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RE: COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION - GOVERNMENT GROUP

At the present time the Washington Field Office is the Office of Origin in a case entitled "Communist Political Association -- Government Group; Internal Security - C." This investigation is being handled separately from the General Communist Political Association investigation. The purpose is to develop information concerning the organizational character and activity of this group. From available information, the group operating within the Government is referred to by the Communist Political Association as the "Government Group." Its activities are separate and distinct from the general activities of the Communist Political Association and are more in the category of the activities of the White Collar or Professional Groups. Investigation is being carried on from an organizational standpoint and no leads are being set out therein concerning individual members of the group.

In the event information is developed by the Washington Field Office concerning the transfer of a member of this group from Washington, D. C. to any other city, the interested office will be immediately notified. It is then desired that preferred attention be given to the activities of the transferee, particularly if he or she is still in the employ of the United States Government. Immediate consideration should be given to the possibility of physical and technical surveillances in an effort to develop information concerning a similar group in the particular city involved. In the event your Office has any definite information concerning the present existence of such a group in your field office territory, the Bureau and the Washington Field Office should be immediately advised of the details.

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For possible future use in connection with letters and teletypes in this case a code name has been adopted, which is as follows: "COGOG", which stands for Communist Government Group. This code name should be used in connection with letters and teletypes emanating from your office in connection with this case.

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
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SAC LETTER NO. 61
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The Bureau considers this case of extreme importance and instructs that any investigation conducted in connection therewith be handled in a highly discreet manner. The existence of such a case should not be promiscuously discussed.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

July 5, 1945

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SAC, St. Paul

COGOG

Reference is made to SAC Letter #61, Series 1945, dated June 30, 1945 in the above-captioned matter.

The St. Paul Field Office has no information concerning the present existence of a government group of the CPA.

According, this case is being considered RUC'd.

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cc: Washington Field

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THE HISS CASE... the which... that their real...

Today many... and there are... cannot believe...

"It heartened us that he stood up in court after his conviction and before he was sentenced, and again asserted that he was not guilty and would show that Whitaker Chambers committed perjury by type-writer."

"We do not know whether it was wise for Secretary of State Acheson, in his official capacity, to say what he did in backing him. But it heartened us that he said he would not turn his back on Alger Hiss and we will not turn our backs either."

"After all, if Hiss goes to jail, it probably will be only for two or three years, and we are convinced that in the end he will square himself."

The people who hold these views believe Hiss was protecting some third person. Who? A member of his family? And why? They give no answers to these questions.

In a radio interview Saturday night, Chambers said that he wanted to "spike" a rumor that Alger Hiss was shielding some other person. Hiss' accuser said that he wanted to renew his offer to take a lie detector test, provided it was under auspices that



Wallace... Hiss... Frankfurt... would satisfy the FBI, and that he would answer a question about whether there was anything "peculiar" in his relationship with Hiss or any members of Hiss' family. Chambers said that the full story of his relations with Hiss was told in court.

Chambers put great emphasis on these points because of the gossip that Hiss was shielding someone and that relationships with some member of Hiss' family was involved. Chambers statement was made deliberately, in an effort to counteract stories now being told by friends of Hiss to "explain" why Hiss' story was not accepted by the juries in two trials.

Those who have believed all along that Hiss was guilty are recalling a famous case in 1933, now almost forgotten but, these anti-Hiss people say, prophetic.

It was the case of the late Dr. William A. Wirt, superintendent of the Gary, Ind., schools. Dr. Wirt accepted an assignment in the office of education of the department of the interior in 1933, and the talk he heard among New Dealers shocked him.

He wrote a treatise which he sent around to a number of friends, charging that President Roosevelt's "brain trust" was seeking to overthrow the American social and economic system. This was not an unfamiliar charge. But Dr. Wirt added to it that these left-wingers regarded President Roosevelt as only the "Kerensky of the revolution" who must be kept in the White House until a dictator could be installed. (Kerensky headed the Russian government from the overthrow of tsarism in 1917 until Lenin and Trotsky took over.)

Dr. Wirt's charges were brought to the attention of the house interstate commerce committee by

Dr. Wirt testified that his belief in the revolutionary junta inside the government stemmed from a dinner party at the Virginia home of Alice Barrows, an employe of the office of education. Among those who attended, according to Dr. Wirt, were Lawrence Todd, the Washington correspondent of the official Russian news agency, Tass; David Cushman Coyle, economist and one of Harold L. Ickes' favorites; Hildegard Kneeland and Mary Taylor of the department of agriculture, and others.

Dr. Rexford G. Tugwell, undersecretary of agriculture, was widely quoted as supporting revolutionary principles. Most of the quotes attributed to Tugwell were actually from a book he had written some years before. He was a favorite of President Roosevelt and a member of the original "brain trust."

The statement about Roosevelt being married to Kerensky, who would be followed by a Stalin in the White House, was attributed to Todd.

All parties to this affair, except Wirt, denied any such revolutionary ideas. They said they had, indeed, gone to the dinner party, but that Dr. Wirt had done most of the talking.

A number of things are known now which were not considered important then.

Miss Barrows was not only an employe of the office of education, she was publicity director for the "League for Peace and Democracy." This organization, now out of existence, was later branded as the chief Communist front organization in the United States and was cited by the attorney general as a subversive organization. Miss Barrows' name has been mentioned many times by the un-American activities committee.

Todd's status as the representative of the official Russian news agency appeared then, when we were just recognizing the Soviet regime, to be simply that of a correspondent for the press service of another nation. In more recent years Todd has been excluded from meetings of American correspondents when public officials speak off the record, the reason being that these officials will not speak frankly in his presence.

David Cushman Coyle, has held many government positions and is now connected with the Oiler Committee in the house of representatives investigating American monopolies.

The junta which Dr. Wirt described had its main focus in the liberals and left-wingers of the department of agriculture, under Rex Tugwell and Henry A. Wallace. The name of Hiss was not mentioned by Dr. Wirt and was probably unknown to him, but he was in this same atmosphere that Hiss began his administrative work in government.

The same people who laughed most at Wirt and ridiculed him in 1934 are those who today cannot believe Hiss guilty—with the exception of those who have changed their minds in the past 15 years.

Hiss was, at least, a part of the ideological movement going on in the department of agriculture



... WILL HAVE SOMETHING IN 1955!

LOOK AT THE PLATFORM!



when, under Dr. Tugwell and Jerome Frank, now a United States circuit judge, it attracted so many of the intellectuals. He was one of many distinctly non-farmers in the farm movement.

A Baltimore-born, Harvard-educated lawyer, Hiss was brought into the agriculture department by Frank. He associated with Frank and with Lee Pressman, a Communist sympathizer who later became general counsel of the CIO. They drew intellectual stimulation from Felix Frankfurter, then head of the Harvard law school and now an associate justice of the United States supreme court. Frankfurter was a character witness for Hiss in his first trial.

Among the Washington left-wingers of the day was Dean Acheson, now secretary of state. He had been law clerk to the late liberal supreme court justice Louis D. Brandeis.

They all traveled together, these left-wing intellectuals, in the early days of the New Deal. Washington was filled with them and they were in the saddle. They dined in Georgetown and in restored Virginia and Maryland farm houses and talked brilliantly of the brave new world to come. They came from the universities and they were filled with the liberal spirit. They admired Russia, and Russian things, and they were Bohemian in spirit—emancipated, of course, from the stuffy habits of thought of the American middle class.

This all seemed American enough, if considerably left of center, until Whittaker Chambers came along and charged in effect that a Communist "apparatus"

officials had attained high places and were themselves part of the Communist apparatus aiming approximately at doing just what the discredited Dr. Wirt had charged.

Many remnants of this old left-wing group remain in government. Many later recruits to federal office hold the same views. A great many of them certainly have had no connection with a Communist "apparatus." But they knew people, like Hiss, who were so charged, and they can't or won't believe the charges are true.

It shocks the innocent among them to think that they were on the fringes of Soviet Communist activity, so they reject the idea. The only way they can completely reject it is to believe that Hiss was not guilty, that he is the victim of national hysteria and a sinister accuser, namely Whittaker Chambers.

So last week, when Dean Acheson summoned the Sermon on the Mount and Christian ethics to his support of Alger Hiss, the left-wingers in Washington took new hope. They took up the Biblical text to which the secretary of state had pointed:

"Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

For years to come there will be strong movements among the left-wingers to vindicate Hiss and turn the tables on Chambers, who was at one time very deep in the shadow of a perjury charge himself. Sizeable funds were contributed for the Hiss de-

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI MILWAUKEE

SAC MINNEAPOLIS

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FORMER [REDACTED]

BUREAU

ADVISED [REDACTED]

CERTAIN

LETTERS ALLEGING SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN ACHESON WAS FORMERLY

IN A COMMUNIST PARTY CELL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.. THE LETTERS WERE

EXCHANGED BETWEEN [REDACTED] COLORADO

ANTI--COMMUNIST LEAGUE, ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO, AND [REDACTED]

WHOM [REDACTED] AND RABID ANTI--COMMUNIST

AND ANTI--COMMUNIST SOCIALIST; COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. [REDACTED]

RECEIVED THESE LETTERS THRU THE MAIL [REDACTED] ABOUT ONE MONTH

AGO AND HAD PREVIOUSLY [REDACTED] IN NEW YORK CITY THREE MONTHS

AGO. PERTINENT PORTIONS FIRST LETTER DATED MARCH TWENTYSIX,

NINETEEN FIFTYONE, [REDACTED] SET OUT QUOTE THANKS FOR

YOUR LETTERS OF MARCH SEVENTEEN AND I NOTE THAT DEAN ACHESON

WAS A MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL CELL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH

OPERATED OUT OF AN OLD VIOLIN STUDED AT ONE FIVE NAUGHT THREE

CONNECTICUT AVENUE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. UNQUOTE AND THAT QUOTES

THE SPECIAL COURIER SENT LATER WAS [REDACTED] MOTHER

BLOOR. THIS CELL WAS COMPOSED OF SUCH PEOPLE AS JOHN ABT. LEE

END PAGE ONE

Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent [REDACTED]

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Per [REDACTED]

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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PRESSMAN, ALGER HISS, NATHAN WITT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST CELLS ORGANIZED IN THE NATION-S CAPITOL UNQUOTE. QUOTE THIS I BELIEVE WAS IN NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR, AND FROM WHAT YOU SAY I ASSUME THAT ACHESON WAS A MEMBER OF THIS CELL AT THAT TIME. DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG HE REMAINED, AS I BELIEVE YOU SAID WHEN YOU WERE HERE THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF SUCH CELLS AS LATE AS NINETEEN THIRTYNINE UNQUOTE. IN HIS REPLIES [REDACTED] DATED APRIL TWENTYSIXTH LAST, [REDACTED] QUOTE CONCERNING THE PARAGRAPH ON DEAN ACHESON, OF MARCH TWENTYSIX, I DO NOT KNOW HOW LONG HE REMAINED A MEMBER OF THAT BRANCH OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, BUT I DO KNOW THAT HE WAS STILL A MEMBER OF THE PARTY [REDACTED] IN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF RELIABLE OF [REDACTED] OR OF AUTHENTICITY OF INFORMATION SET OUT IN ABOVE LETTER. PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THESE LETTERS ARE BEING MADE BY PITTSBURGH. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED BY DENVER, STATE HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING ACHESON OTHER THAN FURNISHED [REDACTED] MADE AVAILABLE ORIGINAL LETTER [REDACTED] DATED MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST, A COPY OF [REDACTED] LETTER [REDACTED] MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST AND THE ORIGINAL LETTER [REDACTED] DATED APRIL TWENTYSIXTH LAST, ALL OF WHICH ARE QUOTED ABOVE.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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[REDACTED] SUPPLIED COPIES OF THESE LETTERS [REDACTED] AND LETTERS ARE BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY DENVER. INTERVIEW [REDACTED] OBTAIN COMPLETE DETAILS. SUTEL BUREAU WITH COPIES TO DENVER.

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FBI MINNEAPOLIS
DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, MILWAUKEE AND DENVER U R G E N T

[REDACTED]

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RE MILWAUKEE

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT
TEL TO MPLS THIS DATE. [REDACTED]

LEAMINGTON HOTEL, MPLS. [REDACTED] TO FURNISH SPECIFIC INFORMATION

REGARDING ACHESON AFFILIATION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY. [REDACTED] AT

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE HELD IN MAY NINETEEN FORTY

SEVEN, A CLOSED SESSION OF OFFICERS ELECT WAS HELD. AT THIS CLOSED MEETING

DURING A DISCUSSION OF COMMUNIST PARTY INFILTRATION INTO GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DISCUSSION, STATED GREATEST SUCCESS IN INFILTRATION WAS

IN AGRICULTURE AND STATE DEPARTMENT. [REDACTED] STATED, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

THAT FIRST CP CELL ESTABLISHED AT ONE FIVE NAUGHT THREE CONNECTICUT AVENUE,

WASHINGTON, D. C., SUPPOSEDLY A VIOLIN STUDIO. FURTHER THAT CELL CONSISTED

OF JOHN ^{ABT} ABST, NATHAN WITT, LEE PRESSMAN, [REDACTED]

AND WOMAN, NAME [REDACTED] UNABLE TO RECALL. [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BETWEEN CELL AND NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS IN

NEW YORK. [REDACTED] DENIES EVER SAYING OR WRITING THAT DEAN ACHESON WAS PART

OF THIS COMMUNIST PARTY CELL. CLAIMS ALSO HE HAS NEVER MET OR WAS

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH ACHESON. DOES STATE THAT DURING SUMMER OF THIRTYSIX FOLLOWING MASS MEETING HELD AT HOTEL IN MILWAUKEE AT WHICH THEY LISTENED TO AN ENGLISH SPEAKING BROADCAST FROM SPAIN REGARDING ARMS EMBARGO ON SPAIN, A CLOSED MEETING WAS HELD AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] QUOTE DURING TIME SPANISH REPUBLIC WAS IN POWER, THE REPUBLIC HAD ESTABLISHED A CORE OF FRIENDSHIP WITH INDIVIDUALS IN WASHINGTON, D. C./ [REDACTED] UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] STATED, ACCORDING [REDACTED] THAT THEY CAN BE ASSURED THAT DEAN ACHESON, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, VITO MARCANTONIO WERE QUOTE OUR FRIENDS UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] STATES THIS WAS THE ONLY INSTANCE HE CAN REMEMBER THAT ACHESON HAD BEEN REFERRED TO BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE PARTY. [REDACTED] STATES HE HAS NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING DEAN ACHESON BUT QUOTE FELT TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE UNQUOTE THAT ACHESON WAS MEMBER UP TO TIME [REDACTED] IN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. HE STATES HE HAS NO FACTS TO BACK UP THIS STATEMENT. [REDACTED] WILL LEAVE MINNEAPOLIS COMING WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR DELAVAN, WISCONSIN, IN CARE OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WILL STAY AT DELAVAN THROUGH SUNDAY. WILL MOTOR TO DENVER SUNDAY NEXT, EXPECTED TO ARRIVE DENVER BY WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER NINETEEN NEXT. LETTER OF DETAILS FOLLOWS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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September 15, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

ad SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

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Reference is made to Milwaukee teletype to Minneapolis dated September 11, 1951, entitled [REDACTED]

The teletype advised that the Bureau had advised Denver that [REDACTED] certain letters alleging that Secretary of State DEAN ACHESON was formerly in a Communist Party cell in Washington, D. C. These letters, according to information in the teletype, were exchanged between [REDACTED] Colorado Anti-Communist League, Englewood, Colorado, [REDACTED] who, according to [REDACTED] and a rabid anti-Communist from Colorado Springs, Colorado.

[REDACTED] was interviewed on September 11, 1951, at the Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. [REDACTED] to furnish specific information regarding ACHESON's affiliation with the Communist Party. [REDACTED] that during a closed session which was conducted after the National Convention of the Young Communist League in May, 1957, the newly elected National Committee. [REDACTED] was a member, held a discussion which was [REDACTED] on infiltration into the government.

As an illustration of this infiltration, [REDACTED] according [REDACTED] that they had penetrated into the offices of the Agriculture and State Departments. [REDACTED] stated that in Washington the Communist Party had powerful cells and had an infiltration of better than 2800 Communist Party members and fellow travelers.

According [REDACTED] was very much perturbed during this discussion that the Communist Party had not penetrated far enough into the Army and Navy and there was a great need for the Young Communist League to join the R.O.T.C. with a view to make an attempt to enter either West Point or Annapolis.

[REDACTED] advised at the closed session, that the first Communist Party cell was started at 1503 Connecticut Avenue in a violin studio in 1933, and that the cell was made up predominately of graduates of eastern universities. According [REDACTED] at this point, brought up the names of JOHN ABT, NATHAN WITT, LEE PRESSMAN, [REDACTED] and an unidentified woman whose name [REDACTED] does not recall, as being [REDACTED]

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cc - Milwaukee
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MEMO DIRECTOR, FBI

September 14, 1951

Re: [REDACTED]

members of this particular cell. [REDACTED] recalled [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] of the cell to the National Communist Party Office in New York. It was [REDACTED] further recollection that [REDACTED] ground work in the development of this Communist Party cell.

[REDACTED] stated that the following individuals were present at this closed session:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] denied ever saying or writing that DEAN ACHESON was part of this Communist Party cell. He claims also that he has never met or was personally acquainted with DEAN ACHESON. [REDACTED] stated, however, that during the summer of 1936, following a mass meeting held at a hotel in Milwaukee, the name of which [REDACTED] was unable to recall, a closed meeting was held at which time [REDACTED] the following individuals were present:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recalled that at the mass meeting at the hotel they had listened to an English speaking broadcast from Spain regarding the Spanish situation and in particular the arms embargo on Spain. According to [REDACTED] in the closed session [REDACTED] discussion on aid to Spain and the arms embargo on Spain. He advised those present that during the time the Spanish republic was in power, they had established a core of friendship with key individuals in the government in Washington, D. C. According to [REDACTED] it was at this point that [REDACTED] made the statement that, "They can be assured that DEAN ACHESON, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT and VETO MARCANTONIO are our friends."

[REDACTED] insisted that this was the only instance that he can remember that ACHESON had been referred to by anyone in an official capacity with the Communist Party. [REDACTED] insisted that this is the only reference he has ever made in any of his speeches or writings which would reflect on DEAN ACHESON. [REDACTED] stated that he has no specific information regarding

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MEMO DIRECTOR, FBI

September 15, 1951

Re: [REDACTED]

DEAN ACHESON but "felt", to the best of his knowledge, that ACHESON was a member up to the time that [REDACTED] in 1939. He further stated that he has no facts to back up this statement. [REDACTED] insisted further that he could not recall ever corresponding with any individuals regarding DEAN ACHESON. [REDACTED] advised that he is unable to furnish any other information regarding DEAN ACHESON.

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The Minneapolis Office refrained from making specific reference to [REDACTED] or any correspondence which possibly may have been conducted between the two inasmuch as the relationship between [REDACTED] these two individuals was unknown. [REDACTED] denies ever corresponding with any individuals regarding DEAN ACHESON or ever making reference to DEAN ACHESON in any of his speeches or writings as being a member of the Communist Party cell in Washington.

[REDACTED] will leave Minneapolis on the evening of September 12 enroute to Delavan, Wisconsin and will be in care of [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] he will stay at Delavan, Wisconsin through September 16, at which time he will continue on to Denver, Colorado via automobile. He expects to arrive in Denver by Wednesday, September 19.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4300)

August 3, 1953

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-9006)

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Re WFO letter to the Director, July 14, 1953.

There is being enclosed for the Denver Office one copy of referenced letter requesting a reinterview of ██████████. This is in connection with current investigation to locate additional witnesses who may be able to substantiate allegations that ██████████ was a member of the Communist Party in the 1930's and 1940's.

A review of the Minneapolis files indicates that ██████████ Englewood, Colorado and is known to the Denver Office. ██████████

██████████ who has invited ██████████ in this city in the past, advised that ██████████ Englewood, Colorado.

For information of the WFO, ██████████ during recent years has been engaged in a nation-wide tour during the course of which he has given anti-communist lectures of a sensational nature. In February 1948, ██████████ signs of a derogatory nature in front of the Russian Embassy at Washington D.C. In May 1949, ██████████ to be promoting the program of ██████████ at Denver, Colorado.

The interview with ██████████ by SAs of the Minneapolis Office on September 11, 1951 was conducted ██████████ was in this area on a speaking engagement. The detailed results of this interview were transmitted to the Bureau by letter, copy to Denver, on September 15, 1951 captioned ██████████ A copy is enclosed for the WFO for information.

The WFO has requested the interview with ██████████ be handled expeditiously.

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cc:Denver (Encl)
WFO (101-607) (Encl)
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