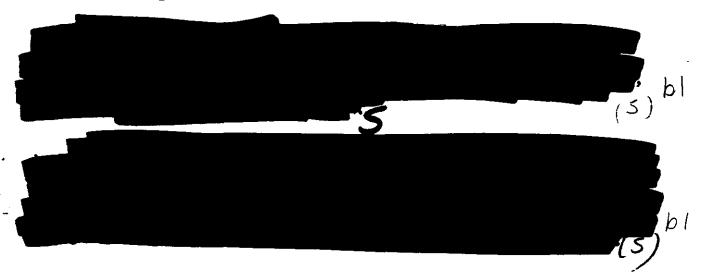
Gregory recalled that a Russian woman known only as Margaret had been introduced to Gregory by John, a Soviet agent who has not been identified. Gregory recalled that five or six contacts had been made with Margaret over a four month period, late in 1941 or early in 1942, but that during this time no material had ever been delivered by Gregory to Margaret. In October, 1943, Jacob M. Golos, a known Soviet agent to whom Gregory reported, instructed Gregory to meet Margaret and that Margaret would introduce Gregory to a new person to receive the Silvermaster group material. Subsequently, Gregory was then introduced by Margaret to an individual known as Catherine, who has not at this time been identified.

#### Background

Olga Pravdina was born on October 5, 1916, at Tomsk, USSR, and arrived in the United States at Seattle, Washington, on October 19, 1941, with her husband, Vladimir Sergeevich Pravdin. They resided at 125 Riverside Drive, New York City, and Vladimir Pravdin was employed by Tass, the Soviet News Agency in New York City until March 11, 1946, at which time they departed for Russia.

#### Results of Investigation

Gregory has positively identified Olga Pravdina as the Soviet agent Margaret.





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Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau captioned "Louis F. Mudens" dated Kevenber 26, 1946, setting out the results of an interview conducted with Budens by your office on Movember 20, 1946. In this connection, your particular attention is directed to the fourth full paragraph on page three of this letter reflecting that with regard to the times Budens see Sorger (Hisler), he stated he saw him an one occasion, apparently either the first or second time he saw Berger, at the funeral of Jacob M. Gelos on Movember 23, 1943. It is noted that Budens stated he want to this funeral with Jack Stackel, who, it will be recalled, has also been reported by sumerous sources to have served as a Comintern representative. In addition, Budens stated that Golos' funeral was attended by "many underground characters" whose identities he could not recall.

It is considered of particular interest that Barger, in view of his known underground proposalities, would attend the funeral of Jacob N. Selos, and in this connection, it is desired that you interview the informant Oregory in the above-captioned Oregory Case for the purpose of securing all details she may be able to recall concerning Selos! funeral and particularly the persons who attended the funeral. You should also ascertain from Gregory who conducted the Golos funeral and with whom the funeral arrangements were made.

In this connection, a photograph of Eisler (Berger) should be exhibited to Gregory for identification. If you consider it likely to be productive, you should attempt to refresh Eudens' memory concerning this funeral the mext time he is interviewed by your effice.

A review of the referenced letter reflects further that it contains considerable information of great pertinence regarding a number of impertant formulat figures, including Julius Emspak, Jack Stackel, James Allen, and Bugane Dennis. This information should, of course, also be appropriately reported by you in the cases involving these individuals.

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON FIELD FILE NO. 65-1795 BVR PORT MADE AT DATE WHEN MADE PERIOD FOR 12/23/46 DALLAS, TEXAS 12/10/11/46 ELMER W. UNDERWOOD NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, Was., ET AL PIDMORTHWID'N CONTRACTO GEORGE WARREN HOLLY employed by Consolidated SYNOPSIS OF FACT Vultee Air Craft Corporation, San Diego Plant July 18, 1941 to July 25, 1942. Employed Fort Worth Plant July 25, 1942, to November 5, 1945 as draftsman. - BUC -REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. DONALD ALDRICH dated September 30, 1946, at Los Angeles, California. Report of Special Agent JAMES C. KENNEDY dated November 13, 1946, at San Antonio, Texas. Referenced report advised that GEORGE WARREN HOLLY was formerly employed by the Consolidated Vultee Air Craft Corporation of Fort Texas. This report requested this Office to obtain additional backgroupe information concerning HOLLY as requested in referenced report from Machington Field, a copy of which was furnished to the Dallas Office. At Fort Worth, Texas: E. E. BARB, Chief of Plant Protection, Consolidated Vultee hir Graft Corporation of Fort Worth, produced the subject's personnel file as wortsined at his company which disclosed the following information: Consolidated Vultee File #474391. Subject entered on duty on July 18, 1941, as a egipmer's draftsman at the San Diego Plant of Consolidated Vultee Corporation t can Diego, California. He worked in this capacity in the San Diego Plant All July 25, 1942, at which time he was transferred to the Fert Worth Plant of Consolidated Vultes Corporation. He entered on duty at the Fort Worth Plant EX - 35 COPIES DESTROYED bureau - Washington Field Belles ア 相談 へ ハ ファノフ

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on October 16, 1941, and terminated on November 5, 1945.

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Registrant LB #26 located 1405 Cadillac Square Building Detroit, Michigan; Order #5-2627; classification shown as deferred 2B in August 1941. He was deferred in 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945. 1936 to 1939 as a station

1936 to 1939 as a station attendant by D. H. KURZMAN, Detroit, Michigan. 1939 to 1941 employed Clark Tea Shop as cook and sales work, Detroit, Michigan.

Michigan.
Subject attended University of Michigan, date not shown.

Wayne College, Michigan, date not shown. Majoring in Drawing, Chemistry and Physics:

Father - GEORGE M. HOLLY, Hernell, New York Mother - EDITH E HOLLY,

Oswega, New York
Wife - CATHERINE I HOLLY
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Subject listed as his former residence in Detroit, Nichigan in 1941, 2940 West Grand Boulevard. This was shown as his permanent address.

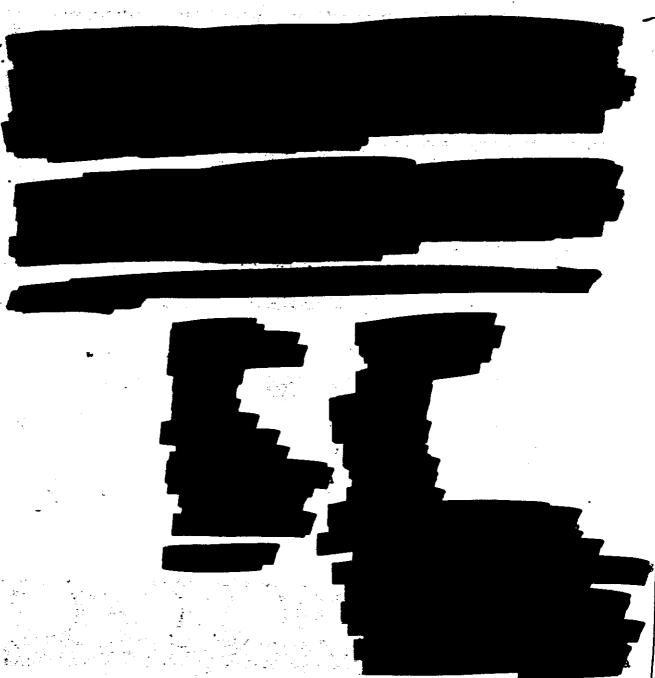
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## Office Memorandum • United States Government

TO

The Director

DATE: August 24, 1948

FROM

D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

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INTRODUCTION

Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, vice president of the U.S. Service and Shipping Corporation, New York City, first appeared at the New Haven Office of the FBI on August 23, 1945, when she reported her suspicions of a Lieutenant Peter Heller of the New York State National Guard with whom she had been associated. She suspected him of impersonating a Government officer and she was mystified by his actions. She said he had told her to remain with the U.S. Service and Shipping Corporation so that she would be able to obtain information of value to the Government concerning Russian people who were transacting business with that company.

INFORMATION CONTAINED

Her second visit to the FBI was on October 16, 1945, when she called at the New York Office and further reported her suspicions of Lieutenant Heller. Her third visit to the FBI was on November 7, 1945, when she told her story concerning her knowledge of Soviet espionage in the United States, extending into agencies of the U. S. Government. It is possible that this disclosure was a result of her suspicions of Lt. Heller as a Government agent. Investigation has disclosed that Heller was an individual of no political significance who had no connection with this case.

I. ALLEGATIONS OF ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY CONCERNING SOVIET ESPIONAGE IN THE UNITED STATES EXTENDING INTO AGENCIES OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT (U)

On November 7, 1945, Miss Bentley appeared at the New York Office of the FBI and furnished information at length concerning her own activities, as well as the activities of others, in Soviet espionage which, she claimed, extended into agencies of the U. S. Government. She said that these espionage operations were in existence in this country at that time to the best of her knowledge. She was interrogated by Agents of the New York office intermittents, during the land which of November, 1945, and finally, on November 30, 1945, she signed a statement which contained the following information: (1) SEPI 1956

Bentley described her affiliation with the Communist Party, beginning in 1934, and her subsequent activities in Communist front groups until 1939, when she was introduced to Jacob M. Golos of World Tourist, Inc.. New York City. Thereafter, upon Golos' instructions, she began securing information for him which was believed to be of interest to the Communist Party. She stated that in April, 1941, the U.S. Service and Shipping Corporation was organized and she became an official of that organization. She described this Corporation as being established with money belonging to the Communist Party - USA or funds of the Soviet Union made available by Earl Browder, then the National Chairman of the Communist Party. Browder made available \$15,000 and John Hazard Reynolds, the president of the Corporation who was personally selected by Browder, added another \$5,000 toward the capital. Bentley stated it had been claimed by Communist Party functionaries that the funds supplied by Browder were Communist Party funds but that Anatoli B. Gromov, former First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., described these funds as "Russian funds." (4)

Bentley stated that the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation was a cover firm for Soviet espionage in the same category with World Tourist, Inc., with which Golos was associated up to the time of his death on November 25, 1943. Basically, the purpose of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation was to ship packages to Russia. As a matter of fact, she explained that World Tourist, Inc. acted as the receiving agent for this Corporation and the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation acted as the bookkeeping agent for all these transactions.

Bentley thereafter described her courier activities in connection with Soviet espionage, working on behalf of several principals, the first being Jacob M. Golos. These activities began during the Summer of 1941, while she was vice president of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation. She stated that through Golos she came in contact with a parallel of Soviet espionage in New York City and Washington, D. C. One of the groups in Washington, D. C. was described by her as the "Silvermaster Group" headed by Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, and another was described by her as the "Perlo Group" headed by Victor Perlo. Besides these groups she met other individuals in Washington and New York City who were not connected with any particular group. She stated that these persons were either employed in agencies of the U. S. Government or had contacts therein from whom they secured material which was made avail-

able to her for transmittal to Golos and his successors. This material was made available to Bentley verbally, requiring its recording in shorthand which she later transcribed, and also in the form of written reports, actual documents and exposed but undeveloped film. The photographing of the material, according to Bentley, was done in the basement of Silvermaster's home in Washington, D. C., by William Ludwig Ullmann who was a Captain in the Army Air Forces. (U)

Bentley named other principals for whom she worked as a courier after Golos' death. These persons were known to her only by cover names such as "John," "Margaret," "Catherine," "Jack," "Bill," and "Al." Margaret has been identified as Olga Borisovna Pravdina, a former employee of Amtorg Trading Corporation, a Soviet purchasing agency in New York City. "Al" has been identified as Anatoli Borisovich Gromov, a former First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C. Bentley was unable to state specifically to whom "Margaret," "Catherine," "Jack," "Bill" or "Al" furnished the information that she turned over to them. However, she said that certain items were selected by Golos who made them available to Earl Browder. Browder, in most instances, kept this information for delivery to a third person, since he did not wish to become compromised in the collection of this material. According to Bentley, Browder was cognizant of the activities of Golos and his use of her as a courier. (4)

Bentley advised that through the groups previously mentioned in Washington and New York City, the Soviet Intelligence Service was successful in securing material from the Department of State, Office of Strategic Services, the Treasury Department, the War Department, the Department of Justice, the Foreign Economic Administration and numerous other agencies of the Federal Government. In many instances the documents themselves were made available from these agencies for copying verbatim or for photographing in the basement of the Silvermaster home where a photographic laboratory was located. In the course of her disclosure she mentioned the names of over 100 persons. However, as a result of her allegations 51 of these persons were deemed of sufficient importance to warrant investigative attention by the Bureau. Of these 51 individuals, 27 were employed in agencies of the U. S. Government on November 7, 1945, when Bentley made her allegations to the New York Office of the Bureau. The names of these 27 persons and the agency in which they were employed in November, 1945, are as follows:

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All of the above have left the Government except Solomon Adler, Treasury Department, and William Walter Remington of the Commerce Department. They have both been investigated by the Bureau as part of the President's Loyalty Program under Executive Order 9835 and reports have been furnished to the Civil Service Commission. (U)

Original FBI Investigation and Distribution of Information Furnished by Bentley (U)

After Bentley's allegations, the Bureau began an extensive investigation in an effort to prove or disprove her story. "Al" was identified as (U) Anatoli Borisovich Gromov on November 21, 1945, through surveillance of a meeting between him and Bentley in New York City. Thereafter investigation was directed toward those individuals in Washington and New York named by Bentley who were regarded as the most important in the light of their Government positions and their comparative usefulness to the Russians as reflected in Bentley's statement. The activities of Gromov were closely covered until his departure for the Soviet Union on December 7, 1945. (U)

Bentley's allegations were made known to Brigadier General Harry Hawkins Vaughan, Military Aide to the President, by letter dated November 8, 1945. The names and positions of those employed in the Government, according to Bentley, were mentioned in this letter as well as the fact that the Bureau was vigorously pressing the investigation.

On November 15, 1945, pursuant to instructions from President Truman, you met with Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, at which time you orally advised the Secretary of State of Bentley's allegations and the names of the most prominent individuals in the Government alleged by her to be engaged in Soviet espionage.

Bentley's allegations were made known to the Attorney General in a summary entitled "Soviet Espionage in the United States" dated November 27, 1945, furnished him on December 4, 1945. Bentley's allegations were set out in a section of this summary. (U)

#### II. SUMMARY OF FBI INVESTIGATION

This section reflects that prior to November 7, 1945, when Bentley made her allegations, the FBI had made investigations concerning many of the persons named by her. These include Hatch Act investigations, Applicant investigations for other Government agencies and Communist investigations. The results of these various investigations are contained in this section.

This section of the brief also deals with the allegations of Bentley concerning each member of the Silvermaster and Perlo Groups and some of the more important individuals of the miscellaneous groups mentioned by her. It also reflects the results of the Bureau's investigation as to each person in an effort to substantiate her allegations. (4)

This section does not attempt to cover the entire investigative results of the Bureau with respect to Bentley's allegations but includes only the pertinent corroborative information developed during the investigation. There is attached hereto a summary containing the full investigative efforts of the Bureau on all of the 51 persons named by Bentley, including background information and information contained in the Bureau files prior to November, 1945. This summary is for ready reference for information as to background, etc. (U)

## III. DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIAL CONCERNING THOSE EMPLOYED IN AGENCIES OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT IN NOVEMBER, 1945 (4)

This section of the brief describes distribution of material on the 27 persons employed in the Government in November, 1945, who Bentley alleged were engaged in Soviet espionage. This distribution included reports and memoranda regarding these individuals before and after November 7, 1945. It is noted that the Bureau made distribution to interested Government agencies on 13 of these persons prior to November 7, 1945.

There is attached hereto a chart showing the distribution of this material graphically, which compares with the information set out in this section. There are also attached hereto copies of the various summaries distributed which are described in the chart and in this section of the brief. (u)

### IV. SUMMARY OF PROSECUTIVE STEPS (4)

This section of the brief reflects that Bentley's allegations were first called to the attention of the Attorney General on November 15, 1945. At this time authority was requested of the Attorney General to install a technical surveillance on the residence of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster in Washington, D. C., who was described as the alleged head of an underground espionage group operating in Washington, D. C. A similar request was made of the Attorney General on November 28, 1945, for a technical surveillance on the residence of Alger Hiss of the State Department. In this request it was stated that Bentley had alleged that Hiss was engaged in Soviet espionage and that he was an employee of the State Department. Both of these surveillances were authorized by the Attorney General and were subsequently installed. Other requests for authorization of technical surveillances on subjects in this case were made of the Attorney General during the month of November, 1945, which were authorized and later installed. The Attorney General was advised of Bentley's

allegations on December 4, 1945, when he was furnished with a summary entitled "Soviet Espionage in the United States" dated November 27, 1945. (4)

Investigative summaries in this case were furnished to the Attorney General dated February 21, 1946 and October 21, 1946. On November 27, 1946, this case was presented to the Attorney General for his decision as to possible prosecution and for any further action he desired of the Bureau.

Investigative reports setting out in detail Bentley's signed statement and other reports reflecting the results of interviews with subjects in this case were made available to the Attorney General as set out in this section. Information is also contained herein that reports reflecting the results of the Bureau's investigation were not furnished to the Attorney General in view of publicity that had stemmed from a source in or near the Department accurately relating the background in this case and predicting the Department's contemplated course of action in connection with it. This decision was made by the Bureau on January 22, 1947, and was agreed upon by Assistant Attorney General Theron L. Caudle. Investigative reports, however, were made available for appropriate review by Departmental attorneys who handled this case before a Federal Grand Jury in New York City. (U)

The identities of persons interviewed upon instructions of the Department are contained herein.

The facts in this case were presented to a Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York by T. Vincent Quinn, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division, and Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, on June 16, 1947. The names of the subjects and other persons who appeared before the Grand Jury and the statement reflecting the substance of their testimony is set out in this section. (U)

No evidence in this case was presented to the Federal Grand Jury in New York City after April 7, 1948, and to date no indictments have been returned. This Grand Jury, however, on July 20, 1948, returned indictments against 12 members of the National Board of the Communist Party for violation of the Registration Act of 1940, commonly referred to as the Smith Act. (1)

#### V. MISCELLANEOUS

This section contains information regarding the interest of the Treasury Department with respect to Treasury employees involved in this case. It also contains information about an incident where a summary in this case, which had been furnished to the White House, had been found in the possession of Lt. Gen. Edmund B. Gregory of the War Assets Administration and was subsequently recovered by Bureau representatives and returned to the White House.

# VI. TESTIMONY OF BENTLEY AND PERSONS NAMED BY HER BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

This section deals with various individuals named by Bentley in her statements before the investigating subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Executive Expenditures and the House Committee on Un-American Activities who have likewise testified before these Committees. It contains information concerning their testimony as it appeared in "The Washington Post" on the day following their appearance at the Committee hearings ()

There is also attached hereto an appendix to the brief entitled "Information Supplied by Whittaker Chambers, also known as Vivian Chambers, with alias John Kelly." This appendix refers to the Government underground of the Communist Party in the early 1930's as related by Whittaker Chambers.

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