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Mr. A. Mordach
931 - 8th Avenue
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Dear Mr. Mordach:

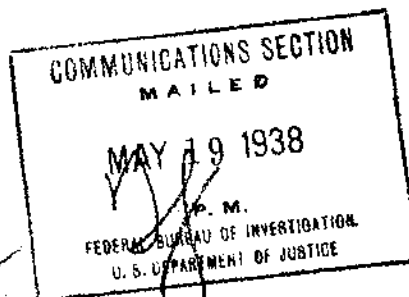
In your letter which was received by this Bureau on May 4, 1938, you state that you have important information which you desire to furnish to a Special Agent.

I appreciate the fact that you have called this matter to my attention and suggest that you contact or communicate with Mr. R. E. Vetterli, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 807 U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York, New York.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc New York (Enc copies incoming communication)



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*Reply mailed in
plain envelope.*

as Sir:

42 I have quiet important information, which I don't doubt will prove (eventually) of great value to the Government

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT wa "JACK";
UNSOLVED SITUATIONS

January 23, 1948
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According to Informant GREGORY, who was a Soviet espionage agent operating in Washington and New York in the early 1940's, information received by informant from various persons engaged in acquiring data and information was turned over to JACOB GOLOS and subsequently to a series of contacts, including "JOHN" (unidentified), "CHARLIE" (unidentified), "MARGARET" (OLEA BRAVDINA), "CATHERINE" (unidentified), "BILL" (unidentified), "JACK" (unidentified), and "AL" (ANATOLI B. GROMOV, first secretary of the Soviet Embassy).

In October 1944 GREGORY had her first contact with "JACK", having received instructions from "BILL" as to how to meet him. The following description of JACK is set out:

Name	"JACK" (occasionally called "BOB" by Unsub "BILL") (believed to have a good Lithuanian family name)
Age	36 or 37 (October 1944)
Build	Very broad shoulders, athletic; husky.
Hair	Dark blond, kinky, receding slightly at center.
Eyes	Brilliant blue
Height	5'9"
Weight	175 to 180
Characteristics	Looks Jewish; good looking when he smiles; somewhat East Side New York appearance; Lithuanian Jew descent and intensely pre-Semitic; nose slightly curved, not large but curved over; very heavy eye brows; very thin narrow mouth with thin lips; lines from nose to mouth give face haggard look; several teeth missing and has partial dentures; speaks with East Side New York accent; slight limp in his left leg which is noticeable if he walks rapidly; has acute stomach ulcers and drinks milk for this reason; mentioned having hemorrhage on street caused by ulcers.

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January 23, 1948

RE: UNSUB wa "JACK"
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Clothes

Conservative American suits and shoes; conservative neckties but wears silk shirts and cufflinks; usually wears gray suits and brown shoes; not meticulous about personal appearance; sometimes dresses carelessly and often wears sweater.

Marital status
Languages

Single.
Hebrew, Lithmanian, Russian, Spanish;
inept at spelling in English.

GREGORY furnished the following information regarding the tendencies and capabilities of "JACK". GREGORY stated that she usually met him near the Consulate in New York City and for that reason she believed that the material delivered to him was immediately taken to the Consulate there. In November 1944 informant was requested by "JACK" to furnish a complete biography of her personal history, business, Communist and other associations. Subsequent to the termination of her relations with "BILL", "JACK" acted as GREGORY's principal and directed the informant's activities. "JACK" had informed GREGORY on several occasions that over a period of years he had become very proficient in tapping telephones, in photography, in the opening of letters and in gaining access to buildings and offices.

[REDACTED]
LGZ:dmh
cc: [REDACTED]

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SAC, Washington

January 30, 1948

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Thomas G. Spencer, New York City, dated December 15, 1945, which contains Gregory's statement dated November 30, 1945.

The Washington Field Office should thoroughly review Gregory's statement for all pertinent data concerning the unknown subjects "Bill," "Catherine," "Frank" and "John." Such information should be summarized on each individual, including his description and activities as related by informant Gregory and immediately incorporated in an individual report on each unknown subject. The title should be "Unknown Subject, with alias 'Bill'; Espionage - R," etc.

The Washington Field Office should also review reports in the Gregory case and bring up to date, in each of these individual cases, all investigation conducted in an effort to identify the unknown subjects.

Further reference is made to the reports of Special Agent Francis M. O'Brien in the Gregory case dated June 11 and June 25, 1947, at New York City, which contain information concerning unknown subject "Frank", who was a contact of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Loyal in New York City. All information concerning him as contained in these reports should be set out in an individual case file carrying the caption "Unknown Subject, with alias 'Frank'; Espionage - R."

In connection with the opening of these new cases, all available information on each unknown subject should be thoroughly reviewed and all logical unexplored leads should be set out in an effort to identify the subjects. Photographs of suspects should be exhibited to available confidential informants who might be in a position to secure an identification.

You are instructed to see that this matter is afforded immediate attention since it is believed of utmost importance that these persons be identified as soon as possible.

The Washington Field Office should consider itself the office of origin in each case.

cc - New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "JACK"

DATE: April 6, 1948

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Reference is made to Washington Field letter dated March 15, 1948, requesting the Philadelphia Office to check the records of the IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE for individuals under the name HEINZ ROTH.

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The following files on HEINZ ROTH or individuals with similar names were reviewed and none is believed identical with the HEINZ ROTH in question:

HEINZ ROTH, File [redacted]
 HEINZ ~~ROTHE~~, File [redacted]
 HEINZ ROTH, File [redacted]
 HEINZ ROTH, File [redacted]
 HEINZ ~~ROTHSCHILD~~, File [redacted]
 HARRY ~~ROTH~~, File [redacted]
 HEINZ CONRAD ~~ROTH~~, File [redacted]
 HENRY ~~ROTH~~, File [redacted]
 HARRY ~~ROTH~~, File [redacted]
 HEINZ ROTH, File [redacted]
 HEINRICH JOACHIM ~~ROTH~~, File [redacted]
 HEINRICH ~~ROTH~~, File [redacted]
 HENRY ~~ROTH~~, File [redacted]

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GREGORY
[REDACTED]

By letter dated January 30, 1948, the Bureau instructed your office to open separate [REDACTED] cases on unknown subjects "Bill," "Catherine," "Jack," and "John." By letter dated March 26, 1948, you were advised that Bureau files failed to reflect that these cases had been opened by your office.

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You should, therefore, see that this matter is afforded immediate attention and reports should be submitted to the Bureau not later than June 1, 1948.

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June 1, 1948

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias "Jack"
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By letter dated March 15, 1948, the Washington Field Office advised that in connection with its examination of captured German documents there was located a document which was obtained from the General Library at the German Military Document Section in the Pentagon Building. The document originated in the files of a local police office near Hannover, Germany, and contained various letters from the German Gestapo concerning the identity of individuals who had been dropped by the Soviet Union on German territory as parachute agents or who were reported as being individuals whose activation in Germany as parachute agents in the near future appeared likely. These letters were dated in 1942. One of the individuals mentioned in this document was one Heinz Roth, who was active as a Communist functionary in a camp for German prisoners of war in Karaganda.

He was described as being about 28 years of age; 175 centimeters tall; build, slim; hair, dark blond; eyes, blue; special mark of identification: limps on one leg as a result of a gunshot wound in the upper thigh.

The document stated that the Gestapo has information in its files concerning a Red Spanish fighter named Heinz Roth, without any descriptive data. It was further stated that, according to a statement of a Red Spanish fighter, this Roth attended the Party circle of the Lenin School in Moscow in the years 1935 to 1937. In the spring of 1937 he went to Spain and was active as the Political Commissar in the First Battalion of the 11th Brigade. He was wounded and limps on one leg. It was believed that probably the two are identical.

From the above it appears that the description of Heinz Roth tallies somewhat with the description of the unknown subject "Jack" in the Gregory Case in all important physical details, plus the fact that, according to Informant Gregory, "Jack" has a slight limp in his left leg which is noticeable when he walks rapidly.

It is recalled that Informant Gregory stated that "Jack" informed her that he had been working for the Soviets for many years. "Jack" also told Gregory that his origin was in the Baltic countries, which does not preclude the possibility that he may have been of German origin.

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In an effort to determine if possible if the Heinz Roth mentioned above is identical with the unknown subject "Jack," the Newark Office should contact Confidential Informant [redacted] who was active in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, in order to determine if he was acquainted with Heinz Roth while in Spain or if he has any information concerning him. As pointed out above, Roth was a Commissar in the First Battalion of the 11th Brigade. The interview with [redacted] should be directed primarily toward establishing Roth's background, his linguistic abilities, and any information reflecting that he has ever been in the United States. (A)

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CC: Washington Field

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "JACK"
UNSOLVED SITUATIONS
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DATE: March 15, 1948

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Reference is made to my letter of March 5, 1948, in the case entitled "CAPTURED GERMAN DOCUMENTS, INTERNAL SECURITY - R", with which there was transmitted a document obtained from the General Library at the German Military Document Section in the Pentagon, bearing the File #VIII-173-b-18-12/14, which originated in the files of a local police office near Hannover, Germany, and which contained various letters from the German Gestapo concerning the identity of individuals who had been dropped by the Soviet Union on German territory as parachute agents, or who were reported as being individuals whose activation in Germany as parachute agents in the near future appeared likely. These letters were dated in 1942.

Referenced letter also directed the Bureau's attention to one of the individuals named in a Gestapo letter of June 10, 1942, which sets out the names of 18 or 19 individuals who were placed in the second category noted above.

In amplification thereof the following is to be noted:

The letter of June 10, 1942, mentioned above, is a copy of a letter from the offices of the Gestapo Regional Office in Muenster, Germany, and concerns the subject of the arrest of former functionaries of the German Communist Party, who have been dropped from Soviet planes as parachute agents. The letter states that certain unidentified parachute agents, who have been captured by the German authorities, and who are being held at the Reichssicherheitshauptamt (Reich Central Security Agency) in Berlin, had named certain German Communists, who were soon to be activated as parachute agents. It is probable that the unidentified captured agents are identical with agents known to have been captured by the Germans at that time, who have been identified as subjects of the case entitled "ROTE KAPELLE," [REDACTED]

Among the individuals so named was one HEINZ KROTH, Number 8 in this list, concerning whom the following information is set forth in the Gestapo letter, as translated literally:

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "JACK"

"8. ROTH, HEINZ, is supposed to be from the Rhineland, allegedly Mannheim. Was active as a Communist functionary in a camp for German prisoners of war in Karaganda.

"Description: About 28 years old, about 175 centimeters tall, slim, dark blonde hair, blue eyes. Special mark of identification: Limp on one leg as a result of a gunshot wound in the upper thigh.

"We (Reichssicherheitshauptamt) have files concerning a Red Spanish fighter named ROTH, HEINZ - without descriptive data. According to the statement of a Red Spanish fighter, this ROTH attended the Party Circle of the Lenin School in Moscow in the years 1935/1937. In the Spring of 1937 he went to Red Spain and was active as the political commissar in the 1st Battalion of the 11th Brigade. Was wounded and limps on one leg. Probably the two are identical."

It will be observed from the above that the description of HEINZ ROTH tallies with that of Unknown Subject JACK in the GREGORY case in all important physical details, notably height, hair, eyes, and the fact that JACK limped. Unfortunately the Gestapo letter contains no information concerning the linguistic abilities of HEINZ ROTH. Nevertheless it is desired to suggest to the Bureau that the individual described as HEINZ ROTH in the Gestapo letter may be identical with Unknown Subject JACK in the GREGORY Case. The fact that HEINZ ROTH was allegedly to be activated early in 1942 as a Russian parachute agent in Germany does not preclude the possibility that his assignment may have been changed and that he may have been sent to the United States in another guise. Furthermore, there is nothing positive in this material to indicate just when ROTH was last seen in Russia, nor to eliminate the possibility that ROTH may have been in the United States subsequent to the end of the Spanish Civil War. It will be recalled, that Informant GREGORY has stated that JACK informed her that he had been working for the Soviets for many years, which would be substantiated by the information appearing in the cited letter concerning ROTH. JACK also told GREGORY that his origins lay in the Baltic countries, which also does not preclude the possibility that he may have been of German origin, since the Germanic element of the Baltic republics formed a considerable percentage of their population.

It is suggested that there is a possibility that some of the American members of the International Brigade in Spain may also have made the acquaintance of ROTH while they were in Spain, or may possess information concerning him. Should the Bureau have a reliable informant among the former members of the International Brigade, it is suggested that he be

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "JACK"

interviewed concerning any information he may possess concerning one HEINZ ROTH, who was commissar in the 11th Brigade, and who is further described as limping as a result of a wound in the upper thigh. Such an interview should be directed primarily towards establishing ROTH'S background, his linguistic abilities, and any information reflecting that he had ever been in the United States.

It is suggested that the Philadelphia Office check the name of HEINZ ROTH through the Immigration and Naturalization Service, U. S. Department of Justice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to determine whether an individual by that name, who may reasonably be identical with the HEINZ ROTH mentioned in this letter, ever entered the United States either on a temporary or permanent visa.

Done; negative
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No ident data
Rev. files re Roth
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JD

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: JULY 7, 1948

FROM : S. K. MC KEE, SAC

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "Jack"
UNSOLVED SITUATIONS
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Rebulet dated June 1, 1948, captioned as above, in which it is requested that the Newark Office determine if Confidential Informant [redacted] was acquainted with HEINZ ROTH, a Communist leader in the Spanish Civil War who is reported to be Commissar of the First Battalion of the Eleventh Brigade. (X)

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[redacted] advised that he did not know HEINZ ROTH. He said that it was his belief that ANDRE MARTY was a Commissar of the Eleventh Brigade in Spain. ANDRE MARTY is now active in the Communist Party movement in France according to this informant. Informant said that he was a member of the 58th Battalion of the Lincoln-Washington or 15th Brigade. The informant said that he could not recall anyone that he had met or seen in Spain who fitted the description of HEINZ ROTH. He further stated that he knew of no one in the United States with a description comparable to ROTH who was active in the Communist Party movement. (X)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEWARK
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT - JACK
(Gregory Case)
[redacted]

DATE: October 27, 1948

Rerep of SA MAURICE A. TAYLOR dated 9/27/48 at Washington, D. C.

(U) (C) On June 1, 1948 the Bureau requested the Newark Field Office to determine if HEINZ ROTH is possibly identical with the unknown subject JACK. The Newark Office was at that time requested to contact Confidential Informant [redacted] who had been active in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in order to determine if he was acquainted with HEINZ ROTH. b7D

On July 7, 1948 a letter was sent to the Bureau from Newark in reply to the above request. At that time no copy of the letter was directed to the Washington Field Division.

The letter of July 7, 1948 from Newark pointed out that [redacted] advised that he did not know HEINZ ROTH. He said that it was his belief that ANDRE MARTY was a Commissar of the Eleventh Brigade in Spain. ANDRE MARTY is now active in the Communist Party movement in France, according to this informant. The informant said that he was a member of the Fifty-Eighth Battalion of the Lincoln-Washington or Fifteenth Brigade. The informant said that he could not recall anyone whom he had met or seen in Spain who fitted the description of HEINZ ROTH. He further stated that he did not know anyone in the United States with a description comparable to ROTH who was active in the Communist Party movement. (U) b7D

Copies of this letter are being furnished New York, Baltimore, Los Angeles, Seattle, and San Francisco in accordance with prior Bureau instructions in involved situation cases.

This case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,
with alias "Jack";
[redacted]

DATE: October 27, 1948

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Rerep SA Maurice A. Taylor dated 9-27-48, Washington Field Office.

It will be recalled that by letter dated 5-20-48 the Bureau requested this Division to exhibit a photograph of KENNETH DURANT to Informant GREGORY to determine if he is identical with the unknown subject "Jack." The Bureau was advised by letter dated 7-13-48 that a review of the DURANT file reflects that he was born on 10-9-89 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is a graduate of Harvard University, and a member of a prominent Philadelphia family. Inasmuch as GREGORY had described Jack as being in his thirties, obviously foreign born, and with a strongly-accented speech, it was felt that there was no possibility that DURANT might be identical with Jack, inasmuch as the former would have been at least 55 years of age at the time the informant was associated with the unknown subject.

New York letter dated 7-13-48 pointed out further that GREGORY has entered into a business arrangement with NELSON FRANK, staff writer of the New York World-Telegram, to publicize her activities, and it was felt that this factor also should be considered. Accordingly, no action is being taken with respect to the lead set forth in reference report.

JMK:RAA

cc - Washington Field [redacted]

cc - New York file [redacted]

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Maurice A. Taylor, Washington, D. C., dated September 27, 1948, which bore the caption:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT - JACK
(Gregory Case)

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Future correspondence in this matter should bear the caption as set out in this letter, and the words "(Gregory Case)" should be deleted in order to facilitate proper filing at the Bureau.

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT JACK (Gregory Case)			CHARACTER OF CASE [redacted]

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT JACK was the last of the unknown Russian contacts of Informant GREGORY. JACK operated in the GREGORY espionage network from October 1944 to May 1945. GREGORY first met JACK through arrangements made by UNKNOWN SUBJECT BILL and JACK in turn prepared arrangement for GREGORY's meeting with UNKNOWN SUBJECT AL (identified as ANATOLI ROMOV, Second Secretary, Russian Embassy). Meetings between GREGORY and JACK were divided between New York City and Washington, D.C. GREGORY did not know where JACK resided. Unable to determine whether JACK was official Russian representative although GREGORY described him as a trained Soviet espionage agent who was born in Lithuania and had served the Soviets from early age. GREGORY described JACK as approximately 5'9" or more, 175 to 180 pounds, muscular, athletic, having slight limp in left leg when moving rapidly, and also suffering from stomach ulcers.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letters to Washington dated January 30, 1948 and September 16, 1948
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Bureau letter to Newark dated June 1, 1948

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The entitled subject of this case, identified only as UNKNOWN SUBJECT JACK, is another and the last of the unidentified Russian subjects who served as a principal of Informant GREGORY in the operation of the extensive Soviet espionage network reported in the case entitled GREGORY, [redacted] Washington Field Office origin. b3

JACK and UNKNOWN SUBJECT AL, later identified positively as ANATOLI B. GROMOV, Second Secretary, Soviet Embassy, were the last of the Russian contacts of Informant GREGORY and GREGORY's association with them respectively ceased in May and November of 1945. During the previous year GREGORY's contacts and sources of information had been gradually taken from her in furtherance of an obvious plan on the part of the Russians to remove her from the espionage parallels. JACK and occasionally AL (GROMOV) continued to meet with GREGORY for some time after she had been relieved of all other contacts. Their objective apparently was to use the considerable reservoir of information possessed by GREGORY and to maintain her good will because of the potential source of danger in her knowledge.

It is noted that JACK made the necessary arrangements for GREGORY to first meet AL after she had demanded to see a Russian who had more authority than JACK. As will be seen hereafter, it is not clear whether JACK was considered to be an American contact. However, it is clear that GROMOV, the Second Secretary, was the superior official and one who made final decisions and it was GROMOV who made the last meeting with GREGORY on November 25, 1945, and who paid her the sum of \$2000 in October 1945 for the apparent purpose of severing relations and leaving GREGORY satisfied. (21) 728

In the principal case it is recalled that GREGORY had served as courier and assistant to Soviet agent JACOB GOLOS (real name JACOB RASIN) from about 1938 until his death in late November 1943. Beginning early 1941 GOLOS operated an extensive and growing espionage network in New York City and Washington, D.C., and GREGORY actively assisted him as courier. GREGORY had joined the Communist Party in 1935 and began underground work for the Party shortly thereafter. She met JACOB GOLOS about October 15, 1938, through F. BROWN (FERRUCCIO MARINI), a well known Communist Party functionary. GREGORY was closely associated thereafter with GOLOS until his death, performing typing, stenographic and research work and on at least one occasion undertook secretarial employment in order to perform undercover services for GOLOS.

Prior to 1941 the espionage network centered in New York. However, following the attack by Germany on Russia the espionage network expanded rapidly and GREGORY served as a courier between GOLOS and numerous individuals employed in the U. S. Government at Washington, D. C.

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In 1941 GREGORY gathered that the information she collected was being delivered to an individual believed to have been GAIK OVAKIMIAN, a well known Soviet agent. However, following the arrest and deportation of OVAKIMIAN, GREGORY understood the espionage material was delivered to an individual known only as CHARLIE, who was described to GREGORY as a dentist who had been in the United States many years and had undergone a gall bladder operation. Subsequently, this dentist was described to GREGORY by unknown subject JACK as about 55 years of age, 5'5" tall, 160 pounds, stocky, dark hair and eyes, swarthy complexion and a Russian Jew.

GREGORY has advised that in 1941 GOLOS determined that he suffered from heart trouble, which later caused his death, and felt it advisable that GREGORY have other contacts to carry on the work. He made arrangements for GREGORY to meet one JOHN, an unknown subject, which meeting occurred in a drug store on 9th Avenue in the 50's, New York City. At this meeting JOHN was to identify himself by producing a photograph of GREGORY and was to state that "CHARLIE sent me."

GREGORY has advised that she met JOHN approximately ten times. She described him as being a tall, slender, Slavic type, in the middle or late 20's, having blue eyes and very blond hair. He spoke poor, limited English, and apparently had arrived in the United States only recently. He also had a hacking cough and emaciated appearance.

The next contact made by GREGORY occurred in the latter part of 1941 or early 1942 when GOLOS informed GREGORY that she would meet MARGARET. GREGORY met this unknown MARGARET about five or six times over a four month period.

MARGARET was later identified as OLGA PRAVDINA, an employee of the Amtorg Corporation, and a Russian national, who has since returned to Russia with her husband, VLADIMIR PRAVDIN, also employed by Amtorg. It appears that unknown subject CHARLIE was known to MARGARET, as on one or two occasions GREGORY requested MARGARET to tell CHARLIE to contact GOLOS.

Some time in October 1943 GOLOS informed GREGORY that she would again meet MARGARET, who would introduce her to a new person to whom SILVERMASTER material was to be delivered. Thereafter, GREGORY was introduced to unknown subject, CATHERINE.

From conversations GREGORY learned that CATHERINE had a knowledge of shorthand and typewriting and that at one time she was a secretary and further that CATHERINE had been employed in Washington. However, the identity of her employer was not determined. GREGORY indicated virtual certainty that CATHERINE is native born and faintly recalled her as having come from Kansas or some other Midwestern state. Also she spoke with a typical Midwestern accent and had the mannerisms of a native born American.

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GREGORY further learned from unknown subject BILL that CATHERINE and BILL had been married seven years and that he used to court CATHERINE in Washington in 1938 or 1939, and mentioned having visited her in a rooming house where CATHERINE resided.

GREGORY expressed some doubt that they had been married so long. She recalled that in July or August, 1944, CATHERINE had given birth to a daughter at which time CATHERINE was living on 5th Avenue near 8th Street in New York City and that about September 1944 both CATHERINE and BILL moved from New York City, ostensibly bound for Baltimore, Maryland, or Washington, D.C.

GREGORY also recalled an incident of possible significance concerning CATHERINE on an occasion when she mentioned something to the effect that MARY PRICE was in love with DONALD RENDERSON. GREGORY stated that CATHERINE seemed very startled by this statement but made no comment.

GREGORY related that she had delivered material from the SILVERMASTER group to CATHERINE on one or two occasions. In this connection it is noted that when GREGORY first met CATHERINE it was understood that SILVERMASTER material was to be delivered to this new person, and it is clear that about this time the Russians were endeavoring to take away the various contacts of GREGORY and gradually curtail her activities.

On the Monday following the death of JACOB GOLOS on Thanksgiving Day, 1943, GREGORY met CATHERINE in the Newsreel Theater on East 42nd Street, New York City, according to prior arrangement, and thereafter they took a taxi to Park Avenue in the 50's where they left the cab and walked for a few minutes. At this time a man approached them and CATHERINE introduced him as GREGORY's new boss. At this time CATHERINE did not call the man by name nor indicate he was her husband. They proceeded to Janssen's Restaurant on Lexington Avenue, and during the evening in response to GREGORY's question the man indicated his name was BILL and stated that in the future he would receive such material as GREGORY collected. GREGORY stated that at this first meeting he demanded that MARY PRICE be turned over to him, which demand GREGORY refused.

GREGORY stated she thereafter met BILL at approximately two week intervals, always in New York City and generally at one of several restaurants which he frequented until September 1944. The meetings sometimes occurred at Alexander's on Lexington Avenue, various Schrafft Restaurants, and others in Manhattan, at which times GREGORY would deliver the material to BILL.

About September 1944 BILL informed GREGORY that he contemplated moving to Baltimore or Washington, and further advised that he would personally take care of the SILVERMASTER group and GREGORY would have no further connection with them. He also informed GREGORY that two weeks from

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that date she was to go to a drug store on Lexington Avenue in the 50's and would there be met by a person who would accost her remarking that he had seen her before, and GREGORY was to agree and inquire if he were the person who was so intoxicated at that party the other night, or words to that effect. In accordance with these instructions GREGORY was approached and became acquainted with her next unknown subject, JACK.

Referring to GREGORY's first contact with JACK which occurred in October 1944, GREGORY advised in her earliest statement, dated November 8, 1945, that unknown subject BILL was to take over the SILVERMASTER group of her contacts and she was to have a new man as her principal whom she understood was an American. She advised that she informed BILL she desired to see an important Russian but BILL replied, "First you see the American."

In a later and more detailed statement, dated November 30, 1945, GREGORY elaborated on the meeting with JACK as indicated above, stating that the contact occurred on Lexington Avenue in Mid-Manhattan where a man approached her and identified himself in a pre-arranged manner. This individual was later identified as JACK.

At this initial meeting JACK informed GREGORY that he would be her contact in the future and apparently planned to carry on in the same manner as had BILL who assertedly had departed for Washington, D.C., or Baltimore, Maryland, and presumably intended to continue to service the SILVERMASTER group. GREGORY advised the first meeting with JACK was brief, lasting perhaps 25 minutes, and that JACK handed her an envelope containing \$30 or \$35 to reimburse her for expenses. JACK indicated a knowledge concerning BILL but did not state he was personally acquainted with him. Arrangements were made for a meeting the following week.

Among the first things JACK inquired was why EARL BROWDER had not allowed American contacts to be turned over to the Russians more speedily. He demanded MARY PRICE and CEDRIC BELFRAGE be immediately turned over to JACK. GREGORY informed him that MARY PRICE had been released from espionage work by BROWDER and that MARY was nervous, unstable and emotionally in no condition to continue espionage activities. JACK suggested that GREGORY see BROWDER and ascertain the location of BELFRAGE and what he was doing and continued to insist that GREGORY attempt to locate BELFRAGE and learn what information he might be in a position to furnish. GREGORY, however, stated she did not approach BROWDER regarding BELFRAGE.

GREGORY advised that the following week she again met JACK as arranged and furnished him some material. On this occasion JACK again talked of MARY PRICE and GREGORY has stated she became incensed and advised him firmly that EARL BROWDER had released MARY PRICE and that she could not be used again. On this occasion GREGORY informed JACK of his promise to introduce her to an important Russian figure and demanded to be introduced with

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such an individual. JACK told her that he was an American but felt he was in a position to answer any questions. GREGORY, however, insisted, stating that she was to have two contacts, one a Russian with sufficient authority to decide important matters of policy. The following week GREGORY again met JACK in New York City at which time he apologized profusely for his actions, telling GREGORY he did not realize how important a figure GREGORY was and he had made arrangements for GREGORY to meet a highly placed Russian but could not give an exact date as this Russian official had not yet arrived in the United States. JACK mentioned that the Russian would be a very busy man and not always available and that he would undoubtedly advise GREGORY to take up subsequent matters with JACK.

GREGORY indicated that with the exception of the SILVERMASTER group's being handled by BILL presumably, she continued to furnish information from her government sources to JACK. She advised that the Russians had been endeavoring to give her money and offered to pay her \$200 per month and when JACK appeared he also tried to give her money. She declared that she refused money, informing JACK that the work was becoming a racket and she wanted no part of it. She declared that JACK appeared abashed and just before Thanksgiving, 1944, he told her that something nice was going to happen and that she was to meet AL the following Monday.

GREGORY has explained that this meeting took place in the Georgetown Pharmacy on Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, D.C., as a result of arrangements made by JACK. She stated that as predicted AL informed her that he would probably be able to see her from time to time but it would be very difficult for him to leave Washington and it would be agreeable if she took up matters or policy or other questions directly with JACK. GREGORY stated it was apparent that AL was JACK's superior. After this first meeting with AL, GREGORY took the train back to New York and met JACK. These meetings continued at approximately ten day intervals until May 1945 when the last meeting occurred. GREGORY advised that in the latter part of November 1944 JACK had requested her biography, as well as biographies of those she was then contacting. He informed her that the present policy of the Russians was to split the groups into smaller units and JACK again implied that GREGORY was caring for too many people. GREGORY advised that she passed the instructions along.

In December shortly before Christmas, 1944, GREGORY had two meetings with JACK in Washington, D.C., one at the Roger Smith Hotel and the other a breakfast meeting at the new Statler Hotel. On the occasion of the Statler meeting JACK told GREGORY that AL (GROMOV) desired that she stay over the next day and see him which GREGORY did. At this meeting AL advised GREGORY it would be necessary for her to see all of her people in Washington, D.C., and inform them that she would no longer handle their material. GREGORY was instructed to inform these contacts that she anticipated visiting the hospital

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for an appendectomy and during this time they would be contacted by another individual. AL suggested it would not be wise to break off immediately and such a plan would make the matter easier to handle. GREGORY stated she saw all her people except the PERLO group, advising them of the pending operation and recalled giving instructions to HELEN TENNEY, JOSEPH GREGG, MAURICE HALPERIN, J. JULIUS JOSEPH, Major DUNCAN LEE, BERNARD REDMONT and perhaps one or two others. During the month of December 1944 GREGORY purchased a considerable number of gifts for each member of the family of her contacts as she had previously done, such purchases amounting to an estimated \$400 or \$500. She stated JACK considered these expenditures a mild sum and GREGORY mentioned on several occasions that sums of money were more readily available after BILL and JACK assumed the roles of principals. GREGORY mentioned that BILL was then contacting the SILVERMASTER group and she made no Christmas purchases for that group in 1944.

* Considering the PERLO group, GREGORY recollected meeting VICTOR PERLO in the apartment of MARY PRICE in New York City four or five days prior to Christmas 1944 at which time she gave him Christmas presents for himself and the others in that group and at that time told him of her severance from the group giving the story of an impending operation. She stated that was the last she saw of the PERLO group except in the spring of 1945 when EDWARD FITZGERALD visited her in New York and complained about disliking VICTOR PERLO and wondered if some other contact could be arranged for him.

GREGORY stated she saw JACK on the Friday before Christmas 1944 in New York City, turning over the last PERLO material to him. She believes she saw JACK on New Year's Day in New York City. She mentioned several weekend visits to see JACK in Washington, D.C., and observed that as a matter of routine JACK divided his time between New York City and Washington, D.C. These meetings continued during the spring of 1945 as indicated above. GREGORY recalled that during the spring JACK was forced to take a three week layoff due to severe stomach ulcers and she understood he was receiving medical treatment but did not know whether he was hospitalized. In connection with this physical condition GREGORY advised that JACK once related that AL had visited him when he was ill with stomach trouble and had regularly squeezed orange juice for him, which story appears somewhat inconsistent with an ulcer condition.

With reference to meetings with JACK in New York, GREGORY has stated they frequently occurred at Columbus Circle and that JACK would indicate he had to deliver the material to someone else and would rejoin GREGORY for dinner in 15 minutes or so. GREGORY was led to believe that JACK met someone from the Russian Consulate, located at 61st Street near 5th Avenue which is nearby. GREGORY also met JACK in the vicinity of the Pennsylvania Station in New York although never in the station. She gathered he was prepared to depart from New York on these occasions but never observed him carrying any luggage. In another part of her statement GREGORY stated JACK usually came to New York

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on Monday or Tuesday and returned to Washington on Thursday. She believed he had a furnished room in New York and had mentioned that the woman operating the house was romantically inclined toward him but he did not desire to marry and settle down. GREGORY stated she last saw JACK in May 1945 in New York at which time he told her he might not see her again but arranged a meeting for the following week, which meeting GREGORY kept but JACK did not appear.

It appears that UNKNOWN SUBJECT JACK was a man of considerable significance in the espionage parallels with which GREGORY was associated. In his discussions with GREGORY he displayed knowledge of the details of many past activities in which GOLOS had been interested or participated. He was aware of the case of LEON HELFAND, ex-Russian ambassador to Italy who fled to the United States, and advised GREGORY that they had eventually lost track of HELFAND but believed he was residing in Virginia. JACK knew of the activities of one JAFFO about whom GOLOS had spoken in 1938, referring to JAFFO as an underground enemy of the Party. GREGORY recalled in October or November of 1944 JACK disclosed the story of JAFFO, an international agent who had smuggled diamonds and was associated in some way with RICHARD WALDO. JACK also knew the identity of Unknown Subject CHARLIE and had furnished GREGORY with the description of CHARLIE, mentioned earlier in this report. More currently JACK was fully informed about the affairs of the U.S. Shipping and Service Corporation, which was a front for World Tourist Corporation and in which GREGORY was an official and it was noted that it was JACK who introduced RAY ELSON to GREGORY and insisted that ELSON be taken into the U.S. Shipping and Service Corporation as an official. It is again observed that JACK was aware of the coming of ANATOLI GROMOV to the United States considerably in advance of his arrival and there is every indication that JACK and AL were acquainted.

It is likewise clear that JACK was fully aware of the identities of both the SILVERMASTER group and all other individuals furnishing information to GREGORY. GREGORY recalls that on one occasion when she was being relieved of contacts that JACK explained in great detail the operation of the Pole system of espionage parallels. Although Unknown Subject BILL assumed supervision of the SILVERMASTER parallel prior to the arrival of JACK, GREGORY met no subsequent Russian contact other than JACK and AL and it must be supposed that JACK was acquainted with the members of the PERLO group and the various other individuals in the espionage ring who operated more or less independently.

The above conclusion is strengthened by GREGORY's statement that in the spring of 1945 JACK told her that he was considering using JOSEPH GREGG as a courier or liaison man in Washington, D.C., indicating an intimate acquaintance with GREGG. It is further strengthened by statements made to GREGORY by HELEN TENNEY in their meeting which occurred in April of 1946. At that time GREGORY and HELEN TENNEY discussed the individual who had succeeded GREGORY in contacts with HELEN TENNEY and the latter described a male contact with a description closely matching GREGORY's picture of UNKNOWN SUBJECT JACK.

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HELEN TENNEY also mentioned that JOE GREGG had been designated to contact her for a time but she was greatly dissatisfied with GREGG and had made complaints with the result that a woman had been assigned to contact HELEN TENNEY. It was believed that this woman contact might be RAY ELSON of New York City although no positive identification has ever been made.

It does not appear that JACK was acquainted with ALGER HISS, former high State Department official, as GREGORY recalled that in the spring of 1945 JACK had inquired as to the identity of HISS. This bit of information was brought out in connection with GREGORY's story to JACK about HAROLD GLASSER who allegedly left the PERLO group at the instance of ALGER HISS but later returned to the PERLO group. No conclusion is drawn from the apparent lack of knowledge by JACK as it is possible that HISS may have been handled by other Soviet agents or even another network about which JACK had no knowledge even though JACK was important in his own sphere.

In addition to the matters mentioned above JACK indicated to GREGORY that he was aware of unauthorized visits which GOLOS had made to the office of RICHARD WALDO. JACK was also aware of the existence of STEVE PETERS (ALEXANDER STEVENS) and had stated that GOLOS knew PETERS. He expressed surprise to GREGORY that she was not acquainted with the activities of PETERS. JACK was also acquainted with the engineer contacts which GOLOS had in Northern Virginia. In this connection GREGORY has advised that although JACK expressed primary interest in political data he told GREGORY he was always glad to receive technical information such as that furnished by the engineer group.

Nationality, Background & Descriptive Data Concerning JACK

In her earliest statement GREGORY commented that at first she thought JACK was an American but thought she would test him and said something in Russian which was funny and he laughed. Later JACK advised her he was Lithuanian-Jewish and described his early life, relating strange stories about the revolution and how there was nothing to eat in Lithuania. JACK told GREGORY that as a kid he ran errands for the Bolsheviks and worked on up until they sent him overseas. Her recollection was that he had been in this country four or five years. GREGORY stated JACK spoke excellent Hebrew, Lithuanian, Russian, and Spanish, and satisfactory English, although she did not explain how she knew of his fluency in these languages. GREGORY advised he was unable to spell in English and as a result she felt he was not an American. GREGORY indicated that she learned that JACK had been trained carefully overseas and had done all types of work for the Russians in the United States. He had received training in Americanizing himself and had been instructed not to wear silk shirts and cuff-links.

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JACK informed GREGORY that he felt he was as proficient as any individual the Russians had in this country but felt he could not advance himself any further. She recalled that he indicated displeasure because of bright young men being sent to the United States from Russia whereas persons like himself who had been here for sometime and knew the country well needed no instructions to operate and comprehend the problems involved. She stated this attitude was somewhat reminiscent of JACOB GOLOS who did not take kindly to new arrivals who had attempted to tell him how he should function. In connection with his work at various places GREGORY recalled that toward the end of her acquaintance with JACK he was studying Spanish and familiarizing himself with Latin American affairs although he never definitely stated that he intended traveling to South America or thought he would be sent there by the Soviets. GREGORY has also indicated that JACK had somewhat of an East Side accent which would indicate protracted residence in the vicinity of New York City. His critical attitude of his Russian superiors may also be considered as evidence of influence of life in America. This is further bolstered by the fact that GREGORY indicated he was intimately acquainted with New York and Washington, D.C.

GREGORY recalled on one occasion she mentioned that perhaps later when business was right she might accompany Colonel JOHN H. REYNOLDS, U.S. Shipping and Service Corporation, to Moscow and JACK had admonished her against going, stating she was not the type to do this sort of thing and was not aware of what she had got herself into. She said he described briefly the work they were doing and mentioned tapping telephones, learning how to enter doors, desk drawers, safes, etc.

With reference to JACK's stomach condition, GREGORY mentioned on several occasions that he suffered acutely from ulcers and drank quantities of milk for that reason. She recalled he mentioned medical treatment for this condition and on one occasion stated he would have to be hospitalized. On this occasion he indicated he was considering the Mayo Clinic. In this connection the report of Special Agent RAYMOND W. JOHNSON at St. Paul, dated January 1, 1946, in the GREGORY case, outlined results of investigation conducted at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, in efforts to identify JACK which efforts were unsuccessful.

Descriptions furnished by GREGORY in statements of November 8, 1945, and November 30, 1945, are set forth hereafter, along with the description of the male Russian contact of HELEN TENNEY, which unknown contact succeeded GREGORY in collecting data from HELEN TENNEY:

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	<u>11-8-45</u>	<u>11-30-45</u>	<u>TENNEY</u>
Name	JACK; BOB (according to UNSUB BILL)	JACK (his real name is a good Lithuanian family name)	-
Age	-	36 or 37	-
Build	Very broad shouldered	Athletic, husky	Husky
Appearance	Looks Jewish; good looking when he smiles; looks like anyone who might have grown up on East Side	Typically Jewish	-
Nationality	Lithuanian-Jew	Lithuanian, not pure Jewish; intensely pro-Semitic	Jewish
Hair	Like GREGORY's, kinky	Dark blond, husky, receding very slightly at center	-
Nose	Jewish, not large, but curved over	Slightly curved, Jewish type nose	-
Eyes	Extremely bright blue	Brilliant blue	-
Eye brows	Very heavy	Unusually thick; 12-12-45: brown, unusually heavy	-
Mouth	Very thin, narrow	Thin lips	-
Face	Lines from nose to mouth, color grey and haggard; looks as though under strain, hasn't had enough sleep	-	-
Teeth	Lots of teeth missing; has Partial dentures teeth that fit in, and when he's tired he takes them out	-	-
Height	5'9"	5'9"	-
Weight	-	175 to 180 lbs.	-
Speech	Jewish East Side accent	Typical East Side New York accent	-
Clothes	Conservative American suits; good conservative shoes; conservative neck ties but insists on wearing silk shirts & cuff links	Usually dresses rather poorly; not at all meticulous about his personal appearance; usually wears gray suits and brown shoes	Carelessly dressed and often wore a sweater
Walk	-	Slight limp in his left leg which is noticeable when he walks rapidly	Lame
Personality	Got sad spells; wept on informant's shoulder	-	Intelligent

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	<u>11-8-45</u>	<u>11-30-45</u>	<u>TENNEY</u>
Health	Got sicker & sicker; mentioned having hemorrhage on street from stomach ulcer	Acute stomach ulcers; drank milk for this reason; under medical treatment; expected to be hospitalized & mentioned considering Mayo Clinic. Ill 3 weeks spring of 1945 (?)	-
Marital status		Single, acc. to JACK; never married	-
Skills	Photographer; telephone tapper; safecracker, etc.	Same	-
Languages	Hebrew; Lithuanian; Russian Spanish, all excellent; English, but can't spell English	Russian, Yiddish, Hebrew Lithuanian, English, studying Spanish	-

There is also set forth hereafter verbatim a copy of certain information concerning JACK furnished to Mr. L. J. RUSSELL, House Committee on Un-American Activities. This data is of interest in that there are several additional items furnished and also because it outlines GREGORY's recollection concerning JACK as given to Mr. RUSSELL on September 14, 1948:

The following information given by Miss BENTLEY regarding "JACK" reflects that he was half Jewish and half Lithuanian, and comes from a rather large family. He has two or three brothers all of which were over 6' tall. He first became a Communist in Lithuania in the days of the Revolution at about the age of 13 or 14. He started his career doing odd jobs as a matter of "bread and butter." Miss BENTLEY stated that she believed he did not like the Bolsheviks very well. Miss BENTLEY concluded this fact from stories he told on the subject of "what it was like to be hungry." She related one story in particular about "JACK'S" family living on grass and a few potatoes and when his brother went out and got a piece of cheese, on his way back Red army officers tried to take it away from him, and he jumped up and down on it, completely destroying it rather than give it up. "JACK" worked his way up until he became pretty important in the Communist apparatus.

Miss BENTLEY gave the following description of JACK. He was a self-made man, not much education, definitely not college. He was a very good mechanic and draftsman and claimed he could drive a car very well. He was not a well man, he had stomach ulcers, suffering very badly from this ailment and always had bad backaches. Quite often he was doped with morphine. He had very poor teeth with a few teeth missing in the front. She stated that he had a bridge, but very seldom wore it since it gave him much pain. She further stated that he had very little interest in women and, according to GROMOV, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy, he was a sex pervert. He had been in this country off and on for some time. She was sure he was a foreigner because he couldn't spell even the simplest English words. According

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to him, he lived in a boarding house in Washington, D.C., which was run by a widow with a four or five year old child. She described JACK, whose real name she did not know, as being about 5'9", 190 pounds, Lithuanian-Jewish, very broad shoulders, very light curly hair, blue eyes, heavy eyebrows, long lashes, fairly straight nose, thin lips, probably in his early 30's at the time she knew him (October 1944 to May 1945). He spoke Lithuanian, Jewish, Hebrew, Russian, German, very good English with a slight Jewish accent and was in the process of learning Spanish. Miss BENTLEY stated that she knew he was 14 years old in 1921 which would make JACK 41 years of age now. She said he walked with a slight limp in his left leg, but it was not noticeable unless he hurried. She stated that in spite of not being a well man, he was a very heavy man. His hands were that of a mechanic, short fingernails, and very practical looking. He was a very poor dresser, and his shoes were always rather decrepit looking. He was not outstanding, and could fade into a crowd unnoticed.

Miss BENTLEY stated she met JACK in the early part of October 1944 and knew him through May of 1945. During this period he lived in Washington, D.C. He would come to New York on a Monday or Tuesday and go back to Washington on a Wednesday or Thursday. When he was in New York he stayed at the home of a friend. She felt sure he didn't have a home of his own in New York since he always wore the same suit regardless of weather. JACK told Miss BENTLEY he learned everything there was to know about espionage in the United States and that he had learned as much as he possibly could and would probably be sent some place else. It was in the spring of 1945 when he was studying Spanish, and from this Miss BENTLEY concluded that he might be going to Latin America. Miss BENTLEY stated that they met about every two weeks during that period and twice a week or more when ever it was necessary. These visits usually took place in the vicinity of the Russian Consulate, usually in a drug store on approximately 58th Street. She met him only twice in Washington, once for breakfast in the Statler Hotel, and once on the street along Pennsylvania Avenue and 18th Street a few days before Christmas in 1944. Most of the meetings were in New York and as stated above, in the vicinity of 57th or 58th Street between 5th Avenue and 7th Avenue in one of many restaurants in that location. A few meetings were at the B. & O. terminal at Columbia Circle, 59th and Broadway, within range of the Consulate. She stated that she gave him information and that he usually met someone outside of the Consulate and took it in. She further stated that in May of 1945 she had a last appointment with JACK but that he did not show up. Miss BENTLEY said she first met JACK through BILL, his predecessor, at the Carnegie Palasade. She stated that they usually met through pre-arrangement; that she carried a copy of "Life" and JACK was to say something to her to establish identity. She said that if any changes were to be made in their meeting place JACK would call her at her office. Miss BENTLEY was working for the United States Service and Shipping Corporation at this time.

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In further describing him she said that he was very strange but was shrewd, had a good practical brain, but was terribly superstitious and let little things upset him. He was very husky and very strong and trained in jujutsu. He could also handle a gun quite expertly. He had a violent temper very much under control. JACK handled everything but the SILVERMASTER material which was turned over to BILL the end of September 1944. She stated that she felt JACK must have had very close connection with the Embassy or the Soviet Purchasing Agency, but more likely the Embassy, since on an occasion when GROMOV was very sick in September of 1945 JACK professed to have taken care of him. Miss BENTLEY said JACK was the most decent one of the whole bunch. When GROMOV early in 1945 suggested that Miss BENTLEY go to Russia, upon telling this to JACK, he stated, "You wouldn't like it if you were over there," but would not say why he made that statement.

The referenced letter from the Bureau to Newark, dated June 1, 1948, requested that office to contact [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] who was active in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, in order to determine if he was acquainted with one HEINZ ROTH while in Spain or if he had any information concerning him. This letter pointed out that ROTH was a commissar in the First Battalion of the 11th Brigade. It was requested that [redacted] particularly ascertain ROTH's background, linguistic abilities and any information reflecting his presence at any time in the United States. (U) b7D

Information concerning HEINZ ROTH was developed from a study of captured German documents at the general library, German Military Document Section, in the Pentagon Building. The data originated in the files of a local German police office near Hanover, Germany, which contained various letters from the Gestapo concerning the identity of individuals who had been dropped as parachute agents into German territory or who were reported as being individuals whose activation in Germany in the near future appeared likely. These letters were dated in 1942.

A letter dated June 10, 1942, set forth 18 or 19 individuals in the second category above, namely those who might be dropped into Germany in the future. HEINZ ROTH was No. 8 on this list. The German letter described him as supposedly from the Rhineland, allegedly Mannheim. It was indicated he had been active as a Communist functionary in a camp for German war prisoners at Karaganda. He was described as 28 years old, about 175 centimeters tall, slim, dark blond hair, blue eyes, limps one leg as a result of gunshot wound in upper thigh. The German police had files concerning a Red Spanish fighter named HEINZ ROTH who attended the Party Circle of the Lenin School in Moscow in 1935 to 1937 and in the spring of 1937 went to Spain where he was active as political commissar in the First Battalion of the 11th Brigade.

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He was wounded in Spain and limps on one leg. It was indicated the two are probably identical. The similarity of description and the Lenin School training and service in the International Brigade in Spain suggested HEINZ ROTH as a possible suspect for UNKNOWN SUBJECT JACK, it being thought that ROTH may not have been dropped in Germany but his objective changed and he may have been dispatched to the United States.

The referenced letter of May 20, 1948, directed to the New York Division invited attention to the report of Special Agent GENO P. FOPP at New York City, dated July 18, 1948, in the case entitled KENNETH DURANT, Internal Security - R. It was noted that sometime prior to the date of this report KENNETH DURANT had been suffering from a stomach ailment and had undergone a stomach operation at the Harkness Pavilion Hospital, according to the building superintendent where DURANT resided in 1944. According to Dr. F. B. ST. JOHN of the hospital, DURANT's condition after Russia's entry into the war aggravated his ulcers to the extent that he had severe hemorrhages which necessitated an operation, removing over two-thirds of his stomach as a result of which he resigned as head of Tass News Agency in New York City. The letter noted some dissimilarities in the description of DURANT from that of JACK as furnished by GREGORY, however there were certain similarities noted. With the letter was a photograph of DURANT taken in 1946. It was requested that this photograph be exhibited to GREGORY to determine whether DURANT is identical with UNKNOWN SUBJECT JACK.

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LEADS:

THE NEW YORK DIVISION:

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At New York City, New York will display the photograph of KENNETH DURANT to GREGORY to determine if DURANT is identical with unknown subject JACK.

THE NEWARK DIVISION:

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At Newark, New Jersey will contact [REDACTED] Confidential Informant to ascertain if he possesses any information concerning HEINZ ROTH who served as commissar in the First Battalion of the 11th Brigade for the purpose of establishing ROTH's background, linguistic abilities and any information reflecting presence in the United States, the purpose being to identify or eliminate him as UNKNOWN SUBJECT JACK. (A)

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Copies of this report are being furnished Baltimore for its information in view of the interest of this office in UNKNOWN SUBJECTS BILL & CATHERINE who reportedly left New York City to go to Baltimore or Washington, D.C.

The other offices, namely Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, are being furnished copies of this report in accordance with prior Bureau instructions in unsolved situation cases.

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BERNARD KATZ

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Name:	Jack	Joseph Katz
Age:	36 or 37 (October, 1944)	32 (October, 1944)
Birth date:	_____	March 15, 1912, Swentson Vilks, Lithuania
Height:	5'9"	5'9" (LDB File)
Weight:	175 to 180	155
Hair:	Dark blond, kinky, receding slightly at crown	Brown, thinning on crown (by surveillance Agents) blond (LDB File)
Eyes:	Brilliant blue	Blue
Race:	Lithuanian Jew	Lithuanian Jew
Peculiarities:	Slight limp left leg when walking rapidly	Limp slightly on right foot
Dress:	Conservative suits, not meticulous about personal appearance, wears sweater	College type
Languages:	Hebrew, Lithuanian, Russian, Spanish, and English	English (presumably Lithuanian Russian) (possessed Spanish-19 English dictionary)

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A review of the information appearing in the Bureau's files is being summarized:

Joseph Katz was born March 15, 1912, in Swentson Vilks, Lithuania. According to his Selective Service file at LDB #58 in New York City, he was a research worker in 1936 and 1938. The file sets forth that from 1931 to 1941, he was a dental technician's assistant and salesman. Investigation by the New Haven Field Office disclosed that Katz in partnership with Joseph Wolfson formerly owned the Heriden Dental Laboratories and Supplies, 5 South Colony Street, Heriden, Connecticut. This business had its inception in 1939 and

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was financed by Katz on an agreement whereby Holifon contributed his working time and Katz the capital. According to the files of Dun and Bradstreet, this partnership was terminated after a four year period of operation. During this period Katz did not reside in Meriden, Connecticut, but continued to live in New York City. Following the ownership of this business Katz managed a parking lot for about a year and a half on West 130th Street, New York City. He subsequently obtained a position with the Quarts Product Company, 305 East 95th Street, New York City, which position he held for approximately a year and a half. At the conclusion of this employment on June 13, 1944, he founded the Tempus Import Company, 119 West 57th Street, New York City, which business he was engaged in at the time of his activities set forth hereinafter.

In 1944, the Tempus Import Company operated as an importer of leather goods, handbags, and wallets from South America, selling to retailers and wholesalers and having plans to import watches and chemicals in the future. In his Selective Service file, Katz gave his address as 603 West 140th Street, New York City, telephone Ridgecomb 4-8938, and listed a former address as 620 West 141st Street, New York City. He stated that he was married in Los Angeles, California, on December 23, 1935, to Bonnie Katz and that they had

[redacted] He listed his relatives as follows:

Father - David Katz, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey.
Brother - Benjamin Katz, 1510 Ocean Parkway, New York City.
Brother - Merton Katz, 935 West 68th Street, New York City.
Brother - Edward Katz, Camp Brookridge, Kentucky.
Sister - Blanche Levy, 310 Lafayette Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey.

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The above-mentioned investigation was predicated upon a physical surveillance conducted on May 27, 1944, which reflected that Pavel P. Klerin and Mikhail A. Chaliapin departed from the Soviet Consulate in New York City and visited a restaurant where they engaged in a conversation for approximately one hour. After this meeting, Chaliapin left Klerin and proceeded by taxi to 46th Street and Broadway, New York City, where he met a man subsequently identified as Katz. This meeting appeared to have been prearranged. Chaliapin and Katz spent about an hour and a half at a cocktail lounge and then returned to where they had originally met. Katz after leaving Chaliapin proceeded to 64 West 95th Street, New York City. (S) [redacted]

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The identification of Katz was accomplished by a physical surveillance on October 3, 1944. Frank O'Hall, the superintendent at 64 West 55th Street, identified him as the boy friend of Janet Rankin, who resided alone in a one room apartment on the third floor of the building at that address.

Further investigation in the Alto case reflected that Katz was acquainted with a woman by the name of Peppi Renoir, who was suspected of having possibly acted as a courier in the Alto case. The personal check book of Peppi Renoir reflects a check drawn to the Tempus Import Company, on December 1, 1944, in the amount of \$75 and further reflects a check for \$235.65 to Joseph Katz dated December 7, 1944. [redacted]

During the period December, 1944, through January, 1945, the Office of Postal Censorship furnished the Bureau intercepts of various messages between Joseph Katz and Israel Paricler, Puyrredon 335, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and between Joseph Katz and Dante Ibarra, Cerve Largo 900, Montevideo, Uruguay. These messages which appeared to be of a commercial nature only, were examined for the presence of code by the FBI Laboratory with negative results.

[redacted] Theodore Jackson, was, [redacted] in which the Washington Field Office is origin, the following information was developed:

A trash cover maintained during May and June, 1947, on the residence of Jackson, a former employee of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and a known contact of Martin Chancy, former chairman of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia, reflected an envelope addressed to Mr. Joseph Katz, 603 West 149th Street, New York City. The New York Office by letter to the Washington Field Office advised that Joseph Katz, 603 West 149th Street, New York City, was the subject of a complaint made by Harold Albert Samuel, a Negro seaman who stated on June 30, 1945, that Katz had approached him with a scheme whereby Katz promised to facilitate Samuel's naturalization as a citizen of the United States through the services of a woman attorney in New York City. Samuel recalled that Katz was last employed as a wiper on the "SS William L. Smith"

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for the United Paint Company, Prospect Terminal, Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. R. Peterson, superintendent at 603 West 140th Street, advised that Joseph and Beanie Katz resided in apartment No. 39 at that address. Peterson stated that Katz had gone to Europe about five months previously. He stated that Katz had returned to the United States but that his wife was still in Europe. It appears that the interview with Peterson was conducted sometime during the latter part of 1947. 100-348267-2, 3

A review of the information in the Bureau's files fails to reflect that a photograph of Katz is available. The Washington Field Office should review the passport files of the State Department in order to obtain the details concerning Katz' trip to Europe and also in order to obtain photographs of Katz and his wife. The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service should also be checked on Katz for further background information. Following the obtaining of a passport photograph of Katz, it should be sent to the New York Office in order that it may be displayed to the informant Gregory. An individual case file should be opened on Joseph Katz for the purpose of correlating the known facts concerning him in one file. [If he is not identical with the unknown subject Jack a recommendation should be submitted for an interview with him to determine the nature of his contact with Chaliapin.] (S) (U)

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SAC, New York

November 19, 1948

Director, FBI

JOSEPH KATZ

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated November 15, 1948.

A check of the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau reflects that on May 11, 1945 Joseph Katz was fingerprinted when he made application for a Coast Guard Identification Card at the District Coastal Office, Third Naval District, New York City.

The following information appears on the fingerprint card:

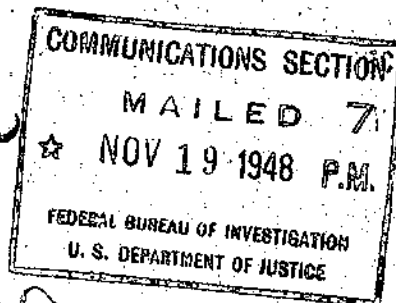
Name: Joseph Katz
Residence: 603 West 140th Street
New York City
Birth date: March 15, 1912
Birth place: Swenzani, Poland
Height: 5' 8"
Weight: 165 lbs.
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Complexion: Fair
Build: Medium
Race: White
Coast Guard Identification Number 031-1777619 W. S.

The New York Office should attempt to obtain a photograph of Katz from the Coast Guard records in New York City.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *glt* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT : ^② JOSEPH KATZ

DATE: December 1, 1948

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Rebulet to New York dated November 19, 1948.

This is to advise that a search of the indices
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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT with alias "Jack"			CHARACTER OF CASE [REDACTED]
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: One JOSEPH KATZ submitted by Bureau as possible suspect as UNSUB JACK. [REDACTED] Physical description and background data indicate KATZ offers good possibility as UNSUB JACK. Passport photograph of JOSEPH KATZ furnished New York Division for purpose of displaying same to Informant GREGORY.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent MAURICE A. TAYLOR at Washington, D.C., dated September 27, 1948.			
DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C. The report of reference contained a lead requesting the New York Division to display a photograph of KENNETH DURANT to Informant GREGORY to determine if he is identical with UNSUB JACK.			
By letter to the Director, dated October 27, 1948, the New York Office advised that review of the DURANT file disclosed he was born October 9, 1889, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is a graduate of Harvard University, and is a member of a prominent Philadelphia family. At the time GREGORY was associated with UNSUB JACK, KENNETH DURANT would have been at least 55 years of age. Further, GREGORY described JACK as being in his 30's, obviously foreign born, and with a strongly accented speech. For these reasons it was felt there was no possibility DURANT might be identical with JACK. Accordingly, no contact with GREGORY was made for the purpose of displaying a photograph of KENNETH DURANT.			
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[redacted] (U) (S) Reference report requested the Newark Division to contact Informant [redacted] concerning one HEINZ ROTH who served as commissar in the 1st Battalion, 11th Brigade, International Division, with a view toward identifying or eliminating him as UNSUB JACK. b3 b7D

By letter dated October 27, 1948, the Newark Division made reference to a prior letter sent to the Bureau on July 7, 1948, copy of which was not furnished the Washington Field Office. This letter reported that [redacted] was a member of the 58th Battalion of the 15th Brigade (Lincoln-Washington) and further pointed out that the informant did not know HEINZ ROTH or recalled no one known or observed in Spain who fitted his description nor did informant recall anyone in the United States whose description was comparable to that of HEINZ ROTH. Informant expressed the belief that ANDRE MARTY is now active in the Communist movement in France and recalled he was a commissar of the 11th Brigade in Spain. (S) (U) - 878 b7D

On November 16, 1948, the following letter was forwarded by the Bureau to the New York Division, copy for Washington Field Office, under the caption of JOSEPH KATZ, [redacted] b3

The description of the Unknown Subject JACK as furnished by Informant GREGORY [redacted] has been found to correspond in some important respects with the description of JOSEPH KATZ, who was investigated in the ALTO case, following his contact with MIKHAIL CHALIAPIN, a known Soviet Agent, on May 27, 1944. (S) (U) For comparison purposes the description of JACK and the description of JOSEPH KATZ as obtained from observation and his local draft board are set forth hereinafter:

Name	JACK	JOSEPH KATZ
Age	36 or 37 (October 1944)	32 (October 1944)
Birthdate	-	3-15-12, Swentson Vilma, Lithuania
Height	5'9"	5'8" (LDB file)
Weight	175 to 180	155
Hair	Dark blond, kinky, receding slightly at crown	Brown, thinning on crown (by surveilling agents) blond (LDB file)
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Peculiarities	Slight limp left leg when walking rapidly	Limps slightly on right foot
Dress	Conservative suits, not meticulous about personal appearance, wears sweater	Collegiate type
Languages	Hebrew, Lithuanian, Russian, Spanish and English	English (presumably Lithuanian Russian) (possessed Spanish-English dictionary)

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[REDACTED] He listed his relatives as follows:

Father, DAVID KATZ, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey
Brother, BENJAMIN KATZ, 1510 Ocean Parkway, New York City
Brother, MERKE KATZ, 335 West 88th Street, New York City
Brother, EDWARD KATZ, Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky
Sister, BLANCHE LEVY, 318 Lafayette Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey

The afore-mentioned investigation was predicated upon a physical surveillance conducted on May 27, 1944, which reflected that PAVEL ~~K~~ KLARIN and MIKHAIL A. ~~C~~ CHALIAPIN departed from the Soviet Consulate in New York City and visited a restaurant where they engaged in a conversation for approximately one hour. After this meeting, CHALIAPIN left KLARIN and proceeded by taxi to 46th Street and Broadway, New York City, where he met a man subsequently identified as KATZ. This meeting appeared to have been prearranged. CHALIAPIN and KATZ spent about an hour and a half at a cocktail lounge and then returned to where they had originally met. KATZ after leaving CHALIAPIN proceeded to 64 West 55th Street, New York City. (S) (U)

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In the case entitled ISADORE JACKERSON, Was, INTERNAL SECURITY - R in which the Washington Field Office is origin, the following information was developed:

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Mr. R. PETERSON, superintendent at 603 West 140th Street, advised that JOSEPH and BESSIE KATZ resided in Apartment 39 at that address. PETERSON stated that KATZ had gone to Europe about five months previously. He stated that KATZ had returned to the United States but that his wife was still in Europe. It appears that the interview with PETERSON was conducted sometime during the latter part of 1947.

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A review of the information in the Bureau's files fails to reflect that a photograph of KATZ is available. The Washington Field Office should review the passport files of the State Department in order to obtain the details concerning KATZ's trip to Europe and also in order to obtain photographs of KATZ and his wife. The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service should also be checked on KATZ for further background information. Following the obtaining of a passport photograph of KATZ, it should be sent to the New York Office in order that it may be displayed to the Informant GREGORY. An individual case file should be opened on JOSEPH KATZ for the purpose of correlating the known facts concerning him in one file. If he is not identical with the Unknown Subject JACK, a recommendation should be submitted for an interview with him to determine the nature of his contact with CHALIAPIN. (U)

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The Bureau instructed that the passport photograph of KATZ should immediately be furnished to the New York Division for exhibition to GREGORY to determine if KATZ is the UNSUB JACK in the SILVERMASTER case. The New York Division was directed to immediately ascertain KATZ's whereabouts and conduct an extensive investigation concerning him.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service were examined by Special Employee LEO M. MURPHY and disclosed that JOSEPH KATZ was born April 20, 1912, according to the petition for naturalization of his father, HIRSHA HIAT, filed in December 1918. HIRSHA HIAT received certificate of naturalization, serial No. 2109126, at a term of the Common Pleas Court of Passaic County, New Jersey, held February 19, 1925, at Paterson, New Jersey. At that time JOSEPH KATZ was 12 years old and he then was beneficiary of derivative citizenship. At the time he was known as JOSEPH HIAT and no mention appeared in INS files as to when the surname was changed from HIAT to KATZ. At the time the certificate of naturalization was issued to HIRSHA HIAT they resided at 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey. Three brothers and a sister were mentioned in the files as follows:

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BARNEY, born September 25, 1902.
MAX, born June 7, 1906
BLANCHE, born September 21, 1908
MORRIS, born [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted] was contacted by Special Agent DAVID R. LAWRIE and advised that passport No. 8383 was issued on June 3, 1946, to JOSEPH KATZ for travel to France and Switzerland for business purposes. In application for this passport KATZ stated he was born March 15, 1912, at Swenzani, Vilna, Poland, that his occupation was that of exporter-importer and that his permanent residence was 603 West 140th Street, New York City. He indicated his father, HIRSHA HIAT, was born in Swir, Poland, was a naturalized citizen before the

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Common Pleas Court, Paterson, New Jersey, and that his mother, BEDANA HIAT, deceased, was born at Mionaliski, Poland, and was never naturalized. KATZ described himself as 5'8½" tall, light brown hair, blue eyes, with no distinguishing marks or features.

The passport file contained a letter by KATZ on stationery of Selka, Inc., importers and exporters, 93 Nassau Street, New York 7, New York, dated May 7, 1946, in which he expressed desire to visit Switzerland to purchase watches and watch movements and to visit France in order to establish a general import and export business. He gave further reason for going to France to visit his wife who was then employed with the relief agency there.

The above passport was amended August 5, 1947, at Paris, France, to permit travel to Germany. This passport was renewed March 15, 1948, at New York City, for a period of two years. An accompanying letter from the Fournier Glove Company, manufacturers of cotton gloves and mittens, 18-20 Railroad Street, Patchogue, New York, dated March 11, 1948, and signed by JACK SHANDEL, president, indicated that KATZ as an officer of this firm was desirous of going to France on a business trip on their behalf.

The passport file contained a receipt from the United States Coast Guard, Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, dated May 8, 1945, for passport 604083, surrendered by KATZ. This receipt indicated permanent certificate of identification, Z-580976, was issued to KATZ in lieu of the surrendered passport. It was ascertained that passport 604083 was a seaman's passport issued to KATZ on March 9, 1939. Application for this passport could not be located at the time. Copies of the photograph of KATZ appearing on the passport application, dated June 3, 1946, were obtained. Two copies have been furnished the Bureau and two copies are enclosed herewith to the New York Division to display to Informant GREGORY.

ENCLOSURE TO THE NEW YORK DIVISION:

Two copies of passport photograph of suspect JOSEPH KATZ.

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THE NEW YORK DIVISION:

At New York City

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C. Su 8.15
Will display photograph of suspect JOSEPH KATZ to ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY for the purpose of ascertaining whether he is identical with UNSUB JACK in the GREGORY case.

Copies of this report are being furnished the Baltimore, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle Office in accordance with prior Bureau instructions in unsolved situation cases.

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JOSEPH KATZ, [REDACTED] REBUTEL JAN. SIXTH LAST. PHOTO OF SUBJ
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SAC, NEW YORK

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ACTION

RE: JOSEPH KATZ. [redacted]

REBURLSTS NOVEMBER FIFTEEN AND NINETEEN,

LAST. [redacted]

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[redacted] IN LINE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS IN RE: [redacted] -8

LETTERS, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY FURNISH PASSPORT
PHOTOGRAPH OF KATZ TO NEW YORK FOR EXHIBITION TO GREGORY TO DETERMINE IF
KATZ IS UNKNOWN SUBJECT JACK IN SILVERMASTER CASE. NEW YORK SHOULD BY
INVESTIGATION IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF KATZ AND
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF HIM SHOULD BE CONDUCTED. SUTEL RESULTS OF
INVESTIGATION TO DATE.

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JOSEPH KATZ, [redacted]

REBUTEL JAN. SIX. PHOTO OF KATZ OBTAINED AND

IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO SHOW BENTLEY BEING MADE. ALSO ASCERTAINED
NAME "KATZ" STILL APPEARS ON MAIL BOX AT SIX NAUGHT THREE WEST ONE FOUR
NAUGHT ST., NYC. SUBJECTS KNOWN RESIDENCE, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE.
TEMPUS IMPORT CO. WITH WHICH SUBJ CONNECTED IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR,
NOW LOCATED AT THREE SEVEN THREE FOURTH AVE., NYC. SEVERAL MEN CONN-
ECTED WITH THAT FIRM WERE IN CONTACT WITH STEVE NELSON FREQUENTLY
DURING PAST YEAR. KATZ NAME NOT KNOWN TO HAVE COME UP IN THAT CONN-
ECTION, HOWEVER. INVESTIGATION BEING EXPEDITED.

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cc. Mr. [signature]

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L. H. Tichen

MS.

When Joseph Katz

JOSEPH KATZ, [REDACTED] ROLAND PETERSON, SUPERINTENDENT, SIX NAUGHT THREE WEST ONE FOUR NAUGHT STREET, ADVISED THAT JOSEPH AND BESSIE KATZ HAVE NOT OCCUPIED APARTMENT IN THAT BUILDING SINCE NINETEEN FORTYSIX ALTHOUGH APARTMENT STILL IN THEIR NAME AND PRESUMABLY KATZ PAYS RENT. PETERSON SAID KATZ WENT TO EUROPE IN NINETEEN FORTY SIX BUT RETURNED SOMETIME IN FORTYSEVEN. PETERSON SAW KATZ IN SUMMER OF FORTYSEVEN. PETERSON SAID HE SAW BESSIE KATZ YESTERDAY AND SHE TOLD HIM SHE WAS IN NY FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND WAS RETURNING TO EUROPE TODAY OR TOMORROW. HER NAME "BESSIE KATZ AND DAUGHTER" OF SEVENTY SEVEN WEST ONE NAUGHT FOUR STREET, NYC, FOUND ON PASSENGER LIST, QUEEN MARY, LEAVING INSTANT DATE. EMBARKATION EIGHT PM TONIGHT. DESTINATION SCHERBOURG. EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO IDENTIFY BESSIE KATZ ON EMBARKATION AND TO OBTAIN INFORMATION HER DESTINATION. NO OUTGOING BAGGAGE SEARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED. AS SAME CAN NOT BE DONE DISCREETLY.

Jack

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Miss Gandy.....

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JOSEPH KATZ, [REDACTED] REMYTEL JANUARY ELEVEN, LAST. BESSIE KATZ
AND DAUGHTER EMBARKED ON QUEEN MARY WHICH LEFT NY INSTANT DATE. SHE
HAD US PASSPORT NUMBER THREE SIX ONE FOUR SIX, AND A FRENCH VISA NOTED
THEREIN. AGENT FOR CUNARD LINE ASKED HER IF SHE HAD MADE ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR RETURN PASSAGE. SHE STATED SHE WAS NOT RETURNING TO US.
ASCERTAINED FROM CUNARD LINE THAT SHE CHECKED A TRUNK THROUGH IN BOND.
TRUNK WILL BE FORWARDED TO BATIGNOLLES STATION, PARIS, WHERE IT
WILL BE HELD FOR PICK UP. AGENTS OBSERVED FOLLOWING LABEL ON HER
HAND LUGGAGE "BESSIE KATZ FROM SEVENTY SEVEN WEST ONE NAUGHT FOUR
STREET, NYC TO CARE OF A.J.D.C., THREE BLVD. LATOUR, MAUBERG."
SPECIFIC LOCATION OF MAUBERG UNKNOWN. POSSIBLY A SECTION OF PARIS.
NOTE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE REPORT ENTITLED "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, WA
JACK" OF JANUARY TEN, LAST. SHE IS ALLEGEDLY CONNECTED WITH RELIEF
ORGANIZATION IN FRANCE. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT INITIALS ABOVE
REFER TO AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE. SEVERAL PERSONS WHO
WERE APPARENTLY RELATIVES AND FRIENDS VISITED [REDACTED]

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BARKATION AND LICENSE NUMBERS OF THEIR CARS WERE OBTAINED. FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF BESSIE KATZ, AGE THIRTY FIVE TO THIRTY EIGHT, HEIGHT FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, ONE TWENTY FIVE TO ONE THIRTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, COMPLEXION MEDIUM DARK, PLASTIC GLASSES, MEDIUM HIGH HEELS, BLACK PERSIAN LAMB COAT, OFF FACE BLACK HAT, TAILORED GRAY SUIT, SMART APPEARANCE. SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] QUEEN MARY DUE CHERBOURG, JANUARY SEVENTEEN, NEXT. WFO REQUESTED TO REVIEW PASSPORT FILE ON BESSIE KATZ. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING HERE TO OBTAIN FULL PERSONAL HISTORY. SEPARATE CASE FILES WILL BE OPENED ON THESE INDIVIDUALS WHERE WARRANTED. PHOTOGRAPH OF KATZ OBTAINED FROM PASSPORT FILES, BEING DISPLAYED TO BENTLEY FOR MORE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

DATE: January 12, 1949

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias Jack JOSEPH KATZ

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In the attached teletype from the New York Office dated January 10, 1949, it is set forth that Elizabeth Terrill Bentley has made a tentative identification of a photograph of Joseph Katz as the unknown subject, with alias Jack, for whom she worked in the Fall of 1944, as a Soviet espionage agent. According to information previously furnished by Bentley, she had for a short time furnished to Jack material which had been obtained in Washington by members of the Soviet espionage network operating in agencies of the U. S. Government. The New York Office is to make arrangements so that Bentley can positively identify Katz as Jack by personally observing him. It might be noted that the physical description of Jack and Joseph Katz coincides in every respect to the extent that they both walk with a limp, are Lithuanian Jews, have blue eyes, thin lips, dark blond hair receding at the temples, lines from the nose to the corners of the mouth, speak the Lithuanian, Russian, English and Spanish languages.

The fact that Joseph Katz is very likely identical with Jack was developed through a review of the Bureau files concerning Mikhail A. Chaliapin who, with Pavel Klarin, both Soviet Consulate employees, were identified as Soviet agents in the Lydia Altschuler case. The file review disclosed that a physical surveillance was conducted on May 27, 1944, of Chaliapin, which reflected that he and Klarin went to lunch together. Thereafter, Chaliapin left Klarin and proceeded by taxicab to 46th Street and Broadway, New York City, where he met a man subsequently identified by the physical surveillance as Joseph Katz. The meeting between these two men appeared to have been pre-arranged. Chaliapin and Katz spent about an hour and a half at a cocktail lounge and then returned to where they had originally met [redacted]

Subsequently, an investigation of Katz was conducted in the Altschuler case to determine if he was involved in the courier activity relative to sending and receiving secret writing messages between the United States and Mexico. It did not appear from the investigation that Katz was so involved. The investigation did reflect certain background information concerning him which is being summarized as follows: [redacted]

Joseph Katz was born March 15, 1912, in Swentson Vilma, Lithuania. According to his Selective Service file at LDB No. 58 in New York City, he was a research worker in 1936 and 1938. The file sets forth that from 1938 to 1941 [redacted]

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he was a dental mechanic's assistant and salesman. Investigation by the New Haven Field Office disclosed that Katz, in partnership with Joseph Wolfson, formerly owned the Meriden Dental Laboratories and Supplies, 5 South Colony Street, Meriden, Connecticut. This business had its inception in 1939 and was financed by Katz on an agreement whereby Wolfson contributed his working time and Katz the capital. According to the files of Dun and Bradstreet, this partnership was terminated after a four year period of operation. During this period Katz did not reside in Meriden, Connecticut, but continued to live in New York City. Following the ownership of this business, Katz managed a parking lot for about a year and a half on West 130th Street, New York City. He subsequently obtained a position with the Quartz Product Company, 305 East 35th Street, New York City, which position he held for approximately a year and a half. At the conclusion of this employment on June 13, 1944, he founded the Tempus Import Company, 119 West 57th Street, New York City, which business he was engaged in at the time of his activities as set forth hereinbefore.

In 1944, the Tempus Import Company operated as an importer of leather goods, handbags, and wallets from South America, selling to retailers and wholesalers and having plans to import watches and chemicals in the future. In his Selective Service file, Katz gave his address as 603 West 140th Street, New York City, telephone Edgecombe 4-8938, and listed a former address as 620 West 141st Street, New York City. He stated he was married in Los Angeles, California, on December 23, 1935, to Bessie Katz and that they had [redacted]

[redacted] He listed his relatives as follows:

Father - David Katz, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, N. J.
Brother - Benjamin Katz, 1510 Ocean Parkway, New York City.
Brother - Merke Katz, 335 West 88th Street, New York City.
Brother - Edward Katz, Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.
Sister - Blanche Levy, 318 Lafayette Avenue, Passaic, N. J.

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In the case entitled "Isadore Jackerson, was; Internal Security - R," in which the Washington Field Office is origin, the following information was developed:

A trash cover maintained during May and June, 1947, on the residence of Jackerson, a former employee of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and a known contact of Martin Chauncey, former chairman of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia, reflected an envelope addressed to Mr. Joseph [redacted]

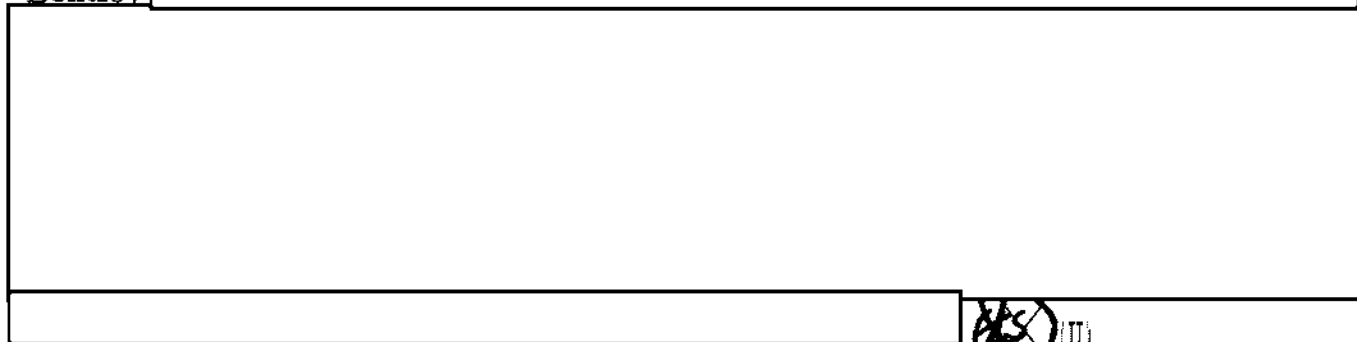
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Katz, 603 West 140th Street, New York City. The New York Office, by letter to the Washington Field Office, advised that Joseph Katz, 603 West 140th Street, New York City, was the subject of a complaint made by Harold Albert Samuel, a Negro seaman who stated on June 30, 1945, that Katz had approached him with a scheme whereby Katz promised to facilitate Samuel's naturalization as a citizen of the United States through the services of a woman attorney in New York City. Samuel recalled that Katz was last employed as a wiper on the SS William L. Smith for the United Paint Company, Prospect Terminal, Brooklyn, New York. (S)(U)

Mr. R. Peterson, superintendent at 603 West 140th Street, advised that Joseph and Bessie Katz resided in apartment No. 39 at that address. Peterson stated Katz had gone to Europe about five months previously. He stated Katz had returned to the United States but that his wife was still in Europe. It appears the interview with Peterson was conducted sometime during the latter part of 1947. (100-348267-2, 3)

After the original information regarding Katz was sent out to the field with a request that they obtain a photograph of Katz and show it to Bentley



OBSERVATIONS: When Bentley makes a positive identification of Katz, we will in one sense have a new field of investigation to pursue in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case. We will be investigating a link that existed from Bentley to her Soviet principals and, of course, the important factor is that the link in the form of Katz may be still in the United States. Further, he has no diplomatic immunity, apparently having operated as an illegal resident agent for the MGB. Katz' trip to Europe in 1947 was probably occasioned by the Grand Jury inquiry in the Silvermaster case and his return to the United States would make it appear that he believes he will not become involved in the investigation.

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If we could at some subsequent date get Katz in a position where he would cooperate with us, it would probably be possible to achieve a prosecution of some of the Silvermaster subjects. This, of course, will be one of the major objectives of the investigation of Katz.

ACTION:

We will follow this matter closely to insure that a discreet, but at the same time a vigorous and extensive investigation of Katz is conducted. Instructions will be issued to New York to determine what further details they received in the complaint from ~~Harold Albert Samuels~~, the Negro seaman, regarding Katz.

Attachment

ADDENDUM: Your attention is also directed to the attached teletype from the New York Office dated January 11, 1949, which sets forth that information was developed from the superintendent of 603 West 140th Street, New York City, to the effect that Katz and his wife have not occupied the apartment in that building since 1946, although the apartment is still in their name and Katz presumably pays the rent. The superintendent, Roland Peterson, said Katz went to Europe in 1946 but returned sometime in 1947. Peterson last saw Katz in the Summer of 1947. Peterson said he saw Mrs. Bessie Katz on January 10, 1949, and she told him she had been in New York City for medical treatment and was returning to Europe on January 11, 1949. The passenger list of the SS Queen Mary reflects that she was to sail at 8:00 p.m. last evening (1/11/49) with a destination of Cherbourg, France.

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cc 100-56402 ✓
cc Unsub-Jack. [REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE



To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JANUARY 12, 1949

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, NEW YORK

JOSEPH KATZ, [REDACTED] RENEYTEL JANUARY ELEVEN, FORTYEIGHT. IMPERATIVE ^{b3}
THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO LOCATE AND EFFECT DISCREET INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE
OF KATZ AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE PRIMARILY AIMED
AT POSSIBLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF KATZ AS DOUBLE AGENT. IN VIEW OF TENTATIVE
IDENTIFICATION BY BENTLEY OF KATZ AS UNKNOWN SUBJECT, JACK, OF SILVERMASTER
CASE, NEW YORK IN THE FUTURE SHOULD FURNISH COPIES OF COMMUNICATIONS TO
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE. DETERMINE BY INVESTIGATION PRESENT WHEREABOUTS
OF JANET RANKIN, KATZ' GIRLFRIEND WHO MAY BE STILL IN CONTACT WITH HIM.
BUREAU FILES REFLECT TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY SOLD IN FORTYSIX BY KATZ TO SAMUEL
BROWN, SEE REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT EDGAR C FOREST AT NEW YORK DATED APRIL
TWENTYEIGHTH LAST IN CASE ENTITLED ISIDORE GIEBY NEEDLEMAN, IS R. FOR IN-
FORMATION OF WFO, REFERENCED TEL SETS FORTH KATZ NOT NOW RESIDING AT SIX NAUGHT
THREE WEST ONE FOUR NAUGHT STREET, NEW YORK CITY. HE WAS LAST SEEN AS SUPER-
INTENDANT IN THE SUMMER OF FORTYSEVEN AND HE PRESUMABLY STILL PAYS RENT ON
THE APARTMENT. HIS WIFE BESSIE KATZ LEFT NEW YORK CITY FOR CHERBOURG, FRANCE,
ON QUEEN MARY YESTERDAY. WFO SHOULD SUTEL RESULTS OF INS AND STATE DEPARTMENT
FILES TO NEW YORK AND BUREAU.

CC WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (BSM)

RJL:OFM

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ

DATE: January 14, 1949

Rebulet to New York, dated November 16, 1948, in this matter.

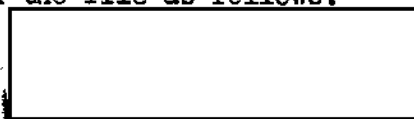
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Mr. R. PETERSON, superintendent at 603 West 140th Street, advised that JOSEPH & BESSIE KATZ resided in Apartment 39 at that address. PETERSON stated that KATZ had gone to Europe about five months previously. He stated that KATZ had returned to the United States but that his wife was still in Europe. It appears that the interview with PETERSON was conducted sometime during the latter part of 1947.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service were examined by Special Employee LEO M. MURPHY and disclosed that JOSEPH KATZ was born April 20, 1912, according to the petition for naturalization of his father, HIRSHA HIAT, filed in December 1918. HIRSHA HIAT received certificate of naturalization, serial No. 2109126, at a term of the Common Pleas Court of Passaic County, New Jersey, held February 19, 1925, at Paterson, New Jersey. At that time JOSEPH KATZ was 12 years old and he then was beneficiary of derivative citizenship. At the time he was known as JOSEPH HIAT and no mention appeared in INS files as to when the surname was changed from HIAT to KATZ. At the time the certificate of naturalization was issued to HIRSHA HIAT they resided at 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey. Three brothers and a sister were mentioned in the file as follows:

BARNEY, born September 25, 1902
 MAX, born June 7, 1906
 BLANCHE, born September 21, 1908
 MORRIS, born [redacted]



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DIRECTOR, FBI

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RE: JOSEPH KATZ
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Confidential Informant [redacted] was contacted by Special Agent DAVID R. LAWRIE and advised that passport No. 8383 was issued on June 3, 1946, to JOSEPH KATZ for travel to France and Switzerland for business purposes. In application for this passport KATZ stated he was born March 15, 1912, at Swenzani, Vilna, Poland, that his occupation was that of exporter-importer and that his permanent residence was 603 West 140th Street, New York City. He indicated his father, HIRSHA HIAT, was born in Swir, Poland, was a naturalized citizen before the Common Pleas Court, Paterson, New Jersey, and that his mother, BEDANA HIAT, deceased, was born at Mionaliski, Poland, and was never naturalized. KATZ described himself as 5'8½" tall, light brown hair, blue eyes, with no distinguishing marks or features. b3

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The passport file contained a receipt from the United States Coast Guard, Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, dated May 8, 1945, for passport 604083, surrendered by KATZ. This receipt indicated permanent certificate of identification, Z-580976, was issued to KATZ in lieu of the surrendered passport. It was ascertained that passport 604083 was a seaman's passport issued to KATZ on March 9, 1939. Application for this passport could not be located at the time. Copies of the photograph of KATZ appearing on the passport application, dated June 3, 1946, were obtained, and two copies each were forwarded to the Bureau and New York. The New York copies were enclosed with the report of Special Agent MAURICE A. TAYLOR at Washington, D.C., dated January 10, 1949, in the case entitled UNSUB, wa Jack, [redacted] for display to Confidential Informant GREGORY. b3

A copy of the report of Agent TAYLOR described in the above paragraph was furnished the Los Angeles Division and the attention of that division is invited to Page 3 of that report setting forth data that KATZ was married on December 23, 1935, in Los Angeles, California, to BESSIE KATZ.

DIRECTOR, FBI

January 14, 1948

RE: JOSEPH KATZ

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For the further information of the Los Angeles Office a tentative identification of subject KATZ with UNSUB JACK in the Gregory case has been made by Informant GREGORY from a photograph obtained from the Coast Guard identification files although the informant reserved positive judgment until she has an opportunity to see KATZ.

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The Los Angeles Division is requested to verify the marriage of KATZ, obtaining complete information concerning KATZ and his wife, including birth data on BESSIE KATZ, to facilitate further checks. Los Angeles will also review files for any information pertaining to KATZ or his wife and will furnish any background data available.

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The New York Office is requested to furnish any personal history data concerning the wife of KATZ to facilitate further check at the State Department for passport information. Further check at INS on BESSIE KATZ will be deferred until it is ascertained whether she was born in this country.

The Washington Field Office will make further check at the Passport Division of the State Department for background data, photograph and other information concerning BESSIE KATZ.

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Los Angeles

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. W. WHITSON *L.W.*
 FROM : MR. R. J. LAMPHERE *RJL*
 SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ
 [REDACTED]

DATE: January 17, 1949

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The following information appears in the report of Special Agent Maurice A. Taylor dated January 10, 1949, at Washington, D. C. in the case entitled Unknown Subject with alias, Jack, [REDACTED]

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service were examined by Special Employee Leo M. Murphy and disclosed that Joseph Katz was born April 20, 1912, according to the petition for naturalization of his father, Hirsha Hiat, filed in December 1918. Hirsha Hiat received certificate of naturalization, serial No. 2109126, at a term of the Common Pleas Court of Passaic County, New Jersey, held February 19, 1925, at Paterson, New Jersey. At that time Joseph Katz was 12 years old and he then was beneficiary of derivative citizenship. At the time he was known as Joseph Hiat and no mention appeared in INS files as to when the surname was changed from Hiat to Katz. At the time the certificate of naturalization was issued to Hirsha Hiat they resided at 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey. Three brothers and a sister were mentioned in the files as follows:

Barney, born September 25, 1902
 Max, born June 7, 1906
 Blanche, born September 21, 1908
 Morris, born [REDACTED]

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*No action necessary. This is merely to record
this information in the instant case file.*

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JOSEPH KATZ, [REDACTED] ELIZABETH BENTLEY POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PHOTO-
GRAPH OF KATZ OBTAINED FROM PASSPORT FILES AS UNSUB JACK IN GREGORY
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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

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As you are aware the identities of certain of Elizabeth T. Bentley's superiors have never been ascertained. One of these persons was known to Bentley only as "Jack". He was in contact with Bentley from the fall of 1942 until May of 1945 and was the individual who arranged for her meeting with Anatole Gromov, a Soviet Embassy employee. Elizabeth T. Bentley has now identified a photograph of Joseph Katz as "Jack".

Joseph Katz first came to our attention when on May 27, 1944, he met Mikhail Chaliapin, a Soviet Consulate employee in New York City and a known Soviet espionage agent. This meeting took place at 46th Street and Broadway, New York City under circumstances indicating that it was a clandestine pre-arranged meeting. Following this contact an investigation of Katz was conducted which reflected he was born March 15, 1912 in Swentson Vilma, Lithuania. Various records list his employment as a research worker from 1936 to 1938; from 1938 to 1941 he was a dental mechanic and salesman. He then entered into a partnership with Joseph Wolfson who set up the Meriden Dental Laboratory, 5 South Colony Street, Meriden, Connecticut. This business had its inception in 1939 and was financed by Katz in an agreement whereby Wolfson contributed his working time and Katz the capital. This partnership was terminated after a four year period of operation. Wolfson is known to have been closely associated with Communist activities in the State of Connecticut over a considerable period of time.

Following Katz's participation in this business he managed a parking lot for about one and one-half years on West 130th Street, New York City. He subsequently obtained a position with the Quartz Product Company, 305 East 35th Street, New York City, for approximately one and one-half years. At the conclusion of this employment in June 13, 1944, he founded the Tempus Import Company, 119 West 57th Street, New York City. During this period he resided at 103 West 140th Street, New York City. This business was founded to operate as an...

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importer of leather goods, handbags and wallets and there were plans to import watches from Switzerland. Subsequently on August 20, 1945, the Tempus Import Company was sold to Mr. Samuel Brown by a Martin Young who was described as a former owner. It is known that Young and Katz were both working in the business prior to its sale to Samuel Brown. Both Martin Young and Samuel Brown have a long history of activity in Communist affairs.

It has been reported that during 1945, Katz worked as a seaman on the "SS William S. Smith" for the United Paint Company, Prospect Terminal, Brooklyn, New York.

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It is known from investigation that Katz was back in New York City during the summer of 1947. It has also been ascertained that Bessie Katz, the wife of Joseph Katz, was in the United States during December, 1948, and left New York City on the "Queen Mary" on January 12, 1949, bearing United States passport number 36146 and a French visa. She checked a trunk through in bond which was forwarded to the Bartignolles Station, Paris, where it was to be picked up. A label on her hand-luggage was listed as in care of A.J.D.C., 3 Boulevard Latour, Mauberg. A.J.D.C. may be the American Joint Distribution Committee, as Bessie Katz has been reported to be working for a relief agency in France. The description of Katz and his wife are as follows:

Name - Joseph Katz
 Age - 36
 Born - March 15, 1912, Swentson Vilma, Lithuania
 Height - 5'8"
 Weight - 165 pounds
 Hair - Dark blond, thinning on crown
 Eyes - Blue
 Race - Lithuanian Jew
 Peculiarities - Limp slightly when walking rapidly.
 Thin lips, lines from the nose to corner of the mouth.

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Wife's name - Bessie Katz
Age - 35 - 38
Height - 5'6"
Weight - 125 - 130 pounds
Hair - Black
Complexion - Medium dark
Wears glasses with plastic rims.

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We are of course attempting to determine whether Joseph Katz is in the United States at the present time [REDACTED]

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Reference is made to the New York memorandum of February 4, 1949, in this matter, which set forth the results of a check of the files of Dun and Bradstreet.

You were advised by Bureau teletype of January 12, 1949, that it was imperative that every effort should be made to locate and effect discreet investigative coverage of Katz at the earliest possible time. You were instructed by Bureau memorandum of January 26, 1949, to conduct an investigation of various companies with which Katz has been connected and which may be still operating as cover companies.

It is desired that by March 1, 1949, a report be submitted to the Bureau by the New York office which incorporates, in so far as possible, the results of the investigative leads previously set out by the Bureau and, in addition, covers the investigative leads set out at the end of this memorandum.

Your attention is also directed to Bureau memorandum to you dated September 23, 1948, in the case entitled, "John M. Keating, [REDACTED] in which it is set forth that Keating was attorney for the Compass Travel Bureau, one of the partners of which was Herman Segall. In view of Segall's connection with Katz, any information developed through the interview of Keating regarding Segall should also be reported in the instant investigation.

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In the referenced memorandum from New York it was set forth that Martin Young is related to Katz. This should be fully explained in the report. The following investigative leads should be covered:

(1) Determine with whom Bessie Katz was residing at 77 West 104th Street, which was the address given by her when embarking on the Queen Mary on January 12, 1949.

(2) Determine the present whereabouts of and if available, interview the negro seaman, Harold Albert Samuels, regarding Katz.

(3) Set forth the results of the check of the Coast Guard files on Katz and also the results of the check of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and

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Navigation files under Permanent Certificate of Identity 2580976.

(4) Determine the present whereabouts of Janet Rankin, Katz's girlfriend.

(5) Determine who is paying the rent on the apartment at 603 West 140th Street, New York City, which is still in Katz's name.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was., Joseph Hiat,
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The above captioned individual, JOSEPH KATZ, on 1/17/49 was identified as the Unknown Subject, wa. Jack, who acted as the Soviet principal of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY from the Fall of 1944 until May, 1945 in the operations of the NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER case. The activities of KATZ in this case revealed him to be an important Soviet espionage agent.

This fact is further emphasized by his having financed the Meraden Dental Laboratory in 1939 which operated for a four year period. [redacted]

TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY
119 West 57th Street, NYC
373 Fourth Avenue, NYC

NEW YORK, N.Y.

The files of Dun and Bradstreet reflect that in June 1944, JOSEPH KATZ founded the TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY, 119 West 57th Street, New York City. It was not Incorporated and had a capital of \$6,000.00 which funds, KATZ stated, were furnished by his relatives. This business was to operate as an importer of goods from South America and watches from Switzerland. On 8/20/45, the Company was purchased by SAMUEL BROWN, an alleged Soviet Agent, from reported owner, MARTIN YOUNG. Both are prominent Communists and the latter is a relative of JOSEPH KATZ. In January, 1946, a partnership was formed between SAMUEL BROWN and WILLIAM B. BERG under which the Company was operated until the early part of 1947 at which time SAMUEL BROWN became the owner. The Company is believed to have moved to its present address, 373 Fourth Avenue, New York, in June, 1947.

J. KATZ & COMPANY
15 Park Row, NYC

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Dun & Bradstreet reported in August, 1946, that the KATZ and Company, Exporters and Importers, 15 Park Row, New York City, was

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operated by JOSEPH KATZ and his brother partner BENJAMIN J. KATZ. The Company was formed in July, 1946 and the subjects previous association in the TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY was noted. This concern is believed to be now defunct.

~~SELKA, INC.~~ NEW YORK, N.Y.
93-99 Nassau St., NYC

The State Department passport file on JOSEPH KATZ reflects a letter from KATZ on the stationery of SELKA, INC. IMPORTER and EXPORTERS, 93 Nassau Street, New York City, dated 5/7/46 in which KATZ expressed a desire to visit Switzerland and France in order to conduct business for this business. Dun & Bradstreet advised that this company was incorporated under New York laws on 6/28/46 and named HERMAN SEGALL as the principal interest in the concern. SEGALL is a native of Russia and came to the United States in 1939. The Bureau has conducted previous investigation of this individual. SELKA COMPANY is now defunct.

~~FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY~~
18-20 Railroad Avenue
Patchague, Long Island, New York

The State Department passport file on KATZ further reflected that his passport was renewed on 3/15/48 for a period of two years. An accompanying letter from the above Company dated 3/11/48, and signed by JACK SHANDEL, President, indicated that KATZ, as an officer of this firm, was desirous of going to France on a business trip on behalf of the firm.

A Dun and Bradstreet report dated 6/11/47 reflected JOSEPH KATZ to be the Treasurer of this concern and JACK SHANDEL the President. The Corporation was chartered on 10/28/46 succeeded a firm by the name of FOURNIER GLOVE formerly owned by MRS. BEATRICE FAREMCUTH. JACK SHANDEL, age 40, is also a native of Russia and came to the United States in 1921.

JACK SHANDEL was also named by Dun and Bradstreet's report of 6/11/47 as a partner in the Coronet Export and Import Company, located

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at 15 Park Row, New York City, which is the same address for J. KATZ COMPANY mentioned above.

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The Albany office is requested to examine the records of the State of New York Unemployment Insurance Division at Albany on the TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY, J. KATZ & COMPANY, SELKA INCORPORATED, and the FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY for a list of all employees of these firms from their inception as noted above as well as any other information available in the files relative to them. The nature of the contact of the Albany office at this confidential source is realized but it is felt that these concerns are of paramount importance to the development of the KATZ case inasmuch as it is probable that at least one of the firms, if not all, operated as a cover company for Soviet espionage.

The Bureau has requested that leads in this case be handled promptly. New York is the office of origin but copies of communications should be furnished to the Washington Field.

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, New Haven

DATE: 2-7-49

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ *Jack Katz*
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Rebulet to New York, cc: New Haven and other offices dated 1-26-49, setting forth therein information to the effect that ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY has identified a passport photograph of the subject as the unknown subject with alias "JACK", who acted as her Soviet principal from the Fall of 1944 until May, 1945. Referenced Bureau letter likewise set forth the names of various companies which might have been or still are used as cover companies, and also the names of individuals who might have been or still are engaged in Russian espionage.

All of the names of companies and individuals mentioned in reference Bureau letter were searched through New Haven Office indices, and there is being set forth below for the information of the Bureau and the New York Office, a summary of information concerning companies or individuals where same is available, and "no record" where same was not available.

COMPANIES

* Meriden Dental Laboratory
Meriden, Connecticut

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A review of our files reflects that apparently the Meriden Dental Laboratory, 20 Butler Street, Meriden, Conn., continues to exist as an organization. JOSEPH WOLFSON (Bufile 100-262996) is the subject of a Security Index card in the New Haven Office. [New Haven Office files reflect that Confidential Informant CNHT-2 on 9-15-43 advised that PAUL BLOOM active CP member in Conn., contacted RUTH ONDA, wife of *MR. ANDREW ONDA*, then Chairman of the Comm. CP, at the Meriden Dental Laboratory concerning Party dues which were due by HARRY WOLFSON, father of JOSEPH WOLFSON.] (U)

It would likewise be observed that in making a Security Index check on JOSEPH WOLFSON in October, 1948, it was ascertained that in addition to being manager of the Meriden Dental laboratory in Meriden, JOSEPH WOLFSON was likewise connected with a new dental laboratory known as *Wolfson's* Dental Company, Room 402, 341 State Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

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Tempus Import Company
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Selka, Inc.
New York City, N.Y.

No record.

Fournier Glove Company
Patchogue, Long Island, New York

No record.

INDIVIDUALS

JOSEPH KATZ

New Haven letter to Bureau, cc: New York dated 9-2-47 entitled, "Mocase, [redacted], set forth therein a list of names of persons who according to Confidential Informant CNHT-50 were to attend a party at the residence of ALFRED K. STERN, Ridgefield, Conn., on 8-30-47. Listed among persons at this party was JOSEPH KATZ who may be or may not be identical with subject.

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By letter to the Bureau dated 11-1-44 entitled, "Alto Case", Newark Office indicated some investigation to be conducted on a JOSEPH KATZ of 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey. This KATZ may or may not be identical with subject.

By letter dated 11-13-44 to New Haven entitled, "Alto Case", the New York Office requested New Haven to obtain a listing on the telephone number, Meriden 4531, which was known to have been in the possession of JOSEPH KATZ, proprietor of the Tempus Import Co., New York City. By letter to New York dated 11-22-44 likewise entitled "Alto Case", the New Haven Office advised that it was ascertained that the telephone number Meriden 4531 was listed to the Meriden Dental Laboratory and Supplies, 20 Butler St., Meriden, Conn., and bills for same were directed to Mr. JOSEPH WOLFSON at the same address.

JOSEPH WOLFSON

JOSEPH WOLFSON is the subject of New Haven Security Matter (C) file 100-8332, Bufile 100-262996. He is the subject of a Security Index card in the New Haven Office.

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HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON

HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON is the subject of a closed Security Matter (C) file in New Haven (NH File 100-3760; Bufile 100-182051). HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON is the father of JOSEPH WOLFSON. He was until May, 1947, the subject of a Security Index card which was at that time cancelled.

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SAM BROWN

Confidential Informant [] in June, 1945 furnished a list of names of persons contributing funds to the CP at Hartford, Conn., Included in this list was the name of BROWN who advanced forty cents as the result of a sale of the 1945 issue of the Worker. Not known to be identical with individual in question. New Haven Office indices likewise reflect that the records of the Secretary of State, State of Conn., reflect that a SAM BROWN of Stamford, Conn., was a signer of the CP Nominating Petition in Stamford in 1934. Not known to be identical with individual in question. b7D

SAMUEL BROWN

By letter to the Bureau dated 10-21-42 entitled, "Connecticut Conference on Social and Labor Legislation", the New Haven Office set forth information concerning said organization which was furnished by CNHT-1. This letter reflected among other things, that a SAMUEL BROWN was in 1942 designated to serve on the Nominating Committee of this organization. Not known if identical with individual in question. The indices of the New Haven Office likewise reflect that the records of the Secretary of State, State of Conn., reflect that a SAMUEL BROWN of New Haven was a CP Nominating Petition signatory in 1940. These records likewise reflect that SAMUEL BROWN was likewise a CP Nominating Petition signatory in 1942 at which time he resided at 692 Legion Ave., New Haven. Not known if identical with individual in question.

SAMUEL ALEXANDER BROWN

No record.

SAMUEL CHARLES BROWN

No record.

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SAMUEL E. BROWN

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New Haven Office files contain a newspaper clipping which appeared in the 1-30-47 issue of the Norwalk Hour, a daily paper published at Norwalk, entitled, "Encore Films, Old Subscription Drive". Included in this article as among subscribers to the series of Encore Films were the names of Mr. and Mrs. SAMUEL E. BROWN. Not known if identical with individual in question.

S. D. BROWN

No record.

ALFRED J. VAN TASSEL

The only reference available in New Haven Office concerning this individual are those which are contained in New York reports on "ALFRED K. STERN, ET AL, [redacted], in connection with the Mocase, who is believed to be identical with individual mentioned in Bulet of reference. b3

MARTIN YOUNG

There are only two references in New Haven Office files concerning MARTIN YOUNG none of which reflect espionage information, and both of which reflect reference to his capacity as National Education Director of the Communist Party.

No active investigation concerning subject JOSEPH KATZ, the Meriden Dental Laboratory, JOSEPH WOLFSON or HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON will be instituted by the New Haven Office until such time as the Office of Origin may indicate what it desires in this matter. It will be noted that Bulet of reference did not set out any investigation for New Haven Office at this time. RUC.

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SAC, New York

February 15, 1949

Director, FBI

JOSEPH KATZ

Your file

Reurmemo dated February 7, 1949.

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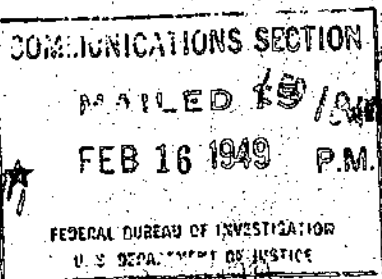
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You are advised that a search of the files at the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation discloses that Harold Oldwin Samuel was issued Permanent Certificate of Identification, #Z-531206, on November 3, 1944, at New York City. He was also issued at this time Certificate of Service, #A-124868, as able-bodied seaman and Certificate of Efficiency as lifeboat man, #B-276562. Samuel received Seaman's Employment Card for employment on Panamanian vessels on October 28, 1944, at New York City. Serial #17687 appears on this card.

Samuel has completed nineteen voyages from November 15, 1944, to May 19, 1948. His last voyage was aboard the SS Santa Clara, as able-bodied seaman, having signed aboard on April 29, 1948, at New York City, and signed off at New York City on May 19, 1948. This vessel is operated by Grace Lines Incorporated, 10 Hanover Square, New York City. There is no record of Samuel having signed aboard any vessel since May 19, 1948.

The description of Samuel as it appears in the files of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation is set out below:

Date of birth	July 16, 1914
Place of birth	Trinidad, British West Indies
Color	Black
Height	5'9"
Weight	165 pounds
Color of hair	Black
Color of eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Citizenship	British Commonwealth
Residence	235 West 148 Street New York City
Social Security Number	095-22-6906
Next of kin	Leonora Samuel, wife Port of Spain Trinidad, British West Indies

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TO : Director, FBI Attention: IDENTIFICATION
 DIVISION

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ

DATE: February 7, 1949

It is requested that the Bureau check the records of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation for a complete shipping record and all background information on HAROLD OLDWIN SAMUEL, Negro, born July 16, 1914 at Trinidad, British West Indies; held Z No. 531206 and was a boatswain in 1945, presumably on the SS "William L. Smith."

It is to be noted that the New York Office is attempting to locate this individual for the purpose of interviewing him in connection with the above captioned case.

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ATTENTION: [redacted]

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ
[redacted]

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Reference is made to our memorandum to you dated February 2, 1949. We are enclosing herewith one photograph of Mrs. Bessie Bogorad Katz, the wife of Joseph Katz. Our investigation has reflected that Katz has a present address of 25 Villa Santos Dumont, Paris, France. The records of the Guaranty Trust Company in New York City reflect that Katz maintains an active account in their Paris branch.

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Reference is made to New York teletype dated February 15, 1949 which reflects that Katz's present address is 25 Villa Santos Dymont, Paris, France and that the records of the Guaranty Trust Company in New York City reflect that Katz maintains an active account in their Paris branch. The attention of the New York Office is called to the previous instructions of the Bureau that the Washington Field Office should be furnished with copies of all communications submitted regarding this matter in view of the Washington Field Office being the office of origin in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case. It is to be noted that a copy of the referenced teletype was not submitted to the Washington Field Office.

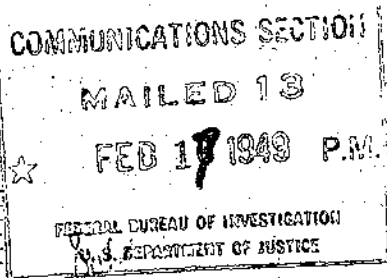
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JOSEPH KATZ, [REDACTED]

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NINE. A REPORT HAS BEEN DICTATED AND WILL REACH THE BUREAU ON APPROXIMATELY FEB. TWENTY-FIFTH. KATZ-S PRESENT ADDRESS IS TWENTYFIVE VILLA SANTOS DUMONT, PARIS, FRANCE. THE RECORDS OF GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK, REFLECT KATZ MAINTAINS AN ACTIVE ACCOUNT AT THEIR PARIS BRANCH. [REDACTED]

BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE BUREAU.

THE COVERAGE OF THIS LEAD IS

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Office Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: February 21, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, Was:

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There is enclosed a partially typewritten letter, dated October 16, 1944, with two copies, which was obtained from Mr. P. PETERSON, superintendent, 603 West 140th Street, on January 11, 1949. Mr. PETERSON stated that he obtained the enclosed specimens from the trash recovered from the apartment of JOSEPH KATZ at this address.

The Laboratory is requested to examine the enclosed specimens with the southbound ~~several~~ typewritten letters in the Alto Case.

If the examination is made with negative results, the enclosed specimens will be of no further use to the New York Office and they may be destroyed by the Bureau.

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TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY

• 119 west 57th street
• new york 19, n. y.
• circle 7-1338

October 16, 1944

Mr. I. Parisier
Pueyrredon 553
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dear Mr. Parisier:

I am writing to confirm our conversation of today whereby we agreed that:

1. You are to finance the transaction as arranged in the contract of August 29, 1944, and amended letter of October 15, 1944 to the Firman Leather Goods Company.
2. It is also understood that you are to rec

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October 15, 1944

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dear Mr. Arisler:

I am writing to confirm our conversation of today whereby we agreed that:

1. You are to finance the transaction as arranged in the contract of August 29, 1944, and amended letter of October 15, 1944 to the Firman Leather Goods Company.
2. It is also understood that you are to rec

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Dear Mr. Parisier:

I am writing to confirm our conversation of today whereby we agreed that:

1. You are to finance the transaction as arranged in the contract of August 29, 1944, and amended letter of October 15, 1944 to the Firman Leather Goods Company.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, New Haven
SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was
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Reference is made to the report of SA ROGER W. ROBINSON made at New York March 2, 1949 entitled as above wherein on pages 73, 74, and 76 is reflected information that Subject maintains a commercial checking account at the Fifth Avenue Branch of the Guaranty Trust Company in the name of JOSEPH KATZ, c/o SAUL BIRNBAUM and that the indices of the New York Office reflect no information that could be deemed identical with BIRNBAUM.

For the information of the Bureau and the New York Office, the New Haven Office has a pending security case file on SAUL ISRAEL BIRNBAUM, was Saul I. Birnbaum, S. Birnbaum, Sol I. Birnbaum, Saully, Sal Alberi, INTERNAL SECURITY - C. This individual is an active organizer in Waterbury, Connecticut, for the Connecticut Communist Party. Until October 1946 he was not known to be in Connecticut, at which time he suddenly appeared in Waterbury, Connecticut, as the Secretary of the Waterbury Branch of the Connecticut Communist Party. BIRNBAUM does not publicly use the name of BIRNBAUM but is known as SAL ALBERI. He is a key figure and is a Security Index Subject. Handwriting and handprinting specimens have been submitted to the Bureau.

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See following files concerning BIRNBAUM:

Bureau File 100-235423
New York File 100-83333
New Haven File 100-10989

The Bureau is referred to New Haven letter to the Bureau dated 9-30-47 entitled, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, 15th DISTRICT, NEW HAVEN, OFFICE, Internal Security - C", in which the Bureau was advised that on 9-16-47 [redacted] furnished to this office a copy of a dues report of the Waterbury, Connecticut Branch of the Communist Party. According to the informant, said report was submitted to him by NANCY ALBERI, the wife of SAL ALBERI, with alias SAUL BIRNBAUM. On the reverse side of this dues report there was pencilled a notation concerning a discussion of the number of the atoms contained in polonium. The informant was unable to furnish

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information concerning the identity of the individual who made the notations. Photographs of these notations were prepared and furnished to the Bureau with the request that the New Haven Office be advised if there was any significance in said information.

Further reference is made to New Haven letter to Bureau dated October 8, 1947 entitled, "SAUL ISRAEL BIRNBAUM, was, Internal Security - C", in which reference was made to the previous New Haven letter and in which the Bureau was advised that on October 28, 1946 Confidential Informants [redacted] advised that BIRNBAUM had discussed the atom bomb at an informal gathering of Communist Party members. According to the informants, BIRNBAUM stated that neither Russia nor her scientists were worried about the atom bomb because the Russian scientists had developed something even greater. The informants stated that the Subject described this process as follows: The scientists could eliminate the heavy layer of atmosphere which may be located above the ozone in the stratosphere. The Subject further stated that by eliminating this layer of atmosphere the violet rays of the sun would not be filtered and would penetrate through the atom to the earth and causing radio activity would kill vegetation and human lives. The Subject stated that the process has been completed by the Russian scientists and all that would be necessary to eliminate cities would be to block out this upper heavy layer. [redacted] stated that several of the members in the group questioned the Subject regarding this new development by the Russian scientists but he would not divulge where he had obtained this information. (S) (U)

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The original of the document referred to in the previous New Haven letter was likewise furnished to the Bureau by letter of October 8, 1947 for inclusion in the National Security File as handwriting specimens. (S) (U)

By letter dated October 18, 1947 the Laboratory advised the handwriting appearing on the notations made concerning the materials in the atom bomb were compared with appropriate sections of the National Security File but no identification was effected. (S) (U)

By letter dated October 27, 1947 the Bureau advised that they discussed with the Atomic Energy Commission the significance of the pencilled notations concerning the discussion of the number of atoms contained in polonium and that the Atomic Energy Commission commented that the notations contained nothing of a significant or classified nature. The Commission commented that the amount of polonium involved was practically nothing and the facts as disclosed did not reveal restricted data. This is being made available for the information of the New York Office. (S) (U)

For the additional information of the New York Office there is being transmitted herewith one photograph of Subject ALBERI and a copy of the report of SA JOHN C. CARR made at New Haven 12-19-47.

In the referenced New York report it was noted that Subject KATZ was observed

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to drive a car bearing Connecticut markers. For the information of the New York Office BIRNBAUM drives a 1935 gray Plymouth Sedan.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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SAC New York

To: There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 18, 1949.

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Re: JOSEPH LEE, with aliases,
JOSEPH LEE, "JACK"
[redacted]

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New York

YOUR FILE NO. 2-54634
FBI FILE NO.
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Examination requested by: Letter 2/21/49

Reference: Document

Examination requested:

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Specimens: Q1 Pieces of an original and two carbon copies of a typewritten letter which have been fastened together with tape. Letter is addressed to Mr. I. PARISER, Puyredon 555 Buenos Aires, Argentina. Letter is dated October 16, 1944.

RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

It is concluded that the south bound secret typewritten letters in the Alto Case, Bureau file No. 64-45802, were not prepared on the same typewriter as the letter listed above as specimen 1.

Specimen Q1 is retained.
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DIRECTOR, FBI

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Re your memorandum of March 8, 1949.

The investigation in the above captioned matter is an investigation which should be handled in an expeditious manner and should therefore be immediately assigned to Special Agent Ralph W. Backman for handling. The name of this Agent should be submitted separately for consideration in connection with the instruction in SAC letter No. 12, series 1949, if you contemplate using him on other investigations of a Soviet or satellite espionage nature.

In connection with the lead set out for your office in the report of Special Agent Roger W. Robinson dated March 2, 1949, at New York City, it is desired that you obtain a photograph of Janet Rankin if possible. Copies of this photograph should be submitted to the New York Office and the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Cincinnati
SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ. was Joseph Hiat, Jack [redacted] (S) (U)

DATE: March 8, 1949

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Reference is made to the report of SA ROGER W. ROBINSON, dated March 2, 1949, at New York City, in the captioned matter.

Reference is also made to SAC Letter #12, Series 1949, dated February 1, 1949. On page two of referenced letter, the Bureau instructs that in the future, before assigning an agent to the investigation of Soviet or satellite espionage investigations, his name should be furnished to the Bureau and recommendations should be made by the field office.

The Bureau further states that this procedure need not be followed in an instance where an office has no agent assigned to the handling of this type of case and where it becomes necessary to assign a lead for prompt handling in an emergency.

This office does not at present have any Soviet or satellite espionage investigations in progress. However, the investigation indicated in the above-referred-to report for this territory does not appear to constitute any emergency situation.

I contemplate assigning the investigation of this matter to SA RALPH W. BACHMAN. Agent BACHMAN is experienced, having served as Assistant Agent in Charge of the Pittsburgh and Newark Divisions and as a Supervisor at the Seat of Government. In addition, he has been a Resident Agent at Columbus, Ohio, for several years and is capable of handling any type of investigation.

The Bureau is requested to advise specifically its approval for Agent BACHMAN to handle this matter and also as to whether or not the Bureau instructions contained in SAC Letter #12 referred to above apply to the situation at hand.

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Mr. W. H. [redacted]*

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TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, New York
 SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was
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DATE: March 10, 1949

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent ROGER W. ROBINSON dated March 2, 1949, in the above-entitled case, which sets forth information relative to a business association between KATZ and SAUL I. BIRNBAUM, Certified Public Accountant, 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City, under the heading "Bank Accounts".

Investigation at the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, 677 Fifth Avenue, New York City, reflects that BIRNBAUM is classified as CPA No. 11174, having obtained the rating on November 9, 1945. BIRNBAUM was born on [redacted] and was graduated from the College of the City of New York in June 1942.

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The Albany Office is requested to make a careful check of the records of the CPA Division of the New York State Department of Education for detailed information contained therein on BIRNBAUM, and will conduct investigation of any suggested leads obtained from this record check that are within your division.

Investigation conducted subsequent to the above referenced report reflects that KAYBIN INCORPORATED, Export and Import Division, 521 Fifth Avenue, opened an account at the Manufacturers Trust Company, 513 Fifth Avenue on May 21, 1948. The officers were noted as President, JOSEPH KATZ, and Secretary-Treasurer as SAUL I. BIRNBAUM. The President and Secretary were authorized to sign checks on the bank account of this firm.

At the office of the Clerk of New York County a record of KAYBIN INCORPORATED, 521 Fifth Avenue, reflected that the certificate of incorporation was filed on May 10, 1948. The attorneys for the firm were JULES SCHLOSSBERG and ABNER O. SIEGEL, 521 Fifth Avenue. The names, JOE KATZ and KAYBIN INCORPORATED, Room 1004, appear on the directory of this building. BIRNBAUM'S space in the building is noted on the directory as Rooms 1210 and 1211. Room 1004 appears to be a mail receiving service, which is operated by one GERTRUDE C. FURST, a public stenographer with home address listed in the New York telephone directory as 700 West End Avenue, New York City. Her mail receiving business seems to service around 90 to 100 individuals and/or companies. The New York indices reflect no information on FURST. A mail cover is being placed on JOE KATZ and KAYBIN INCORPORATED on all mail received at Room 1004 at this address.

For the information of the Bureau and the Washington Field Office by letter dated February 28, 1949, the Albany Office, in answer to a New York letter to the Bureau and the Washington Field Office dated February 4, 1949,

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furnished the quarterly pay roll reports covering the period January 1, 1947, to September 30, 1948, on the FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY, which reflected in part that JOSEPH KATZ'S name appeared on the pay roll only from October 1, 1947, to March 30, 1948, the indications being that KATZ, following March 1948, was no longer connected with the ~~FOURNIER~~ GLOVE COMPANY. KAYBIN INCORPORATED was apparently formed on May 10, 1948, as a result of KATZ'S instructions to SAUL I. BIRNBAUM.

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The Albany Office is requested to examine the records of the State of New York Unemployment Insurance Division at Albany on KAYBIN INCORPORATED, export and import, 521 Fifth Avenue, for a list of all employees of this firm from its inception as noted above, as well as any other information available in the files.

As the Albany Office has been previously advised, the Bureau has requested that leads in this case be handled promptly and that copies of communications should be furnished to the Washington Field Office.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 11, 1949 *J-1*

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.


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Reference is made to the report of SA Roger W. Robinson, dated March 2, 1949 at New York, in the above-captioned case.

This is to advise that the Bureau has instructed that the Washington Field Office receive copies of all communications in this investigation in view of the fact that the Washington Field Office is the office of origin in the NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER case.

The Bureau further advised that all leads in this case must be handled promptly.

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Sir:

Reference is made to the report of SA ROGER W. ROBINSON,
New York, dated March 2, 1949, in the above-captioned case.

The above title has been used in this case inasmuch as
it is felt that from the information set forth it is a reasonable assumption
that JOSEPH KATZ [redacted]

Considerable information is set forth therein reflecting
detail the extent of the operations of KATZ as a Soviet espionage agent
in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case as related by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY.
No leads have been set out for the Washington Field Office relative to this
information inasmuch as it is felt that the Washington Office was in a better
position to analyze the material from the point of view of setting forth
actual leads for coverage in their division. It would appear advisable,
however, that some effort be made to specifically place KATZ in Washington
about those periods that BENTLEY met him and during the time he acted
as principal.

The nature of this problem on the information now available
in [redacted] and, therefore, no specific leads were set out for coverage
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JOSEPH KATZ born 3/15/12 at Swenton Vilma, Lithuania (Poland). Obtained derivative citizenship on father's naturalization 2/19/25, Paterson, New Jersey. Childhood at Passaic, N.J. High school education. Married to BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ, who with child, sailed on Queen Mary on 1/11/49 for France. KATZ'S present address is 25 Villa Santos Dumont, Paris, France, but maintains U.S. address at 603 West 140th Street, NYC. Is presently Treasurer of Fournier Glove Co., Patchogue, L.I. and in France allegedly on business for this firm. KATZ identified as Soviet espionage agent, "JACK", who acted as principal of ELIZABETH BENTLEY, self-confessed Soviet spy, from October, 1944 to May, 1945 in extensive Soviet espionage network.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to New York, 11/16/48
Bureau teletype to New York, 1/6/49
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DETAILS:

At New York, New York

- I. "JACK" IDENTIFIED AS JOSEPH KATZ,
SUPERIOR OF ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY,
IN SOVIET ESPIONAGE NETWORK.

Referenced Bureau letter dated November 16, 1948, pointed out that the description of Soviet Agent "JACK" as furnished by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, a self-confessed Soviet Espionage Agent, [was found to correspond in many important respects with the description of JOSEPH KATZ, who was in contact with MAKHAIL CHALIAPIN, a known Soviet Agent, on May 27, 1944.] (S) (U)

"JACK", as will be set forth, acted as the principal of BENTLEY from October, 1944 to May, 1945 in the operations of the extensive Soviet Espionage network involving Soviet Agent NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER.

Referenced Bureau letter set forth a description and suggested that a photograph of KATZ be displayed to ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY.

A photograph of JOSEPH KATZ was obtained from Confidential Informant T-1, which was used by the subject when he made application for a Coast Guard identification card at New York on May 11, 1945. This photograph of KATZ was displayed to BENTLEY on January 10, 1949 and she stated she believed he was identical with "JACK" who had acted as her principal in her work as a Soviet Espionage Agent, but she reserved conclusive judgment until she had an opportunity to see him in person.

The Washington Field Office forwarded a photograph of JOSEPH KATZ as an enclosure to referenced report, dated January 10, 1949. This photograph was obtained from Confidential Informant [] KATZ was issued passport #8383 on June 3, 1946 and this photograph was furnished to the State Department at that time by KATZ for the purpose of identification.

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On January 17, 1949, this photograph of KATZ was displayed to BENTLEY and she positively identified him as her former principal, "JACK".

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Referenced Bureau letter dated November 16, 1948 further advised with regard to KATZ that in 1939 he founded the Meriden Dental Laboratories, 5 South Colony Street, Meriden, Connecticut, in partnership with JOSEPH WOLFSON. KATZ financed the company with the agreement whereby WOLFSON would contribute his working time.

Concerning this company, referenced Bureau teletype dated January 6, 1949 advised that a very highly confidential source identified as Informant T-2, stated

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II. CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF KATZ AND FAMILY

Previous to the identification of KATZ as the unknown "JACK" who acted as BENTLEY'S superior, it was ascertained that the name JOSEPH KATZ still appeared on the mail box of apartment 39 at 603 West 140th Street, New York City.

A. At Residence 603 West 140th Street, New York City

On January 11, 1949, a surveillance was instituted at that address in order to effect an identification of the subject. When KATZ was not observed, Mr. ROLAND PETERSON, superintendent at 603 W. 140 Street, was interviewed under suitable pretext and he furnished the following information:

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The apartment house is managed by the Realty Company, 2160 Wallace Avenue, Bronx, New York, telephone UN 3-0834. PETERSON has been the superintendent at this address for the past seven years.

BESSIE and JOSEPH KATZ moved out of their apartment, 39A, around three years ago, at which time, they failed to notify the management that they were leaving, and Mr. PETERSON determined their actions were of people "sneaking away." He said that neither the agent for the Building nor he had determined who had taken the apartment over from KATZ until just this past year when the police checked the voting address of one NITZBERG and it was discovered that this individual was residing in the KATZ apartment.

PETERSON advised that Mrs. BESSIE KATZ' sister, Mrs. YONIE ^{nee} ~~KATZ~~ YOUNG, 606 W. 137th Street, New York City, had been paying the rent on the apartment over the last couple of years, but that just yesterday, or January 10th, Mrs. BESSIE KATZ had paid him the rent for January. At that time, Mrs. KATZ said she was leaving for Europe the next day (January 11) and that she had been in the United States for medical treatment and was staying with Mrs. YOUNG.

Relative to JOSEPH KATZ, Mr. PETERSON said he had left the country around 1946 and he had only seen KATZ once since that time, which was in the Summer of 1947. He said he had no knowledge of the nature of JOSEPH KATZ' employment, but related that KATZ, during part of the time that he resided in the building, drove a car with Connecticut license plates and apparently had at one time been employed in Connecticut. Relative to the ownership of an automobile by KATZ, Mr. PETERSON declared that KATZ seemed to have had many different automobiles in his possession, on different occasions. He advised that mail is sent to KATZ at this address, but he had no knowledge of the nature of this mail.

PETERSON recalled that in 1944, an FBI agent from the New York Office had questioned him regarding the activities of JOSEPH KATZ, at which time a trash cover was placed on KATZ' apartment. Mr. PETERSON furnished a few pieces of trash which he still had retained from this coverage, which consisted of a partially typed letter addressed to Mr. I. ~~PARISIER~~, Buenos Aires, Argentina and dated October 16, 1944. The letterhead on the paper was as follows:

~~TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY, 109 W. 57th Street, New York 19, New York~~
Telephone Circle 7-1338.

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Concerning NITZBERG, named heretofore as residing in KATZ' apartment, the voting records at the New York City Municipal Building reflected a JEROME NITZBERG, 603 West 140th Street, registered in 1948 as a voter. PETERSON said that NITZBERG is apparently married and that his wife works but he does not seem to have outside employment and PETERSON thinks he does research work and writing in his apartment.

Inasmuch as the interview was conducted under the pretext of subversive activities in the neighborhood and in the apartment house, Mr. PETERSON was not questioned in more detail relative to the KATZ family and their associations at this time. The writer gained the impression, however, that PETERSON is reliable and can be approached on matters of a highly confidential nature. His remarks reflected a strongly anti-Communist attitude and he expressed a desire to cooperate in any way possible.

The indices of the New York Office reflected no record on PETERSON.

B. Embarkation of BESSIE KATZ

As stated above, Mr. PETERSON advised on January 11, 1949 that Mrs. BESSIE KATZ was probably leaving for Europe on this date. A check of the steamship companies in New York concerning ships leaving on January 11, 1949, reflected that she held a reservation on the SS Queen Mary of the Cunard White Star Line, destination designated as Cherbourg, France, to arrive on January 17, 1949. Embarkation time was set for 8:00 PM and a surveillance was instituted to effect an identification and to secure information concerning her destination.

BESSIE KATZ was observed with her daughter at embarkation, by SAs JOHN J. WARD, EDWARD F. MILES and JOHN M. O'MARA. She had in her possession United States passport #36146 and French visa. She told an agent for the Cunard line, when asked if she had reservations for a return trip on a Cunard ship, that she was not coming back on the Cunard line. When asked if she was coming back at all, she said she was not returning to the United States.

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It was ascertained from Mr. AL STREEBEN, Chief Baggage Agent, that BESSIE KATZ had shipped in bond a case with Cunard White Star Paris Check #39192 and two trunks with checks #38351 and #38353, through to BATTIGNOLLES Railroad Station in Paris, France, where they were to be held until picked up. These checks would have to be surrendered at the station before the case and two trunks would be released. Mr. STREEBEN believed that the customs search of this baggage would take place in Paris and not at the Port of Cherbourg.

The label on her luggage read as follows:

"BESSIE KATZ, from 77 W. 104th Street, New York City, to
c/o A. J. D. C., 3 Blvd. Latour, Mauberg."

It is noted that there appears to be no such place as Mauberg, France, but there is a Maubeuge, France, which, if given an American pronunciation would sound like "Mauberg".

Maubeuge, France is a French town of about 23,000 population, located on the Belgian border on the Sambre Meuse River in the department of Nord.

Concerning the initials, A.J.D.C. on her luggage, it is noted that referenced report dated January 10, 1949, stated that JOSEPH KATZ, in 1946, gave the State Department as one of his reasons for wanting to visit France, the desire to visit his wife who was then employed with a relief agency there. The possibility exists that the initials A.J.D.C. refer to the American Joint Distribution Committee.

There were several persons who were apparently relatives and friends of BESSIE KATZ at the embarkation, to wish her "bon voyage". The following license numbers of their automobiles were obtained and information secured thereon:

NY 1948 Registration 2Y7450

The New York State Motor Vehicle Bureau records reflected that this license number was registered to BEN KATZ, 1510 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, owner of a 1947 Chevrolet Sedan. A man and woman occupied this car and the woman is described as between 42 and 45 years of age; 5'5" in height; 135 to 140 pounds; wearing a black Persian Lamb coat. The man, who was apparently the husband, is described as 42 to 45 years old; 5'7"; 160 lbs; very dark complexion; and prominent nose.

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NY Registration 8T1907

The Motor Vehicle Bureau advised this license was registered to ROWENA F. FRIEDMAN, 26 Gramercy Park South, New York, for a 1946 Dodge two-door Sedan. This license was an original 1949 issue inasmuch as the car was not registered in New York for 1948. In 1948, the car had Illinois certificate of title, #1904-946. The business address of ROWENA F. FRIEDMAN was given as 477 First Avenue, New York City. Three women and a man occupied this car upon leaving the pier; a woman in her sixties, stout, thick ankles, gray hair, wearing a black Persian Lamb coat; a girl about 35 years old, 5'9", tall build, reddish blonde hair, wearing a black Persian Lamb coat. The indices of the New York Office reflect no record on ROWENA F. FRIEDMAN.

New Jersey License, 1948, Y/C 675

The Newark Office advised that this license was registered to JOSEPH BOGORAD, 324 E. 23rd Street, Patterson, New Jersey, for a 1946 De Soto Sedan. This car was occupied by a man about 35 years of age, reddish brown hair, ruddy complexion and glasses. As will be indicated later in this report, this individual was probably the brother of BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ.

C. Passport Information on JOSEPH KATZ

The previously mentioned referenced report dated January 10, 1949, reflects the following information, as furnished by Confidential Informant

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JOSEPH KATZ was issued passport #8383 on June 3, 1946 for travel to France and Switzerland for business purposes. On his application for this passport, KATZ stated he was born on March 15, 1912 at Swenzani, Vilna, Poland; that his occupation was that of exporter-importer; and that his permanent residence was 603 West 140th Street, New York City. He indicated his father, HIRSH HIAT, was born in Swir, Poland, was a naturalized citizen before the Common Pleas Court, Patterson, New Jersey; and that his mother, BEDANA HIAT, deceased, was born at Mionaliski, Poland and was never naturalized. KATZ described himself as 5'8½", light brown hair, blue eyes, having no distinguishing marks or features.

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The passport file contained a letter by K.TZ on stationery of Selka, Inc., Importers and Exporters, 93 Nassau Street, New York, New York, dated May 7, 1946, in which he expressed a desire to visit Switzerland to purchase watches and watch movements and to visit France in order to establish a general importing and exporting business. He gave as further reason for going to France the desire to visit his wife, who was then employed with a relief agency there.

The above passport was amended on August 5, 1947, Paris, France, to permit travel to Germany. This passport was renewed on March 15, 1948 at New York City for a period of two years and accompanied a letter from the Fournier Glove Company, manufacturers of cotton gloves and mittens, 18-20 Railroad Street, Patchogue, Long Island, dated March 11, 1948 and signed by JACK SHANDEL, President, which letter indicated that K.TZ, as an officer of this firm, was desirous of going to France on a business trip on their behalf.

The passport file contained a receipt from the United States Coast Guard, Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, dated May 8, 1945, for passport #604083, surrendered by K.TZ. This receipt indicated permanent certificate of identification #2-580976 was issued to K.TZ in lieu of the surrendered passport. It was ascertained that passport #604083 was a seaman's passport issued to K.TZ on March 9, 1939. Application for this passport could not be located at the time. Copies of the photograph of K.TZ appearing on the passport application dated June 3, 1946 were obtained.

D. Present Residence of K.TZ

An examination of K.TZ' bank account at the Guaranty Trust Company, which will be set forth in full hereinafter, reflects that on September 13, 1948, a \$1,003.93 deposit memorandum was charged to his account for transferring \$1,000 to his account at the Paris office of the Guaranty Trust Company. This transfer showed his address to be JOSEPH K.TZ, 25 Villa Santos Dumont, Paris, 15, France. The cable transferring the funds was marked, "Hold for disposal of beneficiary for issuance of Traveler's checks".

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On December 1, 1948, another transfer of \$1,000 was made to the subject's account in the Paris branch of the Guaranty Trust Company, and was marked, "Hold for disposal of beneficiary".

A stop has been placed with the United States Customs Service to notify this office upon the arrival of JOSEPH KATZ at the Port of New York.

III. BACKGROUND AND PERSONAL HISTORY OF JOSEPH KATZ

A. Selective Service Information

A detailed review of the subject's Selective Service file reflects that he registered at Local Draft Board #58, Public School, 192 West 138th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, New York on October 16, 1940 as JOSEPH KATZ, 620 West 141st Street, New York City and was assigned Order Number 3615 and Serial Number 2308. His registration card noted his telephone number as ED 4-8938; age 28; born March 15, 1912 in Lithuania; and a citizen of the United States. Mrs. BESSIE KATZ, wife, 621 West 41st Street, New York City, was given as the person who would always know his address. KATZ said he was self-employed at 5 South Colony Street, Meriden, Connecticut. His description was given as follows:

Race	White
Height	5'8"
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blonde
Complexion	Light
Scars or marks	No obvious physical defects were noted.

The subject swore to his Selective Service Questionnaire Form on September 23, 1941. He reported his full name as JOSEPH KATZ and listed his Social Security Number as 101-18-0892.

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Under the heading, Physical Condition, KATZ stated he had "nine upper teeth extracted and six lower extracted, slight curvature of spine." (It is important to note here that as BENTLEY'S description of "JACK" will reflect, "he had lots of teeth missing; partial dentures which he took out when tired.")

His occupation on this date was given as insurance collector for the Unity Life and Industrial Insurance Company, 75 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, his duties being to collect payments on insurance policies.

Under the heading, Occupational Experience, he stated he was a research worker doing technical research in the library from 1936 to 1938; from 1938 to 1941, he said he was a dental mechanic's assistant and salesman. In this business, he assisted in the management and layout of the laboratory and contacted firms for buying material. He listed as the occupation for which he was best fitted as "research worker; dental mechanic's assistant", but was not licensed in any trade or profession.

He said he had lived in New York and Connecticut during the past two years, (1940-41) and would not consider accepting a job which would require him to move away from his present home.

He said he was married on September 23, 1935 at Los Angeles, California, and listed his family as JOSEPH KATZ, aged 29, earned \$1800 past twelve months; BESSIE KATZ, wife, aged 29, support began in 1935; [REDACTED]

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Under the question of property owned, the subject noted a summer cabin owned by BESSIE KATZ and evaluated at \$600. He said he rented his apartment at \$40 per month and stated that his wife and child were entirely dependent on his earnings.

KATZ said he was a citizen of the United States and gave his date and place of birth as March 15, 1912, Swentson, Vilna, Lithuania. The subject said he had not been convicted of a crime.

On November 4, 1941, the Board classified KATZ as a 3A Registrant.

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A complete record of other actions taken by the Board are as follows:

11/13/41	KATZ reported new employment, parking and used car lot owned by him at 609-13 W. 130th Street.
5/6/43	Form 41 mailed.
5/14/43	Classified 3A.
12/14/43	Form 41 mailed.
1/10/44	Classified 1A.
2/14/44	Classification card mailed.
3/27/44	Call and bring X-Rays
3/20/44	Classified 4F.
6/18/45	Classified 2B.
9/20/45	Classified 4A.
9/28/45	Classification card mailed.

The subject swore to Form 41, Registrant's Affidavit - Family Status and Dependents on May 10, 1943 before Notary Public JOSEPH SCHWARTZ. Additional information furnished by the subject on this form is as follows:

KATZ listed his family as :

DAVID ~~KATZ~~, aged 74, father, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey

BENJAMIN ~~KATZ~~, aged 41, brother, 1510 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y.

MERKE ~~KATZ~~, aged 37, brother, 335 West 88th Street, New York, N.Y.

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BLANCHE LEVY, aged 34, sister, 318 Lafayette Avenue, Passaic, N.J.

nee Blanche Katz
EDWARD KATZ, aged [] brother, Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

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KATZ stated his wife was presently not working and that she was last employed in October, 1940 by the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary as a stenographer.

On this date, the subject noted his occupation as orientator of Quartz Products Company of New York, 304 E. 45th Street, New York City. Concerning the nature of his work at this concern, he said he analyzed quartz in order to determine if it had the properties for making crystals for the Signal Corps for listening and transmitting devices. He began work at this firm in February 1943 and earned \$55 per week.

KATZ filled out a second Form 41 on December 20, 1943, which was notarized by CHARLES HACKLIN. No additional information was noted thereon.

The following medical examinations and reports by different doctors bearing on the physical fitness of KATZ are set out in full due to the supporting nature of their content to the original description of "JACK" by BENTLEY, wherein she noted that "JACK" had ulcers and had suffered acute attacks from them.

By letter to the Board dated February 21, 1944, Dr. RAPHAEL H. ISAACS, 304 E. 178th Street, Bronx, New York, telephone TR 2-3448, advised that he had been the personal physician to Mr. JOSEPH KATZ and his family for the past eleven years. Mr. KATZ, he said, was under his care at various times during this period. KATZ frequently complained of pains in the epigastric region, with general abdominal flatulence and pain referring to the lower back at times, with right sciatic radiation. On at least two occasions, Dr. ISAACS said, KATZ suffered acute attacks of violent abdominal pain with nausea and vomiting, around November, 1942. He said that he referred KATZ to the consultation service at the Mt. Sinai Hospital for a thorough physical check-up but because of KATZ' work and for various other reasons, he did not undergo these examinations until December, 1943 or January, 1944. At this time a sacro-iliac belt was recommended.

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By letter dated March 3, 1944, addressed to Dr. ~~LOUIS FINGER~~, 285 Central Park West, Dr. ~~WILLIAM SNOT~~, 941 Park Avenue, set forth the results of an examination he had made of KATZ.

By letter dated March 4, 1944, the Board advised KATZ that an appointment had been made for him to see Dr. HERBERT at St. Luke's Hospital on March 9, 1944.

In a report dated March 9, 1944, Dr. ~~EDWARD HERBERT~~, JR. advised that the claimed diagnosis of a duodenal ulcer was borne out by his examination and he, therefore, felt that KATZ should be rejected on this basis.

Based on the report of Dr. HERBERT, the Board on March 20, 1944 unanimously voted to classify KATZ in group 4F.

By letter dated April 3, 1944, the Board requested KATZ to appear before them and bring all available medical statements and X-Rays.

On the same date as this request, April 3, 1944, KATZ filled out a form volunteering for induction into the armed services.

On April 4, 1945, Dr. ~~MILTON ROTHMAN~~, 320 Central Park West, advised the Board that he had examined KATZ and found him to be in good health. He said there was at this time no organic or functional disabilities which would keep him out of the service. This report of Dr. ROTHMAN was supported by a report of Dr. J. STANLEY KENNEY, 924 West End Avenue, New York City, in which he furnished the Board with the results of an examination of KATZ taken at the Knickerbocker Hospital. This examination reflected that KATZ could apply for induction into the service.

On April 18, 1945, the Board sent KATZ a notice to appear for pre-induction physical examination.

On May 7, 1945, the Board granted KATZ permission to enter the service of the Merchant Marine and requested that organization to furnish the necessary occupational affidavits for KATZ' entry.

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On June 2, 1945, such an occupational classification was furnished the Board by the Merchant Marine Deferment Section of the War Shipping Administration, stating that KATZ was then active in that service.

KATZ' occupational questionnaire, date stamped 11/19/42, reflected the following information as furnished by the subject. He noted his education as eight years of grammar school, four years of high school and one year of college training. Concerning his occupation, he said that he presently operated an auto storage business at 609-13th, 130th Street. He said he managed this business, kept the books and did occasional repair work. Under the job for which best fitted, however, he noted general research, stating he had six years of experience in this line, beginning in 1933 until 1939.

Relative to the nature of the work he said that, given a title, he would go to the libraries and check the index files and various other sources of material such as newspapers and magazines for all available information relative to the particular title and would then write a complete report. He said that he also compiled bibliographies.

As the job for which he was next best fitted, KATZ indicated crafts instructor, and finally that he had instructed groups in nature study and manual arts.

As will be set forth subsequently in this report, BENTLEY in her descriptive information relative to KATZ, stated that he appeared to be self-educated, certainly not a college graduate, and was a "notorious poor speller." From the few parts of the subject's selective service file, believed to be in his own handwriting, the following words were noted to be mis-spelled. The correct spelling will be set forth first and KATZ' spelling will follow, in parentheses.

Lithuania (Lithunia)
 orientator (orienter)
 properties (propertes)
 listening (listenening)
 devices (devises - misuse of word)
 proper (propper)
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B. Naturalization Data

Referenced report dated January 10, 1949 reflects that the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service disclosed that JOSEPH KATZ was born on April 20, 1912, according to the petition for naturalization of his father, HIRSH HAT filed in December, 1918. HIRSH HAT received Certificate of Naturalization #2109126 at a term of the Common Pleas Court of Passaic County, New Jersey held February 19, 1925 at Patterson, New Jersey. At that time, JOSEPH KATZ was twelve years old and he then was beneficiary of derivative citizenship. Also at this time, he was known as JOSEPH HAT and no mention appeared in the Immigration and Naturalization files as to the date the surname was changed from HAT to KATZ. The certificate of naturalization was issued to HIRSH HAT, residing at 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

Three brothers and a sister were mentioned in the files as follows:

BARNEY, born September 25, 1902

MAX, born June 7, 1906

BLANCHE, born September 21, 1908

MORRIS, born [redacted]

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C. Change of Name

At the City Court of the City of New York, Chambers Street, a change of name record was found on the subject under file 4526-1938, reflecting the change to be from JOSEPH HAT to JOSEPH KATZ, filed under date of March 21, 1938. DAVID SLOANE, 261 Broadway, New York City, was KATZ' attorney in filing of the motion for the change and the petitioner was permitted to assume the name of JOSEPH KATZ on and after April 29, 1938. Notice of this change of name was published in the "New York Inquirer" of March 23, 1938.

An affidavit by the petitioner JOSEPH HAT, signed on March 19, 1938, reflected his age as 26 and residence on this date as 415 W. 24th Street, New York City. He was married and noted his occupation as engineer, but unemployed at this time. He said he had never been convicted of a crime and was a citizen of the United States, having derived his citizenship from the process of his father becoming a citizen by naturalization on February 19, 1925 before the Common Pleas Court, Passaic, New Jersey, certificate #2109126. The

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subject was then twelve years old and resided with his parents. The subject's father was known in Poland as ~~CHIAT~~ KATZ and learned to sign his name as HIRSHA HIAT, and was so naturalized. The subject and his family, however, were always called by the patronymic KATZ since their arrival in the United States. The subject said he had always been known as JOSEPH KATZ to his friends and business associates.

An affidavit filed by BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ, dated March 19, 1938, reflected she was married to the subject at Los Angeles, California in 1936 under the name KATZ and that she and her husband had always been known by the name KATZ.

D. Education

In his Selective Service file, the subject, it will be recalled, noted that he had attended high school for four years and Delchanty Institute for one year.

Mr. MARTIN GVIN, Department of Records, Delchanty Institute, 115 E. 15th Street, New York City, advised that JOSEPH KATZ, 670 W. 141st Street, New York City, took a two month's course in welding around May, June or July, 1941. The cost of the course was \$200 and payments were made by KATZ on May 22, 1941 and July 22, 1941. Mr. GVIN stated there was no further information on record at the Delchanty Institute concerning KATZ' attendance there or background information.

E. Employment

A review of KATZ' employments and their approximate dates, as previously and hereinafter set forth, reflects the following:

From 1933 to 1939, KATZ advised that he did technical research and general research work in the libraries.

On June 13, 1938, Mr. LEX MORDOCK, in a complaint to this office advised that he had known KATZ when he was in the WPA and pointed out that KATZ at this time seemed to have some other source of income besides government pay. The complete information furnished by Mr. MORDOCK will be set out hereinafter in this report.

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In 1939 KITZ went into partnership until the latter part of 1940 or early 1941 with JOSEPH TOLSON in the Meriden Dental Laboratories Company, 5 South Colony Street, Meriden, Connecticut.

From early 1941 until about November, 1941, he worked as an insurance collector for the Unity Life and Industrial Insurance Company, 75 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

From November 1941 to about February 1943, KITZ owned and operated a parking and used car lot at 609-13 W. 130th Street, New York City.

From February, 1943 to about June, 1944, KITZ was employed at the Quartz Products Company of New York, 304 E. 45th Street, New York City, from June, 1944 to May, 1945.

Confidential Informant [] advised that KITZ owned and operated the Tempus Import Company, 119 West 57th Street, New York City, from June, 1944 to May, 1945.

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From May, 1945 to October, 1945, KITZ served in the Merchant Marine Service.

From October, 1945 to the present time, KITZ has been associated in the following firms:

JOSEPH KITZ and Company,
15 Park Row, New York City

opened 7/46

Selke, Inc.

93 Nassau Street, New York City

Inc 1/28/46

Quiscal 11/29/46

Fournier Glove Company,

Chartered 12/28/46

1820 Railroad Avenue, Patchogue, N.Y.

KITZ is now the treasurer of the latter firm and at the present time is reportedly on a business trip for this firm in France.

The details of KITZ' connections with the above firms, which have not been previously mentioned in this report, will be set forth hereinafter under the heading "Possible Soviet Cover Companies".

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F. Merchant Marine Service

The following information dated May 11, 1945 was taken from the files of Confidential Informant T-1:

JOSEPH KATZ, 603 West 140th Street, New York City, seaman, holds Seaman's Identification Number Z-580976. He was sponsored as a seaman by National Maritime Union Port Agent FRANK J. FLETCHER. KATZ was born on March 15, 1912, in Poland. He obtained derivative citizenship through the naturalization of his father, HIRSHA HIAT, at Patterson, New Jersey on March 19, 1925. KATZ was described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'8"
Weight	165 lbs.
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium
Scars and marks	None

The file contained a certified copy of an order of change in name granted on March 19, 1938 and reflected that his name appeared on the naturalization papers of his father.

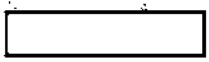
G. Election Board Information

A check of the Board of Elections for the year 1944 reflected that JOSEPH KATZ registered from the 13th Assembly District and 28th Election District as a Democrat with residence at 603 W. 140th Street, New York City. As background, he gave his age as 32, married, ten years in state and county and two years in the Election District. He was born in Poland and naturalized on his father's papers in February 1919, Common Pleas Court, New Jersey. He said it was the first time he voted and gave his occupation as importer at 119 West 57th Street, New York City. At this time he also indicated his name had been legally changed from HIAT to KATZ.

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The voting records pertaining to 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948 contain no record of JOSEPH KATZ having registered in these years.

H. Credit and Criminal Checks

A check of the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and of the New York City Police Department was made on the name of the subject and his wife and no record was found.

IV. SOVIET ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS OF JOSEPH KATZ AS ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY'S SUPERIOR 1944-45

The following is an account of the operations of Soviet Espionage Agent JOSEPH KATZ as described by his sub-agent ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, self-confessed Soviet spy in the operation of an extensive Espionage network:

JOSEPH KATZ was known to BENTLEY only as "JACK" and as previously stated, he acted as her principal from October 1944 to the latter part of 1945 in the obtaining of confidential material from several different government agencies. KATZ' name will be substituted for the name "JACK" wherever it was used by BENTLEY when referring to her principal. The names of any other previously unidentified persons mentioned in BENTLEY'S statement, having since been identified, will be referred to by their correct names.

The following information was taken from referenced report dated September 27, 1948, and is set forth in order to reflect BENTLEY'S participation in the Espionage network and to lend continuity to her statements regarding KATZ to be set out hereinafter.

KATZ and an unknown subject, later identified positively as NATOLIE B. GROMOV, Second Secretary, Soviet Embassy, were the last of the Russian contacts of BENTLEY, and her association with them ceased in May and November, 1945, respectively. During the previous year, BENTLEY'S contacts and sources of information had been gradually taken from her in furtherance of an obvious plan on the part of the Russians to remove her from the espionage parallels.

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KATZ and occasionally GROMOV continued to meet with BENTLEY for some time after she had been relieved of all her contacts. Their objective apparently was to use the considerable reservoir of information possessed by BENTLEY and to maintain her good will because of the potential source of danger in her knowledge.

Relative to the above statements of BENTLEY, which will be elaborated on in the following material furnished by her, Confidential Informant T-2 advised that [REDACTED]

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It is noted that KATZ made the necessary arrangements for BENTLEY to first meet GROMOV after she had demanded to see a Russian who had more authority than KATZ. It is clear that GROMOV, the second secretary, was the superior official and the one who made final decisions, and it was GROMOV who made the last meeting with BENTLEY on November 25, 1945. It was GROMOV also who paid BENTLEY the sum of \$2,000 in October, 1945 for the apparent purpose of severing relations and leaving BENTLEY satisfied.

In the principal case, BENTLEY had served as a courier and assistant to JACOB GOLOS (real name JACOB KASIN) from about 1938 until his death late in November, 1943. Beginning early in 1941, GOLOS operated an extensive and growing espionage network in New York City and Washington, D.C. and BENTLEY actively assisted him as a courier. BENTLEY had joined the Communist Party in 1935 and began underground work for the party shortly thereafter. She met JACOB GOLOS about October 15, 1938, through F. BROWN (PERRUCCIO MARINI), a well-known CP functionary. BENTLEY was closely associated thereafter with GOLOS until his death, performing typing, stenographic and research work, and on at least one occasion took secretarial employment in order to perform under-cover services for GOLOS.

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Prior to 1941, the espionage network centered in New York. However, following the attack by Germany on Russia, the espionage network expanded rapidly and BENTLEY served as a courier between GOLOS and numerous individuals employed in the United States Government at Washington, D.C.

In 1941, BENTLEY gathered that the information she collected was being delivered to an individual believed to have been G. I. ~~OVAKIMIAN~~, a well-known Soviet agent. However, following the arrest and deportation of ~~OVAK~~, BENTLEY understood the espionage material was delivered to an individual known only as ~~CHARLIE~~ who was described to BENTLEY as a dentist, who had been in the United States many years and had undergone a gall bladder operation. This dentist was described to BENTLEY by K. T. Z. as about 55 years of age; 5'5"; 160 lbs.; stocky; dark hair and eyes; swarthy complexion; and a Russian Jew.

BENTLEY has advised that in 1941 GOLOS determined that he suffered from heart trouble, which later caused his death, and felt it advisable that she have other contacts to carry on her work. He made arrangements for BENTLEY to meet one ~~JOHN~~, an unknown subject, which meeting occurred in a drug store on 9th Avenue in the 50's, in New York City. At this meeting, JOHN was to identify himself by producing a photograph of BENTLEY and was to state, "CHARLIE sent me." BENTLEY has advised that she met JOHN approximately ten times. She described him as being a tall, slender Slavic type individual in his middle or late 20's, with blue eyes and blonde hair. He spoke poor limited English and apparently arrived in the United States only recently. He also had a hacking cough and emaciated appearance.

The next contact made by BENTLEY occurred in the latter part of 1941 or early 1942, when GOLOS informed her she would meet MARGARET. BENTLEY met this unknown MARGARET about five or six times over a four-month period.

~~MARGARET~~ was later identified as OLGA ~~PRAVDINA~~, an employee of the Amtorg, and a Russian National who has since returned to Russia with her husband, VLADIMIR ~~PRAVDINA~~, also employed at Amtorg. It appears that unknown subject "CHARLIE" was also known to OLGA PRAVDINA as on one or two occasions, BENTLEY requested OLGA to tell "CHARLIE" to contact GOLOS.

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Some time in October, 1943, GOLOS informed BENTLEY she would again meet OLGA, who would introduce her to a new person to whom the SILVERMASTER material was to be delivered thereafter. BENTLEY was introduced to CATHERINE.

From conversations BENTLEY learned that CATHERINE had a knowledge of short-hand and typing and that at one time she was a secretary, and further that CATHERINE had been employed in Washington. However, the identity of her employer was not determined. BENTLEY indicated virtual certainty that CATHERINE was native-born and faintly recalled her as having come from Kansas or some other midwestern state. She also spoke with a typical midwestern accent and had mannerisms of a native-born American.

BENTLEY further learned from unknown subject BILL that CATHERINE and BILL had been married seven years and that he used to court CATHERINE in Washington in 1938 or 1939, and mentioned having visited her in a rooming house where CATHERINE resided.

BENTLEY expressed some doubt that they had been married seven years. She recalled that in July or August, 1944, CATHERINE had given birth to a daughter, at which time, CATHERINE was living on Fifth Avenue, near 8th Street, New York City, and that about September, 1944, both CATHERINE and BILL moved from New York City, ostensibly bound for Baltimore, Maryland or Washington, D.C.

BENTLEY related that she had transferred material from the SILVERMASTER group on two occasions. In this connection it is to be noted that when BENTLEY first met CATHERINE, it was understood that SILVERMASTER was to be transferred to this new person and it is clear that about this time the Russians were endeavoring to take away the various contacts of BENTLEY and gradually curtail their activities.

On the Monday following the death of JACOB GOLOS on September 17, 1943, BENTLEY met CATHERINE in a newsreel theatre on E. 42nd Street, according to prior arrangement and thereafter they took a taxi to Park Avenue in the 50's, where they left the cab and walked for a few minutes. At this time, a man approached them and CATHERINE introduced him as BENTLEY'S new boss. At this time, CATHERINE did not call the man by name nor indicate he was her husband. They proceeded to JANSSEN'S Restaurant on Lexington Avenue, and during the evening, in response to BENTLEY'S question, the man indicated his name was BILL.

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and stated that in the future he would receive such material as BENTLEY collected. BENTLEY stated that at this first meeting, he demanded that ~~MARY PRICE~~ be turned over to him, which demand BENTLEY refused.

BENTLEY stated she thereafter met BILL at approximately two-week intervals, always in New York City and generally at one of several restaurants which he frequented until September, 1944. The meetings sometimes occurred at Alexanders on Lexington Avenue, various Schrafft restaurants and others in Manhattan, at which times, BENTLEY would deliver the material to BILL.

About September, 1944, BILL informed BENTLEY that he contemplated moving to Baltimore or Washington and further advised he would personally take care of the SILVERMASTER group and BENTLEY would have no further connection with him. He also informed BENTLEY that two weeks from that date she was to go to a drug store on Lexington Avenue in the 50's and there be met by a person who would accost her remarking he had seen her before and BENTLEY was to agree and inquire if he was the person who was so intoxicated at the party the other night, or words to that effect. In accordance with these instructions, BENTLEY was approached by and became acquainted with an individual known to her only as "JACK" (KATZ) during the rest of her contact with him.

Referring to BENTLEY'S first contact with KATZ, which occurred in October, 1944, she advised in her earlier statement, dated November 8, 1945, that unknown subject BILL was to take over the SILVERMASTER group of her contacts and she was to have a new man as her principal, whom she understood was American. She advised she first informed BILL she desired to see an important Russian, but BILL replied, "First you see the American."

A review of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, reflects the following detailed information concerning KATZ' activities during the period that he acted as BENTLEY'S principal. In accordance with the instructions given her by BILL to proceed to a drug store in New York City, where she would be met by another person, BENTLEY recalled that on the appointed date she went to this drug store in the midtown Manhattan area on Lexington Avenue, and there, KATZ approached her and identified himself in the manner in which BILL had told her this new person would make his identity known. BENTLEY, at this point, furnished detailed description of KATZ, which will be set forth at the conclusion of this report. She continued by stating that she learned that KATZ suffered acutely from stomach ulcers and drank quantities of milk for this reason.

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She recalled his having told her he was receiving medical treatment because of this condition and he mentioned at one time that he would have to be hospitalized, his exact reference being that he was considering going to Mayo-Clinic. She said it was apparent to her that KATZ knew New York City and Washington, D.C. very intimately and that he must have spent considerable time in the United States.

With further respect to KATZ' name, BENTLEY said that she remembered he once told her his real name was a good Lithuanian family name and that he was not of pure Jewish blood.

BENTLEY recalled that KATZ usually came from New York on a Monday or Tuesday and would return to Washington on a Thursday. It was her impression that he had a furnished room somewhere in New York City, because he mentioned that the woman who operated the house was somewhat romantically inclined towards him, but he did not want to get married because he did not want to be tied down. Although she never met him at the railroad station when he arrived, BENTLEY did meet him occasionally in the immediate vicinity of Penn Station and he would be preparing to depart for Washington, although he carried no luggage. BENTLEY further recalled meeting KATZ on occasional weekends in Washington and he appeared, almost as a matter of routine, to divide his time equally between Washington and New York.

With respect to his marital status, KATZ claimed to be single, never to have been married, and mentioned some unhappy love affair either in Russia or Lithuania.

Upon BENTLEY'S initial meeting with KATZ, he told her that he would be her contact in the future and he eventually planned to carry on in a similar manner to that of BILL, who at that time had gone either to Washington or Baltimore.

On the occasion of her first meeting with KATZ, he handed her an envelope containing \$30 or \$35, more or less, which he said was to reimburse her for expenses she had incurred. During this meeting he did not indicate in so many words that he knew BILL personally, but did know that there was such an individual. This first meeting with KATZ was rather brief, probably not more than twenty-five minutes, as KATZ said he had to meet someone else.

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It was arranged on this occasion, however, that she was to see him sometime the following week, also in New York. She said she met him the following week, at which time, she turned over some material to him. He spoke to her concerning MARY PRICE and made an effort to have BENTLEY turn over PRICE to him. She became somewhat incensed about this and definitely told him that BROWDER had turned MARY PRICE loose and that he would not be able to obtain her services.

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It was at this time that BENTLEY informed KATZ she had been promised she would be introduced to a Russian and demanded that he put her in touch with this individual. KATZ told her he was an American and he felt he was in a position to answer any questions she might put to him. BENTLEY insisted, however, on meeting this other individual and told him she had been given to understand she was to have two contacts, namely, a Russian with authority sufficient to decide matters of policy and with whom she could confer, and another contact who would be an American and who would be in effect, a courier, and that she was not to discuss anything with the Americans. She said she indicated plainly to KATZ that she felt he was not important enough to meet her requirements, when she was insisting upon meeting a highly placed Russian contact.

About a week or so later, BENTLEY again met KATZ in New York City and upon meeting him he apologized profusely for his actions of the previous meeting and indicated he did not know at that time how important an individual she was in this picture. He told her he had made arrangements for her to meet this highly placed Russian contact but he could not tell her at that time the date on which she would see him. He explained that this individual had not as yet arrived in the United States, but as soon after his arrival as possible, he would make arrangements to have this meeting take place. KATZ also informed her that after she made this Russian contact, he would unquestionably tell her she was to take up all subsequent matters with him, KATZ, as this Russian individual might be an extremely busy man and might not be always readily available.

BENTLEY recalled that sometime in early November, KATZ made arrangements to meet this individual, whom she later learned was AL, who has now been identified as ANATOLI B. GROMOV.

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This meeting with GROMOV took place as prearranged by KATZ in the Georgetown Pharmacy, which is located somewhere on Wisconsin Avenue in Washington, D.C.

In her initial conversation with GROMOV, BENTLEY brought up the matter of her discussing any questions she had with KATZ and GROMOV informed her at that time that although he would possibly see her from time to time, it was very difficult for him to leave Washington and that it would be agreeable with him if she took up any matters of policy or any other questions she had directly with KATZ. It was very apparent, BENTLEY said, from her conversation with GROMOV that he was in fact, the superior of KATZ.

||||| She continued to see KATZ up until sometime in May, 1945, meeting with him approximately once every ten days between October, 1944, when she first met him, and May, 1945, when she had her last meeting with him. She recalled another subsequent meeting, which was in the latter part of November, 1944, at which time, KATZ requested her to submit her own biography as well as the biographies of all of the people whom she was contacting and obtaining material from. KATZ told her that the present policy of the Russians was to split up the larger groups, that were obtaining information, into smaller ones and that she personally was taking care of too many people.

With reference to the submission of autobiographical data, she made the information pertaining to herself available and passed on the instructions to other contacts she was meeting during this period, and knows that a number of them did prepare and submit autobiographical data. It was BENTLEY'S recollection that all of her contacts, with the exception of a few in the PERLO group, had submitted the requested data by the time she had ceased seeing them in December, 1944.

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Referring again to KATZ' statement that it was their desire to split up the larger groups, BENTLEY recalled she made some mention that this was a typical O.G.P.U. arrangement. KATZ appeared to be very startled at this remark and attempted to portray extreme ignorance of what she was talking about. She told him it was silly of him to attempt to deceive her with reference to his true connection and that she did not like his lying in that regard. he told her that though he regretted it, lying at times was necessary and he

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remarked that the Russians did not want their American contacts to know with whom they were dealing.

It was at this time that she recounted to KATZ the incident occurring some months previous when Major DUNCAN LEE, through his intimate association with General WILLIAM J. DONOVAN in OSS, had learned of a proposal by General DONOVAN to have some NKVD representatives come to the United States in exchange for an OSS Mission to Russia. She told him that this proposal was looked upon unfavorably by President Roosevelt, Fleet Admiral Leahy and, according to Major LEE, Director JOHN EDGAR HOOVER of the FBI was supposed to have remarked that it would not make much difference when the NKVD group did come over here, because they were here already and had been since the establishment of Amtorg. She described to KATZ how excited and frightened Major LEE was about the NKVD Mission coming to the United States, as LEE had visions of this group visiting him at his home and thanking him for his cooperation.

KATZ remarked that this instance was a good example of why Russia strongly desires their American contacts not know the identity of the persons with whom they were dealing.

BENTLEY said she had two meetings with KATZ in Washington, D.C. in December, prior to Christmas, one being at the Roger Smith Hotel and the other in the new Hotel Statler. At her meeting with KATZ at the Statler Hotel, he told her that GROMOV was desirous of having her stay over the next day to see him. She did remain in Washington the following day and saw GROMOV and at this time, he told her it would be necessary for her to see all the people she was contacting in Washington and inform them that she could no longer handle their material. She was told by GROMOV to inform these people she was anticipating going to the hospital for an appendectomy and that during the time she was in the hospital they would be contacted by another individual. GROMOV told her it would probably not be a good idea to break off immediately and that if she did it in this manner, these arrangements could be more easily handled. As a matter of fact, she did see these people in Washington, D.C. with the exception of the PERLO group and informed them of her impending operation and that they would be contacted by another individual. She gave instructions along these lines to HELEN TENNEY, JOSEPH GREGG, MAURICE HALPERIN, J. JULIUS JOSEPH, Major DUNCAN LEE, BERNARD REDMONT, and possibly one or two others whose identity she did not recall.

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BENTLEY remembered nothing further of significance.. From the occasions of these two meetings in Washington with KATZ and during his conversation, it was apparent that he was attempting to familiarize himself as best he could with the activities and potentialities of the persons whom he had taken over from her. It was also during December that BENTLEY purchased a considerable number of Christmas gifts for her Washington contacts and she recalled that on one trip she made to Washington from New York, she had three suitcases full of Christmas presents. She estimated that her purchases for Christmas presents to these people amounted to \$400 or \$500, reimbursement for which was made by KATZ, who seemed to consider the expenditure very mild.

It is of interest to point out here, relative to finances, that BENTLEY had previously stated, concerning her last contact with HELEN TENNEY in Washington, in December, 1944, that TENNEY was financially pressed at this time and that she, BENTLEY, gave her \$50. Thereafter, BENTLEY mentioned to KATZ that she had advanced HELEN TENNEY \$50. He inquired if TENNEY was hard pressed financially and BENTLEY told him that TENNEY was not particularly prosperous. KATZ told BENTLEY that arrangements should be made to pay her regularly \$50 per month. BENTLEY further stated that after the death of GOLOS, the restrictions on finances appeared to be somewhat relaxed because thereafter the delays on securing reimbursement for expenses were not nearly as long and in fact one of GOLOS' successors, either BILL or KATZ commented to her one time that money was no object as long as it was going for a worthwhile purpose.

On the matter of giving Christmas gifts to these people, BENTLEY said she would purchase a present for each member of a particular contact's family and recalled that among the persons who received gifts purchased by her on KATZ' instructions were HELEN TENNEY; JOSEPH GREGG, his wife and two children; BERNARD REDMONT and wife; Major DUNCAN LEE and wife; J. JULIUS JOSEPH; MAURICE H. L. SPIN, his wife and two children; MARY PRICE, MILDRED PRICE, and her husband (HEROLD COY) and nine or ten members of the PERLO group. She pointed out that by this time, BILL was contacting the SILVERMASTER group and she made no purchases for them.

Four or five days previous to Christmas, 1944, after her conversation with KATZ in the Statler Hotel, she met VICTOR PERLO at the apartment of MARY PRICE, in New York City, gave him Christmas presents for himself and others and told him she no longer would be seeing him, again using the alibi of an impending appendectomy.

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The meeting with PRICE in New York City represented her last contact with that group, with the exception of one time in the Spring of 1945, when EDWARD FITZGERALD visited her in New York and complained about disliking PERLO and wondering if some other contact could not be arranged for him. She recalled seeing KATZ on the Friday before Christmas, 1944, on which occasion she gave him material delivered to her by PERLO in MARY PRICE'S apartment, a few days previous, and saw KATZ again, she believed, on New Year's Day also in New York.

BENTLEY said she continued to see KATZ at intervals with the meetings becoming less frequent and it was some time during the early Spring in 1945 that KATZ's ulcers forced a three week lay-off on his part. BENTLEY did not know if he was hospitalized during this time but said he was receiving medical treatment. Her meetings with him after the Christmas week of 1944 were devoted principally to discussions of the progress being made by her former contacts in Washington. KATZ would occasionally have some sort of a problem with respect to the handling of a particular contact and it was evident to BENTLEY that throughout the first few months in 1945, when she continued to see KATZ, that he was thoroughly cognizant of the activities, not only of the PERLO group, but of the SILVERMASTER group as well. Inasmuch as she previously explained that BILL was contacting the latter group, BENTLEY concluded that KATZ must be a figure of some importance as he obviously was aware of the whole picture of espionage operations. It was during this same period that KATZ was attempting to make appropriate arrangements for someone to replace her in her duties at the United States Service and Shipping operation, and to arrange for a vacation for BENTLEY. KATZ told her around January or February, 1945, that her apprenticeship had now been served and that she was ready to become what is termed a "pole".

BENTLEY said she was curious as to what KATZ meant by this and asked him for an explanation of both what was meant by a "pole" and what her duties would be. KATZ then expressed to her a plan of operations that either had just been put into action or a plan that they were anticipating putting into action. As she recalled it, the plan is described as follows:

KATZ explained to her that a single unit would be formulated, for example, there would be six individuals who were obtaining information for the Russians and no one of the six individuals would know the identity of the other five. Each individual would have a messenger and/or a mail drop, by which means they would dispose of the information they gathered and these individuals would,

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in like manner, not know the true identity of the messenger or the mail drop. One individual would be responsible for finally gathering the information from three messengers or mail drops and correlate it. This one individual would in turn have a messenger or a mail drop to whom he would relay his information. In like manner, the other three individuals gathering information would transmit their information through messengers, and/or mail drops to one other individual. The two individuals who gather and correlate the information from the original six would also have a messenger or a mail drop to whom they would transmit the information. As a result, one single person, unknown to anyone else in the group, would eventually come into possession of all the information obtained by the original six. This person would know all of the original obtainers of the material, the messengers, mail drops and the subsequent two persons who obtained this information from the original six.

The last-named person, the one who had the knowledge of the entire set-up of this system, would, according to KATZ, normally be a Russian, who in turn would turn the material over to a person higher up on the ladder than he. KATZ informed her, however, that in view of her previous experience and loyalty, that she would probably be entrusted with this sort of position. KATZ said that the purpose of this system was that in the event anything happened to any one member of this whole group, the identities and activities of the other members would not be known to this person and, therefore, they could operate with extreme security.

During her acquaintanceship with KATZ, she said she never met him in the company of GROMOV. She recalled further that after she met GROMOV for the first time, KATZ subsequently asked her about the person she met in Georgetown Pharmacy and she described GROMOV to him. KATZ remarked that he knew this person. She further recalled that on the occasion of her last few meetings with KATZ, he told her he had done all types of work for the Russians in the United States and felt that he was about as proficient an individual as they had in this country, but that he could not advance himself any further.

BENTLEY also recalled at this time that KATZ was studying Spanish and was familiarizing himself with Latin-American affairs in general. KATZ never indicated to her that he was going to be sent to Latin-America by the Russians or whether he himself intended to go to South America.

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Relative to BENTLEY'S statement that KATZ was studying Spanish, it is of interest to note, concerning her positive identification of KATZ as "JACK", that Confidential Informant T-3 advised that KATZ had in his office at the Tempus Importing Company, 119 W. 57th Street, on October 10, 1944, a Spanish to English and an English to Spanish dictionary, known as "Junior Classic Dictionary".

KATZ occasionally used to indicate that he was displeased because of "bright young men" being sent over to the United States from Russia when persons like himself had been here for some time, who knew the country well and did not need any instructions from someone who had never been in this country before and did not comprehend the problems involved. In this attitude BENTLEY said KATZ was somewhat reminiscent of GOLOS, who did not take kindly to new arrivals in the United States, who came over here for the first time and attempted to tell him how to operate.

114 Some time in May of 1945, BENTLEY saw KATZ for the last time. At this meeting, which was in New York City, he indicated he probably would not see her but set a tentative date to see her the following week. In view of this conversation, it was quite apparent that he would not keep this meeting. BENTLEY, however, did go to the appointed place on the date scheduled, but KATZ did not appear. She said she had not seen him since that time and had no further information concerning his whereabouts, with the exception that at the last meeting with GROMOV on November 21, 1945, she asked him if KATZ was still around. GROMOV appeared to become somewhat upset when she made reference to KATZ, but did state he had not seen him for about four months. At the time BENTLEY asked GROMOV about KATZ, she inquired as to his physical condition and GROMOV replied that he was not any better than he previously had been.

As previously mentioned, BENTLEY met GROMOV for the first time through arrangements made by KATZ and after her initial meeting with GROMOV at the Georgetown Pharmacy in Washington, D.C., she continued to see him at intervals thereafter. GROMOV from the beginning knew BENTLEY'S real identity and said that while in Washington in 1942, he had become aware of the fact that there was an American girl working for GOLOS in the United States. He told her he had come to know her work so well that he felt as though he had known her for a long time. She first met GROMOV by letter of introduction, in which letter he said, "I bring you greetings from home." BENTLEY said that sometime later, when she met KATZ, she told him what GROMOV had said upon the initial

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meeting and KATZ became very much alarmed at this, indicating that this was definitely a wrong thing for GROMOV to have said to her. After she met GROMOV at the Georgetown Pharmacy, she recalled that she went to Naylor's and had dinner, at which time, he spoke to her concerning the business of the ~~United States Service and Shipping operation~~ and also informed her that although she would be able to see him whenever she thought it necessary to do so, he would not always be at liberty, because his business in Washington was such that he could not always arrange for meetings with her. He also told BENTLEY that in the event any matter of policy or other question came up, she could discuss this freely with KATZ but that in the event it was absolutely necessary for her to see him, such a meeting could be arranged with KATZ. He also told her that in the event he wished to get in touch with her, he would accomplish this through her contact with KATZ.

At this meeting with GROMOV, no definite date was set for any future meetings. In the latter part of November, 1944, however, KATZ told her at a meeting that she had with him in New York that GROMOV was coming to the city and arranged for her to meet GROMOV at the Edison later. She said she met GROMOV as prearranged by KATZ on this occasion.

After this meeting with GROMOV, BENTLEY recalled that she subsequently met him through arrangements again made by KATZ about a week before Christmas in 1944. At this time, in accordance with KATZ' instructions, she met GROMOV outside Best and Company, Department Store, which is located on Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C.

At this latter meeting, GROMOV told BENTLEY that she had been awarded the order of the Red Star. It was at this meeting also that BENTLEY became thoroughly disgusted with GROMOV because of his obnoxious behavior. She did not see him again until the early part of June, 1945, as she had told KATZ after her Washington meeting with GROMOV that she had a very unpleasant experience with the latter and had no desire whatsoever to see him again.

During the period from January 1945 to the end of May 1945, KATZ would occasionally ask her if she did not want to meet GROMOV, but she always told him she had no desire to see him.

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Referenced report, dated September 27, 1948, notes that KATZ was a man of considerable significance in the espionage parallels with which BENTLEY was associated. In his discussions with BENTLEY, he displayed knowledge of the details of many past activities in which GOLOS had been interested or participated. KATZ was aware of the case of LEON ~~HELFR~~ND, ex-Russian Ambassador to Italy, who fled to the United States and advised BENTLEY they had eventually lost track of HELFRND, but believed he was residing in Virginia. KATZ knew of the activities of one ~~JEFFO~~, about whom GOLOS had spoken in 1938, referring to JEFFO as an underground enemy of the party. BENTLEY recalled in October or November of 1944, KATZ described the story of JEFFO, as an international agent who had smuggled diamonds and associated in some way with RICHARD WALDO.

KATZ also knew the identity of unknown subject CHARLIE and furnished BENTLEY a description of CHARLIE, which has been previously set out.

KATZ told her that CHARLIE was a permanent resident of the United States and had apparently been in this country for years. KATZ also informed BENTLEY about the affairs of the United States Shipping and Service Corporation which was a front, as a world tourist corporation, and of which BENTLEY was an official, and it was noted that it was KATZ who introduced RAE ELSON to BENTLEY and insisted that ELSON be taken into the United States Shipping and Service Corporation as an official.

It is again observed that KATZ was aware of the coming of ANATOLI B. GROMOV to the United States considerably in advance of his arrival and there is every indication that KATZ and GROMOV were acquainted.

It does not appear that KATZ was acquainted with ALGER ~~HISS~~, former high State Department official, as BENTLEY recalled that in the Spring of 1945, KATZ had inquired as to the identity of HISS. This bit of information was brought out in connection with BENTLEY'S story to KATZ about HAROLD ~~GLASSER~~, who allegedly left the PERLO group at the insistence of ALGER HISS, but later returned to that group. No conclusion is drawn from the apparent lack of knowledge by KATZ of HISS as it is possible that HISS may have been handled by other Soviet agents, or even involved in another network, about which KATZ had no knowledge, even though KATZ was an important agent in his own sphere.

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In addition to the matters mentioned above, KATZ indicated to BENTLEY that he was aware of unauthorized visits which GALOS had made to the office of RICHARD TALDO. KATZ was also aware of the existence of STEVE PETERS (ALEX STEVENS) and had stated that GOLOS knew PETERS. KATZ expressed surprise to BENTLEY that she was not acquainted with the activities of PETERS. He was also acquainted with the engineer contacts which GOLOS had in northern Virginia. In this connection, BENTLEY advised that although KATZ expressed primary interest in political data, he told BENTLEY he was always glad to receive technical information such as that furnished by the engineer group.

Relative to DUNCAN LEE, KATZ indicated to BENTLEY that the person who took him over after BENTLEY ceased her activities was not suitable from his point of view and that he did not desire to continue his Russian espionage work under his new contact. BENTLEY also said that she learned that DUNCAN LEE had gone to Chicago and was unable to state whether he continued his contacts with the Russians after that time.

Another individual in whom KATZ was interested was PETER RHODES. Sometime early in 1945, KATZ requested her to get in touch with Mrs. RHODES to determine the present whereabouts of her husband, PETER. BENTLEY recalled telephoning her and identifying herself, indicating to Mrs. RHODES that she was desirous of talking with her. Mrs. RHODES told BENTLEY that she was too busy to see her and the informant said it was obvious that Mrs. RHODES did not want to meet her. She advised KATZ of this situation, but he asked her to press Mrs. RHODES for a meeting, but BENTLEY declined to do this.

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Sometime in the Summer of 1945, GROMOV also requested BENTLEY to arrange for a meeting with Mrs. RHODES for the purpose of having her husband meet some new Russian contact. BENTLEY again declined to do this for the reason that Mrs. RHODES had previously made it apparent that she wanted no further association with her.

With respect to the distribution BENTLEY was making of the various material received from the members of the PERLO group, during her association with them, she recalled that she turned such material over first to BILL and then to his successor, KATZ. She pointed out that in the Fall of 1944, KATZ requested that she secure from members of the PERLO group some autobiographical data to be compiled by them. She said it was obvious to her that this was just another phase, as has been mentioned, of KATZ' efforts at that time to take

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over directly all her American sources. When he requested this information, KATZ explained to her that he was desirous of learning all he could about these people, their backgrounds, experiences and other related personal facts, in order that he would be in a better position to evaluate their importance to him.

Concerning RAE ELSON, who is married to JOSEPH ELSON, BENTLEY said she was born in the United States of Polish-Jewish parents. ELSON attended college and was also secretary of a school some place in the mid-west. BENTLEY did not recall when she came to New York City, but did know she was employed for a considerable period of time in department of the Civil Rights Committee, 160 Fifth Avenue, New York City. BENTLEY said ELSON had been a dues paying member and acted in Communist circles for the past ten years.

She said her acquaintance with RAE ELSON came about after it was more or less a mutual agreement between KATZ and herself that she, BENTLEY, would divorce herself from the United States Shipping and Service Corporation. KATZ indicated to her that he was attempting to secure some suitable person to replace her in the corporation and sometime in February, 1945, he met her one evening and told her he had decided upon the individual who would replace her. KATZ, at this meeting, told BENTLEY they would stroll around for a few minutes while he would tell her a little about this person, after which she would meet the individual. He declared that this newly selected person was RAE ELSON; that he had investigated and found she was a good loyal Communist and appeared to be an adequate replacement for her.

BENTLEY recalled further that after walking around for a few minutes, they met RAE ELSON. The three of them then adjourned to the Buckingham Hotel, where they had dinner, during which time, BENTLEY discussed with ELSON the nature of the business handled by the United States Service and Shipping Corporation.

BENTLEY said that prior to her introduction to RAE ELSON, KATZ remarked that although he did not like it, it was never-the-less necessary that RAE ELSON know BENTLEY'S true identity, that is, her proper name, and that she should more or less look after ELSON, as far as her business duties were concerned. BENTLEY said it was her further recollection that on the occasion of this first meeting, KATZ indicated to ELSON that she was to look to BENTLEY

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for assistance, although this remark by KATZ was in a general sense, she said, and no mention was made in so many words that they should discuss their intelligence activities. BENTLEY said that negotiations were carried on for approximately one month at that time, relative to the placing of ELSON in this firm.

She recalled that the financial circumstances were discussed at some length and it was settled that BENTLEY, with money being supplied by KATZ, was to acquire from Col. REYNOLDS, all the stock certificates held by him and his wife. It will be noted that at this time, all the certificates of stock in the United States Shipping and Service Corporation were held by REYNOLDS and his wife with the exception of five shares registered in BENTLEY'S name. It was arranged by KATZ that during ELSON'S introductory period with the firm, she was to remain and familiarize ELSON as thoroughly as possible with her new work and to generally observe how she handled herself.

BENTLEY said that after some delay, ELSON was elected to the position of Secretary of the company and considerable discussion continued relative to the purchase of REYNOLDS' stock by ELSON in this connection, KATZ instructed BENTLEY that the REYNOLDS stock definitely should be acquired and suggested that she attempt to effect this through EARL BROWDER, that is, by having him confer with REYNOLDS, pointing out to the latter that he no longer had any Russian contact of value and that inasmuch as the firm's success depended mainly on someone having a good Russian contact, he no longer was of any value so far as securing business for the corporation was concerned. GROMOV was in favor of retaining REYNOLDS in the company, but BENTLEY said KATZ was strongly in favor of eliminating him, it being noted that REYNOLDS was somewhat anti-Semitic and KATZ greatly resented this attitude.

With respect to Russian contacts that R.E. ELSON had, BENTLEY said that she knew when she first met her that she was seeing KATZ privately, though not as often as she, BENTLEY was meeting him. She said KATZ mentioned to her that ELSON had formerly done some sort of courier work among members of the Communist Party underground. She said that as far as she knew, ELSON had no other Russian contact until KATZ disappeared from the scene some time in the middle of May, 1945. At that time, she said KATZ may have had some arrangements made for ELSON to obtain a new Russian contact, but did not know that this actually had been done.

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With respect to her last meeting with KATZ, BENTLEY recalled that in the latter part of May, 1945, KATZ told her he might not see her in the future, but she should not worry because GROMOV would still be around. He told her if she did not see him again the next few days she would receive a postcard with some incongruous message on it and this would mean she would meet GROMOV in Washington two days subsequent to the postmark on the card. She said she did not see KATZ at any time in the future, nor did she receive such a postcard. She accordingly told RAY ELSON that she had been unable to meet anyone for some time. ELSON, as a result of this conversation, arranged for BENTLEY to meet GROMOV in Washington.

BENTLEY advised that during her association with GOLOS, BILL KATZ and GROMOV, she learned of some of the techniques that were employed by these people in connection with their intelligence work. Concerning surveillances, she said that in the event it was impossible to lose the surveillance, one way or another, the last resort was to turn around and "start following the person who was following you." BENTLEY said KATZ had informed her that he had found this to be probably the best method of shaking off a surveillance.

With respect to the delivery of articles of some bulk, BENTLEY said she had on occasion, utilized lockers in the railroad terminal. She recalled that when she was to return an enlarger that LUDWIG ULLMAN turned over to her, KATZ instructed her not to hand this to him in person, but to take it to a locker in the Greyhound Bus Terminal on 34th Street, New York City and that when she subsequently saw him, she was to give him the key to this locker and he would have someone pick it up.

Throughout her association with GOLOS, KATZ and other Russians, she was always cautioned not to say anything important on the telephone but rather to converse in such a manner so as to let anyone listening think that the call was purely social. Further she was told to be alert for any unusual buzzing or clicks when she was talking on the phone. Along this line, she remembered that KATZ on one occasion told her he had done almost nothing for two years except tap telephones.

One time, while BENTLEY was residing at 58 Barrow Street, KATZ mentioned that he would come over to her residence with some equipment and would check her telephone to see if there was any tap on it. KATZ also told BENTLEY that it was no longer necessary to have a microphone in a room in order to hear

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conversations therein, but that some device had been developed which could be located several rooms away and bring in conversation as though there were a microphone right in the room.

In addition to KATZ' statement that he had at one time spent a couple of years tapping telephones, he told her he was proficient in photography, opening letters, and gaining access to buildings and offices. When she told him that GOLOS had never instructed her along these lines, she remarked that GOLOS had always treated her as a lady and that she was in fact a novice. He even mentioned that GOLOS had engaged in some of these practices himself, because BENTLEY remembered KATZ having mentioned at one time that GOLOS had made unauthorized visits to the office of RICHARD WALDO in the McClure Syndicate.

BENTLEY said, relative to the material she brought from Washington to New York for GOLOS, it was her impression that GOLOS passed it to someone in New York. She said her impression was based partly on a statement subsequently made to her by KATZ to the effect that during the time she had been acting as a courier for GOLOS, the material she would bring to New York would be taken right back to Washington and this system would be undesirable because of the waste of time and the risk involved. In connection with her belief that this material was being turned over to an individual in New York, she recalled that one of the individuals who was in contact with GOLOS, to whom she turned over the information, was "CHARLIE", who has been previously described.

BENTLEY said she had no specific knowledge of the identities of any persons to whom BILL or KATZ would deliver such material as she turned over to them. She said she occasionally met KATZ at Columbus Circle, New York City, and he would say he had to deliver the material to someone else and that he would meet her again within fifteen minutes or so, after which they would have dinner. BENTLEY said that in all probability he was meeting someone from the Russian Consulate inasmuch as the Consulate is located on E. 51st Street, just off Fifth Avenue, which would be only a few blocks from the meeting place. BENTLEY said it was her further belief that this material eventually found its way to the Russian Embassy in Washington, as KATZ explained to her at one time that someone there reviewed all the information and that the portion believed important was dispatched by cable, some was discarded as of no value and the remainder would be forwarded by plane or boat, presumably by a domestic courier.

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She said the material to be forwarded by courier was reduced to microfilm inasmuch as it was less bulky in that form and could be disposed of quickly in the event of something unforeseen occurring.

Relative to BENTLEY meeting KATZ on occasions at 57th Street and Columbus Circle, it is noted that the possibility exists that KATZ, upon obtaining the information from BENTLEY, would take it to his office at the Tempus Import Company located in that area at 119 E. 57th Street.

Concerning the remark made by KATZ that the material brought by BENTLEY to New York was always immediately returned to Washington and that this method of operation was undesirable, she learned that the mode of operation which was devised later was to eliminate any of the material originating in Washington, D.C. from leaving that city. It was BENTLEY'S belief that in view of this, the material originating in Washington was going directly to the Russian Embassy.

Concerning the material that was being obtained from the federal agencies BENTLEY said that in the latter part of 1944, she learned through her contact, KATZ, that the Russians were providing code names for the various governmental agencies as well as for all of the people who were supplying them with information. She recalled particularly that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was referred to as "hotel" and that the F.E.A. was referred to as "villa". KATZ, she said, did not inform her of any other code names that were designated for other various governmental agencies or individuals obtaining information.

BENTLEY said that her principals, GOLOS, BILL, KATZ and GROMOV had always forbidden her to visit the Russian Consul or Embassy, stating that none of "their people" were allowed to go there.

Again referring to her first meeting with KATZ in October, 1944, BENTLEY stated that he asked her among other things why BROWDER had not allowed the American contacts to be turned over to the Russians more speedily and also demanded that MARY PRICE and GEORGE BELFRAGE be immediately turned over.

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As mentioned, MARY PRICE had by this time been turned loose by BROWDER and she told KATZ that PRICE was highly nervous, neurotic and somewhat unstable emotionally and PRICE was in no condition to be turned over to him or any other Russian to engage in any Russian activities. BENTLEY said she indicated to BROWDER the desire of KATZ that BELFRAGE be turned over and BROWDER rejected this demand, because BROWDER, she believed, was somewhat afraid of BELFRAGE because of his connection with British Intelligence. During this time and continuing until she ceased seeing KATZ, it was her definite belief that KATZ was not in touch with BROWDER personally because he occasionally remarked that he of course could not contact BROWDER directly and, therefore, relied upon BENTLEY to relay messages for him to BROWDER.

She recalled one instance involving a young man whose induction into the armed services seemed imminent and KATZ asked her to request BROWDER to effect this man's entrance into the Merchant Marine through his contacts with the National Maritime Union. KATZ indicated he felt it would be most advisable to have this man in the Merchant Marine rather than have him subjected to the hazards of service in the armed forces. Nothing was done with reference to this plan of KATZ because when she saw him later and asked him about it, he said it was already too late and she had concluded the person had already been inducted. She said she had no idea as to who this person was in whom KATZ was interested, except that he was an American citizen. She said she never did request BROWDER to do anything about it because the original understanding was that she was to get later advice from KATZ when the man's induction date was set.

KATZ' above remarks to BENTLEY pertaining to the young man about to be inducted into the armed services have not approximately dated. However, an analysis of the information previously set forth in this report from KATZ' Selective Service file would possibly indicate that in this instance, the subject was talking about himself.

It is recalled that in a letter dated April 4, 1945, Dr. ROTHMAN advised that he had recently examined KATZ and found him to be in good health. Dr. KINNEY in a letter to the Board dated April 22, 1945, furnished them with the results of the X-Ray examinations taken of KATZ at the Knickerbocker Hospital and said this report confirmed his recommendation to the Board on April 12, 1949 that KATZ could apply for pre-induction examination.

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KATZ, apparently aware of his physical fitness on April 3, 1945, filled out an application for voluntary induction. He was ordered to report for pre-induction physical examination on April 18, 1945 and on May 7, 1945, the Board granted KATZ permission to enter the services of the Merchant Marine.

It would appear entirely possible that KATZ, becoming aware of the fact that he would not again be classified 4-F, was worried about his imminent induction and made this request of BROWDER through BENTLEY. Subsequently through some contact of his own, possibly an acquaintance with FRANK J. FLETCHER, who sponsored KATZ for the National Maritime Union, it was arranged for him to enter the Maritime Service and he no longer needed BROWDER'S assistance in this matter.

Also during the period that KATZ acted as BENTLEY'S principal, he asked her to contact BROWDER and discuss with him the possibility of setting up a cover company of some kind, which would serve as a front for the activities of one of the Russian agents, whom KATZ never identified to her in any manner. KATZ told her BROWDER should attempt to select as a front for the business someone whose normal activities would effectively cloak the practice of exchanging considerable money. She took this matter up with BROWDER who was to discuss it with an individual who, she believed, had been suggested to the Russians by some Communist Party functionary, whom one of their agents in Philadelphia had contacted. BROWDER, she said, was acquainted with this man selected to front for this projected company, but was reluctant to broach this project to him and wanted to have more information as to what he was to be used for. She remarked it was the reaction of the Russians, upon learning of BROWDER'S reluctance, that they felt the person was possibly already operating a front company of some kind for BROWDER and he was afraid his own activities might be jeopardized by this man's engaging in new business activity.

BENTLEY stated she did not know if this unknown person was actually operating any kind of a company for BROWDER, who had already indicated to her that the man had been useful to him.

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BENTLEY said that after her association with various Washington contacts had ceased in December, 1944, she began to see BROWDER at less frequent intervals inasmuch as she was no longer receiving information which would be of value to him and there was no reason for her visiting him. On rare instances, however, she would be asked by either KATZ or GEOMOV to see BROWDER with reference to the handling of some particular problem and on these occasions, she would see BROWDER at his office in New York.

Further information relative to BENTLEY'S statements, as set out in referenced Bureau letter, dated January 26, 1949, reflects that in 1944, KATZ informed BENTLEY that she should cease her contacts with LOUIS BUDENZ, which she did. Also in connection with GEORGE PERAZICH, BENTLEY said that either KATZ or BILL, in the Fall of 1944, stated that arrangements had been made to contact him during his mission for the Yugoslavian Section of the UNRRR in Egypt or Yugoslavia. In the Spring of 1945, KATZ advised BENTLEY that the Soviets were having some trouble with JOHN BT inasmuch as BT was attempting to "move in" on some of her former contacts and that his activities were on behalf of EARL BROWDER.

Referenced report dated September 27, 1948, sets forth in verbatim, a copy of certain information concerning KATZ as furnished by BENTLEY to Mr. L. J. RUSSELL, House Committee on Un-American Activities, on September 14, 1948. A part of this material pertaining to KATZ is reported as follows:

BENTLEY said that KATZ was half Jewish and Half Lithuanian and came from rather a large family. She related that he had two or three brothers, all of whom were tall. She said KATZ told her he first became a Communist in Lithuania in the days of the revolution, at about the age of 13 or 14. KATZ started his career doing odd jobs as a matter of "bread and butter".

BENTLEY added the following descriptive data concerning KATZ, stating he was a self-made man, not having much education and definitely not a college graduate. She said he was a very good mechanic and draftsman, and claimed he could drive a car very well. He was not a well man and had stomach ulcers, suffering very badly from this ailment and always had back aches. Quite often, she said, he was doped with morphine. He had very poor teeth, with a few teeth missing in the front. She stated he had a bridge but very seldom wore it since it gave him much pain. She further stated he had very little interest in

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women and according to GROMOV, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy, he was a sex pervert. She was sure he was a foreigner because he could not spell even the simplest English words and according to KATZ he lived in a boarding house in Washington, D.C., which was run by a widow with a four or five-year-old child. BENTLEY stated that in spite of not being a well man, he was a very heavy man. His hands were that of a mechanic, short fingernails, very practical looking. He was a very poor dresser and his shoes were always very decrepit looking. She said he was not outstanding and fit into a crowd un-noticed.

BENTLEY said she usually met KATZ through prearrangement, that she carried a copy of "Life" magazine and KATZ was to say something to establish his identity. She said if any changes were to be made in their meeting place, KATZ would call her at her office. In further describing KATZ, she said he was very strange but very shrewd, had a good practical brain, but was very superstitious and let little things upset him. He was very strong and trained in jiu jitsu. She also said he could handle a gun quite expertly. He had a violent temper but kept it very much under control. She said KATZ handled everything but the SILVERMASTER material which was turned over to BILL the end of September, 1944. He felt KATZ must have had a very close connection with the Embassy or the Soviet Purchasing Agency, but more likely the Embassy, because on one occasion when GROMOV was sick, KATZ professed to have taken care of him.

BENTLEY said KATZ was the most decent one of all her contacts. When GROMOV, in early 1945, suggested that Miss BENTLEY go to Russia, upon calling this to KATZ' attention, he stated, "you wouldn't like it if you were over there," but would not say why he had made this statement.

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V. ADDITIONAL CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATES OF KATZ

A. Contact with MIKHAIL A. CHALIAPIN and Subsequent Investigations (S) (U)

A physical surveillance conducted on May 27, 1944, of MIKHAIL A. CHALIAPIN, Clerk at the Russian Consulate in New York City and a known Soviet Agent, reflected that he departed from the Russian Consulate with PAVEL P. KLARIN and visited a restaurant where they engaged in conversation for approximately one hour. After this meeting, CHALIAPIN left KLARIN and proceeded by taxi to 46th Street and Broadway, where he met a man subsequently identified as KATZ. This meeting appeared to have been previously arranged. CHALIAPIN and KATZ then proceeded to the Maison Louis Cafe Bar, 108 W. 49th Street, where they spent about an hour and a half, and then returned to where they had originally met. (S) (U)

KATZ, upon leaving CHALIAPIN, proceeded to 64 W. 55th Street, New York City. From this address, KATZ proceeded to 119 West 57th Street, New York City. It was subsequently ascertained that KATZ operated the Tempus Importing Company at this address in Rooms 801 and 801A. The identification of KATZ was accomplished by a physical surveillance on October 3, 1944, when FRANK O'NEAL, who was superintendent at 64 West 55th Street, identified him as the boyfriend of JANET RANKIN, who resided in a one-room apartment, third floor of the building at this address. (S) (U)

On October 6, 1944, KATZ was surveilled to 119 West 57th Street, where it was ascertained he entered the offices of the Tempus Importing Company. Mr. E. BAUERBAND, superintendent of this building, identified KATZ at this time by name. (S) (U)

Confidential Informant T-3 made available on October 10, 1944, the contents of KATZ's office at the Tempus Importing Company, 119 West 57th Street, and furnished the following information obtained from this source. It was ascertained that KATZ had used as a reference the Berkshire Color and Chemical Company, 362 Broadway, Passaic, New Jersey.

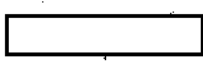
It was also determined at this time that the landlord at 603 West 140th Street, New York City, the residence of KATZ, was the NOVEN Estate.

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It was also determined that KATZ furnished as a reference H. K. ~~X~~HOROWITZ, 15 Maiden Lane, New York City, and that he had a bank account at the Irving Trust Company, West 48th Street and Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. His lease on the offices for his company reflected that he entered the office as of June 1, 1944 and that the lease extended until May 31, 1945 at \$660.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised that KATZ had a safe in his office, and he maintained his desk in a locked condition when not present. He had a friend by the name of MAURICE ~~X~~PARISIER who apparently has an office at Pueyrredon 555 Buenos Aires, Argentina, and who runs a business known as the Argo Importers. This MAURICE PARISIER obtains his mail in the United States, care of MARY JOSEPHSON, 673 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The phone number of the office of the Tempus Importing Company, which was not listed in the New York Telephone Directory was Circle 7-1338. An individual by the name of HYDE ~~X~~MARTNOW was listed in correspondence as an associate in the Tempus Importing Company. There was also an address of ISRAEL ~~X~~PARISIER at the same address as MAURICE PARISIER, noted above.

Concerning H. K. HOROWITZ, 15 Maiden Lane, New York City, there were numerous check stubs indicating that KATZ had made payments to him.

The informant further advised that KATZ had in his possession the telephone number of WALTER ~~X~~KOCHER, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, CI 7-5821, and WALTER B. ~~X~~SOLINGER, 113 West 57th Street, New York City, telephone CI 7-6070.

Telephone numbers found in the office of JOSEPH KATZ at 119 West 57th Street, as furnished by Confidential Informant T-3 are as follows:

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| Bryant 9-4894 | Popper Watch Company, 10 W. 57th Street, N.Y.C. |
| Ch 2-0818 | Greater New York Industrial Council, 1133 Broadway, New York City |
| Gra 5-5573 | Retail Furniture and Floor Covering Employees Union #853, 147 Fourth Avenue, New York City |
| Hav 2-0900 | No such listing |

*This is address of
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Le 4-1381 Pavia and Company (Exports) 55 West 42nd Street,
New York City

Le 2-1275 Southern Silk Mills, 261 7th Avenue, N.Y.C.

Le 2-5880 Ack-Tear Distributors, 1182 Broadway, N.Y.C.

Murray Hill 3-8976 American and Overseas Mercantile Company, 234
Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.

Murray Hill 3-9858 Westside Realty Corporation, 1170 Broadway,
N.Y.C.

Murray Hill 5-8939 K. and G. Accessories, 347 5th Avenue, N.Y.C.

Pe 6-4378 U. S. Raw Skins Corporation, 7 W. 30th Street,
N.Y.C.

Plaza 3-2140 French Fashion Accessories Corporation, 19 W.
57th Street, N.Y.C.

Plaza 5-6340 MURRAY K. JOSEPHSON, Attorney, 673 5th Avenue,
N.Y.C.

Re 2-0571 H. K. HOROWITZ, 15 Meiden Lane, New York City

Wisconsin 7-7573 Disconnected September 11, 1944

Wo 2-4500 French Committee of National Liberation, 111
Broadway, New York City

As noted, HYDE PARTNOW, whose name was found in KATZ' office and who was indicated to be an associate in the business, is indicated in the New York files as a member of the Communist Party in 1938 and was also on the writers' project in New York City in 1937. As of April 29, 1942, he was conducting a course at the offices of the League of American Writers.

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JOSEPH ~~FRIEDMAN~~, 2503 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, Virginia, was noted in the office of KATZ in addition to the names of the above-mentioned persons.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] in 1944, obtained listings of four telephone numbers to whom JOSEPH KATZ had made toll calls from his office telephone at 119 W. 57th Street. They are as follows:

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Lynbrook 4837	BEN KROM , 90 Ackley Avenue, Malverne, L.I., N.Y.
Mt. Vernon 8-6158	EDWARD E. ROSS , 339 South 6th Avenue, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
New Rochelle 2-4922	OSCAR BLANCHARD , 2 Main Street, New Rochelle, N.Y.
Twin Harbor 1397	Disconnected August 9, 1944, formerly listed to Hotel Bayville, Bayville Avenue, Bayville, L.I.

Material including KATZ's handwriting, hand-printing and typewritten specimens obtained by Confidential Informant T-3 were furnished to the FBI Laboratory and a report to the New York Office, dated November 2, 1944, reflected that they had been examined and compared with the handwriting and typewritten specimens which appeared in a series of secretly written and enciphered messages being sent between New York City and Mexico City, and New York City and countries in South America. These messages were being sent in connection with the activities of a group of individuals who were attempting to free FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT from his Mexican prison, where he was serving a twenty-year sentence for the assassination of LEON TROTSKY. The individuals involved were directed by Soviet officials attached to the USSR Consulate in New York City and later to the U. S. Embassy in Mexico City, Mexico. The comparison was made with negative results.

In January, 1945, the Newark Office furnished this office with toll calls made from the telephone listed to JOSEPH KATZ, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey, which bears the listing Passaic 2-2970-J.

The listings of the numbers called in New York City were as follows:

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Ch 3-9163 The Spot, 101 Seventh Avenue, N.Y.C. (public phone)
 Co5-2233 United Jewish Appeal, 250 W. 57th Street, N.Y.C.
 Es 5-6192 ~~E. KATZ~~ (residence) 1510 Ocean Parkway, Bklyn, N.Y.
 Ra 9-6887 ~~SAM LERMAN~~ (residence) 2139 Daly Avenue
 Wa 9-5127 ~~WILLIAM D. BRAMS~~ (residence) 212 W. 22nd Street, N.Y.C.
 Wh 7-6400 Roman's Department Store, 20 W. 39th Street, N.Y.C.

B. ~~PEPI RENOIR~~

On February 3, 1945, Confidential Informant T-4 made available information which he stated was obtained from the apartment of PEPI RENOIR, 26 W. 9th Street, New York City. Her personal checking account under date of December 1, 1944 reflected a check to the Tempus Importing Company in the amount of \$75. Also on December 7, 1944, a check in the amount of \$235.65 was issued to JOSEPH KATZ. A review of the files of this office reflects that PEPI RENOIR in 1943 was suspected of acting as a possible courier of secret-writing letters between the United States and Mexico in connection with the release of FRANK J. GSON, who was incarcerated for the assassination of LEON TROTSKY.

PEPI RENOIR was born on January 1, 1904 in New York City. She reportedly speaks English and German and apparently operated in 1944 a business, by telephone, from her apartment, known as the World Marketing Corporation. Her business consisted of trading in furs, gloves, handbags, antiseptics, rubber shoes and some types of drugs.

In 1948, the New York telephone directory listed PEPI RENOIR'S address as 24 W. 88th Street, New York City.

From the information set out above, ^{2 possibilities exist.} the possibility exists that PEPI RENOIR'S dealings with the subject were purely on a business level, inasmuch as they were both in business dealing in somewhat the same commodities.

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C. ~~ANISSON~~ VAINTRAUB

In November, 1944, Mr. E. BAUERBAND, superintendent of the building at 119 W. 57th Street, advised that KATZ rented two rooms for the purpose of conducting business under the name of the Tempus Importing Company. Relative to KATZ, he said the subject had made the friendship of Mr. ANISSON VAINTRAUB, another tenant in the building, who operated the Amer-Mex Export Import Company and that VAINTRAUB was associated in this business with Mr. S. ~~SHEFTTEL~~. VAINTRAUB, he said, was a Russian and resided at 157 W. 57th Street. The 1948 Manhattan Telephone Directory reflects that VAINTRAUB still resides at this address and has telephone number Co 5-0585.

The files of the New York Office reflect that ANISSON VAINTRAUB was born on July 8, 1905 at Odessa, Russia, arrived in the United States at New York City on April 6, 1939. VAINTRAUB said he was a Hebrew, stateless, and had sailed from Genoa where he lived for three years previous to his arrival in the United States. He said he had a brother, ISRAEL, in Switzerland. VAINTRAUB indicated that he had also previously resided in Paris and Germany.

In Paris, ANISSON VAINTRAUB worked for the Banque Oriental, which was owned by his brother, ISRAEL.

According to a report by MICHEL ~~GROUCHKO~~, VAINTRAUB was married to ELISABETH ~~SENIEK LOFF~~. He also said that ANISSON and his brother, ISRAEL, had served time in a penitentiary in France as a result of fraudulent banking, and that he, GROUCHKO, was swearing to this information in order to prevent VAINTRAUB from being granted legal entry into the United States.

At the office of DWIGHT, BORRHIS and HEMSLEY, Inc., East 23rd Street, it was determined that the Amer-Mex Import Export Company had rented its offices on a yearly basis, at which time, they gave as their reference, EMIL KATZ, 101 West 37th Street, New York City, a dealer in furs.

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D. JANET RANKIN SILITCH

Relative to JANET RANKIN SILITCH, 64 West 55th Street, New York City, who was named previously as the girlfriend of JOSEPH KITZ, it was ascertained from Confidential Informant T-5 on October 3, 1944, that she was employed at Montgomery Ward Company, 75 Varick Street, New York City. Information made available from her office by the informant reflected that she had in her possession several love letters from one EUGENE WL DIMIR SILITCH, dated at various times from 1940 to August 1944.

A review of the files of the New York Office reflects that SILITCH was alleged to have "connections with Nazi agents and to have worked for Russia".

SILITCH was born in Petrograd, Russia on January 26, 1901 and became a naturalized citizen of the United States on March 16, 1926 at New York City. He was reported as a hydraulic engineer for the Ranney Water Collector Corporation, which company had several contracts with E. I. DUPONT NIMOURS COMPANY at Kearney Point, New Jersey and Charlestown, Indiana. He was reported as married and the father of two children. The United States had been his main residence for the past twenty years. In 1944, he was a part owner, vice-president and sales manager of the Ranney Water Collector Corporation, and from 1931 to 1934, he did construction work in France for the McDonald Engineering Corporation of Chicago, Illinois. Previous to that, he was with the Largo Oil Company, a Standard Oil of New Jersey subsidiary, at Maricaoibo, Venezuela. He also worked in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Confidential Informant ☐ advised that SILITCH, in his opinion, is considered absolutely untrustworthy and without scruples in anything that would be of financial advantage to him and he is capable of doing anything for money.

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No information is available at this time in the files of the New York Office indicating that SILITCH was ever a member of the Communist Party.

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Relative to the residence of JANET RANKIN, reported girlfriend of KATZ, in 1944, the mail box of apartment 3-R at 64 West 55th Street, New York City, reflected the names SILITCH - RANKIN. The 1948 Manhattan Telephone Directory lists a JANET RANKIN, 64 West 55th Street, telephone Col 5-0436. The directory did not list SILITCH at this address.

On January 17, 1949, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that JANET RANKIN was the subscriber to the above telephone number. Background information furnished by the informant reveals she was married and that the telephone bills were sent to Mrs. J. W. SILITCH at 63 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio. Her husband owns the Ramney Maintenance Water Supplies Company in Ohio and his business telephone number is Adams 7288. JANET RANKIN named her bank as the National Safety Bank and Trust Company, Broadway and 48th Street, and former employment as Montgomery Ward and Company.

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Mr. ILLAN L. MORDECAI, Vice-President of the J. Clarence Davies Realty Company, 274 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised his company manages the property at 64 West 55th Street. Mr. MORDECAI and Mr. MILTON COHEN, who directly handles the business of this property, both advised they are not personally acquainted with Mrs. JANET RANKIN SILITCH.

Mr. MORDECAI made available the file on RANKIN, which reflected she still rents apartment 3-R at the above address for a little over \$52 per month. Her last lease expired December 21, 1948 and she is now a statutory tenant. The file indicated that Miss JANET RANKIN occupied this same apartment previous to 1942, but did not contain the application or original references.

Mr. COHEN stated she apparently had been a tenant in the building previous to the date that the Davies Realty Company took over the management of the building.

The latest correspondence in the file was a letter dated January 24, 1949 from JANET SILITCH, 1312 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, in which she enclosed her January rent and referred to a temporarily lost check for the December rent drawn on the City National Bank and Trust Company of Columbus, Ohio. She declared that she had been late sending the rent because she had been in Mexico.

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Additional information in the file revealed that ROBERT MC CALLUM had witnessed the signing of her lease drawn up for 1943. In the lease for the previous year, FRANCIS MC GRATH was named as the witness. No record appears in the New York Indices on either of these individuals.

A letter dated October 7, 1947 with letterhead Ranney Maintenance Water Supplies Inc., 507 Majestic Building, Columbus, Ohio, stated that Miss RANKIN had been away on a vacation and enclosed the rent that was in arrears. The letter was signed by ELIZABETH BLANFORD, Secretary of the company.

A letter dated December 17, 1947 relative to the rent was sent to Mrs. E. W. SILITCH, 63 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

It would appear from the above correspondence that JINET RANKIN SILITCH was married sometime in the early part of 1947 or late 1946 and that within the last year she moved from 63 North High Street to her present address at 1312 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. MORDECAI stated that FRANK O'NEIL, colored, had been the superintendent for 64 W. 55th Street for the last eight or nine years and considered him an entirely reliable individual.

A check of the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York reflected no information concerning JINET RANKIN. A credit check, however, dated September 9, 1935 on her husband, EUGENE SILITCH, reflected his residence as of this time to be 444 E. 52nd Street, New York City, and his business as vice-president of the Schuyler and Silitch Company, 207 E. 85th Street, New York City.

A credit report dated December 9, 1940 gave his residence as 1306 Eastern Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky and business as Vice-President of the Ranney Corporation, Charlestown, Indiana.

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The records of the Board of Elections for 1945 reflected that JANET H. RANKIN registered as a Democrat, from 64 West 55th Street, New York City. She gave her age as thirty-one, single, nine years in the State and County and four years in the Election District. She said she was born in the United States and last registered in 1944.

On her 1944 registration from the same address, she gave her occupation as an artist for Montgomery Ward and Company, 75 Varick Street, New York City. Miss RANKIN last voted in 1940 from 16 West 10th Street, New York City.

Mr. FRANK O'NEAL, Superintendent, 64 West 55th Street, New York City, advised that he became the superintendent at this address in 1942 and that JANET RANKIN was residing in Apartment 3R at that time. He said she resided continuously there until sometime in 1947 when she was married to Mr. SILITCH and since then, has spent most of her time in Ohio. She has continued to rent the apartment however, and the last time she and her husband used it was for about three weeks in November, 1948. While they are away from New York, the apartment remains empty and no one has access to it.

O'NEAL stated he had a slight recollection of the name KATZ as a boy friend of RANKIN and recalled that in 1944, he made available to agents access to a highly confidential source relative to the effects of RANKIN'S apartment. Mr. O'NEAL also believed that up until 1947, RANKIN still received mail with the name KATZ as a return address in Europe.

Mr. O'NEAL said that since he has been superintendent over the past several years, he has been in RANKIN'S apartment on numerous occasions and never observed any photographic equipment on the premises. Also, at no time during this period, did any individuals have access to her apartment that he was aware of.

Confidential Informant T-6 advised on February 1, 1949 that RANKIN had the following telephone numbers and addresses in her apartment:

E. H. ALSOP
125 East 50th Street
New York City,
Plaza 5-5797

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M. GORDON
231 West 13th Street
New York City
Christmas card sent 12/20/48.

Mrs. R. W. LOOMIS
213 Caillion Road
Syracuse, New York
Letter dated 2/22/48 from Aunt Edna and
Uncle Ray enclosing a clipping from
Syracuse Herald American dated 8/1/48
announcing marriage of Miss LOOMIS to
W. E. SHURTZ.

Dr. ALBERT S. YOUNG, DDS.
119 West 57th Street
Suite 1219
CO 5-1560.

Miss CONSTANCE EATON
34 Rosedale Road
Toronto, Canada.

GRACE B. SIBLEY
c/o JANE RANKIN
February, 1947 - Bill from Mutual Life
Insurance Company, 34 Nassau Street, New York.

The indices of the New York Office failed to reflect
any information on the above-named individuals.

No books, periodicals or literature were noted by
Confidential Informant T-6 in RANKIN'S apartment, indicating that she had
any Communist interests or leanings.

The files of the New York Office reflect that on
October 13, 1945, JANE RANKIN, 64 West 55th Street, New York City, contacted
this office and advised that two men had contacted her and stated that were
with the FBI and questioned her relative to a reported telephone call from
a house of prostitution to her residence. No additional information appeared
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E. ISADORE JACKERSON

A trash cover maintained during May and June of 1945, on the residence of JACKERSON, former employee of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, and a known contact of MARTIN CHANCEY, former Chairman of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia, reflected an envelope addressed to Mr. JOSEPH KATZ, 603 West 140th Street, New York City. (u)

F. BELLA V. DODD

On July 30, 1945, HAROLD OLDWIN SAMUEL, 235 West 148th Street, New York City, a negro seaman from Trinidad, British West Indies, appeared at the New York Office and furnished the following information relative to JOSEPH KATZ, 603 West 140th Street, New York City:

He stated that KATZ offered to introduce him to a lawyer who for \$50.00 would facilitate his becoming a United States without waiting three years. KATZ showed the complainant a photostat of a \$10,000 government bond and offered to furnish a \$1,000 bond needed by him to get citizenship. SAMUEL stated that KATZ had previously determined that he (SAMUEL) had \$300 in a United States bank. On July 24, 1945, KATZ took the complainant to see a woman attorney named, "DODD", at 100 West 42nd Street, New York City, on the fifth floor. This woman attorney told SAMUEL that she could help him and that he was to pay her \$25 then and \$25 later.

SAMUEL described JOSEPH KATZ as follows: White, height 5'9", weight 180 lbs., build stocky, and dark complexion. SAMUEL concluded that KATZ was last employed as a wiper on the SS WILLIAM L. SMITH of the United Fruit Company, Prospect Terminal, Brooklyn, New York.

On the date the complainant appeared at the office and furnished the above facts, the New York Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Secret Service of the Treasury Unit were advised of the content of the complaint.

Concerning the woman attorney named "DODD" at 100 West 42nd Street, New York City, to whom KATZ took SAMUEL attempting to assist him in obtaining his citizenship papers by fraudulent means, the 1948 Manhattan telephone directory reflects a BELLA V. DODD at 100 West

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42nd Street, telephone Wisconsin 7-9386. It is reasonable to believe that this is the attorney visited by SAMUEL on KATZ'S recommendation.

Concerning BELLA V. DODD, the files of the New York Office reflect that for many years she has been active in the Communist Party in this area and, in 1947, was a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA, a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party and a member of the New York State Board of the Communist Party. More recent information indicates that DODD is held in somewhat disfavor by the Communist Party officials and is no longer considered a confidant of the party. DODD is not presently very active and, although, apparently still a Communist enthusiast she thinks that the present leadership of the party in this area is poor.

At the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, Mr. MILTON HANFIELD checked the records and found no information pertaining to SAMUEL'S complaint relative to KATZ. File 0300-87247, however, did pertain to a HAROLD SAMUEL, an alien seaman on the SS ERNEST W. GIBSON of the International Freighting Company, who on November 11, 1945 was ordered to Ellis Island Hospital for medical attention for venereal disease. SAMUEL'S address was c/o National Maritime Union.

Mr. CHALLANDES of the Ellis Island Division of the Immigration and Naturalization Service advised that there was no additional information at this source concerning SAMUEL.

Mr. WHITAKER of the Secret Service, 90 Church Street, New York City, advised that a check of their files was made concerning the information pertaining to KATZ and SAMUEL and no record could be found.

On February 4, 1949, GEORGE V. SCHNEIDER went to the premises of 235 West 148th Street, New York City, which was the last known address of SAMUEL and contacted E. LIGHTBOURNE, Superintendent. He advised that SAMUEL was not living at this address and that he did not know SAMUEL. An individual was contacted who had resided at this address for ten years, and he stated that he did not know of a SAMUEL residing there.

G. LEMENT UPHAM HARRIS

In March, 1945, a highly confidential source furnished the names contained in the address book of LEMENT UPHAM HARRIS while HARRIS was in Los Angeles. It was noted that the majority of the

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names were persons of prominence in the Communist Party or Communist Party movement. Listed among the names in this address book of HARRIS was the name, "JOE KATZ, 119 West 57th Street, C17-1338". This telephone number was listed to the Tempus Import Corporation.

The files of the New York Office reflect ~~LEGENT~~ HARRIS as National Secretary of the Communist Party Forum Commission, who has reportedly been the party's undercover Financial Agent in the past. HARRIS has allegedly been connected with the party's undercover apparatus.

H. JEROME NITZBERG

NITZBERG has been previously mentioned in the interview of Mr. ROLAND PETERSON, who advised that NITZBERG is residing at the apartment of KATZ at 603 West 140th Street, apparently under some type of sub-lease arrangement with KATZ, inasmuch as KATZ'S family has continued to pay the rent on this apartment. Mr. PETERSON described NITZBERG as follows: age 28; height 6'0"; weight 170 lbs.; build medium slender; hair dark and curly; complexion olive; wears no hat and continuously blinks his eyes.

A check of the Election Board records for the year 1948 reflected that JEROME NITZBERG registered care of JOSEPH KATZ, 603 West 140th Street, Apartment 39, New York City. The party affiliation was noted as the American Labor Party. He gave his age as 26, married, twenty-six years in the State and County and four years in the Election District. He said that he was born in the United States and last voted from the above address in 1947. A check of the Election Board records for 1947, 1946 and 1944, reflected no record of a registration as a voter for NITZBERG.

A careful check was made of the Selective Service records in New York City in an attempt to find the registration of JEROME NITZBERG, with negative results.

A check of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York was made and no record was found on NITZBERG.

A review of the files of the New York Office reflects the following information:

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Confidential Informant SF-1301 reported that NEIL BARONAY, a Communist Party functionary in San Francisco, had held a meeting with BRUNSTEN on this date at the American-Russian Institute and on June 2, 1944, he discussed with BRUNSTEN the Russian films that were recently sent to a United States Army camp at the request of AL RICHMAN, a Communist Party member formerly employed at the "Daily Peoples World" in San Francisco. Prior reports in regard to RICHMAN indicated that ROSE ISAAC of the American-Russian Institute had given PETER IVANOV of the Russian Consulate, the address of Lieutenant JEROME NITZBERG, Orientation Office at Fort McCellan, Alabama. NITZBERG was RICHMAN'S commanding officer and it was apparently through NITZBERG that the Russian Medical films referred to above, are being distributed for public showing at the Orientation Center. (S) (U)

It has not been determined at this time if the JEROME NITZBERG mentioned above is identical with the NITZBERG now residing in the apartment of KATZ. (S) (U)

I. FRANK JOSEPH FLETCHER

It will be recalled that National Maritime Union Port Agent FRANK J. FLETCHER was KATZ'S sponsor in May of 1945 for admission to the union.

According to the files of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, FLETCHER was born on October 4, 1905 at New York City. He was issued Seaman's Certificate of Identification Z-56308 at New York City on August 25, 1937. He has been reportedly going to sea for

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twenty years, has been active in all strikes, worked as a dispatcher for the National Maritime Union from 1939 to 1941, served on numerous shop committees, was a delegate to 1943 convention, and served a term as patrolman for the National Maritime Union at New York from 1944 to 1947.

Houston Confidential Informant [redacted] examined a photograph of FRANK JOSEPH FLETCHER and stated that he is the seaman who admitted to him during May, 1943 that he was a member of the Communist Party. (S) (U)

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In 1948, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that FLETCHER is now sailing as an able-bodied seaman, is living in Greenwich Village and has two children. [redacted] advised that FLETCHER is not a Communist and classified him an independent rather than a Communist or anti-Communist. (S) (U)

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In 1942, Confidential Informants [redacted] advised that as far as they know FLETCHER had never been a member of the Communist Party.

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J. RAPHAEL H. ISAACS
304 East 178th Street
Bronx, New York

Information previously set forth from the Selective Service file of JOSEPH KATZ reflects that in 1944, RAPHAEL H. ISAACS in a letter to the draft board stated he had been the personal physician of JOSEPH KATZ and his family for the past eleven years. Information relative to ISAACS as reflected in the files of this office is as follows:

"Daily Worker" of May 2, 1946, reflected an article stating, "Labor has just emerged from a victorious peace war against Facism..... is now giving true leadership to the people and the nation", signed by R. H. ISAACS, M.D., 304 East 178th Street, Bronx, New York.

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A photographic copy of a mimeographed list furnished to the Ohio District of the International Workers Order made available by a highly confidential source on October 24, 1943, contained the names of prize-winning builders of the 1942 IWO membership drive in the New York District and the name R. H. ISAACS, M.D., Lodge #521, appears thereon as having won a prize of \$5.00.

The Baltimore Office advised by letter dated March 18, 1948, that Mrs. CHASE ISAACS, wa Mrs. RAPHAEL HARRIS ISAACS, was an extremely active Communist Party functionary in the Baltimore Division for many years and was Treasurer of the Seamen's Group of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Mrs. ISAACS is an old-time Communist, who is well known in Baltimore as a friend of the Communist seamen. [redacted] stated that any seaman who was a Communist could obtain lodging at her home. She is frequently called, "~~MA~~" ISAACS. She also has a son who is a doctor. (S) (U)

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[redacted] furnished the New York Office on November 21, 1947, with a list of names believed to be the mailing list of a part of the Communist Party or an affiliated organization of the Communist Party. The name of Dr. R. H. ISAACS, 304 East 178th Street, Bronx, New York, appeared on this list. (S) (U)

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A letter dated September 9, 1940 at Moscow Bank - Foreign Trade, U.S.S.R., to the Chase National Bank, New York, requested the Chase Bank to make payments to various individuals and among those listed was R. H. ISAACS, 304 East 178th Street, to be paid the sum of \$8.75.

A letter dated February 17, 1941 from the same Moscow Bank to Chase directed Chase to pay a second sum of \$8.75 to Dr. R. H. ISAACS.

The program of the 13th Anniversary Celebration of the International Workers Order held at Madison Square Garden on May 23, 1943, reflected the name R. H. ISAACS, 304 East 178th Street, Bronx, New York, as sending his greetings indicating that he had made a donation to the celebration.

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K. Miscellaneous

X Mr. ALEX MARDOCK, 881 Eighth Avenue, New York City, called the New York Office on June 13, 1938 and requested that an agent meet him so he could furnish some information in connection with the espionage investigation being conducted by the New York Office. Mr. MARDOCK was interviewed and stated that there was a man by the name of JOE KATZ, whose wife was employed at the New York Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, who lives at 415 West 24th Street, New York City, and whose parents reside at Passaic, New Jersey. He stated that KATZ was formerly on the PWA and that he was quite certain that he was engaged in Communist activities, inasmuch as his brother-in-law, a fellow by the name of MARTIN, was State Organizer of the Communist Party for the State of Pennsylvania. *which case?*

X He stated that KATZ, if closely watched, could no doubt be caught in some type of activity, inasmuch as when the publicity broke relative to the espionage activities, he became greatly alarmed and had been on the alert ever since. Mr. MARDOCK stated that he furnished the information because he knew KATZ when he was on the WPA and now he seems to have some type of income other than from governmental sources.

L A mail cover placed on JOSEPH KATZ, 603 West 140th Street, New York City, reflected that on January 28, 1949, a letter was received addressed to Miss B. DUFOMI, c/o JOSEPH KATZ, 603 West 140th Street, from Miss J. M. ROBERTS, 5 Petlands Gardens, Haywards Heath, Sussex, England. No record appears in the New York indices on either of these individuals.

The November, 1948 issue of the Manhattan Telephone Directory has no record of a Miss B. DUFOMI.

On February 2, 1945, photographs of JOSEPH KATZ were exhibited to Confidential Informant [] and she stated that she had no recollection of ever having seen or heard of this individual. b7D

VI. KATZ'S ASSOCIATION IN POSSIBLE SOVIET COVER FIRMS

It would appear that a number of businesses with which KATZ was associated, may have functioned as cover companies in the operation of Soviet espionage in the United States.

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A. MERIDEN DENTAL LABORATORIES AND SUPPLIES
5 South Colony Street
Meriden, Connecticut

The MERIDEN DENTAL LABORATORIES had its inception in 1939, being financed by JOSEPH KATZ on an agreement whereby JOSEPH WOLFSON contributed his work and time and KATZ the capital.

The files of [] reflect that the partnership was terminated after a four year period of operation with WOLFSON continuing in the business as the sole proprietor. In 1944, HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON was operating the business at 25 Butler Street, Meriden, Connecticut.

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JOSEPH WOLFSON was born on May 14, 1913 at New York City and is the son of HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON, born on September 15, 1885 in Russia, and GAILA KRIVANIS WOLFSON, born on April 25, 1887 in Russia. JOSEPH WOLFSON'S parents are well known Communists, the father having admitted membership in the International Workers Order and he was a registered member of the Howe Street Club of the Communist Party, New Haven, Connecticut, in 1944. In 1944, HARRY WOLFSON was employed by his son at the MERIDEN DENTAL LABORATORIES, Meriden, Connecticut. JOSEPH WOLFSON and his wife are reported to have attended Communist Party meetings and to have been in contact with Connecticut State Secretary of the Communist Party, ANDREW ONDA. RUTH ONDA, ANDREW'S wife, is known to have done some clerical work for the MERIDEN DENTAL LABORATORIES in 1943.

As previously reported, Confidential Informant

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B. TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY
119 West 57th Street;
373 Fourth Avenue
New York City

In 1945, [] advised that following KATZ'S

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[redacted] employment with the QUARTZ PRODUCTS COMPANY, 305 East 45th Street, New York City, he opened the TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY at 119 West 57th Street, New York City. [redacted] said the company had a capital of \$6000, which funds were furnished by his relatives. KATZ said that the business operates as an importer of leather goods, handbags, and wallets from South America selling to retailers and wholesalers, and that in the future, he plans to import watches and chemicals. KATZ furnished his bank to [redacted] as the Guarantee Trust Company, 44th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City.

At the office of the County Clerk, New York City, a check was made of the TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY in 1944 and JOSEPH KATZ, 603 West 140th Street, was listed as the owner. In filing his certificate for trade name, he indicated that his attorneys were SOLINGER and SOLINGER, 113 West 57th Street.

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The files of Confidential Informant [redacted] were reviewed by SA GEORGE V. SCHNEIDER on February 1, 1949, and in addition to the above information, reflected that as stated KATZ'S original investment was \$6000 in this business, half of which he stated was borrowed from his relatives. Relative to the nature of his business, he stated that he was the sole distributor for the Argo Products, Buenos Aires, Argentina, for whom he acts as sales agent. Transactions along this line are carried on primarily on a letter of credit basis. KATZ advised [redacted] in January, 1945, that only one other person was employed in his office.

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MARTIN YOUNG

Also, in January, 1945, KATZ said that figures had not been prepared but furnished estimates indicating cash in bank as \$15,000, inventory about \$4,500 equally divided between merchandise and consignment. He said there was no trade indebtedness outstanding, no bank accommodations requested, and that the notes payable in the amount of \$3000 as applied in June, 1944 had been paid off during November, 1944. He further advised that since August, 1944, a volume of close to \$1,000,000.00 was handled through his office, of which his return was about \$20,000.

On May 24, 1945, the file reflected that MARTIN YOUNG stated that on May 17, 1945, he purchased the business from the former owner, JOSEPH KATZ, for an undisclosed consideration.

On May 17, 1945, YOUNG registered the trade style

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of TELPUS IMPORT COMPANY and continued the business under this name. MARTIN YOUNG at this time was forty-one years of age, married, and had since June 2, 1944, been employed by JOSEPH KATZ on a profit-shared basis.

YOUNG, it was reported, had previously conducted business as a sales agent for watches from his home, 602 West 139th Street, New York City, for some years. According to the informant, YOUNG continued this business as an importer of watches and leather goods and had sole distributorship of the Argo Products. → MAURICE PARISIER

On May 24, 1945, MARTIN YOUNG deferred a statement by stating since acquiring this business the volume had been fairly active and operations were on a profitable basis. The company banked with the Bank of Athens, 33rd Street and Broadway, New York City.

On December 28, 1945, SAMUEL BROWN stated that on October 20, 1945, he had purchased this business for an undisclosed consideration from the former owner, MARTIN YOUNG. BROWN also registered the style name of TELPUS IMPORT COMPANY on October 20, 1945. BROWN'S age was thirty-nine, married, and residing at 854 West 184th Street, New York City. His birth place was believed to have been Rumania. He said he had been previously employed by others in New York City in this same line of business for a number of years. Under the ownership of BROWN, TELPUS IMPORT COMPANY continued in business of importing watches and leather goods and maintained sole distributorship of Argo Products.

On December 28, 1945, SAMUEL BROWN was not available for interview and the Office Manager, WILLIAM BERG, professed inability to furnish any financial text. BERG, however, stated that since the present owner acquired the business, sales have been active on a profitable basis. The company's bank was at this time given as the Analgamated Bank.

On January 15, 1946, WILLIAM B. BERG was admitted to a partnership interest with SAMUEL BROWN and since that time, the business has operated as a partnership under the registered trade style TELPUS IMPORT COMPANY.

According to the informant, WILLIAM B. BERG is native born, thirty-nine years of age and married.

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[] Prior to his entry into the partnership, he was according to SAMUEL BROWN, employed by other businesses in the same line. This, however, was his first venture as a principal.

On July 9, 1946, SAMUEL BROWN confirmed the information relative to that furnished by BERG, but professed an inability to furnish any financial text other than to state that operations were profitable with a substantial volume transacted. This partnership was reported to have discontinued operations early in 1947. SAMUEL BROWN continues to use the subject trade style and the business is now located at 373 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

[] in a report dated December 23, 1947 on the TELFUS IMPORT COMPANY, not incorporated, exporters and importers, 373 Fourth Avenue, Room 701, New York City, named SAMUEL BROWN as the owner of the company. The business succeeded a partnership which was formed on January 15, 1946 and of which SAMUEL BROWN and WILLIAM B. BERG were partners. This latter business succeeded the individual business of SAMUEL BROWN, which was formed on October 20, 1945.

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On December 19, 1947, Miss MYSYK, Secretary to the owner, advised [] that she was unable to submit financial particulars.

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With respect to the most recent information pertaining to the TELFUS IMPORT COMPANY and SAMUEL BROWN, it is noted that according to T-14, on June 1, 1948 ISADORE G. NEEDLEMAN, Attorney for Amtorg in New York City, conferred with LOUIS WEINSTOCK, Assistant National Labor Secretary and member of the National Committee of the Communist Party and introduced himself as SAM BROWN'S friend. It was indicated at that time that there was to be a meeting that day in SAM'S office concerning the organizing of a company similar to Amtorg. It was further indicated that MIKE BERG (phonetic - believed identical with WILLIAM B. BERG) had checked out and that DAVE DRUCKER had taken over for SAM. (S) (U)

DAVE DRUCKER is apparently identical with DRUCKER, who was at one time attorney for Amtorg and Vice-President of the Vodka Wine and Liquor Corporation, a subsidiary of Amtorg. Information furnished by a highly confidential source on March 3, 1947, indicated that in 1946, DRUCKER was a member of the Sunnyside Section, Queens County Communist Party. (S) (U)

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According to Confidential Informant T-14, SAMUEL BROWN suffered a severe heart attack in April, 1948 and this was evidently the reason why DRUCKER was handling his affairs at the TELPUS IMPORT COMPANY. (S) (U)

Information has been subsequently received from Confidential Informant T-15, the following effect: (S) (U)

SAMUEL BROWN was incapacitated and was in the McCosker-Hirschfield Cardiac Home, Hillburn, New York, until July 22, 1948. Meanwhile, the TELPUS IMPORT COMPANY was pressed for funds and on July 6, 1948, DRUCKER indicated to IS. DOSE NEEDLEMAN that the rent for June and July was due and that there was only \$149.00 available, \$125.00 of which was to go to NEEDLEMAN. Efforts were then made by DRUCKER and NEEDLEMAN to obtain some money from SAM. WISEMAN, Legislative Secretary of the New York Communist Party, who on July 12, 1948, assured NEEDLEMAN that he had contacted MILLIE (phonetic) and he believed \$500.00 would be made available, which would keep "it" (TELPUS IMPORT COMPANY) going until the end of the month or at least until SAM got out of the hospital. (S) (U)

NEEDLEMAN during this time was also in contact with Dr. MILTON FELTENSTEIN, who in turn was trying to get some money from LOUISE. On July 13, 1948, NEEDLEMAN advised Dr. FELTENSTEIN that LOUISE was supposed to be contacted by WEINER and be told to give \$500.00 to the business. (S) (U)

From the information furnished by the informant, it appeared that the \$500.00 was coming from the same source in each instance. It is also noted that one CHARLIE KUFFMAN (phonetic) made \$100.00 available for this cause and it was indicated that IZZY COHEN of the Jewelry Workers Union, would be good for \$50.00, although the informant could not say that he actually made a contribution. It is noted that from information furnished by T-16 that is indicated that IZZY COHEN of the Jewelry Workers Union had attended meetings at Communist Party headquarters. (S) (U)

With respect to Dr. MILTON FELTENSTEIN, mentioned above, according to information appearing in the files of the New York Office, this individual is suspected of being a mail drop for the underground. (S) (U)

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apparatus of the Communist Party. FELTENSTEIN was born in 1900, and his office address as of 1942 was 114 East 24th Street, New York City. (S) (U)

On September 8, 1942, DRUCKER advised NEEDLEMAN that SAMUEL BROWN had just decided to give up the business of the TELPUS IMPORT COMPANY and on September 13, 1948, BROWN told NEEDLEMAN to arrange to get his files out of the office indicating that he was to move out by October 1, 1948. (S) (U)

On February 8, 1949, SA GEORGE V. SCHNEIDER conducted an investigation at 373 Fourth Avenue, which reflected that the TELPUS IMPORT COMPANY is no longer in business and the records of the United States Post Office, East 34th Street, reflected a change of address effective October 13, 1948, for SAM BROWN to the address of 854 West 181st Street, New York City, where he is evidently residing at the present time.

Relative to BROWN, it is noted that informants state he continues to maintain contact with ISADORE NEEDLEMAN. (S) (U)

A review of the files of the New York Office reflect BROWN to be an active Communist Party member. He has used the names SAMUEL BROWNSTEIN, his true name, and SAMUEL FEINBLATT. He registered for Selective Service with Local Board #20 at New York City, and gave his employment at the time of registration as the New York State Committee of the Communist Party. He advised that he had been born in Kalarash Dssarabia, Russia on June 10, 1903 and had entered the United States on February 18, 1923 at New York City.

In 1942, Confidential Informant [] stated he believed BROWN was a member of the Communist Internationale and that his assignment was to bore from within the CIO. He stated that BROWN was a member of the Disciplinary Body of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party. b7D

On January 17, 1947, Mr. NICHOLASON of New York City, contacted Dr. NAKIEDO of the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, D.C. and requested him to expedite a Yugoslavian visa for SAMUEL BROWN, who planned to go to Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Russia and other countries to buy paper pulp. The same informant furnishing this information advised that on May 6, 1947, SAMUEL BROWN was in contact with Dr. SLAVKO ZORE, who arranged for BROWN to meet the Yugoslav Commercial Attache DNO

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Reference letter dated January 26, 1949, reflected that on May 10, 1947, IRVING KAPLAN told ALFRED J. VAN TASSEL, President of the Trade Development Corporation, of which ALFRED K. STERN is Vice-President and Treasurer, that BROWN had something for Van TASSEL in New York and could be reached at Wadsworth 7-1299. In this connection, it is believed that the telephone listing as Wadsworth 7-1299 should have been Wadsworth 7-1209, which is the telephone number of SAMUEL BROWN at 854 West 181st Street, New York City.

The superintendent at 854 West 181st Street, Mr. FRED WHITCOMB, advised that BROWN was formerly employed by some labor organization, but in the Summer of 1947 went to Europe where he spent five or six weeks. WHITCOMB said that BROWN upon his return became connected with some import company.

Confidential Informant [] advised on August 13, 1948, that during the Winter of 1947, BROWN had travelled extensively in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Denmark allegedly in connection with his importing business. This informant stated, however, that it was his opinion that this was merely a "blind" and that BROWN might be engaged in espionage activities.

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In 1948, Confidential Informant T-14 reported frequent contact between STEVE NELSON, at that time National Group Director of the Communist Party, and SAM BROWN at 373 Fourth Avenue. The informant was unable to ascertain the reason for the contacts between NELSON and BROWN, but stated that several meetings were arranged between them at undisclosed places. (S) (U)

Concerning WILLIAM B. BERG, the files of the New York Office reflect that he has used the name JACK MARTIN in his dealings with the Communist Party. BERG was born in New York City on March 6, 1909, and on his Selective Service file in 1942, he listed his occupation as Delivery Manager of the Freedom of the Press Publishing Company, 50 East 13th Street, which it is noted publishes the "Daily Worker". BERG'S address was noted as 2695 Briggs Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Confidential Informant [] advised that BERG used the alias JACK MARTIN as his Communist Party name and has been active in Communist Party circles for a number of years. In 1945, BERG advised (S) (U)

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[] that he was a purser on the SS CORNELIA. (S) (U)

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[] advised that subsequent to BENG'S service in the Merchant Marine he went into the import-export business with SAM BROWN. [] also advised that BENG had never been a member of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party, although he had been a member of the Communist Party for a number of years. (S) (U)

Relative to MARTIN YOUNG, who reportedly acquired the ownership of TELPUS IMPORT COMPANY from JOSEPH KATZ in August, 1945, reference Bureau letter dated January 26, 1949, reflects that YOUNG was born in Chicago on September 19, 1904. He has long been active in Communist Party affairs, having been particularly active in the Pittsburgh area during the period of the Spanish Civil War in recruiting persons to fight for the Spanish Loyalist cause. In 1944, he was Educational Director of the CPA with an office on the 9th Floor of Communist Party Headquarters in New York City. At that time he was residing at 602 West 139th Street.

The records of Confidential Informant T-7 reflect that on September 5, 1945, MARTIN YOUNG'S wife, FANNIE, opened a new account, at which time she gave her address as 616 West 137th Street, New York City. She gave her employment as the TELPUS IMPORT COMPANY, New York City. During the period the YOUNGS resided at 602 West 139th Street, [] advised that a toll call on their telephone, Edgecomb 4-7136, reflected a long distance call to New Haven 9-4977 R. This was to the telephone of H. J. NELSON, who was residing at Saw Mill Road, West Haven, Connecticut. As previously noted, this individual is HARRY JOSEPH NELSON, the father of JOSEPH NELSON, who was the proprietor of the MERIDEN DENTAL LABORATORIES. WOLFSON

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A review of the files of the New York Office reflected further that MARTIN YOUNG was married to FRANCES (FANNIE) BOGORAD on December 24, 1927 at Passaic, New Jersey. As reported, the files reflect his long-time activity in Communist Party affairs. YOUNG has always been active as a trade union advisor and organizer and around the period of 1945, he was particularly active in the Transport Workers Union.

YOUNG was involved in connection with the issuance of a fraudulent passport to HERMAN AUGUST HANKE and for that reason it was

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[redacted] reported by Confidential Informant [redacted] of Pittsburgh, that YOUNG around the period of 1941 was still undercover for fear of arrest in connection with the passport fraud.

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The Manhattan Telephone Directory contains a listing for FRANCES GORDON ~~YOUNG~~, 616 West 137th Street, Wadsworth 6-7136.

On August 3, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the owner of the ~~TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY~~, 119 West 57th Street, was a Communist and was in touch with all the Communist Party functionaries. He stated that the owner was a very good friend of ~~BELLA BODD~~. [redacted] did not know the owner's name, but it is noted that during this period of the informant's report, the company was operated by ~~SAMUEL BRO'N.~~ (X) (U)

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C. ~~J. KATZ AND COMPANY~~
15 Park Row
New York City

Confidential Informant [redacted] in a report dated August 7, 1946 furnished the following information relative to J. KATZ AND COMPANY: $\frac{13}{3}$

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JOSEPH KATZ, age thirty-four and married, operates in this company as a partnership with his brother, BENJAMIN ~~J. KATZ~~, age forty-three and also married. KATZ was identified as having been employed in this line previously since 1941 and had had his own account at 119 West 57th Street. He joined the United States Merchant Marine Service and was discharged in October, 1945. The J. KATZ AND COMPANY was opened in July, 1946, importing watches and exporting general merchandise.

At the Office of the Clerk of New York County, no record could be found relative to the operation of this firm.

SA GEORGE V. SCHNEIDER examined the tenant's directory at 15 Park Row, New York City, and it was disclosed that the names of JOSEPH KATZ and J. KATZ AND COMPANY were not listed at this address. *LISTED UNDER "CORONET EXPORT & IMPORT CO" ? - See P 72*

The indices of the New York Office reflected no record of this concern.

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D. ~~SELKA~~, INC.
93 Nassau Street
New York City.

It is recalled that the passport file of JOSEPH KATZ reflected a letter from KATZ on the stationery of SELKA, INC., Exporters and Importers, 93 Nassau Street, dated May 7, 1946, in which KATZ expressed a desire to visit Switzerland to purchase watches and watch movements, and to visit France in order to establish a general import and export company.

[REDACTED] in a report dated June 13, 1947, advised that SELKA, INC. Import and Export, 93 Nassau Street, Room 408, was incorporated under New York laws on June 28, 1946. The names of the officers were not available at this time. HERMAN SEGALL, however, was reported to be the principal interest in the concern. SEGALL was described as thirty-eight, married, nativity Russia, and he came to the United States in 1939. For a period of time, he was President of Compass Re-Settlement Service, Inc., Travel Office, 55 West 42nd Street, New York City. [REDACTED] said that it was learned on June 10, 1947 that SELKA was no longer engaged in active business and was doing nothing that would involve credit.

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The May, 1948 Manhattan Telephone Directory lists SELKA, INC. at 93 Nassau Street, but the November, 1948 issue reflects no listing for this company.

The indices of the New York Office were negative on SELKA, INC.

A check of the records of the Clerk of New York County reflects the certificate of incorporation of SELKA was filed with the Department of State of New York on January 28, 1946, and filed with the Clerk of the County on March 1, 1946. NATHAN GOTTESMAN, 66 Court Street, Brooklyn, was the attorney in connection with the incorporation of this company.

According to the certificate, the same was formed to obtain goods manufactured in the United States and then sell them in foreign countries. This corporation was supposed to operate a jewelry

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business. The names and postoffice addresses of the directors of the corporation were noted as follows:

JOSEPH KATZ, 603 West 140th Street, New York City,
HERMAN SEGALL, 607 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.
MERKE KATZ, 59 West 90th Street, New York City.

It is noted that MERKE KATZ has been previously identified as a brother of the subject.

A certificate of dissolution of SELKA, INC. was filed with the Department of State, State of New York, on November 29, 1946.

Relative to the ~~COMPASS~~ RE-SETTLEMENT SERVICE, INC. with which HERMAN SEGALL had been previously connected, the files of the New York Office reflect that this company was operated by HERMAN SEGALL, Dr. JOSEPH A. ~~HOLLANDER~~, JACQUES M. ~~SHERRY~~, and GEORGE S. ~~WISE~~. It was alleged that this firm had engaged in a Cuba visa racket.

HERMAN SEGALL was interviewed in December, 1941 concerning the allegations relative to this firm and he furnished the following information:

He was born at Suromin, Russia on September 12, 1908 and entered the United States in February, 1938. He said that he had travelled extensively and had always been connected with the tourist business in some capacity.

JOSEPH ARTHUR ~~HOLLANDER~~ was born in Poland on June 9, 1905, and entered the United States in February, 1940, at which time he became associated with JACQUES M. ~~SHERRY~~ in the Compass Travel Agency.

~~SHERRY~~ was also born in Poland on November 14, 1899 and entered the United States in 1929. He said he had been associated in the travel agency business since that time.

GEORGE S. WISE, who was associated with SEGALL in the ~~COMPASS~~ RE-SETTLEMENT COMPANY, was born on April 7, 1907 in Poland and became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1939. WISE is

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reported to have stated that in connection with his establishment of travel agencies, that he had such a service in Russia where he was able to operate very successfully due to the fact that he had so many personal friends holding high office in the Soviet government. The late WALTER G. KRIVITSKY, Former Director of the Red Army Intelligence in Western Europe, said that in 1930, WISE did "leg. work" for the Soviet Military Intelligence Service in Paris, France having come there from the United States. WISE was reported to have close connections with the Communists in the United States and in Mexico.

E. ~~FOURNIER~~ GLOVE COMPANY
 18-20 Railroad Street
Patchogue, Long Island, New York

The passport file of JOSEPH KATZ at the State Department reflects that his passport was renewed on March 15, 1948, and an accompanying letter from the ~~FOURNIER~~ GLOVE COMPANY, Manufacturers of Cotton Gloves and Mittens, dated March 11, 1948 and signed by JACK SHANDEL, President, indicated that KATZ, as an officer in this firm, was desirous of going to France on a business trip.

Concerning the ~~FOURNIER~~ GLOVE COMPANY, [] in a report dated June 11, 1947, advised that the officers and directors were named as JACK SHANDEL and JOSEPH KATZ, Treasurer. The company was chartered on October 28, 1946, and succeeded a firm by the name of ~~FOURNIER~~ GLOVE COMPANY formerly owned by Mrs. BEATRICE ~~FARE~~MOUTH on October 21, 1946. The business was originally established by the late GERALD S. ~~FARE~~MOUTH, husband of BEATRICE, in June, 1941.

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JACK SHANDEL, thirty-nine, married, and a native of Russia came to the United States in 1921. He had formerly been associated with his father, WILLIAM SHANDEL, in his various activities and on August 1, 1937, was admitted to a partnership interest in Debonair Mattress Company, 1805-7 Westchester Avenue, New York City. This latter company was registered by WILLIAM and JACK SHANDEL on August 1, 1937 and was originally established by the father of JACK SHANDEL, WILLIAM ~~SHANDEMAN~~, now known as WILLIAM ~~SHANDEL~~. JACK SHANDEL withdrew from the Debonair Mattress Company in January, 1946. He was named in June, 1947 as a partner in ~~CORONET~~ EXPORT AND IMPORT COMPANY located at 15 Park Row, New York City.

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JOSEPH KATZ, who was in this instance reported as native born, was reported to have been engaged in this line of business for a number of years and had previously operated his own business at 93 Nassau Street, (SELKA, INC.). In June, 1947 he was stated to have become a partner in the J. KATZ AND COMPANY, 15 Park Row, New York City. It is noted that SHANDEL'S business, the CORONET EXPORT AND IMPORT COMPANY, is also located at this address.

The FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY, manufacturers of gloves for cadets, police department employees, formal attendants for use at parades, and general industrial purposes, is equipped to make all sizes of gloves and mittens. The company is managed by the president and there are seventeen employees. The sale for 1946 were reported as \$59,561.00.

Relative to the CORONET EXPORT AND IMPORT COMPANY, 15 Park Row, New York City, investigation at this address reflects that the concern still occupies Room 915 in the building of these premises.

VII. BANK ACCOUNTS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA(A) JAMES P. MOOTEN.

Confidential Informant T-8 advised that a commercial checking account for the TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY was maintained at the Fifth Avenue Branch of the Guaranty Trust Company from June, 1944 to May, 1945 and that a commercial checking account for JOSEPH KATZ, c/o SAUL BIRNBAUM, 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City, was still maintained at that branch. The informant stated that no account for MARTIN YOUNG, JANET RANKIN, MRS. JANET SILITCH, or EUGENE W. RANKIN was ever maintained at the Guaranty Trust Company.

Confidential Informant T-9 consulted the credit files of the Guaranty Trust Company which pertained to JOSEPH KATZ and the TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY and advised that an account for the TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY, 119 West 57th Street, New York City, was opened by JOSEPH KATZ. KATZ, who described himself as owner of the concern, stated that he was born in Lithuania and was a United States citizen. He indicated that his company was engaged in the import of wallets, handbags and other leather items from South America. On May 29, 1945, KATZ advised that he was entering the Army and had sold his business to one MARTIN YOUNG. KATZ

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transferred the balance of the TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY account to his personal checking account, which was opened in May, 1943.

Confidential Informant T-10 advised that the account of JOSEPH KATZ had been marked, "hold for instructions" until June, 1948, when it was changed to: "JOSEPH KATZ, c/o SAUL BIRNBAUM, 521 5th Avenue, 1948."

The following transactions have occurred in the account of JOSEPH KATZ since May 21, 1948:

BALANCE, 5/21/48 \$5,702.39

DEPOSITS:

5/24/48	\$ 896.30
5/26/48	1000.00
6/2/48	600.00
9/3/48	500.00
9/13/48	106.25
11/30/48	31.50
12/13/48	3500.00
12/24/48	420.00
1/13/49	12.00

WITHDRAWALS:

5/24/48	501.00
5/25/48	12.40
5/27/48	40.00
6/2/48	500.00
9/13/48 DM	1003.93
10/19/48	100.00
10/27/48	12.00
12/1/48 DM	1000.78
1/7/49	126.80
1/13/49	12.00
1/21/49	204.00

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The informant advised that the Guaranty Trust Company did not photograph incoming and outgoing checks and that it would be impossible to determine the identity of the payee or drawer of checks charged against the subject's account.

An examination of debit memoranda indicated on September 13, 1948, \$1000.00, plus \$.63 cable charges and \$3.30 bank commission was charged against the subject's account and transferred to the account of JOSEPH KATZ, 25 Villa Santos, Dumont, Paris 15, France, maintained at the Paris Office of the Guaranty Trust Company. The cable transfer was marked, "held for disposal of beneficiary for issuance of travelers checks".

On December 1, 1948, \$1000.00 plus \$.15 postage and \$.63 bank commission was charged against the subject's account and transferred to his account and maintained at the Paris Office of the Guaranty Trust Company. The mail transfer was marked, "held for disposal of beneficiary".

An examination of deposit tickets indicated that the following deposits were made to the subject's account:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BANK ON WHICH DRAWN</u>
5/24/48	896.34	Bank of Manhattan Company
5/26/48	1000.00	Manufacturers Trust Company
6/2/48	600.00	First National Bank and Trust Company of New Haven, Conn.
9/3/48	500.00	Modern Industrial Bank
9/13/48	106.25	National City Bank of New York
11/25/48	31.50	Chase National Bank of New York
12/13/48	3500.00	Patchogue Bank, Patchogue, Long Island, New York
12/24/48	420.00	Manufacturers Trust Company

The deposit ticket of September 3, 1948 gave the subject's address as 603 West 140th Street, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-10 advised that it would be almost impossible to trace to their source checks having even amounts such as the deposit of May 26, 1948 for \$1000, the deposit of June 2, 1948 for \$600, and the deposit of September 3, 1948 for \$500. He added that although

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Re: a personal interview.

Kindly mail reply (if you
care to) on plain stationery
and word it so it should
look ^{as} though it has
to do with an application
for a job.

Also I'd rather not
meet you or any one
of your aids in an
official building.

yours

A. M. Mordach

881-8th Ave. N.Y.C.

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the check deposited on December 13, 1948 for \$3500 contained an even amount, it might be possible to trace this check because the bank on which it was drawn is relatively small. T-10 stated that the check deposited on May 24, 1948 for \$896.34 would be a desirable one to trace to its source, since it is the policy of the Bank of Manhattan Company to photograph all their checks.

Confidential Informant T-11 advised that a personal checking account of JOSEPH KATZ, 603 West 140th Street, New York City, was opened on May 3, 1943 at the Irving Trust Company, 24 West 48th Street, New York City, and was closed on July 8, 1944. KATZ closed the account because he was denied a loan by the bank. The informant advised that the credit files pertaining to the subject have been destroyed.

Confidential Informant T-12 advised that the checking account of JANET RANKIN, 64 West 55th Street, New York City, was transferred to the 378 6th Avenue Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company from the 17th Street and Union Square Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company on April 25, 1945. The account was closed on November 14, 1947 because bank service charges exceeded the balance of the account. Miss RANKIN indicated that she was employed as an artist by Montgomery Ward and that her telephone number was CA 6-2200, Extension 219.

Confidential Informant T-13 advised that JANET RANKIN maintained account #11410D at the 27th Street and 7th Avenue Branch of the National Safety Bank Trust Company until October, 1943. He stated that credit cards on accounts closed for over a year are stored in a local warehouse and that considerable work would be involved in locating RANKIN'S record. The informant advised that every effort would be made to locate the credit card on JANET RANKIN.

Relative to SAUL BIRNBAUM, whom KATZ placed his bank account at the Guaranty Trust Company in care of as of June, 1948, the November, 1948 Telephone Directory for Manhattan reflects SAUL D. BIRNBAUM, CPA, 521 Fifth Avenue, LU 7-4385.

The indices of the New York Office reflect no information that could be deemed identical with this individual.

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VIII. FAMILY AND RELATIVES OF KATZA. FamilyBESSIE BOGORAD KATZ

As has been previously set forth, BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ was married to the subject at Los Angeles, California, on September 23, 1935. Her date of birth was noted in the subject's Selective Service file as June 18, 1912.

A check of the birth records at the New York Department of Health reflects the following information relative to the birth of her child:

[redacted] to father, JOSEPH KATZ, born in Lithuania, age 28 and mother, BESSIE BOGORAD, born in New Jersey, and was twenty-eight years of age. The residence of the parents on this date was 620 West 141st Street, New York City. The child was born at the French Hospital and Dr. CLAUDE EDWIN HEALON, 134 East 64th Street, New York City, was the doctor attending Mrs. KATZ.

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The subject's Selective Service file also reflected his wife was employed at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, 218 Second Avenue, New York City.

Mr. RUSSELL M. KEMPT advised that she was employed at the infirmary as a medical stenographer under the name BESSIE BOGORAD. Her supervisor was Mrs. BERNDETTE MATRUS, who is now retired and is presently residing at 320 East 42nd Street, New York City. Mr. KEMPT made a thorough search of the employment records of the hospital and could find no record of BESSIE BOGORAD or BESSIE KATZ. He pointed out that employment records prior to 1941 were very incomplete.

A check of the Board of Elections for the year 1944 reflected that BESSIE KATZ registered from 603 West 140th Street, stating that she had been twenty-one years in the state and county and three years in the election district. She said she was born in the United States and that she last registered in 1943 from the same address. Her

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party affiliation was left blank. The Election Board records also reflected that BESSIE KATZ registered in 1945 from the same address, leaving her party affiliation blank. The records pertaining to 1948, 1947 and 1946 contained no record of her registration.

At the embarkation of the SS QUEEN MARY on which BESSIE KATZ sailed for France on January 11, 1949, the label on hand luggage read, "BESSIE KATZ from 77 West 104th Street, New York City, to c/o A. J. D.C., 3 Blvd. Latour Mauberg".

A composite description of BESSIE KATZ as taken from the records previously set forth and from the observation of agents is as follows:

Age:	36
Born:	June 18, 1912, New Jersey
Height:	5'6"
Weight:	125 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Complexion:	Medium, olive
Hair:	Dark brown - blackish
Peculiarities:	Nose - prominent, straight. Glasses - plastic rims.
Characteristics:	Dimples when smiling, broad mouth. Dress - Black persian lamb coat, 4" collar; black hat, off the face; black shoes and bag; gray tailored suit. Smart appearance.
U.S. Passport #:	36146
Marital Status:	Married to JOSEPH KATZ.

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A stop has been placed with the United States Customs Service to notify this office upon the arrival of BESSIE KATZ at the Port of New York.

The indices of the New York Office reflected no information identifiable to BESSIE KATZ.

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DAVID KATZ
64 Jefferson Street
Passaic, New Jersey

The subject's father has reportedly received Certificate of Naturalization #2109126 at the Common Pleas Court of Passaic County in Paterson, New Jersey on February 19, 1925 under the name HIRSHA HIAT. The name of the subject and his three brothers and sister were named on their father's naturalization certificate thereby obtaining for them derivative citizenship of the United States.

The date of entry into the United States of DAVID KATZ and his family has not as yet been determined.

The indices of the New York Office reflect no information on DAVID KATZ.

BENJAMIN KATZ
15-10 Ocean Parkway
Brooklyn, New York

The February, 1949 Brooklyn Telephone Directory reflects B. KATZ residing at 15-10 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, telephone number ES 5-6192.

On the naturalization papers of DAVID KATZ (HIRSHA HIAT), BENJAMIN KATZ was noted as BARNEY, born September 25, 1902. The subject in his Selective Service file gave his brother's name as BENJAMIN KATZ, age 41, 15-10 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn.

The records of the New York Motor Vehicle Bureau reflected that KATZ registered in his name a 1947 Chevrolet Sedan with license number 2Y7450.

The indices of the New York Office reflected no information identifiable with BENJAMIN KATZ, based on the information now available.

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This brother of the subject was noted in his Selective Service file in 1943 as MERKE KATZ, age 38, 335 West 88th Street, New York City. The naturalization of his father listed him as MAX, born on June 7, 1906.

It is recalled that the records pertaining to SELKA, INC. previously set forth, named MERKE KATZ, 59 West 90th Street, New York City, as an officer in this concern.

A check of the Manhattan Telephone Directory was made with negative results on the above addresses.

The New York indices reflect no information identifiable to this individual.

EDWARD KATZ

The subject in 1943, noted this brother in his Selective Service file as Corporal EDWARD KATZ, age ☐ United States Army. The naturalization papers of his father listed him as MORRIS, born on April 18, 1921. His name is apparently MORRIS EDWARD or EDWARD MORRIS *Katz*

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The indices of the New York Office reflected information relative to a EDWARD KATZ furnished by Confidential Informant N in May, 1942, which may be identical with the subject's brother. Confidential Informant ☐ advised that EDWARD KATZ, an employee of Wright Aeronautical Corporation, Paterson, New Jersey, was suspected of subversive activities. It quoted him as an agitator, who displayed an un-American attitude toward troops stationed at Wright Aeronautical Company.

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BLANCHE KATZ LEVY

The subject in 1943, noted his sister's age as 35 and her address as 318 Lafayette Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey. The naturalization papers of her father reflected BLANCHE as having been born on September 21, 1908.

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[redacted] advised that KATZ had used as a reference the Berkshire Color and Chemical Company, 362 Broadway, Passaic, New Jersey. In 1944, Mr. EDWIN ~~R~~ LEVY of this company advised that he had known KATZ for twelve years and it was indicated at that time that he was KATZ'S brother-in-law.

The indices of the New York Office reflected no information identifiable with either of these individuals.

B. Relatives

ARTHUR BOGORAD ~~KATZ~~
CELLA ~~KATZ~~
MINERVA ~~KATZ~~
77 West 104th Street
New York City

This above address was noted on the hand luggage of BESSIE KATZ.

The Manhattan Telephone Directory lists an A. BOGORAD KATZ, 77 West 104th Street, New York City, telephone AC 2-0531.

[redacted] advised that ARTHUR BOGORAD KATZ moved to this address in 1943. He previously resided at 56 West 106th Street, from August, 1942 to August, 1943.

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The 1948 Election Board records for the 7th Assembly District and 19th Election District reflects the following information relative to these individuals:

CELLA KATZ registered as a Democrat from the above address, 77 West 104th Street, and reported that she had lived twenty-one years in the state and county and five years in the election district. She was born in Russia and naturalized in the Newark, New Jersey, Supreme Court in February, 1933. She last registered from the above-address in 1947.

MINERVA KATZ registered as an American Labor Party voter, stating that she was married and had lived thirty-one years in the state and county and five years in the election district. She was born

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in Rumania and the notation appears, "Husband's papers", which apparently indicated that she became a United States citizen through this channel. She last voted in 1947 from the same address.

~~ARTHUR KATZ~~ registered in 1948 as an American Labor Party voter, gave his age as thirty-seven, married, thirty-seven years in state and county and five years in the election district. He said he was born in the United States and last voted from the above address in 1947.

The 1943 records of the Election Board reflect that ARTHUR KATZ also registered as an American Labor Party voter and listed his occupation as McLunk (not legible), 34th Street and 48th Avenue, Long Island City. He said he last registered from 56 West 106th Street, New York City.

In 1943, MINERVA KATZ also registered as an American Labor Party voter and noted that she last registered in 1942 from 10 Manhattan Avenue, New York City.

CELLA KATZ in 1943 registered American Labor Party also and indicated she was born in Russia, but on this date gave her naturalization as of February, 1934 in Paterson, New Jersey. She said she last registered from 56 West 106th Street, New York City, and gave her occupation as social worker at 902 Broadway, New York City.

From a review of the above information, the relationship of these individuals to the subject cannot be determined.

The indices of the New York Office reflects no information relative to any of these individuals.

The results of a mail cover placed on the individuals at this address reflects that on February 1, 1949, mail was received addressed to Mr. and Mrs. ~~ARTHUR KATZ~~, 77 West 104th Street, New York City, with the return address noted as 6H, 360 West 55th Street, New York City.

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YONIE KATZ
606 West 137th Street
New York City

A reported, Mr. PETERSON, Superintendent, 603 West 140th Street, advised that BESSIE KATZ'S sister, Mrs. YOUNG, had been paying the rent on the KATZ apartment in their absence.

[] advised on January 31, 1949 that Mrs. J. YOUNG or YONIE YOUNG resides at 606 West 137th Street, New York City. Her telephone, WA 6-1227, was installed on October 30, 1945, and at this time was employed at the New York State Workman's Compensation Board, 80 Centre Street, New York City.

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[] advised that a notation in the file reflected that in September, 1948 her husband was out of the State and that she was reported as ill. This information was noted at the time due to a delinquency in the payment of the telephone bill.

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A mail cover placed on the address of Mrs. YONIE YOUNG reflected that she received a letter from Room 1123, 15 Nassau Street, New York City. Investigation at this address revealed that this is the location of the Swiss Bank, Inc. Agency. Mr. S. H. GUNTHER, Manager, advised that the Swiss Bank Agency only occupies the first and twelfth floors and the other floors in this large building generally use the address of 120 Broadway, but it would not be technically incorrect to address mail to 19 Nassau Street, using a room number noted.

The information clerk at 19 Nassau Street verified this information. A check of Room 1123 reflected that it was occupied by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Medical Division.

JOSEPH G. BOGORAD
324 East 23rd Street
Paterson, New Jersey

The above individual's automobile was at the embarkation of the Queen Mary on January 11, 1949, when BESSIE KATZ left for France. It was a 1946 DeSoto Sedan, apparently driven by JOSEPH BOGORAD with New

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Jersey license number Y 675, registered to BOGORAD at the above address.

The indices of the New York Office reflect no information relative to this person, who is apparently BESSIE KATZ'S brother.

MARTIN YOUNG
FRANCES BOGORAD YOUNG
616 West 137th Street
New York City

Considerable information concerning the background and Communist Party activities of MARTIN YOUNG has been reported under the heading, "TERRUS IMPORT COMPANY", and will not be repeated here. It is recalled, however, that MARTIN YOUNG was married to FRANCES (FANNIE) BOGORAD on December 24, 1927 at Passaic, New Jersey, and hence appears to be a brother-in-law of the subject.

From the information now available, it would appear that KATZ has used YOUNG as a contact to further his own plans and activity in connection with his Soviet espionage work.

Additional investigation will be conducted to verify YOUNG'S relationship to KATZ and to ascertain the nature of YOUNG'S present activities.

IX. DESCRIPTION OF JOSEPH KATZ

The following is a composite description of JOSEPH KATZ as furnished by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY and as taken from his Social Security file:

Age:	36
Born:	March 15, 1912, at Swentson Vilma, Lithuania.
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	170 lbs.
Build:	Broad shouldered - athletic like.
Eyes:	Bright blue
Hair:	Dark blond, kinky. Receding slightly at center of forehead.

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Complexion:
Appearance:

Fair

Looks Jewish; good looking when he smiles; nose slightly curved of Jewish type.

Eyebrows - very heavy.

Mouth - thin lips, narrow.

Face - lines from nose to mouth.

Color - gray and haggard, looks as though under strain.

Teeth - several missing; partial dentures - when tired takes them out.

Speech - typical East Side action. **ACCENT**

Clothes - usually dresses rather peculiarly; not at all meticulous about his personal appearance, usually wears gray suits and brown shoes.

Walk - slight limp, noticeable when he walks rapidly.

Health - stomach ulcers.

Photographer, telephone tapper, safecracker. **SKETCHING** Hebrew, Lithuanian, Russian and Spanish.

Skills:

Languages:

Education:

High School. Self-educated. Very poor speller of English words.

Citizenship:

United States citizen derivative through father, HIRSHA HLAT in 1925.

Social Security No.:

101-18-0892

Marital Status:

Married to BESSIE BOGORAD in 1935 at Los Angeles.

Passport Number:

8383 issued on 6/3/46.

Photographs available dated around May, 1945 and June,

1946.

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Four photographs of JOSEPH ~~KATZ~~.

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LEADSALBANYAt Albany, New York

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As set forth in New York letter to Bureau dated February 4, 1949, will examine the records of the State of New York Unemployment Insurance Division at Albany on the TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY, J. KATZ AND COMPANY, SELKA, INC. and the FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY, for a list of all employees of these firms from their inception, as well as any other information available in the files relative to them.

CHICAGOAt Chicago, Illinois

See 36

Will ascertain the identity of the 1948 owner of Illinois license number 1904-946. It is noted that this automobile is now registered to ROWENA F. FRIEDLIN in New York. If found registered to her in Illinois, will conduct investigation to develop her personal history and background.

CINCINNATIAt Columbus, Ohio

See 101

Will discreetly ascertain the present activities of JANET RANKIN SILITCH. It is suggested that her banking contacts be monitored for a period to ascertain any possible transactions involving the subject.

LOS ANGELESAt Los Angeles, California

See 97

Will review marriage record of BESSIE BOGORAD and JOSEPH KATZ, who were married on December 23, 1935, at Los Angeles.

Will conduct investigation of any suggested leads obtained

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from above record check, in an attempt to ascertain reason for KATZ'S present in California and the duration of his stay there.

NEWARKAt Paterson, New Jersey

Will obtain the complete background of BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ and the identity and present activities of her entire family. It is noted that JOSEPH G. BOGORAD, apparently her brother, resides at 324 East 23rd Street, Paterson.

Will conduct discreet inquiries concerning the background and present activities of the subject's entire family and ascertain all available background information of JOSEPH KATZ.

At the Common Pleas Court for Passaic County at Paterson, New Jersey, will check the records of the subject's father's naturalization as HIRSHA HIAT on February 19, 1925, for detailed information contained therein. Will determine the date of entry with his family into the United States.

Will check the marriage records of MARTIN YOUNG and FRANCES BOGORAD on December 24, 1927 at Passaic, New Jersey.

NEW HAVENAt New Haven, Connecticut

Will at the First National Bank and Trust Company of New Haven ascertain if accounts are maintained for Meriden Dental Laboratories, JOSEPH WOLFSON, HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON, or RUTH ONDA WOLFSON. If any of these accounts are located, will examine ledger sheets for June, 1948 to determine if a withdrawal of \$600 was made on or about June 2, 1948 and will report background information contained in the credit files of the First National Bank and Trust Company of New Haven about any of these accounts.

Will conduct a complete investigation of the Meriden

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Dental Laboratories, 5 South Colony Street, Meriden, Connecticut, from its inception to dissolution.

Will ascertain the banking connections of this firm and review any records that are now available.

NORFOLKAt Newport News, Virginia

See 411
Will ascertain the identity and background of JOSEPH FRIEDMAN, whose address in 1944 of 2503 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, Virginia, was found in the office of the subject.

WASHINGTON FIELDAt Washington, D.C.

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Will photostat copies of all applications and letters contained in the State Department Passport files on JOSEPH KATZ and BESSIE KATZ.

This lead came out to me 9/4
Will review information furnished by BENTLEY for any suggested leads of a plausible nature that might place KATZ in Washington during the periods he was in contact with BENTLEY and any leads in this respect are being left to the discretion of the Washington Field Office.

Lead came out to me 5/94
At the Headquarters of the Federal Works Agency, Personnel Department, will check the records of the WPA for all information relative to KATZ'S employment with this agency, and with the P.W.A.

NEW YORKAt Malverne, Long Island, New York

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In 1944, a toll call was placed from the office of JOSEPH

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KATZ to Lynbrook 4837 listed to BEN KRAM, 90 Ackley Avenue, Malverne. Will ascertain identity, background and present activities of KRAM.

At Mount Vernon, New York

In 1944, a toll call was placed from the office of JOSEPH KATZ to Mount Vernon 8-6158, which was listed to EDWARD E. ROSS, 339 South 6th Avenue, Mount Vernon. Will ascertain background and present activities of ROSS.

At New Rochelle, New York

In 1944, a toll call was placed from the office of JOSEPH KATZ to New Rochelle 2-4922, listed to ARTHUR BLANCHARD, 2 Main Street, New Rochelle. Will ascertain the background and present activities of BLANCHARD.

At Patchogue, Long Island, New York

At the Patchogue Bank will ascertain whether the Fournier Glove Company, 18-20 Railroad Street, or JACK SHANDEL, President of instant firm, has an account at this bank. If either account is located, will examine ledger sheets for December, 1948 to determine whether a withdrawal of \$3500 was made on or after December 13, 1948 and will report background information contained in the credit files of the Patchogue Bank on the Fournier Glove Company and JACK SHANDEL.

Will attempt to determine the identity of the drawer of the check for \$3500 drawn on the Patchogue Bank and deposited in the subject's account at the Guaranty Trust Company on December 13, 1948, in the event a check was not drawn on the Fournier Glove Company account or on JACK SHANDEL'S account.

Will conduct investigation of the Fournier Glove Company from its inception and determine the present activities of its President, JACK SHANDEL.

At New York City

Will interview Mr. ROLAND PETERSON, Superintendent,

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603 West 140th Street relative to all information in his possession concerning JOSEPH KATZ, BESSIE KATZ and relatives. Will, also obtain from Mr. PETERSON, any additional knowledge he may have of JEROME NITZBERG and will consider the advisability of placing a trash cover and the development of a highly confidential source having access to NITZBERG'S apartment.

Will make a discreet inquiry at the realty company at 2160 Wallace Avenue, Bronx, telephone UN 3-0834, for information available relative to KATZ'S return to the United States, the nature of his tenancy at 603 West 140th Street, and the identity of JEROME NITZBERG.

Will ascertain the personal history and present activities of the subject's brother, BENJAMIN KATZ, 1510 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn.

Will ascertain the residence, background and activities of the subject's brother, MERKE KATZ.

Will ascertain the identity and present activities of ROSENA F. FRIEDMAN, 26 Gramercy Park South, New York City.

Will make a discreet inquiry at the Unity Life and Industrial Insurance Company, 75 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, by whom KATZ was employed as an insurance collector in September, 1941.

Will make a discreet contact at the Quartz Products Company of New York, 304 East 45th Street, relative to the subject's employment with this concern.

Will obtain background information on Dr. RAPHAEL H. ISACCS, 304 West 178th Street, Bronx, who was the personal physician of KATZ for a number of years.

Will review all material on MIKAIL A. CHALRAPIN and any individual in contact with him, who was possibly identical with KATZ. (U)

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Will ascertain the background and present activities of H. K. HOROWITZ, 15 Maiden Lane, who was used by KATZ as a reference.

Will ascertain background and present activities of HYAE PARTNOW, who was apparently associated with KATZ at the Tempus Import Company.

Will conduct inquiries at KATZ'S former residences, 622 West 141st Street, 620 West 141st Street, and 415 West 24th Street, to determine the length of stay at each of these residences.

Will determine the identity and present activities of WALTER KOCHER, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, whose name was found in KATZ'S possession in 1944.

Will determine the identity of MURRAY K. JOSEPHSON, 673 Fifth Avenue, whose name KATZ had in his possession in 1944.

Will obtain background information on JACK SHANDEL, now President of Fournier Glove Company at Patchogue, New York.

Will ascertain the identity and background of SAM LERMAN, 2139 Daly Avenue, to whom in 1945 a toll call was placed from the telephone listed to J. KATZ, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

Will also obtain the identity and background of WILLIAM D. ABRAHAM, 212 West 22nd Street, to whom in January, 1945 a toll call was placed as stated in above lead.

Will ascertain identity, background and present activities of Miss B. DUFORT, to whom on January 28, 1949 mail was addressed in care of JOSEPH KATZ, 603 West 140th Street.

Will interview Mrs. BERNEDETTA MATHUS, 320 East 42nd Street, who was BESSIE KATZ'S supervisor at the New York Eye, Ear and Nose Infirmary, 218 Second Avenue, relative to her knowledge of KATZ'S activities during that period.

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X Will determine background descriptive data concerning ALBERT S. YOUNG, Dentist, 119 West 57th Street, Suite 1219, whose name was found at JANET RANKIN'S apartment on February 1, 1949.

Will determine the identity of the occupant of Apartment 6H at 360 West 55th Street, who on February 1, 1949 addressed mail to Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR KATZ, 77 West 104th Street.

Will interview [] relative to any additional information he may have in his possession concerning the Tempus Import Company. (S) (U)

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Will identify and obtain the background on ARTHUR, CECIL and MINERVA KATZ, 77 West 104th Street, to determine their relationship to the subject and his wife.

Will ascertain the present activities of ARTHUR KATZ.

Will display photographs of JANET RANKIN to informant ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY.

Will determine the present activities of MARTIN YOUNG and FRANCES GORDON YOUNG, 616 West 137th Street.

Will ascertain the identity of the husband of YONIE YOUNG, his background and his present activities. Their present address is 606 West 137th Street.

Will continue efforts to locate HAROLD OLWIN SAMUEL for purpose of interview.

Will display photographs of JOSEPH KATZ to Superintendent, FRANK O'NEAL, 62 West 55th Street, and arrange for the development of a highly confidential source with access to the effects of JANET RANKIN'S apartment.

Will check the employment records at Montgomery Ward and Company, 75 Varick Street, for information concerning JANET RANKIN, who was employed there as an artist.

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Will at the Bank of Manhattan attempt to determine the drawer of the check for \$896.34 drawn on this bank and deposited in the subject's account at the Guarantee Trust Company on May 24, 1948.

Will at the National Safety Bank and Trust Company obtain any background information on JANET RUNKIN, which may be contained in her credit file at this bank.

Will at the Guarantee Trust Company examine deposits and cancelled checks in the subject's account for the month of February, 1949.

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The Baltimore Office has been designated a copy of this report inasmuch as the identification of unknown subject JACK in the Gregory Case may serve as an additional link in the chain to a possible identification of unknown subjects BILL and CATHERINE. It is also noted that Mrs. RAPHAEL HARRIS ISAACS of Baltimore may be the mother of Dr. RAPHAEL H. ISAACS, KATZ'S personal physician for many years.

The San Francisco Office has been furnished a copy of this report inasmuch as this office has been designated previous correspondence in the KATZ case by the Bureau.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA ROGER W. ROBINSON, at New York, New York, dated March 1, 1949 are identified as follows:

- T-1 - [REDACTED] b3
- T-2 - [REDACTED] (S) (U)
- T-3 - A highly confidential source developed on October 10, 1944 at the Tempus Import Company, West 57th Street, New York City.
- T-4 - A highly confidential source developed on February 3, 1945, at the apartment of PEPI RENOIR, 26 West 9th Street, New York City.
- T-5 - A highly confidential source developed on October 3, 1944 at the office of JANET RANKIN, 75 Varick Street, New York City.
- T-6 - A highly confidential source developed on February 1, 1949 at the apartment of JANET RANKIN, 64 West 55th Street, New York City.
- T-7 - [REDACTED]
- T-8 - [REDACTED] b7D
- T-9 - [REDACTED]
- T-10 - [REDACTED]
- T-11 - [REDACTED]

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The information pertaining to PEPI RENOIR was obtained from the file of the investigation entitled, "ALTO CASE, INTERNAL SECURITY - R".

The information concerning EUGENE M. SILITCH was taken from his case file entitled, "EUGENE WILLIAM SILITCH, INTERNAL SECURITY - G, DENATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS", New York file 100-3597.

The information pertaining to FRANK J. FLETCHER was taken from his case file in the New York Office entitled, "FRANK JOSEPH FLETCHER, SECURITY MATTER - C", New York file 100-24374.

The information concerning MARTIN YOUNG was taken from his case file entitled, "MARTIN YOUNG, was., SECURITY MATTER - C", New York file 100-21431, Bureau file 100-34616.

The information concerning the Compass Re-Settlement Service, Inc. and HERMAN SEGALL was taken from the file entitled, "HERMAN SEGALL; DR. JOSEPH ARTHUR HOLLANDER, ALIEN ENTRY CONTROL", Bureau file

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Information pertaining to BELLA DODD was obtained from her case file in the New York Office entitled, "MARY BELLA V. DODD, INTERNAL SECURITY - C", Bureau file 100-6951.

The information relative to WILLIAM BERG was taken from his case file in the New York Office entitled, "WILLIAM BERNARD BERG, was, Jack Martin, Jockey Martin; SECURITY MATTER - C", Bureau file 100-300611.

The information pertaining to GEORGE S. WISE was taken from his case file in the New York Office entitled, "GEORGE S. WISE, wa; INTERNAL SECURITY - R".

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Joseph Katz

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Obtained from [redacted]

Photo taken around May 1945

Joseph Katz

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 25, 1949

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
[redacted]ATTENTION: Translation Section
Mechanical Section
FBI Laboratory

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Re: Report of SA ROGER W. ROBINSON dated 3/2/49 at New York City and New Haven letter to Bureau dated 3/21/49 in above matter.

On March 25, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable source made available an air mail letter addressed to Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN of 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A. postmarked Paris VII, R. CLER. 3-22-1949 and bearing no return address. A photostatic copy of the contents of this letter is being forwarded to the Translation Section of the Bureau inasmuch as this letter is in a foreign script. It is requested that a verbatim translation of this letter be furnished to the New York, Washington Field and New Haven Offices.

An exposed film pack containing photographs of the above letter is being forwarded to the Mechanical Section for development so that the FBI Laboratory may make a handwriting comparison of this letter with the known handwriting specimens of subject JOSEPH KATZ.

In addition to the above letter the above informant made available a postcard addressed to D. TUCKMAN of 149 Painter Street, West Haven, Ct. postmarked March 24, 1949 at New Haven, Conn. A photostatic copy of this postcard is being forwarded to the Translation Section inasmuch as the message on the back of this card appears in a foreign script. It is requested that a translation be made of this card and a verbatim translation thereof be forwarded to the New Haven Office. It is to be noted that the film pack being forwarded to the Mechanical Section contains a photographic copy of this postcard.

On March 25, 1949 another highly confidential and reliable informant made available an air mail letter addressed to Mr. JOSEPH WOLFSON, Meriden Dental Lab, Meriden, Connecticut U.S.A. postmarked Paris - 69, R. DE VOUILLE dated 3-22-1949. Photostatic copies of this air mail letter and its contents

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cc New York (encls.-4)
cc Washington Field (encls.-4)

cc NH 100-8332
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which bear the date March 21 and the salutation "Dear Joe" and which ends with the signature "Joe" is being forwarded to the Bureau and the above listed offices. It is to be noted that the above mentioned film pack contains a photographic negative of this letter. It is requested that the Mechanical Section develop this film pack and make copies thereof available to the FBI Laboratory so that a handwriting examination of this matter may be made with the known handwriting specimens of subject JOSEPH KATZ and furnish the results of this examination to the above indicated offices.

For the Bureau's information, the New Haven Office is maintaining separate files on JOSEPH KATZ, DAVIS TUCKERMAN, JOSEPH WOLFSON and the MERIDEN DENTAL LABORATORY. For this reason, it is suggested that the Bureau furnish an adequate number of copies of the above requested information for inclusion in the respective files on these individuals in the New Haven Office.

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Director - FBI

JOSEPH KATZ, was

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 24, 1949. It is desired that your office submit a report in instant case reflecting the investigation which has been conducted in this matter. Your report should briefly identify associates of Katz who have been investigated by your office in separate cases.

In this regard your attention is directed to SAC Letter No. 22 dated February 21, 1949, particularly to the information appearing on page three under the heading of "Reporting."

cc - New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN
 SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ was
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DATE: 3/24/49

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Re report of SA ROGER W. ROBINSON dated 3/2/49 at New York City: b-1

Relative to the \$600 check drawn on the First National Bank and Trust Co. of New Haven, and deposited on June 2, 1948 in the Guarantee Trust Company of New York City, account of JOSEPH KATZ, there has been located in the Recordak file of the First National Bank and Trust Co. a photographic negative of a \$600 check dated June 1, 1948 payable to cash, the payor's signature being D. TUCKMAN. The back of this check bore the hand written endorsement, JOSEPH KATZ, and the deposit stamp of the Guarantee Trust Company dated June 2, 1948.

A check of other records of this New Haven bank indicates that this check is the only check in this amount drawn on this bank which was deposited and cleared by the Guarantee Trust Co. of New York City to the First National Bank and Trust Co. of New Haven on June 2, 1948.

The First National Bank and Trust Co. of New Haven records indicate that D. TUCKMAN (first name DAVID aka DAVE) of 248 Spring Street, New Haven, opened a checking account on October 6, 1947; that this was changed to a joint account with Mrs. P. TUCKMAN (first name PAULINE) on December 4, 1947. On June 21, 1948 the Tuckmans moved to 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn. CLR-7

The files of the New Haven Office reflect that an investigation of this individual had been conducted by this office predicated upon a report that he attended an open Communist meeting in New Haven celebrating the 24th Anniversary of the Founding of the Soviet Union on November 7, 1941. This investigation has been set forth in the reports of SA ALEXANDER L. GUCKER dated January 5, 1943 at New Haven, and of SA LOREN D. SWAYNE dated 7/14/43 at New Haven in the case entitled "DAVID TUCKMAN, INTERNAL SECURITY - C, CUSTODIAL DETENTION". *

The above reports contain background information on this subject reported by the New Haven Police Department as follows: MANUAL
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He was born October 10, 1882 (or 10/20/82) at Sarano, Russia; he arrived in New York on June 25, 1913 and came to Connecticut in 1915; he was naturalized in the U.S. District Court at New Haven on June 13, 1925, and then resided at 419 Oak Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

The following description of TUCKMAN was obtained from his Selective Service Registration card dated April 24, 1942:

Born	10/20/82
Height	5'7"
Weight	160 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Carpenter
Employer	Weinstein and Sons, New Haven, Conn.
Social Security No.	045-07-7791

The New Haven files also reflect that DAVID TUCKMAN was a signer of Communist Party Nominating Petitions in 1934, 1936, 1942, and 1946 from various street addresses in New Haven, Connecticut.

The New Haven Office has initiated an active investigation of this individual, including a check of his past and present checking account records, and a highly confidential mail cover to ascertain the nature of any pertinent communications being received by TUCKMAN.

An active investigation is also being conducted by this office of the activities of JOSEPH WOLFSON, his father HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON, the Meriden Dental Laboratory, and the Wolfson Dental Company. A highly confidential mail cover has been placed on the mail of the Meriden Dental Laboratory and the Wolfson Dental Company. Information relating to the latter will be reported in separate case files maintained by the New Haven Office on these individuals, and any information developed in the investigation of these individuals relating to subject JOSEPH KATZ will be immediately reported to the Bureau and interested offices.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 22, 1949

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was;
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Reference is made to report of SA ROGER W. ROBINSON, dated March 2, 1949, New York, requesting this office to ascertain the identity of 1948 owner of Illinois license #1904-946, and conduct investigation concerning the personal history and background of ROWENA F. ~~FRIEDMAN~~.

The above mentioned license number was searched through the Automobile Licenses Registration, issued by the Secretary of State of Illinois, and it was ascertained that said license was issued to R. ~~FRIEDMAN~~, 1009 East 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois, for a Dodge Sedan, Factory Number 30714609.

The above address of 1009 East 57th Street is the residence of Hitchcock House, University of Chicago Girl's Dormitory.

Miss BESS VEREMIS, Registrar's Office, furnished the student record of ROWENA ~~FRIEDMAN~~, which reflected the following background information concerning her.

Maiden Name:
Married Name:

ROWENA MORRIS
ROWENA FIDDLER, changed by crossing out FIDDLER and substituting FRIEDMAN

Date and Place of

Birth:
Home Address:
Education:

May 6, 1914, Ithaca, New York
401 College Avenue, Ithaca, New York
B.S. Degree, Cornell University, 1935
University of Chicago, 1-3-38 to winter quarter, 1939. Spring quarter 1948 to September 2, 1948. A.M. Degree
Social Service Administration

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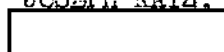
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Re: JOSEPH KATZ, was;



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A copy of this letter is being directed to the Albany Office, which office is in possession of reference report and a request is made for that office to ascertain additional personal and background information concerning ROWENA FRIEDMAN.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/28/49

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ was.

Attention: Translation Section

Re New Haven letter to the Bureau dated 3/25/49 transmitting therewith photostatic and photographic copies of certain letters which were furnished to this office by confidential informants, which letters were sent by JOSEPH KATZ to JOSEPH WOLFSON and by Mrs. JOSEPH KATZ to Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN.

On Monday March 28, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an Air Mail letter which was addressed to Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN and was postmarked at Paris, France March 24, 1949. The envelope reflected that it contained two handwritten letters.

The first such letter was written on very cheap grade paper and was in the handwriting of a youngster and bore the salutation "Dear Grandma and Dave". This letter was dated March 24th. It read as follows:

"We sometimes talk about designs on scarfs but sometimes I make designs on my dress which of course is dirt. I take ballet lessons and I like it very much. Today is my first day that I can go out after the measles. We are having very sunny days in Paris. It is very beautiful in Paris in the spring. The trees are beginning to have leaves and the flowers are blooming. I had to stop writing for a minute because we went outside. My sister Yvette and me have lots of finding out which people are English which people are American and which people are french. The English walk with their feet sticking out the Americans walk with their feet in and the french walk with their feet straight. It is very funny to watch them.

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Bessie
Yvette
and Joe"

3 ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

From the above letter it would appear that Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN is apparently the mother of Mrs. JOSEPH KATZ though there is no information available to the New Haven office at this time which would reflect

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this relationship. It would appear also that DAVID TUCKMAN's present wife Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN is not his first wife and is probably his second wife.

As noted from the above, the letter was signed [redacted] BESSIE, YVETTE and JOE. [redacted] and YVETTE are believed to be the KATZ children and BESSIE and JOE are believed to be BESSIE and JOE KATZ.

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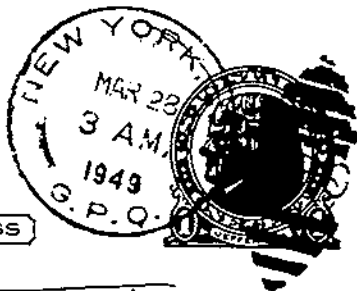
The second letter is apparently written in Yiddish. Photostatic copies of this letter have been made and are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau so that appropriate literal translations may be made of same, copies of which should be furnished to the Bureau, and New York, Washington Field and New Haven offices.

From the same source, a postcard was obtained addressed to Mr. and Mrs. DAVE TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn. from C. B. KATZ, 77 West 104 St., New York City 25. This card postmarked March 28, 1949 in New York, was likewise apparently written in Yiddish and photostatic copies of both the front and back are being forwarded to the Translation Section for similar translation and handling.

Photostatic copies of the letter and postcard are also being furnished the New York and Washington Field offices.

In addition it is requested that the New York office advise New Haven and Washington Field offices of any information it may have concerning C. B. KATZ, the writer of the above postcard.

C.B. Katz
77 W. 104 ST.
New York City 25



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr & Mrs. Dave Tuckman
149 Kemmer Ave.

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SAC, New York

April 5, 1949

Director, FBI

JOSEPH KATZ, with aliases,
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Relet from New Haven of March 28, 1949, a copy of which, along with the enclosures, was furnished your office.

There being no Yiddish translator in the Bureau's translation section, it is requested that you have the enclosures to the letter of reference translated by S.E. HEMAN RABINOWITZ of your office and distribute copies thereof in accordance with the instructions therein.

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Washington [redacted]

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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, F.B.I.
 FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN
 SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
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DATE: March 31, 1949

Re New Haven letter to the Bureau, 3/28/49.

The files of the Immigration & Naturalization Service, Room 218, U.S. Courthouse, New Haven, reflect that DAVID TUCKMAN arrived on June 25, 1913 at Ellis Island, New York. On October 2, 1922 DAVID TUCKMAN filed Declaration of Intention #7877 in New Haven, which reflected that he was born October 20, 1882 at Savraner, Russia and that his last foreign residence was Paris, France. His wife at that time was listed as MARY, born in Russia, and they both resided at 419 Oak Street, New Haven.

On 1/13/25 DAVID TUCKMAN of 419 Oak Street, filed Petition for Naturalization #5712 which indicated that he was born October 20, 1882 at Savran, Russia; that his wife MARY was born October 15, 1884 in Russia; and that they had the following children: ROSE, born 1/23/07 at Paris, France; DOROTHY, born 10/18/08 at Paris, France; GEORGE, born 12/2/10 at Paris, France; and FLORENCE and SYLVIA, twins, born 5/18/19 at New Haven. All these children were listed as residing at 419 Oak Street, New Haven. Witnesses to this petition were FRANK WEISSER, a laundry man of New Haven, ROBERT H. MACKLER, a contractor of New Haven, and substitute witness LOUIS BRODSKY, also a New Haven contractor. Certificate of Naturalization 2121324 was issued to DAVID TUCKMAN upon his admission to citizenship on 4/23/25.

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of New Haven, Connecticut, Volume 96, page 502, reflected that DAVID TUCKMAN, aged 63, widower and carpenter born at Savron, Russia, and residing at 889 Howard Avenue, was married by FRANK J. ARMSTRONG, Justice of the Peace, New Haven, on August 22, 1946. This was listed as TUCKMAN'S second marriage. He married PAULINE BOGORAD aged 59, born Vitepsk, Russia. This was her second marriage. She was listed as a widow. Her residence at the time of her marriage application was 602 West 139th St., New York City. Her occupation was given as "needle trader". She was

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listed as the daughter of BEN GORDON and FREDa SIMMONS. ~~TUCKMAN~~ was
listed as the son of ABRAHAM ~~TUCKMAN~~ and FREDa ~~ROTHMAN~~. ~~X~~ ^{Gordon}

This information corroborates information set out in the referenced
letter that Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN is apparently the mother of Mrs.
JOSEPH KATZ, wife of the subject of this case.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	DATE WHEN MADE 3/31/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/21,22/49	REPORT MADE BY H. LeROSS BROWNE ajd
TITLE JOSEPH KATZ, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

Investigation at Newport News, Va., failed to reveal that a JOSEPH FRIEDMAN was ever connected with the address 2503 Jefferson Avenue in that city. This address is occupied by Jefferson Loan Office (pawn brokers) run by LOUIS FRIEDMAN and family. One JOSEPH FRIEDMAN is proprietor of Women's Clothing Store at 2310 Jefferson Avenue. JOSEPH FRIEDMAN, prior to coming to Newport News in 1935, had a Ladies' Hosiery Bag and Jewelry Store on Pitkin Avenue, N. Y.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent ROGER W. ROBINSON dated March 2, 1949, at New York, New York.

DETAILS:

AT NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA:

Confidential informant T-1 advised that the address, 2503 Jefferson Avenue, had been occupied by the Jefferson Loan Office (pawn brokers) as long as he could remember, the proprietor of which was LOUIS FRIEDMAN and his wife, MINNIE. The other members of the

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family were described as follows:

GERALD JAY (not Joseph) FRIEDMAN, who runs a pawn shop on Washington Avenue, Newport News, Virginia.

ROBERT FRIEDMAN, who is mentally unbalanced and has undergone treatment for his mental condition in New York and Baltimore.

ELEANOR, a daughter who is secretary of the Jefferson Loan Office.

HELEN, a daughter who was recently married and opened a jewelry store two doors from the Jefferson Loan Office.

Confidential informant T-2 advised that she had never known anyone to be connected the the Jefferson Loan Office by the name of JOSEPH FRIEDMAN, but knew that it had long been under control of LOUIS FRIEDMAN and family.

This informant advised, however, that a JOSEPH FRIEDMAN ran a Women's Clothing Store at 2310-12 Jefferson Avenue, and that prior to this, he had been in business with his brother, SAM FRIEDMAN, and engaged in the operation of the Dixie 5¢ - \$1 Store.

Informant T-1 advised that JOSEPH FRIEDMAN had run a Women's Wear Store since about 1935, that he and his wife, TILLIE, had come to Newport News from New York, and that prior to coming to Newport News, JOSEPH had run a Ladies' Hosiery Bag and Jewelry Store, Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He stated that he was sure that JOSEPH FRIEDMAN was not related to LOUIS FRIEDMAN.

Both T-1 and T-2 advised that they knew of no un-American activities on the part of LOUIS or JOSEPH FRIEDMAN.

Chief JAMES M. PEACH, NA, Newport News Police Department, and his brother, W. F. PEACH, Captain of Detectives, Newport News Police Department, could furnish no information in addition to that set out above regarding LOUIS and JOSEPH FRIEDMAN. Each stated that to his knowledge neither of these men had been suspected of un-American syndicates or activities.

In view of the discrepancy which exists between the actual names and addresses in Newport News, Virginia, and those found in the possession of JOSEPH KATZ, and in view of there being no allegation or suspicion of disloyalty regarding JOSEPH or LOUIS FRIEDMAN developed through preliminary inquiry, no further investigation is being conducted in New port News, Virginia.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

T-1 - is [redacted]
[redacted] who is very familiar with the
merchants on Jefferson Avenue in that city.

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T-2 - is [redacted]
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Both of these informants have requested that their identity
be kept confidential.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ. was

DATE: April 6, 1949

Bureau File

On April 6, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an air-mail letter addressed to Mrs. BESSIE B. KATZ, c/o Amer. Jt. Distrib. Comm., 3 Blvd Latour Maubourg, Paris 7, France, bearing the postmark New Haven, Conn., April 6, 1949, 10:30 AM, and the return address P. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn.

Photostatic copies of this letter, which appears to be written in Yiddish, have been made and are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field and New York Offices.

Reference is made to Bureau letter to New York dated April 5, 1949, requesting that translation of the Yiddish letters in the instant case be made by SE HYMAN RABINOWITZ of the New York Office.

The New York Office is requested to have a literal verbatim translation made of the above-mentioned letter and copies of this translation should be distributed to the above offices.

ENCLOSURE BEHIND FILE

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cc: 100-3739

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New York (Encl.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

DATE: April 7, 1949

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

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On 4/7/49 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an airmail letter addressed to JOSEPH KATZ, 23 Villa Santos Dumont, Paris, bearing the postmark New Haven, Conn., April 6, 1949, 11:00 pm, and the return address JOSEPH WOLFSON, 20 Butler Street, Meriden, Conn., U.S.A.

Photostatic copies of this letter, which is written in the English language on a very poor grade of thin white airmail paper, have been made and are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field Office, and New York Office.

The New York Office is requested to advise the New Haven Office if the SAUL BIRNBAUN who maintains a joint account with JOSEPH KATZ at the 5th Avenue Branch of the Guaranty Trust Company in New York City has been identified inasmuch as the New Haven Office has been conducting an active investigation on one SOL VALBERI, a CP organizer in Waterbury, Connecticut, who has also been known as BIRNBAUN.

The New York Office is also requested to expedite the translation of the letters written in the Yiddish language which have been previously forwarded by the New Haven Office.

Enclosure

cc: 100-8332

cc: Washington Field (Enc.)

cc: New York (Enc.) [redacted]

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Dear Joe: 1-12-89 808104 Hwy

I have no excuse for not writing sooner. I realize that I am at fault; but that does not alter the fact.

After your letter telling me of your differences with Bessie every time I started to write I just did not know what to say. My feelings toward you have not changed and I never expect them to. Financially I was in extremely precarious circumstances. I have just begun to ~~the~~ catch up on my back bills. Some were so pressing that I just could not send you more at the time you asked for it. I have sent out the air mail order to-day for \$100.00. I will try to send you something each month to help you out. and don't take it as "charity" as I am not sending it that way.

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Your letter bawling me out hits
kind of hard. ~~I am not sure if you~~
2. I would have said sooner "if you
would not have had to wait.

After Bessie was here I was
still harder to write. She asked me
for a letter you sent me concerning
her saying that you asked for it. However
I told her I destroy all letters you
sent and admitted nothing. You have
no idea how ~~that~~ it feels to see two
dear friends who have come as long
as you ^{two} have, have differences. It
makes one wonder what its all about.
I sincerely wish you both the best and
desire to have you both see eye to eye.

When Beatie was killed it really
taught on me how precarious life
actually is. She is the first one
in our age group close to us to leave.
It takes a long time to realize that
she is no longer with us.

Steve stayed with us for a while³
and slept at "Peske's". It sure
breaks your heart to see him
play with Karin's hair and say
it looks and feels just like
Beatrice. I doubt whether Peske
will ever get over it. She has
been quite ~~stunned~~ by her going.

"Business here actually stinks.
Layoffs have jumped terrifically.
I believe it is the War & E.R.P.
programs that are keeping us going.
Property has dropped in value
and rents are now much more
plentiful.

"You will have to go to the guaranty
trust to Paris tr. as I did not give my
Bank your Paris address. The money
was sent air mail like last time

Joe I promise to write again
soon meanwhile please send
me a line once in a while

As ever

Your bel.

Joe

P.S. This is the longest letter
I ever wrote

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DATE 1-12-89 BY SP5KLB/ST

Joseph Katz



Joseph Katz
23 Boulevard
Mendel, Conn.
Conn. Ct.



Joseph Katz
23 Villa Santos Dumont
Paris

AIR MAIL

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 11, 1949 5-1

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ. was

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(Bureau file [redacted])

Transmitted herewith are translations of communications furnished by the New Haven Office from a highly confidential source:

1. From BESSIE KATZ to PAULINE TUCKMAN dated March 21, 1948.
Transmitted by New Haven cover letter dated March 25, 1948. - 134
2. From BESSIE KATZ to PAULINE TUCKMAN dated March 30, 1949.
Transmitted by New Haven cover letter dated April 4, 1949.
3. Unsigned. From PAULINE TUCKMAN to BESSIE KATZ dated April 6, 1949.
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4. Signed, "Your mother". From PAULINE TUCKMAN to BESSIE KATZ dated March 30, 1949. Transmitted by New Haven cover letter dated April 1, 1949. - 117

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"Monday, March 21

"Dear mother,

" I received your letter today and I regret very much that I kept you without a letter for two weeks. As I wrote you previously, it is very difficult for me to write now. A thousand thoughts, but when I have to write them I can't. I want to sympathize with you so much, but the words do not come. I know how you feel and I want to be with you so much, but the times are such that that is impossible now, but I hope that soon we will be together.

" runs around and dances already but I do not send her to school yet. She had a mild form of measles. In a few weeks I will take a week's vacation and go somewhere with her.

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" Ken wrote me a third letter. It appears he is quite lost, does not know where or what to do. Yes, it is always so, you appreciate it after the loss. I would like to help him and (~~Stein~~ - ~~stin~~?) if it will be possible.

" Be well, Ma. Cordial regards to Dave. Our regards to the Wolfsons. Joe sends his regards to you.

(D) KPT2

"With love,

"Bessie

" is getting ready for her dance recital, already when she returns home. I told her you expected it."

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"March 30, 1949

"Dear mother and Dave,

" Yesterday I received your letter, Ma, and I so want you not to worry about us so much. We are well, and if I lost a little weight there is no danger. You, I heard lost a lot of weight, and it is very understandable why. Physically I am well, but so much happened to all of us the past few months, and on top of all these troubles I had personal inconveniences, and others now. We are living in a world where we are not popular, but we knew that from childhood on, and I have no doubts about our ideas. But it is difficult when you have to worry about a small child, and especially when you are in a strange country, and atmosphere, and there are new problems every day. I do not worry about ourselves, we are big enough. Surely Esther could not relay this to you, but I believe in a very short time we will talk about this in your house.

" Ma, I am sending you a letter here which is for Joe Wolfson. After writing him several times he exerted himself and send one hundred dollars. He still owes us one hundred and we ask him to deliver it to you immediately. It is a shame that we have been asking for the money for such a long time and he did not send it, not even a letter to apologize. That poor Joe, who doesn't even have \$200 to return, when he knows we are in need, and it was loaned to him. Do not tell them anything about us, and it is better that Harry and Zelda do not know either.

" I beg you one thing, people will know when I arrive, until then it is better that they should not be informed. I am not certain that I will be able to arrange it, and I want it to be a surprise to everyone. I will feel better that way, and it is better for everyone.

" When is Steve coming to New York? Will he be at your house for Easter? is so anxious to see him, I also.

" Take care of yourself, we need you so badly. Be well.

"We kiss you both

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" is well now, and back in school. She grew some more and the skirt you made for her is short already. She gained weight and looks good.

" Regards to the Wolfsons. I am writing the other answers to their letters. I received a letter from Celia also."

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"April 6

"My dearly beloved children,

" Bessie, I received your letter yesterday, and many thanks to you. I gave the letter to Joe, also, and he told me that he sent off the remainder of the money yesterday, and if you need more he will send more. He has become a pig. As much as he has is not enough. Tell me, my child, I can send you also. Write me if you are in need. I am happy that [] is going to school again and feels well. My dear children, may you raise her to a ripe age and may she not know about the misfortune, as does her cousin. While cleaning the house, after Steve went away, I found a note from him in which he wrote, 'I am unhappy.' May your child have you always. I always read and read her letters which she wrote to me.

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" Last week end I had Fanny and the family. They came Saturday and returned Monday morning. That Freddie has outlived his expectation, and Jeanie was with Wolfson's children. Celia called me yesterday. They are all all right. She was expecting a call from Ken. Steve is in Chicago now, and will probably be here next week. Sylvia Raskin is also coming the 12th, especially to see us. She was so broken up over our misfortune that she decided to come. She is flying here. Well, my dears, we are well and working. There is nothing to worry about the fact that I became slimmer. Considering my great misfortune I am all right, because I did not think I would be able to withstand it. In addition to that I took everything quietly within me when it happened. My dear child, Bessie, please have pity on my old age and do not worry. Control yourself as well as you can. I will see you in good health, that is my wish. Be well. Dave sends his cordial regards to you. Your mother. Harry and Golda send their regards to you."

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"March 30

"My dear, beloved children

"Bessie, Joe, [redacted]

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" Received your letters and I thank you very much. I also called Celia yesterday morning. She told me that you spoke to her after she was here. I beg you, Bessie, do not worry about me. My dear child, with the hope that you will be here soon I keep myself, and I want to see you, so be calm. I work, Dave also. I await Benny and the family this Saturday, and George and the family for Passover, and thereby they maintain me. I heard about Ken and Steve through Celia. He called her twice this week. Miriam and the family are all right also. Saturday I had as guests the Starrs and their son-in-law, Harry. They brought eggs, chicken and other things. Mrs. Starr came when the accident happened, and Harry went to the funeral with her. I received letters from Sylvia Isaacs. She is coming the 12th of this month. She is very anxious to see me. As she says, you and your children have woven yourselves into my soul, and I will never forget you. So I am happy she is coming. Bessie, I rejoice that [redacted] is better and will resume her activities in everything. Give her a big kiss for both of us, and I thank her for such a pretty letter. Dave sends his cordial regards. Joe writes a few words.

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"Your mother.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

DATE: April 8, 1949

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ was.

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On 4/8/49 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an air mail letter addressed to Mrs. P. TUCKMAN of 147 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., bearing the postmark Oakland, Calif., April 6, 1949 and the return address S. KNUDSEN, Route 1, Box 180 - C, Fort Bragg, Calif. Photostatic copies of this letter which appears to be written partly in Yiddish and partly in English have been made and are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field, and New York Offices.

The same highly confidential and reliable informant also made available two postcards. One was addressed to D. TUCKMAN of 149 Painter St., West Haven, Ct., bearing the postmark New Haven, Conn. April 6, 1949 and no return address. The message side of this postcard appears to be printed in either Yiddish or Hebrew.

The other postcard furnished by this informant was addressed to Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn. and bears the postmark April 7, 1949, N.Y., and the return address C. B. KATZ, 77 West 104 St., NYC 25. The message side of this postcard contains a handwritten message which appears to be in Yiddish script.

Photostatic copies of these postcards have been made and are also being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field, and New York Offices.

The New York Office is requested to have a literal, verbatim translation made of the above mentioned letter and postcards and copies of these translations should be distributed to the above offices.

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Washington Field (Enc)

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U.S. NATIONAL AIR MAIL
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VIA AIR MAIL



Mrs P Tuckman
147 Painter
W H
~~248 Spring st~~
~~New Haven~~
VIA AIR MAIL Conn

CSKatz
77 W. 104 St.
NYC 25

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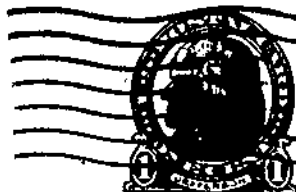


Mrs. Pauline Tuckman
149 Painter Ave.
West Haven
Conn.

Thursday
April 7

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#289, 404
1-12-49
Lansing, Mich



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

J. Tuckman
149 Paixter St.
West Haven
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אידישער פראסערנאלער פאלקס אידן

ברענטש 117

טייערער חבר און תברית :-

איר דערשטע בעפען צו קומען צו א רעגולאר סייד

פון ברענטש פרייטיק, דעם 8-טן פארל. 1949. 8 טייגער אין אונז

אין פאלקס צענטער, 37 האט פארט

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ס. ווייסמאן, מאניטער

A. JACOBSON, Hospitaler, 386 Oak St., Phone 5-9231

N. GREENBERG, Fin. Secy., 10 Waverly Street, Telephone 6-2562

ווען א מיטגליד איז מוספענדיג איז ער גיט מארקטינג צו קיין פענעטיסט.

My dearest Peshke -

All my love and all
my thoughts and heartfelt
sympathies come with mom
at this time of great sorrow
for all of us. I wish I
could be with you to talk
with you but know that
mom brings me with her
in spirit to comfort you.

Love

Flossie

SAC, New York

April 7, 1949

Director, FBI

JOSEPH KATZ, was,

[REDACTED]

Attached for translation from the Yiddish by S.E. H. R. RABINOWITZ of your office is a photostat of a letter in Yiddish which was forwarded to the Bureau from the New Haven Office with its letter of April 1, 1949, a copy of which was sent to New York. [REDACTED]

RECORDED - 11 [REDACTED] Copies of the translation should be furnished the Bureau, Washington Field and New Haven as well as your own office. The photostat need not be returned to the Bureau, since a duplicate photostat is being retained in the Bureau's file.

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Enclosure

cc-New Haven [REDACTED] (Reurlet 4/1/49)
cc-Washington Field

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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★ APR - 7 1949 P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Frederick [REDACTED] 4/23/49

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V.B.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was

DATE: April 1, 1949

Attention: Translation Section

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On April 1, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an air-mail letter which was addressed to Mrs. BESSIE B. KATZ, c/o Amer. Jt. Distrit. Comm., 3 Blvd. Latour Maubourg, Paris 7, France, postmarked New Haven, Conn., April 1, 10:30 AM, bearing the return address, P. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn. Photostatic copies of this letter, which appears to be written in either the Yiddish or Russian language, have been made and are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau so that appropriate literal translations may be made on same; copies of which should be furnished to the Bureau, and the New York, Washington Field and New Haven Offices.

On April 1, 1949 another highly confidential and reliable informant made available an air-mail letter which was addressed to Mrs. P. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., bearing the postmark LaPorte, Ind., March 30, 1949, bearing the return address, STEVE BORN (typewritten), FE-CIO, United Farm Equipment & Metal Workers, 110 S. Canal Street, Chicago 6, Illinois (printed). The envelope contained a typewritten letter on a very cheap grade of yellow paper. Photostatic copies of this letter are being furnished herewith to the Bureau and the New York and Washington Field Offices.

The indices of the New Haven Office contain no record on STEVE or KEN BORN.

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AIR LETTER

**VIA AIR MAIL
PAR AVION**

Desire to
1/2 Mrs. J. Dist. Rm
3. 1st Latour / anbaing
Paris 7, France

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED, THIS LETTER
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

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UNITED FARM EQUIPMENT & METAL WORKERS



Steve Born

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AGGREGATE



AIR MAIL

Mrs. P. Tuckman

149 Painter Ave.

West Haven, Conn.

1-12-81 Spool & Buy
#289404

March 29, 1949

Dear Grandma-

How are you? How are ~~Jimmy~~ Genie, Paul, Mark, Freddie, Samuel, and yourself? Are you gonna come and visit us some day? If you do, bring along Genie. When I came back from Cedar Rapids, I came by plane. The plane hit air pockets, poor Stevie. I came from Cedar Rapids to Chicago. The Cedar Rapids airport is very small, but Chicago has a pretty big one. In the Chicago office I've been wheeling around in my new invention. It is a chair with wheels which I push while I'm sitting on it. I got a new cap gun. It is the exact McCoy and is called a Big Horn and my friend, Howard, has two Long Toms, which are also cap guns. They look so real because when you fire, they only fire six shots and then you have to reload them. They are silver with a brown handle. My friend's has a white handle and has a longer barrel. They all make a lot of noise (including ~~my~~ me).

I have been missing school for a few days. I asked teacher, Miss Winchell, if I could take along my arithmetic or spelling, but she was ~~afraid~~ afraid I would lose my books. My cousin, Barbara Jean, is ~~going to~~ living in Mason City, Kansas. I wish you could come to ~~see~~ Chicago next Christmas.

I'm getting sort of tired now, so I'll have to say goodbye. Write to me soon.

Love,

Steve, Ken

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1-12-89 JPS/K/S

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was

DATE: 4-13-49

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On April 13, 1949, a highly confidential and reliable informant made available a letter addressed to Mrs. D. TUCKMAN of 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn., bearing the postmark Passaic, N. J., April 12, 1949, and the return address J. ROSENBERG, 153 Grove St., Passaic, N.J. Photostatic copies of this letter which appears to be written in Yiddish have been made and are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field and New York offices.

The New York Office is requested to have a literal, verbatim translation made of the above letter and copies of the same should be distributed to the above and the New Haven offices.

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J. R. Roney
153 Wood St.
Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. R. Roney
149 Jackson Ave.
West Chester, Conn.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 13, 1949
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FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ
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Reference New Haven letter of April 8, 1949.

Material submitted with reference letter has been translated by Special Employee H.N. Rabinowitz, and copies are furnished herewith.

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cc: Washington Field - encl. (1)
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[signature]

"Dear Peshke,

" I received your letter, and it is a dear as only from you, dear mother. I am writing this letter to you from Oakland, where I am with Flossie now.

" I am leaving Saturday, April 9th, 6:00 P.M. and we will make several stops and will arrive at La Guardia station about 2:00 P.M., Sunday afternoon. If everything will be as it should, I will be in New York Sunday, the 10th. I am sending this letter to you at your old address because in the rush I forgot to take the new address. My dear I hope that this letter finds you in the best of health. Until I see you again, Peshke I remain as ever, your Celia. Regards to your husband and comrade."

Note: On reverse side of page was the following message in English:

"My dearest Peshka-

" All my love and all my thoughts and heartfelt sympathies come with Mom at this time of great sorrow for all of us. I wish I could be with you to talk with you but know that mom brings me with her in spirit to comfort you.

"Love, Flossie"

Envelope to: Mrs. P. Tuckman, 248 Spring St., New Haven, Conn...(redirected to 147 Painter, West Haven).
from: S. Knudsen, Route 1, Box 180-C, Fort Bragg, Calif.
Post marked Oakland, Calif. 4/6/49.

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"Thursday, April 7

"Dear mother and Dave,

" How are you? We are all well. Ken called yesterday. He thinks it is better that Steve should not come now because he has been in so many places during the past two months. Was here, back in La Porte (?), in Iowa, Chicago, again La Port, Chicago. He says Jan (ph) also says that it would be better to let him stay there for the ten days vacation. He will talk it over with her again and see. Do you expect to come Sunday? We will talk to you.

"With love,

"Celia.

"Regards to the Wolfsons

"The landlord does not permit Lee to stay in Bessie's apartment."

Note: Above on a post card addressed to Mrs. Pauline ~~Tuckman~~, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn. from C. B. ~~Katz~~, 77 W. 104th St., NYC. Post marked NYC 4/7/49.

7-12-89 Spring Bay
#289,404

"JEWISH PEOPLES FRATERNAL ORDER
Lodge 117

"Dear comrade:

" You are invited to attend a regular meeting of the Lodge
Friday, April 8th, 1949, 8:00 P.M., at the People's Center, 37 Howe Street.

"19 YEARS OF THE ORDER

" I. SPECTOR, speaker
S. WEISSMAN, chairman Isack EDVEDIEV, rec. sec'y.
Hospitaler, A. JACOBSON, 386 Oak Street, Phone 5-9231
Fin. sec'y N. GREENBERG, 10 Waverly Street, telephone 6-2562.

"When a member is suspended he is not entitled to any benefits."

"Note: Above a post card addressed to:

D. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter St., West Haven, Conn.
post marked 4/6/49 at New Haven."

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DATE 12-89 BY SP8/BJ/BJ
#289,404

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/19/49

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

Bufile [redacted]

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On April 19, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an Air Mail letter addressed to Mr. JOSEPH WOLFSON, Meriden Dental Laboratory, 20 Butler Street, Meriden, Conn., U.S.A., bearing the postmark Paris 69, Rue de Vouille 4/16/49. Photostatic copies of this letter, which is typewritten in English, are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field and New York.

It is noted that this letter bears a handwritten post script apparently in the handwriting of JOSEPH KATZ. It is further to be noted that at the end of this letter, JOSEPH KATZ sets forth a new mailing address, namely:

JOSEPH KATZ
Boite Postale 66-16
Paris, 16 em., France

The attention of the New York office is called to the fact that JOSEPH KATZ speaks of a Mr. WEITZ (no first name given) of New York, whom he has contacted and who he indicates will call upon JOSEPH WOLFSON. The New Haven office has no information relating to the identity of this individual. In the event the New York office has any information concerning the identity of this person, it is requested the same be supplied the New Haven office.

Enc. REGISTERED MAIL (2)

cc: New York [redacted] Enc. (1) Registered Mail
Washington Field Enc. (1) Registered Mail

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cc: 100-8332
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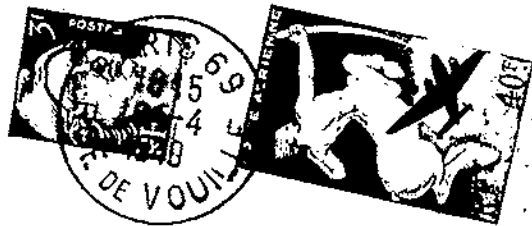
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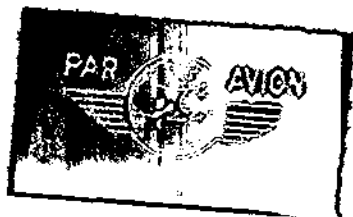
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P A R A V I O N

Mr. Joseph Wolfson
Meriden Dental Laboratory
20 Butler Street
Meriden, Conn.



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DATE 1-12-89 BY SP8 BTJ/amy
#289,401

April 16, 1949

Dear Joe,

A Mr. Weitz from New York will contact you about a dental apparatus he wants to show you. It is supposed to be something quite new and is already in use in various European countries. According to what I've been told it saves work by a great percentage.

The item is fully patented throughout the world and I am most anxious to know if you think it has any merit. Please Joe, no matter how inconvenient it may be ^{for you} look into it thoroughly and let me know immediately. I have told the owners here that I am your partner and I'm awaiting your word before I do anything with it. We can take over the whole affair if we want it.

Weitz may prove a little uncooperative as he doesn't want any other people in on it but do what you possibly can with him and write to me immediately.

Please send mail to my new address: Joseph Katz, Boite Postale 66416, Paris, 16 em., France.

Best regards.

Joe

You never know how a letter by a French typist comes out but this one seems a success.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 19, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ

(Bufile [redacted])

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A highly reliable and confidential source has furnished the contents of a communication addressed to Mr. LAURENCE SHANDEL, c/o Fournier Glove Co., 18-20 Railroad Ave., Patchogue, L.I., New York, from the subject. This letter was postmarked at Paris, April 5, 1949, at Rue de Vouille Station. The return card on the envelope was inscribed, "J. Katz, Atelier Rezvoy, 23 Villa Santos Dumont, Paris 15." The term "atelier" is translated as "studio."

The note, a copy of which is set out below, is written on a letterhead of Atelier Rezvoy at the same address:

"Dear Larry -

I've sent you a cable and two letters but got no answer from you. What has happened to you--are you OK? I sent you the cable in answer to your letter that you were leaving for Tangiers. I cabled that I would meet you anywhere. Please answer me.

Joe" Katz

The following words were inscribed on the letterhead:

Escharpes - Carres - Pochettes

These terms are translated to read:

Scarves - Squares - Purses

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Previous communications in this case reflect that KATZ is using the above address. It appears that this is a studio where art work or painting is done on scarves, squares and purses. A penciled notation appeared on the note requesting the addressee to write to KATZ at the Atelier Rezvoy address.

LAURENCE (Larry) SHANDEL has not been identified. Presumably he is a brother of JACK SHANDEL who is associated with KATZ, in the Fournier Glove Co.

CC * Washington Field
- Sub-file A

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/20/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/18/49	REPORT MADE BY MAURICE A. TAYLOR MAT:EM
TITLE JOSEPH KATZ, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Passport issued April 4, 1946 to ISIDORE SHANDELMAN for business travel to Brazil. This individual born March 15, 1912, Shatowa, Russia, to parents WILLIAM and BESSIE SHANDELMAN. He entered United States in May, 1921, and was naturalized January 27, 1942 at Brooklyn, New York. On July 15, 1946 changed name to LAWRENCE SHANDEL in City Court of New York at Brooklyn, New York. Above passport validated July 21, 1947 for travel with listed exceptions and renewed April 20, 1948, indicating countries to be visited - France, Belgium, and Switzerland, leaving United States April 21, 1948 and returning on Queen Mary, June 2, 1948. No record of passport located for WILLIAM or JACK SHANDEL.

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REFERENCES:

Bureau File
New York teletype dated April 11, 1949.

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Confidential Informant advised SA GEORGE G. DUFFY that on April 4, 1946, Passport #56140 was issued to ISIDORE SHANDELMAN for proposed

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APPROVED AND <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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travel to Brazil on business. It was indicated that he intended to depart from Miami, Florida, on April 7, 1946 for three months stay abroad. His occupation was listed as salesman. One ALBERT CHERNIN, Essex House, Newark, New Jersey, signed certificate as identifying witness and indicated he had known SHANDELMAN for ten years.

Application for this passport disclosed that ISIDORE SHANDELMAN was born March 15, 1912 at Shatowa, Russia, and emigrated to the United States about May, 1921, and has continuously resided here since. On January 27, 1942, he was naturalized before the United States District Court at Brooklyn, New York, under Certificate #5173140. His permanent address was given as 1890 East 5th Street, New York City. He gave his parents as WILLIAM SHANDELMAN, deceased, russian-born United States citizen, and BESSIE SHANDELMAN, born in Russia, no additional data given.

The passport file contained a notation dated July 21, 1947 reflecting that a certified copy of court order had been displayed reflecting legal change of name from ISIDORE SHANDELMAN to LAWRENCE SHANDEL in the City Court of New York at Brooklyn, New York, on July 15, 1946.

The file contained a communication from LAWRENCE SHANDEL on letterhead of the Post Military Products, 15 Park Row, New York 7, New York, under date of July 21, 1947, disclosing intention to travel to France, Holland, and Belgium for the purpose of selling nylon hosiery, departing August 2, 1947. This letterhead also bore inked block stamp of the Coronet Export and Import Company, 15 Park Row, New York City.

On the same date, July 21, 1947, Passport #56140 was amended to bear the name of LAWRENCE SHANDEL and validated as follows:

"RESTRICTION

"This passport, if properly visaed is valid for travel in any country except Germany, Austria, The Main Islands of Japan, Nansei Shoto, Nanpo Shoto or Korea. Before travel in any of the above places may be undertaken, an appropriate military permit must be affixed to this passport. In the United States application for such permit must be made through the Department of State. Abroad the application may be made through an American Diplomatic or Consular establishment. This passport is not valid for travel to Yugoslavia."

On April 20, 1948, the Passport #56140 was renewed for two years. Application for renewal revealed intention to visit France, Belgium, and Switzerland for the purpose of selling nylon stockings and listed former foreign residences at Belem, Brazil, from May 1, 1946 to May 23, 1946 and from July 23, 1946 to August 23, 1946.

[REDACTED]

A communication attached to the application for renewal from LAWRENCE SHANDEL on letterhead of the Crowell Hosiery Company, Inc., 246 Fifth Avenue, New York City, stated he would leave on the Queen Mary on April 21, 1948 and return on the same ship June 2, 1948, that he intended to go to France, Belgium, and Switzerland, to buy alligator belts, and would stay at the Grand Hotel, Paris, France.

Photograph taken from passport application dated March 29, 1946 was secured, and two copies of this photograph are enclosed herewith for the New York Office.

No passport record could be located by SA DUFFY under the names WILLIAM SHANDEL, WILLIAM SHANDELMAN, or under JACK SHANDEL or JACK SHANDELMAN.

One copy of this report is being designated for the Newark Office for information in the event it becomes necessary to further identify ALBERT CHERNIN, Essex House, Newark, New Jersey, who stated he had known LAWRENCE SHANDELMAN for ten years.

ENCLOSURES TO NEW YORK:

2 copies of photograph secured from passport application of
LAWRENCE SHANDEL

- PENDING -

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 22, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ⁰JOSEPH KATZ. was

(Bufile [redacted])

Re New Haven letter dated April 13, 1949 transmitting photostatic copies of a letter in Yiddish for translation. This letter addressed to Mrs. D. Tuckman, 149 Painter Avenue, West New Haven, Connecticut, bore the returned address J. Rosenberg, 153 Grove Street, Passaic, New Jersey and was postmarked April 12, 1949 at Passaic.

SE Hyman Rabinowitz has translated this letter and copies of the translation are furnished herewith.

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cc: Washington Field (encl. 1)

New Haven (encls. 2)

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"Dear friend Peshke and Dave, ~~X~~ Tuckman

" How is your health, for this is really the chief blessing among Jews.

" Well, with us things are as usual, except that I just came out of the hospital. I had an operation the 25th of March. I am at home and feel very well. I had been suffering for many years. Now I made up my mind. You know how it is for a worker to make up his mind. For years I had been suffering with a rupture. So the time arrived. But that is how life is. Now I am taking it easy for a little while. Write what is happening with you, and about everything; how you feel. Mary has been sick the whole time with high blood pressure, and she suffers very much.

" Well, be healthy. Cordial regards from everyone. No news in Passaic. Cordial regards to Dave. Also regards to the Wolfsons, Harry and Golda.

"Your best friend,

"Rosenberg"

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/25/49 5-1

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

Bufile [redacted]

On April 25, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available two Air Mail letters addressed and postmarked as follows:

1. To Mrs. B. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn. U.S.A. and bearing the postmark Paris VII R. Cler 4-22-49.
2. To [redacted] c/o TUCKMAN, 149-Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn. U.S.A., also postmarked Paris VII R. Cler 4-22-49.

Neither letter bore a return address.

Photostatic copies of both of these letters which were handwritten in the English language on a very thin Air Mail type stationery are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field and New York.

It is noted that both of these letters are signed "JOE" and from their content it would appear that they were written by JOSEPH KATZ and further that he was writing to his wife Mrs. BESSIE KATZ and [redacted] it would appear are visiting Mrs. Katz' mother, Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN of 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn.

4-81 ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

Enc. (4) REGISTERED MAIL
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cc: 100-12206

cc: New York [redacted] Enc.-4 REGISTERED MAIL
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Mrs. B. Tuckman
149 Painter Ave.
West Haven, Conn.
U. S. A.

for use # 285,404
RIS 1800
68-21-1

Dearest Bess -

Got your letter just a few moments ago - dated April 18. I missed some letters before but didn't have your mother's address and thought it best until I heard from you.

Paula's letter is wonderful. There is no doubt that everything about her is. I shall write her soon but I almost feel a little silly to write her baby letters. She seems a complete person.

There is nothing very new. I can write you about myself. I saw Esther a couple of times and had dinner with her on Wednesdays. I was supposed to meet them at Wednesdays house for dinner the

and unhappiness ⁽³⁾ to be added. I'm
sure we've both learned that
~~no~~ people can take a great deal
more than we would think.

I received a letter for Celia.
Please give her the new address.
Please write as often as you
can. Give my best regards to your mother and
Dad. Love,

Let me know how the
pap is making out.

next night, but ⁽²⁾ I stupidly didn't get
the address and ~~so~~ I tried to remember
where the house was couldn't find
it.

I'm sure you'll find this letter
quite more and stupider but what is
this that can be said after all the
values of talk. My mind jumps from
one thing to another - Every time I see something
clear ahead of me - a new haze appears
to trouble and confuse me.

I can understand how difficult and
painful the first meetings are for you. Your
long coming now is so different than
before. There will always be a void
for you but it's just another pain

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1/2 Tuckman
149 - Painter ave
West Haven, Conn.

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DATE 1-12-89 BY SP8 BJS/DAW
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Hello Sweetheart

I got your beautiful letters
and poem today. I read the
poem so many times that
I know it by heart. I am
glad there was a storm
so you could write a poem
about it.

It is just 12 o'clock
in the afternoon now here
so I think you must be

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will send a little scarf
for her in the next
letter.

I am very hungry

now so I am going to

eat. Good bye sweetheart

and don't forget ~~me~~ me

that. You have to stop and

write to me as often as

you can. Regards to Grandma
and Don.

Joe

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still sleeping - or did you
crawl in to Bessie's bed.

I found the Card you
left with all the French slang
like "Foute le Camp." If I don't
know any other French I'll
certainly know how to tell
people to fust their ribbon.

Are you having a lot of
fun at Grandmas? How
are all the babies and
how is Beverly? ~~It~~ ?

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CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: April 25, 1949

To: [redacted]

Attention: [redacted]

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ WITH ALIASES
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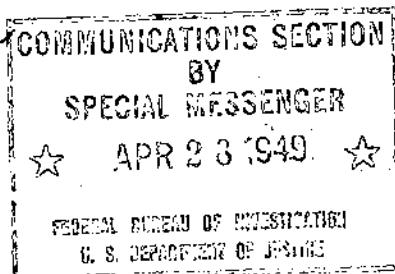
There are attached two copies of a memorandum which have been prepared concerning the above-captioned individual. We also desire to call to your attention the information appearing in the memorandum to the effect that a confidential and reliable informant has advised that Katz on April 8, 1949 communicated with one Lawrence Shandel of the Fournier Glove Company, Patchogue, Long Island, New York, stating that he was waiting to hear from Shandel, and that he wanted to meet Shandel in Tangier. We are conducting further investigation regarding Lawrence Shandel and any trip he may contemplate to Tangier, and we will advise you.

On April 21, 1949, we learned that Mrs. Bessie Katz has apparently returned to the United States with her daughter and is staying with her mother Mrs. Pauline Tuckman, in West Haven, Connecticut. According to a confidential and reliable informant, a person believed to be Mrs. Katz wrote to Joseph Katz on April 20, 1949, at Boite Postal 66.16, Paris 16 E, France. We intend to conduct further investigation concerning Mrs. Katz's present trip to the United States.

Enclosure

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Miss Gandy

SAC, New York

April 22, 1949

Director, FBI

^①
JOSEPH WITK, was.

Reference is made to two letters from New Haven dated March 25, 1949 and April 4, 1949, copies of which were furnished your office, requesting handwriting examinations and translations of certain specimens described therein.

Photographic copies of the specimens to be translated from the Yiddish are enclosed for transmission by Special Employee H. N. RABINOWITZ of your office. Copies of the results thereof should be furnished the Bureau and the interested offices indicated in the relets. The photographic copies should be forwarded to New Haven at the same time.

The interested offices will be advised separately of the results of the document examinations.

Enclosure

cc: New Haven (4) [redacted] 100-8332, 100-373, [redacted]
Washington Field

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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~~SECRET~~ - COURIER POUCH

Date: April 25, 1949
To: Legal Attache
American Embassy
Paris, France

From: Director, FBI

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ, WAS.
[REDACTED]

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There is attached for your information one copy of a blind memorandum regarding the above-captioned subject who is believed to be acting at the present time as a Soviet espionage agent in France. His present address is 23 Villa Dumont Paris, France. [REDACTED]

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Recent information indicates that Joseph Katz communicated with one Lawrence Shandel, in care of the Fournier Glove Company, Patchogue, Long Island, New York, and requested that Lawrence Shandel advise him as to whether he could meet Katz in Tangier. We are conducting further investigation regarding Lawrence Shandel. Information has also been received as of April 21, 1949, from a highly confidential and reliable source indicating that Mrs. Bessie Katz and her daughter are back in the United States and are staying with her mother, Mrs. Pauline Tuckman, in West Haven, Connecticut. A person, believed to be Mrs. Katz, wrote to Joseph Katz at Boite Postal 66.16, Paris 16 E, France.

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cc - Legal Attache
American Embassy
London, England (With Enclosure)

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44 APR 29 1949

cc [REDACTED]

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cc - Foreign Service Desk

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 4, 1949

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ. was.

ATTENTION: TRANSLATION SECTION
MECHANICAL SECTION
FBI LABORATORY

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On 4/4/49 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an Air Mail letter which was addressed to Mrs. PAULINE STUCKMAN of 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., U.S.A., bearing the postmark Paris II Annexe, Gare Aérienne 3-30-1949. There was no return address on this envelope. This envelope contained two letters. Photostatic copies of one of these letters, which appears to be written in Yiddish, have been made and are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau so that appropriate literal translations may be made of the same; copies of which should be furnished to the Bureau, New York, Washington Field, and New Haven Offices. Photostatic copies of these letters are also being furnished to the New York, Washington Field and New Haven Offices.

The other letter contained in the above mentioned envelope, photostatic copies of which are being transmitted herewith, is written in English and begins with the salutation "Dear Joe," and ends with the signature "Joe."

An exposed film pack containing photographs of the above letters is being forwarded to the Mechanical Section for development so that the FBI Laboratory may make a handwriting comparison of this letter with the known handwriting specimens of Subject JOSEPH KATZ.

The Bureau's attention is called to New Haven letter to the Bureau dated 3/25/49 which forwarded a similar letter bearing the date 3/21 and having the salutation "Dear Joe," and ending with the signature "Joe."

On 4/4/49 a reliable confidential informant furnished a copy of a foreign draft dated 3/18/49 in the amount of \$100, which was purchased by JOSEPH WOLFSON of Butler St., Meriden, Connecticut, from the Hartford, Connecticut Trust Company of Meriden, Connecticut, and which ordered the Guaranty Trust Company of New York to pay JOSEPH KATZ of 23 Villa Santos Dumont, Paris, France, the above sum. Two photostatic copies of this foreign draft are also being forwarded to the Bureau and the offices receiving copies of this letter.

COPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN FILE

FOR LAB. ACTION AND REPORT

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cc: 100-3739

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cc: Washington Field
New York

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION May 2, 1949
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, New Haven

To: There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 29 and April 5, 1949.

#289,404
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 1-12-89 BY SP8 DFL/bwy

JOSEPH KATZ with aliases

Re:

New Haven

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

Examination requested by: Letters dated March 25 and April 4, 1949

Reference: Document - Cryptanalysis

Examination requested:

Submitted with your letter dated April 4, 1949.

- Qc2 Two photostatic copies of an envelope bearing handwritten address "Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN 149 Painter Avenue West Haven, Connecticut U.S.A." and postmarked "Paris II Amete Care Aerieenne 17 5 30-3 1949".
- Qc3 Two photostatic copies of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "Dear JOE - I finally received your hundred dollars....".
- Qc4 Two photostatic copies of accompanying handwritten letter in Yiddish dated March 30, 1949.
- Qc5 Two photostatic copies of Guaranty Trust Company of New York Statement to Purchaser #3763, dated March 18, 1949.

ALSO SUBMITTED: Exposed film pack containing negatives of above evidence.

Submitted with your letter dated March 25, 1949.

- Qc6 Two photostatic copies of a penny post card bearing handwritten address "D. TUCKMAN 149 Painter St. West Haven, Cn", postmarked "New Haven,

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

- 1-New Haven (100-3739)
1-New Haven (100-8336)
1-New Haven 2
1-New York
1-Washington Field

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Conn. Mar 24 10 PM 1949" reverse side of which bears a foreign script.

- Qc7 Two photostatic copies of envelope bearing handwritten address "Mr. JOSEPH WOLFSON Meriden Dental Lab. Meriden, Connecticut U.S.A." and postmarked "Paris-69 R.De Vouille 15 15 22 -5 1949".
- Qc8 Two photostatic copies of accompanying handwritten letter dated "March 21", and beginning "Dear JOE - I hesitate writing this because I just don't...".
- Qc9 Two photostatic copies of envelope bearing handwritten address "Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN 149 Painter Avenue West Haven, Connecticut U.S.A.".
- Qc10 Two photostatic copies of accompanying handwritten letter in a foreign script dated "Monday - March 21".

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

It is concluded that the handwriting on the envelope, specimen Qc2, was written by the same person as the handwriting on the envelope designated as specimen Qc9. It is further concluded that the handwriting on specimen Qc3 was prepared by the same person as the handwriting on specimens Qc7 and Qc8. It is concluded that these specimens were prepared by two different persons. It is also concluded that the handwritten address on the postcard, specimen Qc6, was not prepared by the writers of specimens Qc2, Qc3, Qc7, Qc8 and Qc9.

You are advised that the Laboratory's file does not contain any known handwriting specimens of JOSEPH KATZ for comparison with the above mentioned evidence.

You will be separately advised concerning the translations of specimens Qc4, Qc6 and Qc10.

The material submitted for examination is retained.

Mr. Ladd
Mr. Fletcher
Mr. Donohue

May 5, 1949

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: JOSEPH KATZ

1-12-89

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In connection with an investigation to determine if Joseph Katz is engaged in espionage or related activities on behalf of the Soviet Government, authorization is requested to place a technical surveillance on his wife's, Bessie Katz, residence, c/o David Tuckman, Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, telephone New Haven 9-5704 R. Information has been obtained from a confidential and reliable informant reflecting that Joseph Katz was active in the United States as a Soviet espionage agent and may be presently operating in the same capacity in France.

I recommend authorization of this technical surveillance in order to fully develop and cover the activities of Bessie Katz and to learn if Joseph Katz intends to return to the United States in the near future.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SENT FROM B. O.
TIME 2:15
DATE 5-12-49
BY

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
510 Trust Company Building
New Haven, 10, Connecticut
April 26, 1949

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ON *1-12-89*
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DIRECTOR, F. B. I.

RE: JOSEPH KATZ

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to New Haven teletype dated April 25, 1949 in the captioned matter.

There is enclosed form FD 142 requesting authorization for technical surveillance on the residence telephone of DAVID TUCKMAN, Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, telephone number New Haven 9-5704 R.

Very truly yours,

J. J. Gleason
J. J. Gleason,
Special Agent in Charge

Enc.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

DATE: April 26, 1949

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title JOSEPH KATZ

Character of Case

Field Office New Haven

Symbol Number

Type of Surveillance (Technical or
Microphone) Technical

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1. Name and address of subject: DAVID TUCKMAN
Painter Avenue,
West Haven, Conn.
2. Location of technical operation: The above address; New Haven telephone
New Haven 9-5704 R
3. Other technical surveillances on same subject: None
4. Cost and manpower involved: About \$15.00 per month. No additional
manpower required.

ENCLOSURE

5. Adequacy of security: Full security assured.

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6. Type of case involved:
7. Connection or status of subject in the case: A highly confidential source has indicated that BESSIE KATZ, wife of subject in this case, is staying at the home of TUCKMAN.
8. Specific information being sought: Information relative to activities of BESSIE KATZ and plans regarding the activities of the subject KATZ.
9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance: It is believed that BESSIE KATZ will attempt to make contact with acquaintances and friends in New York.
10. Importance of case and subject: Known to the Bureau.

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail): Although this office has developed a highly confidential source to assist in following activities of BESSIE KATZ, it is believed that more complete coverage will be secured as a result of this technical surveillance.

12. Risks of detection involved: None

13. Probable length of technical surveillance: Six months

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency): No.

15. Remarks:

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

It is recommended that this technical surveillance be installed. The New Haven Office advises that it can be handled at a cost of \$15.00 per month and that no additional manpower will be necessary on this technical surveillance. They advised that it will be handled with full security. Joseph Katz was one of Elizabeth Bentley's superiors in the Silvermaster Case. He is presently believed to be acting as a Soviet espionage agent in Paris, France, and we are making every effort to determine if he intends to return to the United States. There is attached for your approval a memorandum to the Attorney General requesting authorization for this technical surveillance.

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17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was
 [redacted]
 Bureau File [redacted]

DATE: May 6, 1949

Attention: FBI Laboratory

On May 5, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an air-mail letter addressed to B. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., U.S.A., bearing the postmark 5-2-49, Paris 52, AV. de l'Océ (remainder undecipherable). This letter bore no return address. Photostatic copies of this letter which was handwritten in the English language on a very thin air-mail type of stationery, are being transmitted to the Bureau, Washington Field and New York. It is noted that this letter bears the salutation, "Dearest Bess" and the signature "Joe" and from its content it would appear that it was written by JOSEPH KATZ to his wife, BESSIE KATZ, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN of 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut.

On this same date the above informant made available an air-mail letter addressed to Mr. J. KATZ, Boite Postale 66-16, Paris 16, France, bearing the postmark May 5, 1949, New Haven, Conn. This letter bore no return address. Photostatic copies of this letter which was handwritten in the English language on plain white paper are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field, and New York. It is noted that this letter begins with the salutation, "Dearest Joe" and is signed "B.", and from its content it would appear that it was written by Mrs. BESSIE KATZ to her husband, JOSEPH KATZ.

The attention of the New York Office is drawn to that portion of the second letter wherein the writer states, "I will probably get started on the 14th or 15th - altho that seems far off right now. A tentative reservation was made, which I shall verify in a few days".

The New York Office is also requested to note that portion of the second letter wherein the writer states, "I haven't heard from Yvette again - altho she wrote she expected to be here on the 12th". This information would seem to indicate a change of the plans of both BESSIE KATZ and YVETTE LE BOUDEC as indicated in previous correspondence.

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cc: New York [redacted] Encls.-4 (Registered Mail)
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Letter to Bureau

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May 6, 1949

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It is requested that the FBI Laboratory make an analysis of the above correspondence to ascertain if any information is being conveyed in this correspondence by double meaning or by code words or phrases.

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WASHINGTON AND WASHINGTON FIELD FROM NEW YORK 9 22 3:28 PM

DIRECTOR AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD URGENT

JOSEPH KATZ, [REDACTED] RE NYTEL APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST, NO INFORMATION HERE RE BESSIE KATZ ARRIVAL IN US. CUSTOMS STOP NEGATIVE. BELIEVED THAT NEW HAVEN'S CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WILL CONTINUE FURNISHING THE MOST PERTINENT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO SUBJECT'S MOVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES. THEREFORE NEW HAVEN REQUESTED TO GIVE ONLY MOST DISCREET COVERAGE TO BESSIE KATZ ACTIVITIES UNTIL SUBJECT'S PLANS ARE BETTER KNOWN. NEW HAVEN SOULD CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE.

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NEW HAVEN ADVISED

NY R 9 WA

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3:57 PM MW

CC: WASHINGTON FIELD

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DATE 06-20-2019 BY [REDACTED]~~

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DIRECTOR

ROUTINE

JOSEPH KATZ, [REDACTED] SAMUEL BRONSTEIN, WA, SAM BROWN, WHO WAS
CONNECTED WITH TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY AFTER WITHDRAWAL OF SUBJECT,
IS SUBJECT OF SEPARATE PENDING INVESTIGATION THIS OFFICE. FOR INFO
OF BUREAU, NYO HAS BEEN ADVISED BY CLEVELAND AND CHICAGO THAT BROWN
IS ON TRIP REPRESENTING MIDLAND EXPORT CORP. NY, BY WHOM HE IS NOW
EMPLOYED. HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH PARTY AND FRONT FUNCTIONARIES
IN THOSE CITIES. CHICAGO AND CLEVELAND ADVISED OF BROWN'S CONNECTION
WITH KATZ, IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY EVALUATE INFO WHICH IS DEVELOPED
THRU USUAL SOURCES.

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FBI NEW HAVEN 5-12-49 2:10 PM HTM

DIRECTOR, SACS WASHINGTON FIELD AND NEW YORK

URGENT

JOSEPH KATZ, WAS., [REDACTED] BUREAU FILE [REDACTED] HIGHLY
CONFIDENTIAL AND RELIABLE INFORMANT REPORTS THAT BESSIE KATZ
HAS ADVISED SUBJECT IN PARIS, FRANCE THAT SHE HAS A RESERVATION
ON TRANSCONTINENTAL AND WESTERN AIR, INC. FLIGHT 974 FOR MAY 16
NEXT. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT NEW YORK WILL CHECK AND COVER
DEPARTURE. COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE BEING FORWARDED THIS DATE.

NY ADVISED

2:21 PM OK FBI WA JG

RECEIVED: 5-12-49 2:20 PM MW

CC: WASHINGTON FIELD

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ.
[REDACTED]

DATE: May 13, 1949.

Re New Haven letter of 5/3/49.

The translations requested in referenced letter are being transmitted herewith.

They are as follows:

1. A post card postmarked 3/24/49, at New Haven, addressed to D. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Street, West Haven, Connecticut.
2. An air-mail letter postmarked 3/24/49, at Paris, addressed to Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut.
3. A post card postmarked at New York, 3/28/49, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. DAVE TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, bearing the return address of G. B. KATZ, 77 W. 104th Street, New York City.

All of the above communications are in Yiddish.

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A meeting of the House Board Monday night, March 25th at the Center.

Very important.

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Postcard postmarked New Haven, March 24, 1949, addressed to D. TUCKERMAN, 149
Fairer Street, West Haven, Connecticut. No return address.

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March 24

Dear Mother and Dave,

I hope you received the few letters I sent you the past few weeks.

How are you? We are well and [redacted] goes out already. She is always hungry and it is impossible to fill her up. I am sending you a letter she wrote for you.

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I am waiting for a letter from CELIA since she came home. I received a letter from KEN and wrote to him also.

Otherwise there is no news. We are working and are well. There is so much to say but it is difficult to write.

We kiss you and long for you very much.

/s/ BESSIE

Regards to the TOLESON'S

Air-mail letter to Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, postmarked 3/24/49 at Paris, France, bearing no return address.

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1-12-89 S. J. (B. J.)
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Sunday 8 P.M.

Dear Mother and DAVE,

I just came home -- arrived very fast. An hour and a half from the Bronx and at home 7:30.

While writing now the telephone rang and it is KEN -- called from the convention -- spoke for a long time -- they won everything -- and he will soon move to Chicago -- that means STEVE will go to JAN and he will be in Peoria and go to Chicago for weekends. He is returning tomorrow and will be in La Porte Tuesday. He will write me about everything soon. Your boarder answered my call now, to say no one was home. I will let you know what he will write.

ARTHUR and I thank you for everything.

With love,
/S/ CELIA

Postcard postmarked at New York, March 28, 1949, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. DAVE TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, bearing the return address C. B. KATZ, 77 W. 104th Street, New York City

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SAC, New York

April 20, 1949

Director, FBI

JOSEPH KATZ, was.,
[redacted]

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Reference is made to your teletype dated April 11, 1949, in which you advised that a confidential and reliable source had ascertained on April 8, 1949, that Katz had communicated with one Lawrence Shandel, with alias Larry Shandel of the Pournier Glove Company, Patchogue, Long Island. The message indicated that Katz was waiting to hear from Shandel and that Katz wanted to meet Shandel in Tangiers. You advised that Lawrence Shandel was presumably a relative of Jack Shandel who is associated with Katz in the Pournier Glove Company.

[redacted]
[redacted] The Bureau's files reflect the following information:

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In the report of Special Agent Joseph D. Milenky dated May 1, 1946 at New York City concerning Pacific Coast Bank Sneak Cases, it is set forth that upon contact with Miss Agnes D. Lesman, in charge of the rental office at 1 Union Square, New York City, it was learned that one Gladys Berman, whose husband, Dave Berman, was identical with an individual who had acted as a "fence" in the disposition of some stolen bonds, was in charge of a company known as Excelsior Novelty Company; that this company came to 1 Union Square on September 1, 1944; that the lease was originally in the name of one Lawrence I. Shandel, 1890 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, New York, telephone Dewey 9-4563. Gladys Berman's address was 2129 East 29th Street, Brooklyn.

In this same report it was stated that Lawrence I. Shandel was discreetly interviewed, at which time Shandel advised that he was in love with Gladys Berman and that they were both very hostile towards her husband, Dave Berman. Shandel further stated that he and Gladys Berman were partners in the military insignia business, which was then operating as the Post Military Products, 15 Park Row, New York City. (91-3856-469, pp. 10, 11)

In the report of Special Agent Joseph D. Milenky dated June 11, 1947, at New York City, concerning Pacific Coast Bank Sneak Cases, an analysis of the long distance calls of the Dixie Supply Company, which is operated by Abe M. Fisch at 436 West Houston Street, San Antonio, Texas, is set forth. Fisch was also implicated in the disposition of stolen bonds

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(91-3856-545, p. 247)

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SAC, New York

You are directed to conduct an investigation of Lawrence Shandel to determine his current activities and associates and to determine if he intends to go to Tangiers to contact Joseph Katz. You should consider the advisability of requesting a technical surveillance on this individual.

LAWRENCE SHANDEL, aka.
LARRY SHANDEL

In the report of Special Agent Joseph D. Milenky dated May 1, 1946 at New York City concerning Pacific Coast Bank Sneak Cases, it is set forth that upon contact with Miss AGNES D. LESMAN, in charge of the rental office at 1 Union Square, New York City, it was learned that one GLADYS BERMAN, whose husband, DAVE BERMAN, was identical with an individual who had acted as a "fence" in the disposition of some stolen bonds, was in charge of a company known as Excelsior Novelty Company; that this company came to 1 Union Square on September 1, 1944; that the lease was originally in the name of one LAWRENCE I. SHANDEL, 1890 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, New York, telephone Dewey 9-4563. GLADYS BERMAN's address was 2129 East 29th Street, Brooklyn.

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JOSEPH KATZ, [REDACTED] CONF. AND RELIABLE SOURCE ASCERTAINED APRIL EIGHTH
LAST THAT KATZ COMMUNICATED WITH ONE LAWRENCE SHANDEL WA. LARRY SHAN-
DEL VIA FOURNIER GLOVE CO., PATCHOGUE, L. I. MESSAGE INDICATED KATZ
WAITING TO HEAR FROM SHANDEL AND THAT KATZ WANTS TO MEET SHANDEL IN
TANGIERS. ADDRESS AND DESCRIPTION OF LAWRENCE SHANDEL NOT AVAILABLE,
PRESUMABLY A RELATIVE OF JACK SHANDEL ASSOCIATED WITH KATZ IN
FOURNIER GLOVE CO. WFO REQUESTED TO CHECK PASSPORT FILES ON LAW-
RENCE AND LARRY SHANDEL. SUTEL

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MAY 3-1949

FBI TELETYPE

FBI NEW HAVEN 5-3-49 2-25 PM
DIRECTOR, SACS NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD

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JOSEPH KATZ, WAS., [REDACTED]

HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL AND RELIABLE INFORMANT ADVISES THAT BESSIE KATZ
HAS WRITTEN DR. ALBERTA SZALITA, TWELVE RUE CASTAGNARY, PARIS, FRANCE
THAT SHE PLANS TO RETURN TO PARIS BY PLANE MAY NINTH OR TENTH INST.
SAME INFORMANT FURTHER ADVISES THAT BESSIE KATZ HAS ALSO WRITTEN Mlle.
YVETTE LEBOUDEC, [REDACTED]

THAT FOR ABOVE REASON SHE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET BOUDEC WHO PLANS TO
DEPART FROM FRANCE MAY FIFTH ON THE SS AMERICA. BESSIE KATZ ADVISED
BOUDEC TO CONTACT BESSIE-S SISTER IN NYC AT WADSWORTH SIX DASH SIX FIVE
EIGHT THREE DIRECTLY UPON ARRIVAL IN NYC. COPIES OF FULL CORRESPONDENCE
BEING FORWARDED THIS DATE. SUGGEST NEW YORK ARRANGE FOR COVERAGE BESSIE
KATZ DEPARTURE.

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May 11, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE
JOSEPH KATZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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This is to advise that authorization has been received to install a technical surveillance on the residence of subject's wife, Bessie Katz, c/o David Tuckman, Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, telephone New Haven 9-5704 R.

Provided full security is assured this installation should be made as soon as possible and the Bureau advised of the time and date of installation as well as the symbol number.

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ON 1-12-89

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cc - Mr. Lamphere, 1649

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

May 5, 1949

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: JOSEPH KATZ

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I recommend authorization of this technical surveillance in order to fully develop and cover the activities of Bessie Katz and to learn if Joseph Katz intends to return to the United States in the near future.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/19/49

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ was

Bufile [redacted]

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On May 19, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an air mail letter addressed to Miss PAULA KATZ, C/o Tuckman, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn., U.S.A., bearing the postmark Mai 18, 1949, Paris, Gare St. Lazaire, and no return address. A photostatic copy of this letter is being retained in the files of the New Haven Office which reflects that this letter was dated May 14th, wherein the writer, who signs himself "JOE", states that he has just seen the movie "Alice in Wonderland", and enclosed in the letter a colored comic release pertaining to this movie. This letter also contains the following message which is of interest: "Bessie wrote me that you are going horseback riding and you like it very much. Maybe soon we will go horseback riding together."

✓ This informant also made available a letter addressed to Miss YVETTE LEBOUDEG, C/o Tuckman, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., bearing the postmark Lynbrook, N.Y., May 18, 1949, and the printed return address: Long Island Daily Press, Press Building, Jamaica 3, N.Y., under which there appeared in handwriting "T. SNYDER, Sports Dept."

A photostatic copy of this letter is being retained in the files of the New Haven Office which reflects that this letter was dated May 18, 1949 and contained a personal message wherein the writer, who signed himself "TIM", stated that he was happy to hear from Yvette, and invited her to come to New York on the next Sunday and spend the day with him at Long Beach, and that he would meet Yvette either at Pennsylvania or Grand Central Stations near the information booth. The writer also stated that he had received Yvette's letter that morning and that he would telephone her that night.

On May 18, 1949 the above informant made available a letter addressed to Miss YVETTE LE BOUDEG at the above address, bearing the postmark May 17, 1949, New York, N.Y., and the return address HIGGINS, 104 Greenwich Ave., NYC 11, N.Y. On the flap of this envelope there appeared the notation: "Phone - Watkins after 3 PM".

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cc Washington Field

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A photostatic copy of this letter is being retained in the files of the New Haven Office which reflects that the writer, who signs herself JANIE, extended personal greetings to Yvette and was surprized to learn that she had arrived for a visit in the United States. The writer also invited Yvette to come to New York on a visit so that "TRUMBULL and I" might entertain her.

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JOSEPH KATZ, [REDACTED] BESSIE KATZ HOLDS HER RESERVATION AIR ^{b3}
FRANCE NEW YORK TO PARIS MAY FOURTEEN NEXT. SHE HAS REQUESTED TO BE
MOVED UP TO MAY THIRTEEN NEXT IF A SEAT OPENS. THIS OFFICE WILL FOLLOW
AND ADVISE OF ANY CHANGE IN RESERVATIONS. *REMOVED TO STOP DESK*

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Office Memorandum : UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 10, 1949

FROM : SAC, New Haven

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, WAS.

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On May 9, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an air mail letter addressed to B. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., U.S.A., bearing the postmark PARIS 120 - 195 ED ST. GERMAIN 5-5-49. This letter bore no return address.

Photostatic copies of this letter which was handwritten in the English language on thin air mail type stationery are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field and New York. It is noted that this letter is addressed to "Dearest Bess" and is signed "Joe" and from its contents it would appear that it was written by JOSEPH KATZ to his wife, BESSIE KATZ, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN of 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory make an analysis of the above letter to ascertain if any information is being conveyed in this correspondence by double meaning or by code words or phrases.

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(Bureau File [redacted])

(New Haven File [redacted])

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SAC GLEASON:

New York is Office of Origin in this case and it was opened in the New Haven Office on March 4, 1949, on receipt of report of SA ROGER W. ROBINSON, made at New York, March 2, 1949, entitled as above. The original lead for New Haven in referenced report was to ascertain who might have issued a \$600.00 check in June, 1948, to Subject KATZ.

Investigation by the New Haven Office has not only reflected who issued this check but it has also reflected considerable information of value as follows:

1. The mother of JOSEPH KATZ' wife, BESSIE, is married to DAVID TUCKMAN, West Haven, Connecticut, and is residing with him in that city. Her name is PAULINE TUCKMAN.
2. The \$600.00 check in question was made out to Subject by DAVID TUCKMAN.
3. Through the use of highly investigative techniques this office has been able to obtain copies of all correspondence between Subject's wife BESSIE and her mother PAULINE TUCKMAN; between Subject and JOSEPH WOLFSON, his former partner in the Meriden Dental Laboratory; between JOSEPH WOLFSON and Subject; between Subject and his wife, who is presently residing with her mother in West Haven and plans, according to the latest information, to return to France, apparently to rejoin her husband by air on May 13, 1949. In view of the fact that Subject's wife has been in West Haven for the past few weeks the Bureau was requested to authorize the installation of a technical surveillance; however, to date said authorization has not been received.

In conjunction with the instant file, the New Haven Office likewise maintains the following allied files on Subjects who are believed to be associated with Subject:

Monthly Inspection
New Haven Division
SAC J. J. Gleason
May 11, 1949

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/16/49

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ was

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Att: FBI Laboratory

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On May 14, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an Air Mail letter addressed to B. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., USA, bearing the postmark Paris, May 11, 1949. This letter bore no return address.

Typewritten copies of this letter which was handwritten in the English language on thin Air Mail type stationery, are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field and New York offices. It is noted that this letter is addressed to "Dearest Bess" and is signed "Joe" and from its contents it would appear that it was written by JOSEPH KATZ to his wife BESSIE KATZ who has been visiting her mother Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN of 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory make an analysis of the above letter to ascertain if any information is being conveyed therein by double meaning or by code words and phrases.

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cc: New York [redacted] Enc-2. REGISTERED MAIL
Washington Field (enc-2) REGISTERED MAIL
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
510 Trust Company Building
New Haven, 10, Connecticut
May 25, 1949

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
F. B. I.

Attention: SECURITY DIVISION

Re: JOSEPH KATZ
INTERNAL SECURITY R

Dear Sir:

ReBulet of May 11, 1949 captioned "TECHNICAL
SURVEILLANCE JOSEPH KATZ IS R".

For the information of the Bureau, a technical
surveillance has been completed at 11:00 AM on May 25, 1949
on the residence telephone of DAVID TUCKMAN, Painter Avenue,
West Haven, Conn., telephone New Haven 9-5704-R. Information
obtained as a result of this surveillance will be reported under
symbol number CNHT-62.

Very truly yours,

J. J. Gleason
J. J. GLEASON
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Att: FBI Laboratory

DATE: 4/29/49

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

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On April 29, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an Air Mail letter addressed to B. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., U.S.A. bearing the postmark Paris 69, R. de Vouille, 4-27-49. This letter bore no return address.

Photostatic copies of this letter which was handwritten in the English language on very thin, Air Mail-type stationery, are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field and New York. It is noted that this stationery was similar in appearance to the stationery of the previous correspondence between JOSEPH KATZ and his wife BESSIE KATZ as described in New Haven letters to the Bureau dated April 25, 1949 and April 28, 1949.

It is noted that this letter is signed "JOE" and from its contents, it would appear that it was written by JOSEPH KATZ to his wife BESSIE KATZ who apparently is visiting her mother, Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN of 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Salvatore F. Ducibella dated April 25, 1949 at New Haven, Connecticut in this case, which sets forth correspondence between subject JOSEPH KATZ and his wife BESSIE KATZ (pages 28 and 29) and to the above-enumerated New Haven letters to the Bureau which also set forth such correspondence.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory make an analysis of the above correspondence as well as the instant enclosure to ascertain if any information is being conveyed in this correspondence by double meaning or code words or phrases.

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cc: New York [redacted] (Enc-2) REGISTERED MAIL
 Washington Field - Enc. 2 REGISTERED MAIL

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

DATE: May 3, 1949

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

Attention:

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

1. Translation Section
2. F.B.I. Laboratory

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Reourtel this date.

On May 2, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available four air mail letters written by Mrs. BESSIE B. KATZ, all bearing the postmark May 2, 1949, New Haven, Connecticut, and addressed to the following persons:

1. Mr. JOSEPH KATZ, Boite Postale 66-16, Paris 16, France

This letter bore no return address.

2. Mlle. YVETTE LE ROUEDEC, [redacted]

This letter bore the return address: KATZ, 77 West 104th St., New York City.

3. Dr. ALBERTA SZALITA, 12 Rue Castagnary, Paris 15, France

This bore the return address: B. KATZ, 77 West 104th Street, New York, NY.

4. Dr. MAURICE KAPLAN, 1425 Jackson St., San Francisco, California

This bore the return address: KATZ, 77 W. 104 St., New York

Typewritten copies of the above letters, which were handwritten in the English language, are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field and New York offices. Because of the circumstances under which these four letters were made available by the above informant, it was impossible to obtain photostatic or photographic copies of these letters. However, from the handwriting, as well as the content of these letters it would appear that they were all written by Mrs. BESSIE B. KATZ, who apparently is still residing with her mother, Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN, of 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut.

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cc: Washington Field, Encs. 12 REGISTERED MAIL

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Letter to the Director

On May 3, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available two air mail letters addressed and postmarked as follows:

1. To: Mrs. B. Tuckman, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., U.S.A.

This bore the postmark: 4-30-49, Paris, R. Dechai.. (illegible)

2. To: [redacted] c/o Tuckman, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., U.S.A.

This was postmarked: 4-30-49, Paris 69, Rue de Vouille.

Neither letter bore a return address. Photostatic copies of these two letters, which were handwritten in the English language on a very thin air mail type stationery, are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field, and New York. It is noted that both of these letters are signed "Joe" and from their content, it would appear that they were written by JOSEPH KATZ and further that he was writing to his wife, Mrs. BESSIE KATZ. It is also to be noted that in the letter addressed to [redacted] there was contained a small silken handkerchief upon which was painted the handwritten word "Beverley" and also "Twentythree Villa Santos Dumont". This handkerchief, as all the communications received in this case to date, was subjected to ultra violet ray examination. However, no indication of any secret or other writing was noted.

It is noted that the letter to [redacted] contains a number of foreign, apparently French, expressions. It is requested that this letter be examined by the Translation Section, as well as the FBI Laboratory, so that an analysis of this correspondence and the other correspondence being forwarded herewith may be made to ascertain if any information is being conveyed which would be disguised by double meaning, or by code words, or phrases.

The attention of the New York office is drawn to New Haven letters to the Bureau in this case dated 3/25/49 and 3/28/49, copies of which were sent to the New York office with photostatic copies of three communications in the Yiddish language, translations of which have not as yet been received by this office. These communications are as follows:

Letter to the Director
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1. A postcard to D. ~~TUCKMAN~~ of 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn. bearing the postmark 3-24-49, New Haven, Conn. and no return address.
2. An air mail letter to Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN of 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn. postmarked 3-24-49 at Paris, France bearing no return address. (Note: This contained 2 letters, one in Yiddish and one in English)
3. A postcard addressed to Mr. and Mrs. DAVE ~~TUCKMAN~~, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn., bearing the postmark 3-28-49, New York, NY, with the return address G. B. ~~KATZ~~, 77 W. 104 St., New York City, 25, N.Y.

It is requested that the translation of these communications be expedited.

The attention of the New York office is also directed to the enclosed letter addressed to Dr. ALBERTA SZALITA, 12 Rue Castagnary, Paris XV, France from BESSIE KATZ, in which she advises that she plans to return to Paris by plane on May 9 or May 10 next.

The attention of the New York office is further drawn to the enclosed letter addressed to Mlle. YVETTE LE BOUDEC, [redacted] from BESSIE KATZ, wherein BESSIE indicates that BOUDEC may embark on the SS America on May 5 for New York and requests BOUDEC to call BESSIE KATZ'S sister at Wadsworth 6-6583 when BOUDEC arrived in New York. It is also to be noted that in her letter to Dr. ALBERTA SZALITA, 12 Rue Castagnary, Paris 15, France, BESSIE KATZ indicates that this individual may leave Paris and sail on the 23rd, presumably next, for the United States.

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It is suggested that the New York office give appropriate coverage to the departure and arrival above mentioned.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: April 25, 1949

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, WAS.
[REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Egan _____
 Mr. Gurnea _____
 Mr. Harbo _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Pennington _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

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A blind memorandum has been prepared on the above subject,
 and is being designated to our Legal Attaches in Paris, London and
 Canada. [REDACTED]

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RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, copies of this memorandum will be made available to
 the Legal Attaches, [REDACTED]

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RE: JOSEPH KATZ, was
Joseph Hiat, "Jack" *Summary*

FAMILY BACKGROUND:

The records of New York Draft Board 58 in New York City reflect that Joseph Katz was born on March 15, 1912 in Swantzani Vilna, Lithuania. His wife's name is Bessie Bogorad Katz and [redacted]

[redacted] The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service list Katz' father as Hirsha Hiat, who was naturalized as a United States citizen on February 19, 1925, at Patterson, New Jersey. The records of the City of New York reflect that on March 21, 1928, Joseph Hiat changed his name to Joseph Katz. Katz listed his occupation as an engineer at that time but stated that he was unemployed. He advised that his father had been known in Poland as Chiat-Katz but after his arrival in this country signed his name as Hirsha Hiat and was so naturalized. Joseph Katz advised, however, that his family in the United States had always used the last name of Katz. An affidavit filed by Bessie Bogorad Katz dated March 19, 1938, reflected that she was married to Joseph Katz at Los Angeles, California, in 1936, under the name of Katz and that she and her husband had always been known by the name of Katz.

A check of the birth records of the [redacted]
[redacted]

Bessie Bogorad Katz, according to the Selective Service file of Joseph Katz had been employed at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, 218 2nd Avenue, New York City. A check of the Board of Elections in New York City for the year 1944, reflected that Bessie Katz registered from 603 W. 140th Street, stating that she had been 21 years in the state and county and was born in the United States. Bessie Katz left for France on January 11, 1949, on board the SS "Queen Mary" and was destined to the American Joint Distribution Committee, 3 Boulevard Latour, Mauberg, France.

Joseph Katz has a brother David Katz whose address is 164 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey. Another brother Benjamin Katz resides at 1510 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. This individual who is also known as Barney was born on September 25, 1902. A third brother is Merke Katz, who was born on June 7, 1906, his present address is not known, however, one Merke Katz of 59 W. 90th Street, has been listed as an officer of Selka Inc., a concern with which Joseph Katz has been connected. A fourth brother is named Edward Katz. He was born on [redacted] and apparently served in the United States Army during the Second World War. Katz's only sister is Blanche Katz Levy, whose address in 1943 was 318 Lafayette Avenue, Patterson, New Jersey. She was born on September 21, 1908. Her husband is believed to be Mr. Edwin H. Levy, who in 1944 was connected with the Berkshire Color and Chemical Company, 362 Broadway, Passaic, New Jersey. He has stated that Joseph Katz is his brother-in-law.

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In connection with the marital status of Joseph Katz, it is of interest to note that Joseph Wolfson, who was formerly a partner of Joseph Katz in the Meriden Dental Laboratory recently advised an informant who is closely associated with him that Bessie Katz and Joseph Katz are no longer living together.

EDUCATION:

In his Selective Service Occupational questionnaire Joseph Katz listed eight years of grammar school, four years of high school and one year of college training. The records of the Delehanty Institute, 115 E. 15th Street, New York City, reflect Katz took a two month course in welding from May to July, 1941.

EMPLOYMENT:

A review of Katz's employment from available sources reflects the following information:

From 1933 to 1939, Katz advised that he did technical research and general research in libraries.

On June 13, 1938, Mr. Alex Mordock advised that he had known Katz when he was in the P.W.A. and pointed out that Katz at this time seemed to have some other source of income besides his Government relief pay. In 1938, Katz listed his employment when applying to change his name as an engineer and stated that he was unemployed.

In 1939, Katz went into partnership with Joseph Wolfson in the Meriden Dental Laboratory Company, 5 South Colony Street, Meriden, Connecticut. The files of an agency engaged in credit investigations reflect that this partnership was terminated after a four year period of operation, with Wolfson continuing in the business as the sole proprietor. According to reliable informants Joseph Wolfson, who was born on May 14, 1913, at New York City, has attended Communist Party meetings in Connecticut. He has also been in contact with the Connecticut State Secretary of the Communist Party, Andrew Onda, whose wife, Ruth, worked for the Meriden Dental Laboratory in 1943.

From early 1941 until about November, 1941, Joseph Katz worked as an insurance collector for the Unity Life and Industrial Insurance Company, 75 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

From November, 1941, to about February, 1943, Katz owned and operated a parking and used car lot at 609-13 W. 130th Street, New York City.

From February, 1943, to about June, 1944, Katz was employed at the Quartz Products Company of New York, 304 E. 45th Street, New York City.

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In 1945, an agency engaged in credit investigations advised that following his employment with the Quartz Products Company, Joseph Katz opened the Tempus Import Company at 119 W. 57th Street, New York City. According to this agency, the company had a capital of \$6,000 which funds were reportedly furnished by Katz's relatives. This company operated as an importer of leather goods, handbags and wallets from South America, selling to retailers and wholesalers. According to the agency, Katz had plans in 1945 to import watches and chemicals. This agency's records reflect that Katz further advised that he was the sole distributor for the Argo Products, Buenos Aires, Argentina. On May 24, 1945, the agency's file reflects that Martin Young stated on May 17, 1945, he had purchased the Tempus Import Company from the former owner Joseph Katz for an undisclosed consideration. On December 28, 1945, Samuel Brown advised this credit agency that he had purchased the business for an undisclosed consideration from the former owner, Martin Young, on October 20, 1945. On January 15, 1946, William B. Berg was admitted to a partnership interest with Samuel Brown in the business.

From May, 1945, to October, 1945, Katz served in the Merchant Marine Service.

From October, 1945, to the present time Katz has been associated with the following firms:

Joseph Katz and Company, 15 Park Row, New York City.
Selka Inc., 93 Nassau Street, New York City
Fournier Glove Company, 1820 Railroad Avenue, Patchougue, New York.

Katz is now the treasurer of the latter firm and at the present time is reportedly on a business trip for this firm in France. In this connection a confidential and reliable informant has advised that Katz on April 8, 1949, communicated with one Lawrence Shandel of the Fournier Glove Company, stating that he was waiting to hear from Shandel and that he wanted to meet Shandel in Tangiers. In connection with the Fournier Glove Company passport file of Joseph Katz reflects that when his passport was renewed on March 15, 1948, there was an accompanying letter from the Fournier Glove Company, signed by Jack Shandel, President of the company, indicating that Katz as an officer of the firm was desirous of going to France on a business trip.

PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION:

The passport file of Joseph Katz at the U. S. State Department reflects the following information:

Joseph Katz was issued passport #8383 on June 3, 1946 for travel to France and Switzerland for business purposes. On his application for this passport, Katz stated he was born on March 15, 1912, at Swenzani, Vilna, Poland; that his occupation was that of exporter-importer; and that his permanent residence was 603 West 140th Street, New York City. He indicated his father, Hirsha Hiat, was born in Swir, Poland, was a naturalized citizen before the

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Common Pleas Court, Patterson, New Jersey; and this his mother, Bedana Hiat, deceased, was born at Mionaliski, Poland, and was never naturalized. Katz described himself as 5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", light brown hair, blue eyes, having no distinguishing marks or features.

The passport file contained a letter by Katz on stationery of Selka, Inc., Importers and Exporters, 93 Nassau Street, New York, New York, dated May 7, 1946, in which he expressed a desire to visit Switzerland to purchase watches and watch movements and to visit France in order to establish a general importing and exporting business. He gave as further reason for going to France the desire to visit his wife, who was then employed with a relief agency there.

The above passport was amended on August 5, 1947, Paris, France, to permit travel to Germany. This passport was renewed on March 15, 1948, at New York City for a period of two years. This was on the basis of a letter from the Fournier Glove Company, manufacturers of cotton gloves and mittens, 18-20 Railroad Street, Patchogue, Long Island, dated March 11, 1948, and signed by Jack Shandel, President, which letter indicated that Katz, as an officer of this firm, was desirous of going to France on a business trip on their behalf.

The passport file contained a receipt from the United States Coast Guard, Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, dated May 8, 1945, for passport #604083, surrendered by Katz. This receipt indicated permanent certificate of identification "Z-580976 was issued to Katz in lieu of the surrendered passport. It was ascertained that passport #604083 was a seaman's passport issued to Katz on March 9, 1939.

In addition to the foregoing, information has been received to the effect that Joseph Katz applied for a transit visa on May 8, 1947, in Paris, France, to travel through Great Britain. At that time Katz gave the address of 73 Boulevard St. Michel in Paris. This building houses a book shop and 16 commercial firms.

SOVIET ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES:

Mr. Alex Mordock, 881 8th Avenue, New York City, was interviewed on June 13, 1938, and advised that there was a man by the name of Joe Katz whose wife was employed at the New York Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, whom he believed might be engaged in espionage activities. He stated that Katz was formerly on the P.W.A. and that he was quite certain that he was engaged in Communist activities inasmuch as his brother-in-law, a fellow by the name of Martin, was the state organizer of the Communist Party for the State of Pennsylvania. He stated that Katz, if closely watched, could no doubt be caught in some type of activity inasmuch as when the publicity broke relative to Soviet espionage activities, Katz became greatly alarmed and had been on the alert ever since. Mr. Mordock stated that he was furnishing this information because he knew Katz when he was on P.W.A. and that he seemed to have some type of income other than from Governmental sources.

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A physical surveillance conducted on May 27, 1944, of Mikhail A. Chaliapin, a clerk at the Soviet Consulate in New York City, and a person known to have engaged in Soviet intelligence activities, reflected that Chaliapin departed from the Soviet Consulate with Pavel P. Klarin and visited a restaurant where the two men engaged in a conversation for approximately one hour. After this meeting, Chaliapin left Klarin and proceeded by taxi to 46th Street and Broadway, where he met a man subsequently identified as Katz. This meeting appeared to have been pre-arranged. Chaliapin and Katz then proceeded to the Maison Louis Cafe Bar, 108 W. 49th Street, where they spent about one hour and a half and then returned to where they had originally met, where they separated. (S) (U)

Elizabeth T. Bentley has identified a photograph of Joseph Katz as the unknown subject "Jack" who was her superior in Soviet espionage activities in the period from the fall of 1944 until May, 1945. In connection with the identification made by Miss Bentley, it is also to be noted that the description of the unknown subject "Jack" as furnished by her fits in most every respect the description of Joseph Katz.

Information supplied by Miss Bentley reflects that Katz had knowledge of and was supervising a great deal of the espionage activity being engaged in by members of the Soviet network operating in U. S. Government agencies in Washington, D. C. Katz and Anatolie B. Gromov, the Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, were the last of the Russian contacts of Bentley up until the time she was removed from her activity in the espionage parallel. Certain of the activities of Katz as related by Bentley are being set forth in order to portray an accurate picture of his work in this Soviet espionage operation.

Bentley recalled that Katz appeared to spend a portion of his time in New York City and a portion of it in Washington, D. C. She stated that he usually came to New York on a Monday or a Tuesday and would return to Washington on a Thursday. Bentley said that she had two meetings with Katz in Washington, D. C., in December, 1944, prior to Christmas, one being at the Roger Smith Hotel and the other in the Hotel Statler. At these meetings Katz gave her instructions to contact various persons in Washington, D. C., with whom she had previously had contact in the espionage operation and inform them that she could no longer handle their material, and that they would be contacted by someone else. Bentley gave instructions along these lines to Helen Tenney, Joseph Gregg, Maurice Halperin, J. Julius Joseph, Major Duncan Lee, Bernard Redmond and possibly one or two others. Later she was in contact with Victor Perlo and informed him that she would no longer be contacting him. This meeting with Perlo took place at the apartment of Mary Price in New York City.

Katz also made arrangements with Bentley for her replacement in the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. This replacement was by Rae Elson. The background of Rae Elson was given to Bentley by Katz and he introduced her to Rae Elson. Katz later informed Bentley that he did

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not like the fact that Rae Elson knew Bentley's real identity but that it had been necessary to have this done. Katz was the only individual outside of Jacob Golos who ever furnished to Bentley any amount of information concerning the operations of the Soviets. On one occasion he explained to her the general organizational set-up of a Soviet espionage parrallel stressing the necessity of the persons so operating not knowing the identities of the persons responsible for the operation. Katz also informed Bentley that he had at one time spent a couple of years tapping telephones and he stated that he was proficient in photography, opening letters, and gaining access to buildings and offices. According to Bentley, Katz also knew the identities of the various persons with whom she had been in contact in Washington, D. C., who were engaged in the espionage work. Katz once remarked that the material brought by Bentley to New York from her contacts in Washington was always immediately returned to Washington and that this method of operation was undesirable. Miss Bentley later learned that a method was arrived at where the material originating in Washington, D. C., did not leave that city.

PRESENT RESIDENCE:

The present residence of Joseph Katz is 23 Villa Santos, Dumont, Paris. It is not known whether Katz is still connected with a business firm at 73 Boulevard St. Michel, Paris. Katz is believed to be still connected in some way with the Fournier Glove Company in Patchogue, New York. Inasmuch as late as April 8, 1949, he communicated with Lawrence Shandel of that company and stated that he wanted to meet Shandel in Tangiers.

Joseph Katz' estranged wife, Bessie Bogorad Katz is believed to be presently residing in Paris and is connected with the American Joint Distribution Committee, a relief organization.

ASSOCIATES:

Bella V. Dodd

On July 30, 1945, Harold Oldwin Samuel, 235 W 148th Street, New York City, a Negro seaman from Trinidad, British West Indies, furnished the following information relative to Joseph Katz, 603 W. 140th Street, New York City:

He stated that Katz offered to introduce him to a lawyer who for \$50 would facilitate his becoming a United States citizen without waiting three years. Katz showed Samuel a photostat of a \$10,000 government bond and offered to furnish a \$1,000 bond needed by him to get citizenship. Samuel stated that Katz had previously determined that he (Samuel) had \$300 in a United States bank. On July 24, 1945, Katz took the Samuel to see a woman attorney named, "Dodd", at 100 West 42nd Street, New York City, on the fifth floor. This woman attorney told Samuel that she could help him and that he was to pay her \$25 then and \$25 later.

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Concerning the woman attorney named "Dodd" at 100 West 42nd Street, New York City, to whom Katz took Samuel in order to assist him in obtaining his citizenship papers by fraudulent means, the 1948 Manhattan telephone directory reflects a Bella V. Dodd at 100 West 42nd Street, telephone Wisconsin 7-9386. It is reasonable to believe that this is the attorney visited by Samuel on Katz's recommendation.

Information available concerning Bella V. Dodd from established informants who are in a position to furnish information concerning Communist activities reflects that for many years she has been active in the Communist Party in the New York area and in 1947 was a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA, and was also a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party and a member of the New York State Board of the Communist Party. It is reported that she is not active at the present time as she thinks that the present leadership of the Communist Party in the New York area is poor.

Lement Upham Harris

In March, 1945, a highly confidential informant advised that Lement Upham Harris had in his possession the address of Joe Katz, 119 W. 57th Street, telephone Circle 7-1338. This telephone number was the telephone number in 1945 of the Tempus Import Company.

Information available from numerous reliable sources reflects that Harris has long been an important figure in the Communist Party, USA. He was at one time very close to Earl Browder when Browder was head of the U.S. Communist Party. Information available from Elizabeth T. Bentley reflects that Katz was well aware of Browder's activities in Soviet espionage and it may be speculated that one of his contacts with Browder might have been through Harris.

Isadore Jackerson

Isadore Jackerson, a former employee of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in Washington, D. C., had in his possession in 1945 an envelope addressed to Mr. Joseph Katz, 603 W. 140th Street, New York City. Jackerson is a contact of Martin Chancey, the former chairman of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

Jerome Nitzberg

Information has been secured from a reliable informant to the effect that Jerome Nitzberg is presently residing at the apartment of Joseph Katz at 603 W. 140th Street, New York City, apparently under some type of sublease arrangement with Katz inasmuch as Katz's family has continued to pay the rent on this apartment. The Election Board records in New York City for the year 1948 reflect that Jerome Nitzberg is registered as residing at 603 W. 140th Street, New York City. He is listed as a member of the American Labor Party. He gave his age in the 1948 registration as 26

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He stated that he had lived 26 years in New York City and four years in the election district. He stated that he was born in the United States.

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Anisson Vaintraub

In November, 1944, the superintendent of the building at 119 W. 57th Street, New York City, advised that Joseph Katz rented two rooms for the purpose of conducting business under the name of the Tempus Import Company. Relative to Katz he said that Katz had become friendly with Mr. Anisson Vaintraub, another tenant in the building who operated the Amer-Mex Export and Import Company and that Vaintraub was associated in this business with Mr. S. Sheftel.

Information available concerning Anisson Vaintraub reflects he was born on July 8, 1905, Odessa, Russia, and arrived in the United States at New York City on April 6, 1939. Vaintraub claimed to be a Hebrew, stateless, and had sailed from Genoa where he lived for three years previously to his arrival in the United States. He said he had a brother, Israel, in Switzerland. He indicated that he had also previously resided in Paris, France and in Germany. In Paris he had worked for the Banque Oriental which was owned by his brother, Israel. Information from an informant whose reliability is not known indicates that Vaintraub and his brother, Israel, had served time in a penitentiary in France as a result of fraudulent banking practices.

Martin Young

Relative to Martin Young who reportedly acquired the ownership of the Tempus Company from Joseph Katz in August, 1945, available information reflects that Young was born in Chicago, Illinois, on September 19, 1904. He has long been active in Communist Party affairs having been particularly active in the Pittsburgh area during the period of the Spanish Civil War when he was recruiting persons to fight for the Spanish Loyalist cause. In 1944 he was the educational director of the Communist Political Association with an office on the ninth floor of Communist Party headquarters in New York City. At that time he was residing at 602 W. 139th Street, New York City. Martin Young was married to Frances Fannie Bogorad on December 24, 1927, at Passaic, New Jersey. It is believed that this woman is the sister of Bessie Katz, the wife of Joseph Katz.

Samuel Brown

Samuel Brown who purchased the Tempus Import Company on October 20,

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1945, from Martin Young operated that company until April, 1948, when he had a severe heart attack. He has long been active in the American Communist Party. According to his Selective Service file, he was born in Kalarash, Bessarabia, Russia, on June 10, 1903, and entered the United States on February 18, 1923, at New York City. He has used the name Samuel Brownstein and his true name is Samuel Feinblatt. When he registered under the Selective Service Act he listed his employment as the New York State Committee of the Communist Party. During the period that Brown was active in the Tempus Import Company, he was also affiliated with the International Packing Corporation, 66-68 Day Street, New York City. The principal office of this company is in care of legal representative of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, 210 Madison Avenue, New York City. According to one informant who is ordinarily believed to be reliable, Brown has been associated with the Communist International and was at one time a member of the Disciplinary Board of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party. According to this informant, during the winter of 1947, Brown traveled extensively in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Denmark allegedly in connection with his importing business. This informant stated he was of the opinion that this was merely a "blind" and that Brown might be engaged in espionage.

DESCRIPTION:

The following is a composite description of Joseph Katz as furnished by Elizabeth T. Bentley and as taken from his Selective Service file:

Age:	36
Born:	March 15, 1912, at Swentson Vilna, Lithuania.
Height:	5'8"
Weight	170 lbs.
Build:	Broad shouldered - athletic like.
Eyes:	Bright blue
Hair:	Dark blond, kinky. Receding slightly at center of forehead.
Complexion:	Fair
Appearance:	Looks Jewish; good looking when he smiles; nose slightly curved of Jewish type. Eyebrows - very heavy. Mouth - thin lips, narrow. Face - lines from nose to mouth. Color - gray and haggard, looks as though under strain. Teeth - several missing; partial dentures - when tired takes them out. Speech - typical East Side NYC diction. Clothes - usually dresses rather peculiarly; not at all meticulous about his personal appearance, usually wears gray suits and brown shoes. Walk - slight limp, noticeable when he walks rapidly.

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Skills:	Health - stomach ulcers. Photographer, telephone tapper, safecracker.
Languages:	Hebrew, Lithuanian, Russian and Spanish.
Education:	High School. Self-educated. Very poor speller of English words.
Citizenship:	United States citizen deriative through father, Hirsha Hiat in 1925.
Social Security No.:	101-18-0892
Marital Status:	Married to Bessie Bogoard in 1935 at Los Angeles.
Passport Number:	8383 issued on 6/3/46.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: May 12, 1949

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, WAS.

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DATE 1-12-89 BY SP8 JLB/ky

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On May 12, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an air mail letter addressed to Mr. JOSEPH KATZ, Boite Postale 66 - 16, Paris 16, France, bearing the postmark, New Haven, Conn., May 11, 1949. This letter bore no return address.

Photostatic copies of this letter, which was handwritten in the English language on plain white paper, are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field and New York. It is noted that this letter begins with the salutation "Dearest Joe" and is signed "B." and from its contents it would appear that it was written by Mrs. BESSIE KATZ to her husband, JOSEPH KATZ.

The attention of the New York Office is drawn to that portion of this letter wherein the writer states, "As I wrote you yesterday, the only available space I could get was for the 16th TWA flight 974. I'm told that I'm lucky to get that - " and also to the concluding paragraph wherein the writer states, "Everyone sends their best to you - & are looking toward actually seeing you - ".

It was further noted that this letter contained a single strand of wavy black hair approximately five inches long which was contained in the folded portion of this letter.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory make an analysis of the above letter to ascertain if any information is being conveyed in this correspondence by double meaning or by code words or phrases.

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cc New York (2) - Reg. Mail - Encls.(6) -
cc Washington Field(2)-Reg. Mail - Encls.(6)

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Letter to Director

May 12, 1949

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On this same date a highly confidential and reliable informant made available two air mail letters addressed as follows:

1. To B. ~~TUCKMAN~~, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., U.S.A., bearing the postmark Paris 98, R. Gluck, 5-9 1949;
2. To [redacted] c/o TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., U.S.A., bearing postmark Paris 98, R. Gluck, 5-9 1949.

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Neither of these letters bore any return address. Photostatic copies of these letters, which were handwritten in the English language on a thin air mail type of paper are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field and New York Offices.

It is noted that the first letter begins with the salutation "Dearest Bess" and is signed "Joe" and the second begins with the salutation "My Dearest [redacted] and is also signed "Joe" and from their contents it would appear that they were written by JOE KATZ to his wife, Mrs. BESSIE KATZ, and [redacted] both of whom have been residing with Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN of 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut.

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The FBI Laboratory is also requested to make an analysis of these letters to ascertain if any information is being conveyed by double meaning or by code words or phrases.

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LEGAL ATTACHE
LONDON, ENGLAND

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8:32 PM m.w.

INTELLIGENCE ALBUMS. MEMORANDUM MAY BE LAST RETURN FOR
CORRECTION WRITTEN ON JOSEPH KATZ.

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cc - Foreign Service Desk

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
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Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

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WASHINGTON AND WFO 37 FROM NEW YORK 10 9:30 PM

DIRECTOR AND SAC ROUTINE

JOSEPH KATZ, [REDACTED] REMYTEL MAY NINE LAST. DESSIE KATZ
CANCELLED RESERVATIONS FOR AIR FRANCE MAY THIRTEEN NEXT. POSSIBLY
SHE WILL TRY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS WITH ANOTHER AIRLINE. WE WILL
CHECK AND ADVISE.

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C.C. WFO.

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WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 34 16 9:43 PM

DIRECTOR ROUTINE

JOSEPH KATZ, [REDACTED] SUBJECT'S WIFE, BESSIE KATZ;
 DEPARTED FROM NEW YORK VIA TWA AIR LINE FOR PARIS NINE AM
 INSTANT DATE.

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WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 39 27 9-55 PM

✓ DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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JOSEPH KATZ, WAS, WIFE OF SUBJECT CONTACTED
BUILDING AGENT THIS DATE CONCERNING GIVING UP OF APARTMENT
AT SIX ZERO THREE WEST ONE HUNDRED FORTIETH ST. NO DEFINITE
DATE SET. ADVISED AGENT THAT SHE RETURNED FROM EUROPE ON
APRIL TWENTYONE AND INTENDS TO RESIDE PERMANENTLY WITH HER
MOTHER AT COLUMBIA, CONN. ADVISES PERMANENTLY ESTRANGED FROM
SUBJECT. ADVISED THAT SUBJECT TRAVELS CONSTANTLY THROUGHOUT
EUROPE IN CONNECTION WITH IMPORT EXPORT BUSINESS. NO MENTION
MADE OF SUBJECT-S POSSIBLE RETURN TO US. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

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CONF TWO STATIONS

WASHINGTON AND WASHINGTON FIELD FROM NEW YORK 23 11 8:30 PM

DIRECTOR AND SAC ROUTINE

JOSEPH KATZ, [redacted] SAUL BIRNBAUM ASSOCIATED WITH SUBJECT
IN CAYBIN INC., NYC, APPEARS NOT IDENTICAL WITH SOL ALBERI, AKA
SAUL BIRNBAUM, CP ORGANIZER, WATERBURY, CONN. BIRNBAUM IN KATZ
CASE WAS BORN [redacted] IS A PUBLIC
ACCOUNTANT, AND RESIDES AT [redacted]

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CC: WASHINGTON FIELD

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DIRECTOR AND SACS NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD

U R G E N T

JOSEPH KATZ, [REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT TODAY ADVISED AN INDIVIDUAL SIGNING HERSELF AS QUOTE B UNQUOTE WROTE TO SUBJECT ON APRIL TWENTY LAST AT BOITE POSTAL SIX SIX PERIOD ONE SIX, PARIS SIXTEEN E, FRANCE, AND GAVE A RETURN ADDRESS OF ONE FORTYNINE PAINTER AVE., WEST HAVEN, CONN. IT IS BELIEVED THAT QUOTE B UNQUOTE IS BESSIE KATZ, WIFE OF THE SUBJECT. SHE IS APARENTLY RESIDING WITH HER MOTHER, MRS. PAULINE TUCKMAN IN WEST HAVEN. IN HER LETTER QUOTE B UNQUOTE INDICATES THAT SHE HAS RECEIVED NO MAIL FROM SUBJECT FOR A WEEK. BESSIE KATZ LIKEWISE INDICATES THAT [REDACTED] IS WITH HER. NEW YORK ADVISE ANY INFO AVAILABLE INDICATING THAT SUBJECT-S WIFE HAS RETURNED TO STATES.

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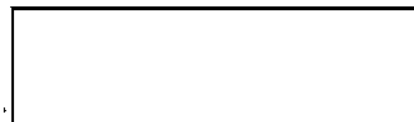
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 12, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

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(Bureau file [Redacted])ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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A highly confidential source has furnished photostatic copies of the following communications between the subject, JOSEPH KATZ, and JACK SHANDEL of the FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY, Patchogue, Long Island:

1. A letter typewritten on stationery of FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY, dated April 16, 1949. The salutation is "Hello Joe." The letter is signed "Jack." The writer is undoubtedly JACK SHANDEL. The envelope was addressed to Mr. JOSEPH KATZ, Atelier Rezvoy 23, Villa Santos-Dumont, Paris-XV, France. The envelope was postmarked at Patchogue, April 18, 1949.

2. A handwritten letter dated April 21 (1949), containing the salutation "Dear Jack," and signed "Joe." In the body of the letter JOE is identified as JOSEPH KATZ - Boite Postale 66-16, Paris 16, France. The envelope was postmarked at Paris, April 22, 1949, and was addressed to FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY, 18-20 Railroad Avenue, Patchogue, Long Island, New York, U. S. A., care of Mr. SHANDEL. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory under separate cover as a handwriting specimen.

3. A handwritten letter, undated, containing the salutation "Dear Jack," and signed "Joe." An envelope addressed to FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY at the above address, postmarked Paris, April 28, 1949. In the body of the letter KATZ again furnished SHANDEL with the Boite Postale, 66-16, Paris address, and requested SHANDEL to use that address in writing to the subject.

4. A typewritten letter and envelope on the stationery of FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY, dated April 29, 1949. The letter contained the salutation "Dear Joe," and is signed "Jack." The envelope is addressed to Mr. JOSEPH KATZ at the Boite Postale address in Paris.

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Enclosures (4)

2 cc: New Haven (Encs. 4)
2 cc: Washington Field (Encs. 4)
cc: New York [Redacted]

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Letter to Director, FBI

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Typewritten copies of the above photostatic copies are being furnished the Bureau and interested offices with this letter. The following persons are mentioned in this correspondence:

CHESTNUT (or CHESTUT) This man, it appears, is a purchasing agent for the General Electric Company, and purchases gloves from ~~DAVEY~~ GLOVE CO. R.Y.

SAUL (or ~~SAUL BERNBAUM~~) Undoubtedly identical with ~~SAUL BERNBAUM~~, a Public Accountant of 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City, who is associated with KATZ in the firm Kaybin, Inc., of the same address.

~~DAVE~~

Unidentified.

LARRY

LARRY is undoubtedly identical with ~~LARRY SHANDEL~~, a brother of JACK SHANDEL. KATZ is known to have made plans to meet LARRY SHANDEL either in Tangiers or somewhere in Western Europe. So far as it is known, this meeting has not been effected.

~~ELEANORE SHANDEL~~
~~ELEANOR~~

This is JACK SHANDEL'S wife, apparently.

The above letters, it will be noted, reflect that KATZ is trying to establish a business dealing in scarfs, ties, etc. It will be recalled that the French term "Atelier Rezvoy," which KATZ used as a business address in Paris, is believed to be a studio where handpainting is done. As will be seen from the above, KATZ apparently is employing several persons in this work. It appears that SAUL BERNBAUM is handling the sales of these items in New York for KATZ.

Copy

(Letterhead of FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY)

(Manufacturers of Cotton Gloves-Mittens
18-20 Railroad Avenue, Patchogue, New York)

April 16, 1949

Hello Joe:

I'm still waiting for your letter that you promised to write.
I forwarded the one you wrote to Larry.

I received the scarfs. They are beautiful. You forgot to enclose an invoice. We had a little trouble getting them out. How much are they? I believe I can sell some in town if the price is right. In my last letter I wrote you that Chesnut of G. E. wants a scarf for a picture. He would like to know if you can make him 3 scarfs 14 inches by 18 inches. He isn't particular about the colors. You, being somewhat of an artist I am sure you will do them justice. I believe he did mention that the one he framed has a large flower in the center. Please let me know if it could be done. I don't have to tell you how important that account is to us, especially now when business isn't too good and everyone trying to sell him gloves.

Referring to the last paragraph, a couple of refugees who worked for Century Glove in Newark opened a glove factory right in his backyard. They are hungry for business and so they started chopping prices. We had to reduce ours in order to meet competition. We're not in too bad a shape as some of the cloth came down in price a little. I just completed the inventory for the past 3 months. You'll get a statement from Sol very shortly.

Bob isn't with us anymore. I am breaking in a new girl and as soon as she gets herself organized I'll see that you get a monthly report.

Best regards from Eleanor.

Jack (handwritten)

Note: Above was typewritten.

Envelope: postmarked "Patchogue, New York, April 18, 1949."

Addressed to: Mr. Joseph Katz, Atelier Rezvoy

23 Villa Santos-Dumont, Paris XV, France

Return address: Fournier Glove Company, 18-20 Railroad Avenue,
Patchogue, New York

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Copy

April 21

Dear Jack -

Just got your letter and I'm answering right away. Firstly about the scarves for Chestnut, I've immediately put the artist to work on the designs and hope to have the scarves finished by Wed. or Thursday of next week and will send them out air-mail to you right away. We decided to make one with a flower design, very colorful, and two in a set with Paris scenes and monuments. I'm having them made on heavy silk so that they will frame nicely. If I knew the color scheme of Chestnut's scars I would try to make complementary colors but I think it doesn't matter too much and they will come out very nicely.

As for selling them in Patchogue, of course if you want to. Just let me know and I will ship one out to you right away. The more complicated designs on a good silk like the ones I sent you cost me about \$2.75 to \$3.00 each. Simpler designs cost a little less. Saul can explain to you how I must bill them, duty, etc. So if you want to go into the scarf business just let me know.

All in all, I'm not doing too badly here although it is not at all easy and there are many problems. I've shipped quite a few to New York about 1,000 but the difficulty is that I do not have anyone to handle it properly. I have tentative arrangements to ship 10,000-12,000 between September and April but I don't like the set-up. It is much too vague and I'm not counting on it. I'm certain there is good money to be made in the scarves, ties and dress goods. I can make up if I have the proper arrangements in the states. Well, we'll see. I think it will be all right. In the meantime I'm selling about 600 a month right here in France and at the carnival at Nice our scarves were exhibited as an example of fine French artisan work and we made good sales there.

What is happening with the expansion plans for Fournier? It's quite a while now since I've heard from Dave, or you about it. From what everyone tells me here business in the states is not good. What do you think about the future prospects.

Tell Larry that I hate him. He sent me a letter that he was coming here and I cabled and wrote him but got no answer. Where is he and what is he doing? He cabled me that he was writing a letter but no letter came. Maybe he sent it by carrier pigeon. How is Eleanor and the kids? I hope you gave her one of the scarves I sent you. I meant it that way. Incidentally the duty on the scarves should have been 64¢ each which is what Saul pays for them. If you want to, I'll send you a bill if you need it for the Customs. I'll do the same for Chestnut's scarves so you won't have any difficulty with the Customs.

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What else can I tell you? I feel tolerably well, get lonesome for home, more and more often; have a nice French car called a Citroen which takes me out of Paris about one half hour each month. Lead a clean life, etc. The shop reminds me constantly of Fournier. It seems to be my luck to work only with women. I have about 16 girls and only 4 men. I serve them coffee every day (which here is really something) and at every opportunity the girls bring me gifts. This week it was an easter cake. As much as I disliked it I ate it right on the spot and was nauseous immediately.

Well the letter goes on and on with nonsense so I'd better stop. Incidentally, write me to: Joseph Katz, Boite Postale 66-16, Paris 16, France, so in case I am out of town, the letter will be forwarded.

Best regards to everyone.

Joe

Write more often!

Note: Above was handwritten.

Envelope: Postmarked Paris, April 22, 1949

No return address. Addressed to Fournier Glove Company, 18-20 Railroad Avenue, Patchogue, New York, USA. "Mr. Shandel."

(No return address, undated)

"Dear Jack:

"Just a few words to let you know that I'll be shipping three pictures for Chestnut. We did a great deal of work on it, getting up the design and getting it put on silk. It isn't exactly to my taste, but I made it in such a fashion that I thought he would like. I suggest you have it framed before you give it to him. I'll also send you a bill which you can ignore but that you can use for Customs. The bill incidentally will have no relation to actual price, so that if someone should want to buy any, it will cost them quite another price.

"Best regards to the family, and remember that now you owe me a letter.

/s/ Joe

"When writing to me please write: J. Katz-Boite Postale 66-16, Paris 16, France."

Note: The envelope in which the above was contained was addressed as follows: Fournier Glove Company, 18-20 Railroad Avenue, Patchogue, Long Island, New York, USA; postmarked April 28, 1949, at Paris; no return address.

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Letterhead of
FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY

18-20 Railroad Avenue, Patchogue, New York
Telephone: Patchogue 2299
April 29, 1949

Dear Joe:

I'm going to surprise you in answering your letter within three days after receiving it. I finally have it so arranged as to give me a little free time during the day.

I don't think we are going to expand just yet. Business looks too uncertain. Although we're about \$7000.00 ahead of last year for the four months of 1946.

Referring to the scarfs, I believe you have a good item and as for selling them here in Patchogue, you can either send me samples or else you can ship me as many as you want and I'm sure I can get rid of them. I know a lot of women and I can also take them around to the stores. I would also like to see your hand painted ties. They ought to sell too. I'm sorry to hear that you have trouble selling your scarfs and ties in New York. Perhaps we can work out a deal with Larry or with us whereas we can represent you. Larry just phoned me I bawled him out for not writing. He told me he spoke to you on the phone. He asked me to tell you that he has someone in his office who is very good in selling. He wants you to send him samples of the scarfs and ties and this fellow will take them around. Send the samples to me and I'll see that he gets them. If you have any suggestions about selling your merchandise let me hear them.

I'm glad to hear that you and yours are well. Eleanore and the kids are fine. Yvette is quite a young lady now, and Pat is worse than a boy. I guess I won't be seeing you for quite a while now. Incidentally we are growing. We now employ 25 in help.

Write soon and I'll do my best to answer immediately.

/s/ Jack

Above enclosed in an envelope of Fournier Glove Company, Inc.,
and addressed to Mr. JOSEPH KATZ, Boite Postale 66-16 - Paris 16 - France

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 28, 1949

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was

BUREAU FILE

On April 28, 1949, a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an airmail letter addressed to Miss PAULA KATZ, c/o TUCKMAN, 149 - Painter Ave. West Haven, Conn. U.S.A. and bore the postmark Paris - 69, R. de Vouille, 4-25 1949. This letter bore no return address.

Photostatic copies of this letter which was handwritten in the English language on a very thin airmail-type stationery are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field and New York Divisions. It was noted that this stationery was similar in appearance to the stationery of the two letters described in New Haven letter to the Bureau dated April 25, 1949.

It is noted that this letter is signed "JOE" and from its contents it would appear it was written by JOSEPH KATZ to [redacted]

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Hello Sweetheart—

I'm now in the shop. I
tried to paint a scarf for you
and Beverly, I got myself
all full of paint because you
are not here to help me, and
the scarf is all spoiled any-
way. I am sending one for you
now and I'll send one for
Beverly in the next letter, I
mean a handkerchief not
a scarf.

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I bet you are having
a very good time at
Grandmas. It is cold here
in Paris and raining.

I am waiting for another
letter to ~~to~~ write right
away and remember that I
love you very much.

Joe

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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DIRECTOR URGENT

JOSEPH KATZ, INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM HIGHLY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REFLECTS SUBJECT'S WIFE MAY BE AT RESIDENCE
OF DAVID TUCKMAN, PAINTER AVENUE, WEST HAVEN, NEW HAVEN TELEPHONE
9-5704-R. BUREAU REQUESTED TO APPROVE TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE ON
RESIDENCE PHONE OF TUCKMAN. FULL SECURITY ASSURED. FORM FD 142
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order to protect the Bureau's coding systems.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAG, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ. was
[redacted]
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DATE: May 17, 1949

Attention: FBI Laboratory

On May 17, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available two air-mail letters as follows:

1. Addressed to B. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., U.S.A., bearing the postmark 5-14-1949, Paris, Tri Distribution No. 16, 4OR. Singer.

This letter bore no return address.

2. Addressed to [redacted] c/o TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn. U.S.A., bearing the postmark 5-13-49, Paris, 69 R. de Vouille. This letter bore no return address.

Photostatic copies of the above letter to B. TUCKMAN which was handwritten in the English language on thin green air-mail type stationery are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field, and New York. It is noted that this letter begins with the salutation "Dearest Bess" and is signed "Joe". From its contents it appears that it was written by JOSEPH KATZ to his wife, BESSIE KATZ.

The Bureau's attention is drawn to the first paragraph of this letter wherein the writer complains as he has in previous letters that he has not been receiving all the letters supposedly written by BESS. It has been noted that BESSIE KATZ has numbered some of her previous correspondence to subject and there exists the possibility that if the subject has not been receiving all the mail which she has directed to him that this mail may have been intercepted and with-held by the French police. In this event it would appear that JOSEPH KATZ may be the subject of a possible espionage investigation by the French authorities.

It is also noted in this letter that the Subject states, "I am leaving Paris for about a month at the end of next week". It is further noted that the Subject wrote, "Also I remembered after you left that you didn't mail the \$1500 check. Do you have it". By this it is felt that the Subject may have.

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Letter to the Director

May 17, 1949

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forwarded this \$1500 check to BESSIE KATZ during her recent stay in the United States.

With respect to the letter addressed to [redacted] it was ascertained that the only content of this letter was a 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square silk kerchief similar to the kerchief which JOSEPH KATZ had previously sent [redacted]

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[redacted] It was noted that this kerchief had handwritten upon it [redacted] "Joe" and besides this there appeared 21 x's. In one corner of the kerchief appeared the handwritten word "Rezvoy; in the second corner appeared "23, Villa Santos Dumont"; in the third corner the word "Paris"; and in the fourth corner the word "France".

This informant also advised that a postcard had been delivered to [redacted] 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn. bearing the postmark May 16, 1949, New York, New York, upon which appeared the message that the writer was about to board her plane and sent her love to [redacted] and YVETTE. From the latter it would appear that YVETTE LE BOUDEC, who has been reported as enroute to the United States from Paris, France, is either presently at 149 Painter Avenue or is soon expected there.

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It is requested that the FBI Laboratory make an analysis of the above letter to B. TUCKMAN to ascertain if any information is being conveyed therein by double meaning or by code words or phrases.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

DATE: 4-21-49

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Reurtel this date.

On April 20, 1949, at 7:00 p.m. a highly confidential and reliable informant made available a letter addressed to Mr. J. VAGUE, Boite Postale 66-12, Paris 10e. France, and bearing the return address 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, and the postmark New Haven, Connecticut, April 20, 1949. Typewritten copies of this letter which was typewritten in the English language, are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Washington Field Office and New York office. Because of the circumstances under which this letter was made available by the above informant, it was impossible to obtain a photostatic or photographic copy of this letter.

It is to be noted that the writer of this letter indicated her signature with the letter "B" and it is also to be noted that the content of this letter refers to the fact that she has been a week without any mail from JOSEPH KATZ. It is also noted that the writer states that [redacted] is with her. It is believed that the writer, "B", may be BESSIE KATZ who, in previous correspondence written by her in Paris, France, to her mother, Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN of West Haven, Connecticut, indicated to her mother that she would soon visit Mrs. TUCKMAN at her home in West Haven, Connecticut.

In the event that the New York office is able to verify that BESSIE KATZ [redacted] recently entered the United States from Paris, France, it is requested that the New Haven office be advised of the same.

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cc: New York [redacted] Enc. (2) Registered Mail
Washington Field Enc. (2) Registered Mail

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April 20

Dearest Joe,

A week now and no mail. I am most concerned and hope you're feeling all right.

I'm at my mother's and it has been a help to her. She is bearing up and beginning to be more cheerful. Perhaps it's the front she is putting on for me---but so far I'm glad to see that the blow hasn't thrown her as badly as my apprehensions indicated. I am moving rather slowly in my plans --- for [redacted] sake as well as my mother's, for I don't want either of them to feel that I am forcing an issue. [redacted] seems a little apprehensive but really enjoys being here. The house is very nice. The weather has been beautiful and she has been outdoors with Gene. So far the question of a dog has not come up although I feel it is in the offing. When the issue is raised I am confident I will be able to handle it.

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Everyone here asks about you and is much concerned about your state of health. By the way did you receive the transfer of that \$100?

Cele (?) was downtown the other day and was pleasantly surprised to find that she would be able to spare you three more of those lovely woollen shirts you wanted so much. Shall I send them to you?

It is frustrating to carry on a one-sided correspondence. I hope so that I'll find a letter from you.

All our love to you. [redacted] misses you and so do I.

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/s/ B.

The family all send their best. I think Ken and Stevie are coming for the week-end.

The envelope for the above was addressed to Mr. J. Katz, Boite Postale 56.16 Paris 16e. France and was from 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn., postmarked April 20, 1949 6 P.M.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No passport record located concerning WANDA MARVIN, nee WANDA VAN BRUNT. MARK MARVIN born MARVIN MORTON KLEIN, issued passport 3-24-30 to visit Europe for study purposes. On 12-30-42, MARK MARVIN registered with the U. S. Consul, Mexico City, where stated engaged in production anti-Nazi film. EUGENE W. SILITCH and JANET HUBBARD SILITCH granted passports 7-23-47 to visit European countries. JANET SILITCH previously had passport 5-26-39. EUGENE SILITCH has had 6 other passports between 11-9-26 and 7-23-47, traveling in connection with work as Civil Engineer for different American firms. Photographs of MARK MARVIN, EUGENE SILITCH and wife obtained.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RALPH W. BACKMAN, dated April 19, 1949 at Cincinnati. - 55
Report of Special Agent ROGER W. ROBINSON, New York City dated March 2, 1949. - 523
Letter from San Francisco to Director dated January 26, 1949 in case entitled "Unknown Subject: Wa 'Bill'; Unsub; Wa Catherine, [REDACTED]"

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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On January 26, 1949, the San Francisco Division addressed letter of reference to the Director in the case entitled "Unsub, Wa Bill; Unsub, Wa Catherine, [REDACTED]" These individuals are unidentified subjects in the Gregory case and operated as

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principals of GREGORY just prior to the advent of JOSEPH KATZ previously known as unknown subject, JACK, who is the subject of instant case.

This letter suggested WANDA MARVIN as possibly identical with unknown subject, CATHERINE, and made reference to the surveillance of JOSEPH KATZ on May 27, 1944, when he was followed to the apartment of WANDA MARVIN, after having been observed in meeting with MIKHAIL A. CHALIAPIN of the Russian Consulate, New York City. From available serials, it is understood the above surveillance placed JOSEPH KATZ in the apartment building at 64 W. 55th Street, New York City where WANDA MARVIN was a resident, as was JANET RANKIN, since married to EUGENE W. SILITCH, and that KATZ was not actually followed to a particular apartment within the building. Later, he was identified tentatively as a visitor of JANET RANKIN, this identification being predicated upon the recollection of FRANK O'NEAL, apartment superintendent at 64 W. 55th Street.

Although EUGENE W. SILITCH appears to be a somewhat questionable character, nothing reported thus far appears to cast suspicion upon JANET RANKIN directly as a Communist or Soviet sympathizer. For this reason, it appears quite possible that KATZ may have visited some individual other than JANET RANKIN during the surveillance of May 27, 1944. This individual could have been MARK or WANDA MARVIN and may have been some entirely different person. KATZ PROBABLY VISITED HIS ACTRESS BEBECCA GETZOFF WHO LIVED AT 64 W 55th ST IN 1943-44 UNDER NAME OF EVA R. GARDNER

It is recalled that unknown subject, CATHERINE, first came into the picture in the Gregory case in October 1943. JACOB GOLOS was aware of her existence and advised informant GREGORY of the coming meeting with CATHERINE through MARGARET (OLGA PRAVDINA). Shortly thereafter, unknown subject, BILL, entered the case following the death of GOLOS, on Thanksgiving 1943 and continued to serve as a contact for GREGORY until October 1944 when BILL set up the arrangements for GREGORY's meeting with JOSEPH KATZ as "unknown subject JACK." The above matter is recalled to indicate the probable close association between JOSEPH KATZ and unknown subjects BILL and CATHERINE. Because of this probable connection, sufficient copies of this report in this case are being designated for the Bureau and other offices for inclusion in the respective files in the case entitled "Unknown Subjects, BILL and CATHERINE." ER
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WANDA MARVIN, Nee Wanda Van Brunt
MARK MARVIN alias Marvin Morton Klein

Confidential Informant advised that no passport record could be located for WANDA MARVIN under this name or her maiden name of WANDA VAN BRUNT.

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advised that passport #181747 was issued to MARVIN MORTON KLEIN on March 24, 1930 for proposed travel to France, Switzerland, Italy, England and Germany for the purpose of study. Application for this passport disclosed that KLEIN was born February 3, 1908 in Chicago, Illinois, son of MARK A. KLEIN, born in Austria with whom the applicant resided at 1260 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois at the time of application. WILLIS JORDAN, 2510 4th Street, Moline, Illinois witnessed the application.

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In the application for passport, MARVIN KLEIN was described as 5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", eyes blue, hair red, occupation merchandise manager. The photograph with his earlier application indicated MARVIN KLEIN wore a mustache. A more recent picture depicts him as clean shaven.

It is also ascertained that MARVIN M. KLEIN, known as MARK MARVIN, registered on December 30, 1942 with the U. S. Consul at Mexico City, Mexico, which registration was approved by the Department of State, January 29, 1943. At this time, he indicated he was married on October 16, 1933 to WANDA VAN BRUNT, who was born July 9, 1912 at Trenton, Missouri. He gave his legal residence as 64 W. 55th Street, New York City and listed his parents as M. A. KLEIN, 148-43 Hillside Avenue, Jamaica, Long Island, born Bresowitz, Austria. He gave his occupation as Associate Producer of Motion Pictures (Producciones Alfa of the Banco Cinematografico).

In the registration application of December 30, 1942, MARK MARVIN set forth the following periods of residence outside the United States:

January - May 1928 - Mexico, France and England
May 1930 - September 1930 - Mexico
May 1940 - January 1941 - Mexico
October 7, 1942 to date in Mexico for purpose of commercial business on behalf of Mexican firm.

In connection with this application, he presented permit of the Local Board #246, Beverly Hills, California, issued September 22, 1942 and several affidavits pertaining to his use of the name MARK MARVIN. These affidavits were by the following individuals:

MARK A. KLEIN, father, in affidavit dated June 18, 1940 at

New York City, stated his son had used the name MARK MARVIN for the past ten years and was so known in his writings and to his friends and relatives. Further, that his wife, WANDA VAN BRUNT was known as Mrs. MARK MARVIN.

Mrs. MARK A. ~~KLEIN~~, nee HERMINE ~~FREIREICH~~ executed a similar affidavit on June 24, 1940 at New York City.

JACOB ~~FREIREICH~~, uncle of applicant and brother of Mrs. MARK ~~KLEIN~~, executed a similar affidavit on June 24, 1940 at New York City.

In connection with the above registration, MARK MARVIN addressed a letter to the State Department on October 14, 1942 on stationery of the Hotel Maria Cristina, advising he had entered Mexico a few days earlier by special arrangement with GOBERNACION (Mexican Government Department, which includes control of immigration, among its duties) to work as an associate producer of a feature English-Spanish anti-Nazi film at Clasa Studio in Mexico City. He indicated GOBERNACION had kindly waived the usual requirement of passports for Americans entering for the purpose of employment and suggested it was probably a good idea to obtain passports and submit a request furnishing background data and reflecting the change of name on or about 1934 for professional reasons. (Then began work in the theater).

A copy of the photograph of MARK MARVIN from the registration application dated December 30, 1942 was obtained and two copies are being furnished the New York Division. As indicated, no record could be found concerning WANDA MARVIN, although from information previously furnished, it appears that she accompanied MARK MARVIN to Mexico in December 1942.

EUGENE WLADIMIR SILITCH
and
JANET HUBBARD SILITCH
Aka Janet Rankin

advised that passport #96828 was issued July 23, 1947 to JANET HUBBARD SILITCH, born July 8, 1914 at Little Falls, New York for proposed travel to Switzerland, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Great Britain to visit her mother in England and to accompany her husband. She gave her permanent address as 64 W. 55th Street, New York, 19, New York and occupation as housewife. She listed her parents as GEORGE R. ~~RANKIN~~, born September 15, 1891 at Herkimer, New York, residence 304 Evergreen Road, Jenkinstown, Pennsylvania and GRACE B. ~~SIBLEY~~, born September 8, 1893 at Utica, New York, residence Upton Lodge, Long Sutton, Taunton, England.

She stated her husband is EUGENE W. SILITCH, born January 26, 1901 in Russia, who emigrated to the United States July 19, 1919 and was naturalized November 8, 1926 in the Southern District of New York and stated they were married December 2, 1946. Mrs. SILITCH stated she intended to leave New York, August 2, 1947, aboard the SS Sabeiski for three months stay abroad. In a letter attached to this application dated July 23, 1947, JANET SILITCH stated she would accompany her husband, who is making a business trip for three months to France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Denmark and would also visit with her mother, Mrs. T. C. ~~SIBLEY~~ of Taunton, England.

It was also ascertained that passport #625019 was issued to JANET HUBBARD RANKIN, on May 26, 1939 for proposed travel to France and England for pleasure purposes. At that time, she gave her occupation as an artist and her residence as 112 W 112th Street, New York City. The identifying witness was MARGARET ~~FRANKLAND~~, not related, who lived at 2501 Palasade Avenue, Bx, New York City. In both applications, JANET RANKIN was described as 5'6", hair brown, eyes blue-gray.

advised that passport #96827 was issued on July 23, 1947 to EUGENE WLADIMIR SILITCH, born January 26, 1901 in Russia, for proposed travel to France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Great Britain, Switzerland and Germany, if permitted by AMG, for Engineering business and lecturing purposes. The application reflected naturalization November 8, 1926, certificate #2357358, and gave his address as apartment 3R at 64 W. 55th Street, in the name of J. ~~RANKIN~~, wife. He indicated his father, WLADIMIR SILITCH is deceased and his mother, AUGUSTA A. ~~SILITCH~~, born 1873 in Vienna, was admitted to the United States on March 3, 1947 and resides at the New York address above.

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On July 22, 1947, EUGENE WLADIMIR SILITCH, President and Technical Director of the Ranney Method Supplies, Inc., addressed a letter to the Passport Division, concerning his proposed trip to Germany between September 15 and November 10, 1947, for a period of three to five days to be spent in Munich in connection with the work of his company. His stated purpose was to interview Water Supply Engineers and operators of Munich to obtain first-hand information and technical data on the behalf of collection galleries which supply the city of Munich especially in relation to depreciation if any, in terms of production and to collect other data resulting from the long period of operation of this system. He indicated he planned to travel by car from France to Munich and return, using any roads acceptable to the military government. SILITCH explained that his company specialized in investigating, designing and construction of infiltration water supplies and during the war was engaged exclusively for war plants and developed complete supplies for three of the

largest ordnance works in the United States, as well as smaller ones, including plants for the Navy and Engineer Corps. He stated the system was relatively new and the largest development occurred during the war and that as a result was continuing investigation of peace-time supplies for municipalities and industry. He indicated he was visiting Europe where agencies had been established in France and Switzerland to instruct engineers in their methods and to secure pertinent information available over there.

The records of the informant indicate that SILITCH had received a number of passports between November 9, 1926 and the most recent issued July 23, 1947, above. Much of the information set forth herein, is repeated in applications for these passports, however, brief reference is made to them hereinafter.

On August 25, 1941, the Postmaster at Louisville, Kentucky, advised the Passport Division in response to inquiry that EUGENE SILITCH was receiving mail at 1715 Spring Drive, Louisville and that mail was received at this address also for ALEXIS ALVA, ALEXIS NASILEBIKOR and Mr. and Mrs. DENILOFF, all of which was being forwarded to Box 376, Henderson, Kentucky. The forwarded mail apparently did not refer to that of SILITCH. The file also contained a letter from G-2 under the signature of Lt. Colonel ROBERT H. HARRIS concerning one EUGENE W. SILITCH, who in October 1940 resided at 26 E 91st Street, New York City with wife, ALICE ELIZABETH SILITCH and two sons, age three years and five years. This memo stated that the FBI files contain a full report of SILITCH, who is reported to be untrustworthy and without scruples and it was believed he would cooperate with the German Espionage system if an attractive proposition was offered to him.

In application dated May 28, 1941 for passport 690613, SILITCH indicated he had resided in New York City and Louisville from 1919 to 1926 and that his permanent address was 1308 Eastern Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky.

In application for passport #5809, issued January 13, 1934 in Paris, France, SILITCH gave his address as 29 rue de Longchamps Nevilly, SS, Paris and his legal address as Civil Engineering Company, McDonald Engineering Company #1, N. LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois. In January 1927, he married MADELINE DUTOUR, born in Paris; that he was divorced and her whereabouts unknown. He listed as references ROBERT P. DURHAM, President, McDonald Engineering Company and M. UPSON, President, Raymond Concrete Pile Company, 140 Cedar Street, New York. This application was witnessed by HARRY P. BLANK, 12 rue du harve, Paris, who indicated that SILITCH was a Director of Entreprises Centricles Francaises (associate of McDonald Company). He indicated he

had resided outside the United States as follows:

1927 - April 1929 - Venezuela

May 1, 1930 - July 1930 - Spain, Germany, France, Belgium, Austria, England.

April 1931 - December 1931 - France, Germany, England, Switzerland

May 10, 1932 to date (1-13-34) - France, except 2 trips to the United States.

Passport #3568 was issued to SILITCH on October 19, 1932 at Paris, France, at which time he gave the address 29 rue de Longchamps Nevilly - Sur--Seine, France. The files reflect that on January 3, 1934, SILITCH lost this passport apparently on a railroad enroute from Vienna to Paris.

On October 18, 1930, passport renewal, serial #1071 was granted SILITCH, who then resided at 141 E 44th Street, New York City and was engaged as a Civil Engineer, negotiating contracts for Frederick Snare Corporation, 114 Liberty Street, New York City. At that time, SILITCH was being sent to France in connection with certain construction work for this firm and had been previously abroad in the interest of this company in 1928-29 and again from April 1924 to July 7, 1930.

On November 9, 1928, passport #307 was issued to SILITCH at Maracaibo, Venezuela, good for all countries. SILITCH indicated he was residing in Maracaibo temporarily and engaged in oil business for the Largo Petroleum Company at Maracaibo. He gave as references, EARL ULEN, c/o Ulen Company, 120 Broadway, New York City and Mr. SOBOURN, c/o Largo Petroleum Company, 120 Broadway.

He indicated he had been in South America from October 1928 to June 1929 and in Europe from April 1930 to July 1930.

Passport #1476, special series, was granted to SILITCH on November 9, 1926 to visit six South American countries, France and Poland on construction work for the Ulen Company, 120 Broadway, New York City. He listed his address as 155 W. 103rd Street, New York City. Identifying affidavit was signed by GEORGE B. NUGEL, 500 Fort Washington Avenue, New York City, Traffic Manager for Ulen Company, who had known SILITCH for three years.

A copy of this report is being designated for the Cincinnati and Louisville Offices for information in view of their interests in EUGENE SILITCH. Also copies of photographs of SILITCH and wife are being furnished these offices.

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A copy of the report is being designated for Baltimore because of its interest in unknown subjects BILL and CATHERINE.

Copies of the report are being designated for San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle in line with previous instructions in unsolved situations.

ENCLOSURES: TO NEW YORK

Photographs of EUGENE W. SILITCH (2)
" " JANET HUBBARD SILITCH (2)
" " MARK MARVIN (2)

TO CINCINNATI

Photograph of EUGENE W. SILITCH (1)
Photograph of JANET HUBBARD SILITCH (1)

TO LOUISVILLE

Photographs of EUGENE W. SILITCH (1)
" " JANET HUBBARD SILITCH (1)

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LEADS

It is noted that the undeveloped leads set forth herein are equally applicable in the case entitled "Unknown Subject, Wa Bill, Unknown Subject, Wa Catherine; " As indicated above, copies of this report have been designated for that file in the Bureau and respective offices. b3

THE NEW YORK OFFICE:

At New York, New York, will display enclosed photographs to Confidential Informant GREGORY to ascertain whether any of the individuals herein may be identical with unknown subjects in the Gregory case.

Will endeavor to secure a photograph of WANDA MARVIN, nee VAN BRUNT, also possibly known as Mrs. MARVIN MORTON KLEIN for display to Informant GREGORY.

Will conduct further investigation at the apartment building at 64 W. 55th Street, to ascertain whether there are other individuals whose background indicates JOSEPH KATZ would be likely to contact them. If feasible, will secure a list of tenants and occupants for search through the New York indices and for further study. ALTHOUGH JANET RANKIN cannot be excluded, it appears very possible KATZ visited some other individual, man or woman, at 64 W. 55th Street.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

See 8/18
At Beverly Hills, California, will check the records of Local Board 246, Beverly Hills and secure detailed information concerning MARK MARVIN and any data available regarding his wife, WANDA MARVIN.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

*At Washington, D.C., will review material furnished by Informant GREGORY for suggested leads which may place KATZ in Washington during the periods he was in contact with BENTLEY and such further leads as may be disclosed by this review.

At Personnel Headquarters, FWA, will check records of WPA for all information relative to KATZ' employment with this agency and with FWA.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

DATE: 6/9/49

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FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ Was

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On 5/31/49 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an air mail letter postmarked Paris II, Annexe, Gare Aérienne, 6/7/49, addressed to [redacted] 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Connecticut, USA.

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It was noted that this letter was personal in nature and appeared to have been written by Mrs. BESSIE B. KATZ and was signed "Mommy". The letter mentioned that a Dr. SZALITA was leaving for New York on the following day and it was indicated that this person, a woman, was taking a present to [redacted] from her mother. The writer also mentioned that she would see IRENE "this weekend" and that she was trying to finish up everything "so that I can hurry back to you". The writer also inquired as to how the WOLFSONS were and said to give them her regards.

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Reference is made to New Haven letter to the Bureau in instant case dated 5/3/49 wherein is set forth the information that Mrs. BESSIE B. KATZ wrote to Dr. ALBERTA SZALITA at Paris, France and in this communication it appeared that Dr. SZALITA was employed at the same office in Paris where Mrs. KATZ was working and further that Dr. SZALITA planned to return to the United States soon thereafter.

On 6/3/49 the above source made available two letters addressed to [redacted] at the above address as follows:

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1. An air mail letter postmarked Paris, 5/31/49 which was signed "Mommy", told of personal doings in Paris of the writer and expressed "Regards to the Wolfsons". A second note was enclosed in this letter which was signed "Joe", which was of a very personal nature.

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cc: New York [redacted]
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2. An air mail letter postmarked Limoges R.P., Haute-Vienne, 5/31/49. This letter was unsigned but it appeared to have been also written by JOSEPH KATZ. It told of a trip in the country which the writer was taking and it enclosed three flower petals. The date at the heading of the letter was Monday night, May 30, 1949.

On 6/8/49 the above informant made available an air mail letter addressed to [redacted] of the above address bearing the postmark 6/4/49, Hendaye-Plage, Bses., Pyrenees. This letter, which was signed "Joe", had the date June 2, 1949 at the head of it and the author indicated that he was writing the letter late at night. Most of this letter was of a personal nature; however, the following excerpts were noted therein:

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"I rode all day today along side of the Pyrenees Mountains - snow capped - many shepherds in the mountains watching flocks of sheep"..... "I don't think I will be able to write you for the next few days because I will be on a train, but then on Sunday or Monday I will write you a big, fat letter."

For the further information of the New York office, on 5/30/49 New Haven Confidential Informant CNHT-62 advised that one CELIA, believed to be CELIA BOGORAD KATZ of New York City, advised Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN that [redacted] who apparently was in New York with YVETTE LE BOUDEC for a short visit, would not return to Mrs. TUCKMAN'S for at least a week because she had contracted chicken pox. CELIA assured Mrs. TUCKMAN that [redacted] was all right and informed her that [redacted] was going to stay with MIRIAM since the latter's children also have chicken pox. This informant also advised that in addition to visiting at the home of CELIA (KATZ) and at the home of MIRIAM, [redacted] and YVETTE LE BOUDEC were also to visit at the home of FANNY PRIEB (phonetic).

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From other information furnished by this informant, it is believed that the above MIRIAM is MIRIAM GITTELSON, believed to be another daughter of Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN, and that MIRIAM GITTELSON'S phone number is Wadsworth 66583.

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 6/8/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/24, 2/11, 3/3, 8, 11, 4/4/49	REPORT MADE BY LORENZO W. ANDERSON, JR. MEG
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DATE 1-13-89 BY SP-4 JLB

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject as **JOSEPH KATZ** married to **BESSIE BOGORAD** 9/23/35 at Los Angeles. Other investigation Los Angeles negative.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated January 26, 1949
Report of Special Agent **ROGER W. ROBINSON** dated March 2, 1949 at New York

DETAILS:

Special Employee **BASCOM SHANKS** searched the marriage license record bureau, Hall of Records, for Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, and reported that **JOSEPH KATZ** was married to **BESSIE BOGORAD** on September 23, 1935 at Los Angeles. This record reflected subject's address as 1206 Dodds Street, Los Angeles, white, age twenty-three, single, first marriage, born New York, occupation, engineer-aviation, father **DAVID KATZ** born in Lithuania, mother **BEATRICE GUBERSKY** born in Lithuania.

Concerning **BESSIE BOGORAD**, the record shows her residence address as 3169 Fairmount Street, Los Angeles, white, age twenty-three, single, first marriage, born New Jersey, occupation medical stenographer hospital, father **SAMUEL BOGORAD** born Russia, mother **PAULINE GORDEN GORDEN** who was born in Russia. Witness to the marriage was Mrs. **BESS POLIN**, 3016 1/2 Folsom Street, Los Angeles. They were married by **ISAAC PACHT**, judge, Superior Court, Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles City Directories for the period 1934 through 1942 were searched concerning subject, **BESSIE BOGORAD**, **DAVID KATZ**, and **SAMUEL BOGORAD**. However, nothing was located concerning these individuals.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *R. G. [Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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The 1936 Los Angeles City Directory reflects Mrs. BESSIE POLIN to be the wife of BERNARD POLIN, photographer, residing at 3016 1/2 Folsom Street, and the 1942 Los Angeles City Directory reflects that BERNARD and BESS POLIN, photographers, resided at 1536 Curran. The February, 1949 telephone directory lists BEN POLIN as residing at 1536 Curran, Los Angeles, telephone Normandie 14755.

Special Employee DONALD F. TACKITT searched the records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office concerning subject and reported no record was located.

Special Employee SHANKS searched the records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, concerning the subject and reported no record was located.

The indices in the Los Angeles Office contain no additional information of value concerning subject.

Concerning Mrs. BESSIE POLIN who witnessed subject's marriage, the following information is reported:

She was born November 25, 1911 at Brooklyn, New York. She joined the Communist Party in 1936 and has continued as a member of the Party, presently being a member of the Elysian Heights Club, Los Angeles County Communist Party. She resides at 1536 Curran Street, Los Angeles. She is employed as a teacher in a cooperative nursery in the Silver Lake District of Los Angeles. She was married to BERNARD POLIN on January 6, 1931 in New York City. The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, reflect she was divorced from BERNARD POLIN on October 3, 1946.

BERNARD POLIN, was, BENJAMIN POLIN, BEN POLIN, was born May 25, 1911 at Philadelphia. He is presently employed as chief photographer at the Columbia Broadcasting Studios, 6121 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, and resides at 2530 North Beechwood Drive, Los Angeles. He was a delegate to the American Youth Congress in 1935, joined the Communist Party in August, 1936, and on May 25, 1947, was reported to be a member of the Hollywood Branch, Los Angeles County Communist Party.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 9, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ

(Bureau file [redacted])

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A highly confidential source furnished the New Haven Office May 24, 1949 with following material:

1. A postcard addressed to Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn. postmarked New York, N.Y. May 23, 1949 and bearing return address, C.B. KATZ, 77 W. 104 St., NYC 25
2. An air mail letter addressed to Mrs. BESSIE B. KATZ, c/o American Joint Distribution Com., 3 Blvd. Latour Manbourg, Paris 7, France, postmarked New Haven, Conn., May 24, 1949 and bearing the return address P. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn.
3. On May 26, 1949 this informant made available an air mail letter addressed to Mrs. P. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A. postmarked Paris, R. Cler. 5-23-1949 and bearing no return address.

Translations of the above from Yiddish are being furnished herewith.

Original photostats are being returned by New York.

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 1cc: Washington Field - encl. (1)
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"C.B. Katz
77 W. 104 St.
N.Y.C. 25
Postmark: New York, N.Y., May 23, 1949

To: Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN
149 Painter Ave.
West Haven, Conn.

"Sunday

"Dear Mother, Dave and

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"Miriam just called when they came home from you, and conveyed your regards.

"Ma, why don't you go to the doctor? Perhaps you want to come to New York to go to a doctor here? I can take you to Ellis' son (Minnie's friend) or to my doctor. Let me know.

"We were in bed practically all day. I caught a cold but feel better after the rest.

"Ma - Sonia's address is:

"Sonia Burns
14 So. St. Louis
Chicago 24, Ill.

"Dave hurry up with the upstairs so we will send you guests. I think I can hear you yelling, no? Well then come to us better.

"Regards to all. Kiss for me. I will call you. Arthur and Minnie send their regards.

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"With love

"Celia"

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From "P. Tuckman
149 Painter Ave.
West Haven, Conn.

To: "Mrs. Bessie B. Katz
c/o American Joint Distributors
Comm.
3 Blvd. Latour Manbourg
Paris 7, France

"Postmark: New Haven, Conn., May 24, 1949

"May 24

"Dearest Bessie,

"Just received your letter. It was sent the 17th and arrived today, finally. But I heard from Celia that you are all right, and you arrived with everything in order. Sunday we had unexpected guests, my older son-in-law and Miriam and family. For [] it was an unusually happy day, because Yvette was away in New York, so she had a wonderful day. And it was raining and cool, so we made the fireplace, and everyone had a good time. The room is finished, and today they put the oil cloth on the floor. And it looks very nice. Now we will start fixing it up.

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"My dears, do not worry. [] looks beautiful, and isn't having any more trouble drinking her orange juice in the morning, in fact, she does it faster than Yvette, and eats her other two meals very well. She goes to school and back alone, already. She tells me, "what do you think I am, a baby?" Was at the dentist's Saturday, and a week from this Thursday we will go again. Well, my dears, do not worry about her. I assure you she has a good home. And she has a "good time" with Dave, as they say to her he is one of her playmates, and she does what she wants with him. My child, thanks for the swing. It is very good. Tell [] father I will write him one of these days and he shouldn't worry about her because she has everything. Be well,

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"Your mother

(Postscript in another handwriting)

"Dearest, beloved Bessie, I am very happy to be able to write a few words to you. We have to run for the bus. I kiss you and wait for you to come to me and Ephrim.

"Sylvia"

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Postmark: "Paris 7, R. Clev.
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To: "Mrs. P. Tuckman
149 Painter Ave.
West Haven, Connecticut
U.S.A.

"Sunday, May 22

"Dear mother and Dave,

"Gradually we are getting organized again and it seems to me this week was months long.

"Yesterday I took a studio apartment because it is difficult to have a room in a hotel for a longer period than 5 days, and it is also very expensive. Even the month that I was not here everything became dearer. I really do not know how the French workers are able to live.

"As I wrote you in my first letter, I arrived well. I found a hotel immediately and went to work. I see him every day - and the conditions are quite difficult. He is leaving soon.

"How is everything going with you? How is everything organized? Does Yvette help you with the house? Are you satisfied with the arrangements or is it hard for you? How is acclimating herself? Does she long for us? I hope to have a letter from you tomorrow -- I await the letter impatiently.

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"How are you, Ma? And you, Dave? Are you working? When will you go back to your job, Ma? Does Teddy come?

"How is everyone? I write to them individually, as well as to Ken and Steve.

"With love to you,

"Bessie

"Regards to the Wolfsons"

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN
SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
[redacted]

DATE: June 13, 1949

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For the information of the Bureau and offices concerned, a highly confidential informant made available today the contents of an air mail letter addressed to [redacted] 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., USA, bearing the postmark "Bidart, B^{ses} Pyrenees" and no return address. The letter, which was dated June 9th and signed, "Joe" advised that the writer had,

"Just spoke to Bessie on the telephone and she told me you already have the chicken pox and that you were all better. Now you will never have to worry about measles or chicken pox - only goose pimples, and that is nothing - I have them all the time".

"I am now in a part of France where the people are called Basques.....they have funny names like Iguskia. The hotel I stayed last night is called Iguskia Ilsas.

The remainder of this letter was of a purely personal nature.

The informant also made available two air mail letters which appeared to be in the same handwriting and to have been as follows:

(1) Air mail letter addressed to [redacted] same address as above bearing the postmark, "Paris 2, R de Courty" 6-9-49 and no return address. This letter was signed "Mommy" and was apparently written by Mrs. BESSIE KATZ to [redacted] and expressed concern over the fact that [redacted] had contracted chicken pox during her recent visit to New York City. The writer suggested that [redacted] remain in the country, apparently meaning West Haven, for the remainder of the summer because she felt New York City was too hot and dirty and further suggested, "When I come back and it gets cooler we can go then (apparently meaning New York City).

(2) Air mail letter addressed to Miss YVETTE LEBOUDEC, same address as above (No. 1) and same postmark. This letter which bore the signature "Bessie Katz" was of a personal nature and suggested that YVETTE keep [redacted] in the country for the remainder

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of the summer, also suggested that if YVETTE desires to go into New York City to see her friends that she take off one day a week to do so and suggested Sunday. This letter contained the following pertinent remarks: -

"How are you finding the work? It is easier than Villa Santos Dumont housekeeping, isn't it? Did you look up my friend Louise Goldman (apparently in New York City) Did Mrs. Wolfson (apparently meaning Mrs. Joseph Wolfson of Saw Mill Road, West Haven, Conn.) register [redacted] for day camp?"

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The writer concluded by observing that the weather in Paris was very cold and that she had found an apartment "near the bois" and "it is very pleasant".

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6-21-49

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was

Bufile [redacted]

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On 6-16-49 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an air mail letter addressed to [redacted] 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn., U.S.A., bearing the postmark 6-13-49, St. Jean de Luz, B ses Pyrenees, and no return address. It was noted that this letter was personal in nature and appeared to have been written by subject JOSEPH KATZ, and signed "JOE". The writer stated that he had spent the whole day sun bathing and he was quite sunburned, and enclosed "Una peseta" issued by the "Banco de Espana", for [redacted] collection.

On this same date this informant also made available an air mail letter addressed to the above address, bearing the postmark Paris II Annexe, Gare Aeriennne, and no return address. This letter which was dated 6-14-49 was of a personal nature and was apparently written by Mrs. BESSIE KATZ, and was signed "Mommie". She mentioned that she had visited the Noiditches yesterday, and that IRENE who used to take dancing lessons with [redacted] and had attended the American School, had stopped attending both. The writer concluded with the following pertinent personal note: "Have you had enough of New York? I am sure you have - even I do not want to live there ever again".

On 6-20-49 the above informant made available an air mail letter addressed to [redacted] at the above address, bearing the postmark Bidart B ses Pyrenees, 6-17-49, and no return address. It was personal in nature and appears to have been written by the subject, JOSEPH KATZ, and was signed "JOE". The letter included a comic scenic card of Biarritz, a beach resort in southwestern France.

On the same date this informant also made available an air mail letter to [redacted] at the above address bearing the postmark Paris VII R Alex, 6-16-49, and no return address. It was noted that this letter was personal in nature, and signed "MOMMIE", and the writer mentioned that she was then at her office which received no mail from [redacted]

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On 6-21-49 the above informant made available an air mail letter addressed to [redacted] at the above mentioned address, bearing the postmark St. Jean de Luz, B ses Pyrenees, dated 6-18-49, and no return address. It was noted that this letter was personal in nature, and appeared to have been written by the subject, JOSEPH KATZ, and was signed "JOE". The writer made the following observation: "I was walking thru the market place of a little town"this morning", and then mentions returning to his car. "I am starting out for Paris again tomorrow and will write you from along the way".

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....

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REPORT MADE AT CINCINNATI, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 6-14-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-28-29;5-13, 17,23-24,31-49	REPORT MADE BY RALPH W. BACHMAN
TITLE JOSEPH KATZ, was			CHARACTER OF CASE

Mr. Tracy.....
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Mr. Gurnea CAC.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Mohr.....
Mr. Pennington.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Results of mail covers set out; data relative bank account of SILITCHS summarized for April and May, 1949. SILITCHS resided Seneca Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, July 16, 1946 to June 1, 1947. Mother of SILITCH in Columbus from March 12, 1947 to June 1, 1947. DORIS WEGENSTEIN, Zurich, Switzerland, employed in Columbus as Secretary to SILITCH from August, 1948 to March, 1949. Results of neighborhood investigation set out.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent RALPH W. BACHMAN, dated April 19, 1949, at Cincinnati, Ohio. 5.51

Report of Special Agent MAURICE A. TAYLOR, dated June 9, 1949, at Washington Field. - 5.94

DETAILS: AT COLUMBUS, OHIO:MAIL COVERS

DEFERRED RECORDING

The mail covers placed on April 4, 1949, reflected a small volume of mail received by Mr. and Mrs. EUGENE SILITCH at the Broadwin Apartments, 1312 East Broad Street. The only pertinent information developed

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was a postcard addressed to Mr. and Mrs. EUGENE SILITCH from Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, but information was not furnished as to the identity of the sender of the card.

Regarding the cover placed on the mail of Miss ELIZABETH E. BLANDFORD and Mrs. THOMAS JOYES, 630 East Town Street, same reflected considerable correspondence to Mr. TOH C. JOYES, with the return address of the General Fireproofing Company, Youngstown 1, Ohio, and it appears that this company is the employer of JOYES. There was a letter to Mr. and Mrs. TOH JOYES, postmarked Louisville, Kentucky, April 20, 1949, from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, State Department of Health, Louisville, Kentucky, which might have been in connection with their recent marriage.

BANK ACCOUNTS

Cincinnati Confidential Informant T-1 furnished the following information with regard to the activities in the bank account of EUGENE SILITCH, at the City National Bank and Trust Company, 20 East Broad Street:

Deposits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total</u>
3-29-49 through 4-28-49	\$3,350.00
4-29-49 through 5-28-49	3,450.00

Balance in Account

4-28-49	398.40
5-28-49	1,099.57

The cancelled checks on hand at the time of the examination were examined and listed but the details are not being set out in instant report; they are available if the Office of Origin desires same. It should be noted that quite a number of checks were written against the account during the months of April and May, 1949.

Cincinnati Confidential Informant T-2, in connection with the bank account of JANET SILITCH, at the Huntington National Bank, 17 South High Street, made available the following information:

Deposits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total</u>
April, 1949	\$300.00
May, 1949	151.50

Balance in Account

4-26-49	207.48
5-27-49	33.71

The deposits to the account of JANET SILITCH represented checks drawn on the account of EUGENE SILITCH with the exception of \$1.50 in currency and coins deposited during the month of March, 1949. None of the cancelled checks examined contained any information of value, same being in payment of local charge accounts.

RESIDENCE AT SEMECA HOTEL

JAMES WICHOS, manager, Seneca Hotel, 361 East Broad Street, who has been contacted on previous occasions, advised that he recalled that EUGENE SILITCH had resided at the hotel for some months about two years ago but so far as he knew, SILITCH does not now stop in the dining room or bar at the hotel. WICHOS recalled SILITCH as an individual who, when in residence at the hotel, frequented the bar, often became rather noisy and was reportedly of Russian birth. He understood that SILITCH was engaged in the business of supplying water systems for cities but was unable to furnish any additional information as to activities, associates, etc.

Cincinnati Confidential Informant T-3 made records available which reflected that Mr. and Mrs. E. W. SILITCH registered at the hotel on July 16, 1946, giving a business address of 63 South High Street. They remained at the hotel until June 1, 1947, when they departed and reportedly were leaving the city to go on a trip to France. T-3 advised that the mother of SILITCH, namely Mrs. AUGUSTA SILITCH, registered at the hotel on March 12, 1947 and left on June 1, 1947; that the mother at the time of registration had reportedly just arrived in the United States, having immigrated from Germany, that the mother was able to speak English. T-3 stated that ELIZABETH BLANDFORD, who was employed by SILITCH, registered at the hotel on July 16, 1946, giving a home address of 1735 Chichester, Louisville, Kentucky, and checked out on August 12, 1947. The charges to her account, for the most part, were only for room and occasional meals in the dining room; that Mrs.

W. A. BLANDFORD and family, 1735 Chichester, Louisville, Kentucky, the party consisting of four persons, spent the night of October 5, 1946 at the hotel; that NORMAN HALL, using an address only as New York City, spent the night of June 17, 1947 at the hotel and was reportedly a friend of ELIZABETH BLANDFORD. The SILITCHS, while residing at the hotel, were free spenders, ate at the hotel frequently, and were good customers of the bar.

T-3 informed that during the season of the running races at Euclah Park, Grove City, Ohio, a short distance outside of Columbus, the SILITCHS usually attended the races on Saturday afternoons; that they frequently had people stopping at their room in the hotel for a drink but that the identity of the individuals was not known. T-3 had no information with regard to the loyalty of the SILITCHS to the United States.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Cincinnati Confidential Informant T-4 advised that the SILITCHS had moved to the Broadwin Apartments, 1312 East Broad Street, about the fall of 1947 and were still living there, occupying apartment 4F, which is a hotel apartment with maid service. The apartment consists of a living room, bed room, dinette and kitchen; that SILITCH prides himself on being a good cook and frequently has friends, whose identity was not known to Informant T-4, in for dinner. She understood that he had been a Russian Naval Officer but was under the impression that he was a white Russian. T-4 stated that the other tenants on the fourth floor have been residing in the apartment for a number of years, are older people and wealthy. She knows that they do not associate with the SILITCHS. T-4 advised that Mrs. WALTER FRANE has an apartment on the fourth floor, as does WALTER FRANE, a son, Miss SOPHIA GROSS and Mrs. SUSAN L. GARARD. T-4 advised that the SILITCHS pay a rent of \$170 per month, for the apartment, plus \$12.50 per month for the use of the garage, which is in the basement of the building, that the switchboard at the apartment is used very infrequently by them.

T-4 informed that one DORIS WEGENSTEIN resided in the apartment building for about six weeks prior to October 2, 1948, at which time she moved to the YMCA; that WEGENSTEIN had just arrived in the states from Switzerland and was employed by SILITCH as a Stenographer; that WEGENSTEIN was a "big blond" about twenty years of age, spoke with an accent and was "high hipped."

Cincinnati Confidential Informant T-5 advised that the SILITCHS own a light green 1948 Nash four door sedan, which bears 1949 Ohio

license A5602; that they used cabs more than the automobile and SILITCH usually takes a cab to work. T-5 stated that the SILITCHS have in their apartment, three aquariums, containing gold fish, as well as tropical fish; that this seems to be their hobby; that he has been in the apartment on a number of occasions but never noticed anything unusual.

DORIS WEGENSTEIN

Miss IRENE RILEY, Executive Director, YWCA, 65 South Third Street, stated that ~~DORIS WEGENSTEIN~~ of Zurich, Switzerland, checked in at the "Y" on October 2, 1948 and left March 13, 1949, to return to Switzerland; that while in Columbus, she was employed as a Secretary to E. W. SILITCH of the Ranney Method Water System, at a salary of \$180 per month; that the father of DORIS was a friend of SILITCH. DORIS mentioned to Miss RILEY that she had a fiance in Cincinnati, Ohio, never mentioned his name and so far as is known, he did not visit her in Columbus and she did not visit him in Cincinnati. At the time she left the United States, she reportedly intended to return to be married. She spoke English well, with an accent, and Miss RILEY was of the opinion that she had been an exchange student in English. She was a violinist and attended concerts of the Columbus Philharmonic orchestra and was a member of the business girls' club at the YWCA. During Christmas of 1948, the YWCA had a Christmas breakfast and the father of DORIS was a guest inasmuch as he was visiting in Columbus, Ohio, from Switzerland.

Miss RILEY described the father and daughter as charming people and she was much impressed by them. She continued that DORIS was in the house a great deal while in residence at the YWCA, was the athletic type although very feminine and personable; that DORIS wore a band on her finger and commented that it was the custom of her country. She abstained from certain things such as the midweek dances held at the YWCA and explained that her fiance preferred that she did not attend.

Miss RILEY described DORIS as 5'8", 160 pounds, blue eyes, black hair.

The December 17, 1948 edition of the Ohio State Journal, newspaper in Columbus, Ohio, carried an item, entitled "Swiss Engineer on business visit.", which read as follows: "~~W. A. WEGENSTEIN~~, of Zurich, Switzerland, Civil Engineer, who heads the firm installing water supply systems from underground sources, was in the city this week during a business trip to the United States. He is a personal friend and business partner of E. W. SILITCH, President of Ranney Method Supply, Inc., 841 Alton Avenue, whom he

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met in Paris in the fall of 1947. The firm in Switzerland was formed last March. WEGENSTEIN is a member of Rotary International and the American Society of Civil Engineers. His daughter, Miss DORIS WEGENSTEIN, came to Columbus last August, as the Secretary to SILITCH."

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INFORMATION SHEET

Copies of instant report are designated for the Washington Field Office in accordance with prior instructions from the Office of Origin.

This case is being RUC'd inasmuch as the Office of Origin has requested no additional investigation since the report of reference by reporting agent and since the Washington Field Office, by referenced report, has raised the question whether subject KATZ actually visited JANET BARKIN, at 64 West 5th Street, New York City, rather than some other individual in that apartment building.

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INFORMANT PAGE

Confidential Informant T-1 is [REDACTED]
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Confidential Informant T-2 is [REDACTED]
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Confidential Informant T-3 is [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] and is known to reporting agent.)

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Confidential Informant T-4 is [REDACTED]
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Confidential Informant T-5 is [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] and was vouched for by T-4 and [REDACTED]

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, New York
SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ
[redacted]

DATE: June 21, 1949 *June 1*

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Mrs JOSEPH KATZ
In the future, the Bureau and the Washington Field Office will be kept advised of pertinent information relative to the movements of the subject and his wife, BESSIE KATZ, by teletype.

Information furnished by New Haven's highly confidential and reliable sources in connection with this case will be translated and literal copies furnished to New Haven only. Most of the information being obtained from this source is personal and repetitious. The information from this source will, of course, be appropriately paraphrased and set forth in investigative reports under this caption.

The Bureau will also be kept advised by teletype of any pertinent information developed a highly confidential and reliable source available to agents at Patchogue, Long Island, New York.

cc: Washington Field
New Haven

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

DATE: 6/9/49

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, WAS.

Attn: Translation Section
FBI Laboratory

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On 6/3/49 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available the following communications which were written in the French language:

1. An air mail letter addressed to Miss Yvette Le Boudec, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A., bearing the postmark 5/31/49, Paris R. Durin, and the return address: Miss Raymonde Bourdon, 122 Bd Courcelles 122, Paris, 17, France.
2. An air mail letter addressed to Mademoiselle Yvette Le Boudec, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Connecticut, USA, bearing the postmark 6/1/49, Paris VIII. This letter bore no return address.

It is requested that the Translation Section of the Bureau make available to the offices concerned translations of the above letters.

Reference is made to New Haven letter to the Bureau dated 5/23/49 which forwarded an air mail letter from Paris to this individual. It is possible that the writer of the previous letter may be identical with the writer of one of the instant letters.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory make an analysis of the above letters to ascertain if any information is being conveyed therein by double meaning or by code words or phrases.

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cc: New York [redacted]
cc: Washington Field

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was

DATE: June 24, 1949

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On June 24, 1949, a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an airmail letter addressed to [redacted] 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., USA, bearing the incomplete postmark 6-21-49 and the blurred letters -ees, -rne. It is felt that this postmark may be that of the town of Sees in the Department of Orne which is situated approximately one hundred miles southwest of Paris. It was noted that this letter was personal in nature and appeared to have been written by the subject, JOSEPH KATZ and was signed "Joe". The writer indicated that he was writing the letter at night and that he had been driving all day long. Most of this letter was of a personal nature; however, the following pertinent observations were noted: -

"I took the wrong road and now am about 150 kilometres out of the way. I saw a lot of cherry trees on the road today. It is late and I better get to sleep because I have to get up early tomorrow".

On the same date this informant also made available an airmail letter to [redacted] at the above address bearing the postmark Paris II Annexe, Gare Aeriennne, 6/22/49 and no return address. It was noted that this letter was captioned "June 22" and was personal in nature and signed, "Mommy". The following pertinent observations were made by the writer who noted that she was writing her letter in her office -

"Joe hasn't come back yet and, of course, since neither you nor he are with me I am very lonely. You were right when you said it was silly for each of us to be in a different place, but I hope soon it will be quite different and we will all be together again".

Also

"Hannah and Mark were here the other day. They are going home soon too. They asked if they could go to visit you when they get home. Would you like me to telephone them? What day shall I call?"

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 23, 1949

FROM : SAC, New Haven

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

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ATTENTION: TRANSLATION SECTION
FBI LABORATORY

On May 23, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available the following communications pertinent to this investigation [redacted]

1. An Air Mail sealed scenic postcard addressed to [redacted] 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., U.S.A. bearing the postmark May 18, 1949 Newf'd, bearing no return address. This post card contained a message to the addressee advising that the writer, who signed herself "Mommy" missed [redacted] very much and that her plane had stopped enroute at Gander, Newfoundland.

2. An Air Mail letter addressed to Mrs. P. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A. bearing the postmark Paris II Annexe, Gare Aeriennne, May 18, 1949. The letter bore no return address. This letter contained a communication in English to [redacted] b6 b7C
BESSIE KATZ, advising that she had already arrived in Paris and that she missed her daughter very much. It was noted that the date at the top of this communication was Tuesday, May 17. This letter appeared to be of a purely personal nature and there was no further information pertinent to this investigation. In addition to this communication in English, this letter also contained a communication in Yiddish, apparently addressed to Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN, mother of the subject's wife, BESSIE KATZ. This communication in Yiddish is being forwarded to the New York Office under separate cover for translation by SE HYMAN RABINOWITZ and any information contained therein pertinent to this investigation will be reported later.

3. An Air Mail letter addressed to [redacted] 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., U.S.A. bearing the postmark May 19, 1949 Paris VII R. Cler, bearing the return address, A J D C, 3 Blvd Latour Maubourg, Paris VII, France. This letter contained separate letters to [redacted] from JOE KATZ and from BESSIE KATZ and both of them appear to be very personal in nature and contained no pertinent information other than that JOE and BESSIE KATZ had dined together in a restaurant in Paris on that date. This letter also contained a communication to YVETTE LE BOUDEC signed BESSIE KATZ wherein the writer expressed personal greetings. However, it was noted that this letter contained the following pertinent observations "Now that you have had a week to get used [redacted]" b6 b7C

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cc New York [redacted]

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Letter to Director

May 23, 1949

to it, how are you getting along? How do you like the country - & how is the job coming?" Also, "My routine is the same as before - office & hotel -". This letter also bore the postscript "Dr. ~~X~~ Barton sent bill for 5,600 francs to you at the hotel".

4. An Air Mail letter to Mademoiselle Y. ~~X~~ Le ~~X~~ Boudec, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A. bearing the postmark Paris 5-19-49, Paris TRI et Distribution No 16, 40 R - Singer and the return address, Jrsale ~~X~~ Boudec, 8 Rue du Dome, Paris. A photostatic copy of this letter which appears to be written in the French language on a thin Air Mail type stationery is being forwarded for translation to the Bureau.

The attention of the FBI Laboratory is drawn to the fact that on each of the three pages which make up this letter there appear the following numbers, 4884, 4889 and 4888 in that order. These numbers appear to have been rubber stamped upon the separate pages of this letter in black ink. The significance of these numbers is not known.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory make an analysis of the above letter to ascertain if any information is being conveyed therein by double meaning or by code words or phrases.

The Washington Field Office is requested to check the records of the INS at Washington, D. C. for background information relating to Mademoiselle Y. Le Boudec and to advise the New Haven and other offices of the same. It is to be noted that in previous correspondence in this case information has been developed that YVETTE LE BOUDEC probably resided at [redacted] and either lived worked or was associated in some capacity with JOSEPH and BESSIE KATZ in Paris.

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NAME:

JOSEPH KATZ, was Joseph Hiat,
"Jack"

RESIDENCE:

Apt. 39A, 603 West 140th St., NYC.
Presently residing at 25 Villa
Santos Dumont, Paris, France.

DESCRIPTION:

Age 36; nationality-Jewish; born 3/15/12, Swantson Vilma, Lithuania; Height 5'8"; weight 170 lbs.; build-broad shouldered; eyes-bright blue; hair-dark blonde-curley-receding very slightly at center; complexion-fair; nose-slightly curved over; eyebrows-very heavy; mouth-thin lips, narrow; teeth-partial dentures; walk-slight limp noticeable when he walks rapidly; face-lines from nose to mouth; speech-typical East Side New York accent; clothes-not meticulous about his personal appearance; marital status-married to BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ; [REDACTED]

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OCCUPATION:

Treasurer of the Fournier Glove Co.,
18-20 Railroad St., Patchogue, L.I.
Possible Soviet espionage cover firm.



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PRINCIPAL CONTACTS:

M.G.B. Agent. Acted as principal of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY in N. GREGORY SILVERMASTER case. In contact with ANATOLI GROMOV and MIKHAIL CHALIAPIN. (S) (U)
Handled several sub-agents in SILVERMASTER Soviet espionage network.

SURVEILLANCE NOTES:

Apparently not surveillance conscious.

REMARKS:

JOSEPH KATZ was positively identified by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, a self-confessed Soviet espionage agent, as the person known to her only as "JACK" who acted as her Soviet principal from Oct. 1944 to May, 1945 in the extensive espionage network operating between New York and Washington, D. C. KATZ was described by BENTLEY as an important Soviet agent who was aware of the entire picture of the ring operating and not just a part thereof. She explained that KATZ had several sub-agents under him, handled finances on his own authority, and knew the date that GROMOV was to arrive in the U.S. BENTLEY named in detail numerous activities and associations engaged in by KATZ in the course of his work as a Soviet agent.

In May, 1944, KATZ was contacted by MIKHAIL CHALIAPIN, a known Soviet agent, at a pre-arranged meeting place and conferred with him for about a half hour. (S) (U)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 Attention: FBI Laboratory
 FROM : SAC, New York

DATE: May 12, 1949

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

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Transmitted herewith is one photostatic copy of a letter and an envelope in the subject's handwriting. This letter, dated April 21, contains the salutation "Dear Jack," and is signed "Joe." The writer, however, identifies himself in the body of the letter as JOSEPH KATZ, Boite Postale 66-16, Paris 16, France.

For the information of the Laboratory, JOSEPH KATZ is a known Soviet espionage agent, who as UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias Jack, was the agent who operated ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY in the GREGORY case.

The letter was transmitted by the subject to JACK SHANDEL of the FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY, 18-20 Railroad Avenue, Patchogue, Long Island, New York. It was postmarked from Paris, April 22, 1949.

This letter was obtained from a highly confidential source. It may be retained by the Laboratory. No examination is being requested. It is submitted as a specimen of the subject's handwriting for possible future reference.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *W* HUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ
[redacted]

DATE: June 29, 1949

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Reference is made to letter from the New Haven Division dated May 23, 1949, which contained a request for check of the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for available information concerning YVETTE LeBOUDEEC, [redacted]

Check of the records at the Immigration and Naturalization Service disclosed a visa, File Number [redacted] for ODETTE MARIE YVETTE LeBOUDEEC, aka YVETTE LeBOUDEEC, who arrived at the Port of New York on May 11, 1949, aboard the S.S. America. The file reflected that she was born [redacted] She came to the United States to join her employer, Mrs. BESSIE KATZ, 77 West 104th Street, New York City, and gave her occupation as domestic servant. Copies of the photograph of YVETTE LeBOUDEEC were obtained from the Immigration and Naturalization Service file.

Two copies of the photograph described are enclosed herewith for the New York Division. A copy is being designated for New Haven and two copies and negatives are being retained in the Washington Field Office.

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June 23, 1949

Director, FBI

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REGISTERED MAIL

Re: [redacted]
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Reference is made to your letter dated June 15, 1949, transmitting one film pack pertaining to the above captioned matter.

In accordance with your request, prints have been made of each exposure and two are being retained in the Bureau. Two prints are also being forwarded to the Washington Field and New York Field Divisions. The remaining prints are being forwarded together with the film to your office herewith.

Enclosure

cc Washington Field (with enclosure)
New York

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

DATE: June 15, 1949

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, Was.

Attn: Mechanical Section

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On 6/14/49 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available a letter addressed to [REDACTED] 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., USA, bearing the postmark, Bidart Bses, Pyrenees, and no return address.

It was noted that this letter was personal in nature and appeared to have been written by subject JOSEPH KATZ and was signed "Joe". This letter enclosed a scenic postcard of a mountainside which bore the description "Frontiere Franco-Espagnole, Hendaye-Plage". The only observation in this letter which appeared pertinent was the following:

"I miss you very much and wish you were with me. Maybe soon."

On 6/15/49 the above informant made available an air mail letter addressed to [REDACTED] at the same address as noted above and which bore the postmark, Paris VII, R. Cler., 6-13-49, and no return address. It was noted that this letter appeared to be of a personal nature and to have been written by Mrs. BESSIE B. KATZ and was signed "Mommie". This letter contained the following pertinent information:

"I am sending you the pictures you took the last Saturday before we left Paris."

The letter then described two of the pictures, one of which appeared to be the Eiffel Tower in Paris, and the other, the Palais Chaillot.

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cc: New York [REDACTED]
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the recent meeting place of the General Assembly of the United Nations. No mention was made of two other snapshot photographs which were contained in this letter, one of which was of a man and bore the notation on the reverse side "Paris, April, 1949". The other photograph was of a woman against a background of a harbor scene. The reverse side of this snapshot bore the name, "Deauville, June, 1949". The letter continues with the following observation:

"Tomorrow I am going to Isle Adam".

It mentions that the writer had visited this place a year ago. The writer concluded with "regards to Yvette and the Wolfsons".

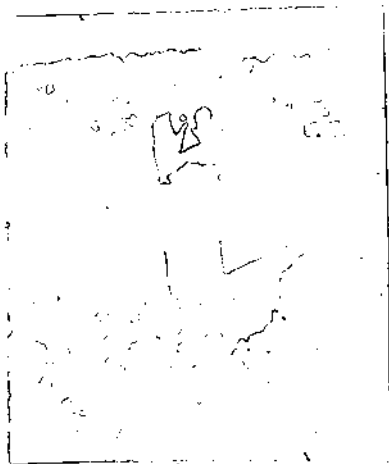
Photographic copies of the latter two photographs were made by the New Haven office and an exposed film pack containing photographs of the same is being forwarded herewith to the Mechanical Section of the Bureau for development. It is requested that the Mechanical Section make sufficient copies of these photographs for the Bureau, Washington Field, New York, and New Haven offices.

It is to be noted that the New Haven office has never received a photograph of Subject JOSEPH KATZ. It is further noted that the photograph of the woman above mentioned appears to be similar to the photograph of BESSIE KATZ which has been previously forwarded to this office. Hence, it is felt that the photograph of the man above mentioned may be a very recent photograph of subject JOSEPH KATZ.

On 6/15/49 the above Confidential Informant also advised that an air mail package had been delivered to [redacted] at the above mentioned address bearing the postmark 6/11/49, Paris, France, and the return address "Jos. Katz, American Express, Paris, France". The informant advised that this package contained a set of dolls with the stated value of \$1.00 for [redacted]

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FILE NO. [redacted]

REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/25/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/9, 11, 15-17, 24, 25, 28-31; 4/1, 4-8, 11-15, 18-20/49	REPORT MADE BY SALVATORE F. DUCIBELLA
TITLE JOSEPH KATZ, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE [redacted]

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Six hundred dollar check deposited in Guaranty Trust Co. account by JOSEPH KATZ on 6/2/48 drawn by DAVID TUCKMAN of West Haven, Connecticut. TUCKMAN's wife, former PAULINE BOGORAD, is mother of BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ and has received letters from BESSIE KATZ from Paris, one of which contained letter from JOSEPH KATZ for JOSEPH WOLFSON. PAULINE TUCKMAN has also corresponded with CELIA B. KATZ of 77 W. 104th St., NYC and other unidentified individuals. JOSEPH KATZ has communicated directly with JOSEPH WOLFSON of Meriden Dental Laboratory of Meriden, Conn., claiming to be in financial straits and asking for \$200 owed him by WOLFSON. WOLFSON forwarded two \$100 foreign drafts to KATZ care of 23 Villa Santos Dumont, Paris; has promised financial aid in future to KATZ and expressed concern over differences existing between KATZ and his wife BESSIE. Data on identification of contacts set forth. Correspondence reflects new mailing address for JOSEPH KATZ as Boite Postale 66-16, Paris, 16 em., France, and wife BESSIE KATZ apparently presently residing with mother Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN in West Haven, Conn.

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REFERENCE

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

Report of SA Roger W. Robinson dated 3/2/49 at New York City - New Haven letters to Bureau 3/24, 25, 28, 31; 4/1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 13, 21/49
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DETAILS

I. BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

This investigation is predicated upon information set forth in the referenced report reflecting that on June 2, 1948 a \$600 check drawn on the First National Bank and Trust Company of New Haven was deposited in the account of JOSEPH KATZ at the Fifth Avenue Branch of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York City. The referenced report suggested that this \$600 check might possibly have been drawn by one of the following:

~~The Meriden Dental Laboratories~~
~~JOSEPH WOLFSON~~
~~HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON~~
~~RUTH WOLFE WOLFSON~~

II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

A. SIX-HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK DATED JUNE 2, 1948

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that of the above possibilities, only JOSEPH WOLFSON of Saw Mill Road, West Haven, Conn. maintained a checking account in this bank and that an examination of the ledger sheets of the checking account of JOSEPH WOLFSON failed to reflect a check in the amount of \$600 drawn on his account on or about June 2, 1948.

This informant advised that a \$600 check dated June 1, 1948 and payable to Cash drawn by one D. TUCKMAN on his checking account in the First National Bank and Trust Company of New Haven was deposited at the Fifth Avenue Branch of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York City on June 2, 1948 and cleared to the First National Bank and Trust Company of New Haven on June 4, 1948. The reverse side of this check bore the endorsement "JOSEPH KATZ". T-1 also advised that this was the only check in this amount drawn on this bank which was deposited and cleared by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York City to the above New Haven bank on June 2, 1948.

Photostatic copies of this check will be furnished by Confidential Informant T-1, if needed.

Tuckman
Confidential Informant T-1 advised that ~~D. TUCKMAN~~, first name DAVID and also known as "DAVE" of 248 Spring Street, New Haven, had opened a checking account at the First National Bank and Trust Company of New Haven on October 6, 1947; that this account was changed to a joint account with Mrs. ~~P. TUCKMAN~~, first name PAULINE, on December 4, 1947 and on June 21, 1948 the TUCKMANS moved to 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut.

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II. B. 1. DAVID TUCKMAN, was. Dave Tuckman, David Tokmann
(New Haven File 100-3729)

a. Background

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Room 218, U. S. Courthouse, New Haven, reflect that DAVID TOKMANN arrived on June 25, 1913 at Ellis Island, New York. On October 2, 1922 DAVID TUCKMAN filed Declaration of Intention #7877 in New Haven, which reflected that he was born October 20, 1882 at Savraner, Russia and that his last foreign residence was Paris, France. His wife at that time was listed as MARY, born in Russia, and they both resided at 419 Oak Street, New Haven.

On January 13, 1925 DAVID TUCKMAN of 419 Oak Street, filed petition for naturalization #5712 which indicated that he was born October 20, 1882 at Savran, Russia; that his wife MARY was born October 15, 1884 in Russia; and that they had the following children: ROSE, born January 23, 1907 at Paris, France; DOROTHY, born October 18, 1908 at Paris, France; GEORGE born December 2, 1910 at Paris, France; and FLORENCE and SYLVIA, twins, born May 18, 1919 at New Haven. All these children were listed as residing at 419 Oak Street, New Haven.

Witnesses to this petition were FRANK WEISSER, a laundry man of New Haven; ROBERT H. MACKLER, a contractor of New Haven; and substitute witness LOUIS BRODSKY, also a New Haven contractor. Certificate of Naturalization No. 2121324 was issued to DAVID TUCKMAN upon his admission to citizenship on April 23, 1925.

DAVID TUCKMAN's Selective Service registration card at Local Board 8A, New Haven, Conn. dated April 24, 1942 contained the following description:

Born	October 20, 1882
Height	5' 7"
Weight	160 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Carpenter
Employer	Weinstein & Sons, New Haven, Conn.
Social Security No.	045-07-7791

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of New Haven, Connecticut, Volume 96, Page 502, reflected that DAVID TUCKMAN, aged 63; widower and carpenter, born at Savron, Russia and residing at 889 Howard Avenue, was

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*Rose Tuckman
Dorothy Tuckman
George Tuckman
Florence Tuckman
Sylvia Tuckman*

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*Freda Gordon,
Freda Tuckman*

married by FRANK J. ARMSTRONG, Justice of the Peace, New Haven, Conn. on August 22, 1946. This was listed as TUCKMAN's second marriage. He married PAULINE BOGORAD, aged 59, born Vitepsk, Russia. This was her second marriage. She was listed as a widow. Her residence at the time of her marriage application was 602 West 139th Street, New York City. Her occupation was given as "needle trade". She was listed as the daughter of BEN GORDON and FRED SIMMONS. TUCKMAN was listed as the son of ABRAHAM TUCKMAN and FRED ROTHMAN. Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN is apparently the mother of Mrs. BESSIE KATZ, wife of the subject of this case.

The files of the Retail Credit Bureau of 902 Chapel Street, New Haven, were checked against the name of DAVID TUCKMAN and no information identifiable with him could be located.

b. Communist Party Activity

The files of the New Haven office reflect that an investigation of this individual had been conducted predicated upon a report by Sergeant DINNEEN of the New Haven Police Department that he had attended an open Communist meeting in New Haven celebrating the twenty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union, on November 7, 1941. Information reported by the New Haven Police Department at that time reflected that DAVID TUCKMAN was born October 10, 1882 (or October 20, 1882) at Sarano, Russia; he arrived in New York on June 25, 1913 and came to Connecticut in 1915. He was naturalized in the United States District Court in New Haven on June 13, 1925 and then resided at 419 Oak Street, New Haven, Conn.

The files of the New Haven office also reflect that the records of the Secretary of State for the State of Connecticut contain the information that in 1934 DAVID TUCKMAN of 34 Arch Street, New Haven, Conn., was a signer of a Communist Party nominating petition to place CP candidates on the ballot in the general State election; that in 1936 DAVID TUCKMAN of 361 Legion Avenue, New Haven, Conn. was the signer of CP nominating petition to place Communist Party candidates on the 1936 national election ballot; that in 1942 DAVID TUCKMAN of 755 Orchard Street, New Haven was a signer of a CP nominating petition to place CP candidates on the ballot for the general State elections and that in 1946 DAVID TUCKMAN of 884 (the number 4 is crossed off and a 2 inserted) Howard Avenue, New Haven was a signer of a CP nominating petition to place the name of MICHAEL A. RUSSO, then State Secretary of the CP, on the ballot for Representative-at-Large in the State election. It was also noted that DAVID TUCKMAN signed the latter petition again from 124 Sylvan Street, New Haven, Conn. Confidential Informants concerning Communist Party matters in Connecticut have not furnished any information reflecting on CP membership of TUCKMAN.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~c. Espionage Activity

No espionage activity on the part of DAVID TUCKMAN has been noted thus far. There exist, however, possible implications that if DAVID TUCKMAN is not engaged in espionage against the United States, he may have been or may still be used by the subject as an unsuspecting medium for contacts with other suspected espionage agents such as JOSEPH WOLFSON (who is discussed later in instant report) or as an unsuspecting "drop".

d. Witnesses to Petition for Naturalization

As reflected earlier in instant report, the following individuals were witnesses to TUCKMAN's Petition for Naturalization in January of 1925:

FRANK WEISSER

The files of the New Haven office reflect that Confidential Informant T-2 reported that FRANK WEISSER (New Haven File 100-1791) of 76 Greenwood Street, New Haven, Conn., was one of the State leaders of the Communist Party in Connecticut at that time and Confidential Informant [] reported on November 18, 1945 that FRANK WEISSER of 160 Howard Avenue, New Haven held 1946 Communist Party membership card #60944 reflecting that he was sixty-two years of age, a charter member of the Communist Party, a laundry worker of Jewish origin and a member of the Howe Street Branch of the Communist Party of New Haven. (X) (U)

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ROBERT H. MACKLER

The files of the New Haven office reflect that the Retail Credit Bureau of New Haven has advised that the People's Center, Inc., of 37 Howe Street, which is also known as the Communist Party Headquarters in New Haven, was established on June 27, 1938 and that ROBERT H. MACKLER (New Haven file 100-7585, Bufile 100-255146) of 771 George Street, New Haven was its Manager. This property was transferred on November 1, 1938 to the above organization by HARRY J. WOLFSON. (This individual will be discussed later in instant report).

Confidential Informant [] reported in 1943 that ROBERT H. MACKLER was a member of the Town Council of the Communist Party in New Haven and that he had been associating with Communists in New Haven as far back as 1938.

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Confidential Informant [] reported on November 18, 1945 that ROBERT MACKLER of 27 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, held 1946 Communist Party member- (X) (U)

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ship card #60956 reflecting he is a member of the Howe Street Branch of the Communist Party and that he had been a member of the Communist Party for eleven years; he was a carpenter by trade and was of Jewish origin. This informant also advised that in 1944-45 this individual was active in the Communist Political Association. (S) U

ROBERT MACKLER was reported by Confidential Informant [] to be active in the membership meetings of the New Haven County Section of the Communist Party in New Haven from February of 1946 until May of 1948.

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LOUIS BRODSKY

The files of the New Haven office contain no record for LOUIS BRODSKY.

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2. Mrs. DAVID TUCKMAN, was. Mrs. Pauline Tuckman, Pauline Bogorad, (Pashke) Tuckman
(New Haven File 100-12206)

a. Background

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Freda Tuckman

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of New Haven, Connecticut, Volume 96, Page 502, reflected that DAVID TUCKMAN, aged 63, widower and carpenter, born at Savron, Russia and residing at 889 Howard Avenue, was married by FRANK J. ARMSTRONG, Justice of the Peace, New Haven on August 22, 1946. This was listed as TUCKMAN's second marriage. He married PAULINE BOGORAD, age 59, born Vitepsk, Russia. This was her second marriage. She was listed as a widow. Her residence at the time of her marriage application was 602 West 139th Street, New York City. Her occupation was given as "needle trade". She was listed as the daughter of BEN GORDON and FRED SIMONS. TUCKMAN was listed as the son of ABRAHAM TUCKMAN and FRED ROTHMAN. Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN is apparently the mother of Mrs. BESSIE KATZ, wife of the subject of this case.

b. Communist Party Activity

The files of the New Haven office contain no record of PAULINE TUCKMAN. However, Confidential Informant [] reported on September 18, 1946 that a Mrs. [] TUCKMAN, New Haven telephone 8-4524, was a new New Haven Communist Party member from out of town and was one of the members of the Jewish Chorus which met every Wednesday evening at 8:30 PM at Communist Party headquarters, 37 Howe Street, New Haven. This informant also reported November 14, 1946 that Mrs. [] TUCKMAN of the same telephone number, was a new member of the Howe Street Branch of the Communist Party in New Haven. (U)

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The New Haven Telephone Directory lists Telephone No. 8-4524 as that of LOUIS STONE of 246 Spring Street, New Haven, Conn. It was ascertained that Mr. and Mrs. TUCKMAN resided in 1947 at 248 Spring Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

c. Espionage Activity

No espionage activity on the part of Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN has been noted thus far. However, two possibilities exist:

- (1) Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN, like her second and present husband, DAVID TUCKMAN, could conceivably have been and still be used by subject as an unsuspecting "drop" or medium for contact with other espionage agents; or,

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- (2) Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN may knowingly be serving for subject in the capacities enumerated in (1); or
- (3) Mrs. Tuckman may not be involved with subject at all; and she may have learned through her daughter BESSIE KATZ, subject's wife, of subject's complicity in espionage activities, the subject not being aware of this. This premise being true, it would then follow that subject, until the recent past and just prior to his departure for France, carried on his espionage activities without advising his wife, she ascertaining same and confronting him with the fact just prior to his last departure for France, this causing a somewhat strained marital relationship temporarily. Subject's wife departed for France with her children subsequent to his departure as reflected in referenced report of Special Agent Roger W. Robinson dated March 2, 1949 at New York City. Information subsequently set out in this report, it is believed, reflects, to a degree, a certain amount of apprehension and distrust by subject's wife, BESSIE, concerning subject's activities.

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3. JOSEPH GREGORY WOLFSON,
wa. Joe Wolfson
(New Haven File 100-8332)

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a. Background

The files of the New Haven office reflect that JOSEPH WOLFSON has been the subject of a Security Matter-C investigation by the New Haven Office (Bufile 100-262996) and the following background information relating to JOSEPH WOLFSON appears in the New Haven files:

JOSEPH WOLFSON was born May 14, 1913 in New York City.

A report of the Retail Credit Company of New Haven, Connecticut reflects that on October 4, 1939 he filed an application for insurance with the New York Life Insurance Company of New York City at which time he resided at Saw Mill Road, West Haven and worked as a dental technician at 5 South Colony Street, Meriden. He is reported to have an annual income of \$2500. This insurance application reflected the information that JOSEPH WOLFSON had worked in Meriden as a mechanical dentist for the past two years and previously was in business with his father, HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON, who then had a similar business in New Haven. He had a small laboratory in the Mercantile Building in Meriden. He made dental plates for local dentists; was doing a good business and was considered successful. He was married and was reported to be living with his wife in a small cottage on Silver Lake, Meriden, Connecticut.

On September 24, 1943 Dr. JAMES CARROLL, a dentist in Milford, Connecticut, reported that JOSEPH WOLFSON, prior to opening his dental business in Meriden, Conn. had worked as a dental technician for him and that he had fired WOLFSON because a report had come to his attention that WOLFSON was a Communist. Dr. Carroll also reported that at JOSEPH WOLFSON's suggestion he had employed a LOUIS KOTCO as a handyman in the dental lab for the purpose of teaching KOTCO the trade of dental technician and that subsequently KOTCO suggested that Dr. Carroll employ one SAMUEL DAVIS as a dental technician. The files of the New Haven office reflect that LOUIS KOTCO is a member of the Hill Section of the Communist Party of New Haven and that SAMUEL DAVIS is also a member of the CP in New Haven, Conn.

On March 23, 1949 the records of the Retail Credit Bureau of 902 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut were checked and the files contained the following reports on JOSEPH WOLFSON:

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1. On April 2, 1947 an application was made for automobile insurance on a 1942 Plymouth, ostensibly for business purposes, by JOSEPH WOLFSON and JOSEPH KATZ, partners in the Meriden Dental Company, 20 Butler St., Meriden, Connecticut. There was no other background information on this application other than the statement that KATZ was forty-five years of age, married and Hebrew, and WOLFSON was thirty-eight years of age, married and of Hebrew extraction. The agent handling the investigation was Mr. REDDING. (It was indicated that this was probably a renewal of an old insurance policy).

2. On July 8, 1947 the Retail Credit Company made a check on JOSEPH WOLFSON who was then residing at Saw Mill Road, West Haven, and listed as owner of the Meriden Dental Company. In connection with this check, information was supplied by "two business associates, a banker and a town official." (A later notation indicates that the banker was connected with the Hartford Bank (and Trust); the business associates were "LAMPHER, West Main" (St., Hartford) and the MERIDEN AUCTION ROOMS. The town official possibly was "DEWEY, Town Hall". The results of the check follow:

Military Status

Informants believe that WOLFSON was exempt from military service due to his profession.

Business

WOLFSON has been in business for himself in Meriden since 1939, when he formed the Meriden Dental Laboratory. At that time their address was 5 So. Colony Street (Meriden). In 1943 the business was moved to its present location (20 Butler St., Meriden) because of increase in business and personnel. Their business record was good, and business prospects for the future seemed good.

Financial

WOLFSON's worth is made up of his business and his own home in West Haven. Real estate in Meriden - (From Town Hall Records):

Property	\$3540	Personal property - Two cars
Building	3490	valued at \$1410
Garages	850	

Business has a Net Worth of \$15,000; bank account since 1939 in Hartford Bank, West Main Street, Hartford, which shows a medium average four-figure account. Subject WOLFSON's net worth as of 7/8/47 was listed as \$25,000. Gross annual sales \$50,000; Estimated value of stock - \$3,000; Furniture & Fixtures \$8,000; Machinery \$4,000.

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This report also carries a notation that WOLFSON lived in Yalesville for a year. When he first came to Meriden his home was in Berlin (Conn.). He had a wife and two children. His brother ALBERT J. WOLFSON was also a dental mechanic.

A report made on March 4, 1948 by the Fire Inspector of Meriden pertaining to a fire on the premises of 20 Butler Street, Meriden, Conn. (Meriden Dental Co.) reflected this fire occurred on February 15, 1948 on the third floor which had been rented out by WOLFSON. It was very slight. The fire took place a week after WOLFSON had rented the third floor out, after having it completely redecorated. Name of rentee was not mentioned in instant report.

b. Communist Party activity

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on February 17, 1944 ANDREW ONDA, then State Chairman of the Communist Party in Connecticut, assigned to JOSEPH WOLFSON the task of contacting members of the Professional Branch of the CP in Meriden, Connecticut to raise funds for the CP. (S)(U)

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on January 6, 1944 JOSEPH WOLFSON was a member of the Howe Street Club of the Communist Party in New Haven, Conn. (S)(U)

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Confidential Informant T-6 advised that during the registration of all Communist Party members in 1944, JOSEPH WOLFSON, his wife "TEDDY WOLFSON", his father HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON, and his mother "GOLDIE WOLFSON", were members of the Howe Street Club of the CP in New Haven. (S)(U)

Confidential Informant T-7 reported that in January, February and March of 1944, RUTH ONDA, wife of the above-mentioned ANDREW ONDA, was doing some office work as a bookkeeper for JOSEPH WOLFSON at his dental laboratory at Meriden, Conn. and that during her visits to WOLFSON's laboratory at Meriden, she also contacted Communist Party members in Meriden. (S)(U)

On May 25, 1945 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that JOSEPH WOLFSON was a member of the Communist Political Association and had Book #82267.

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On November 18, 1945 [redacted] advised that JOSEPH WOLFSON had registered and received 1946 CP Membership Card #60945 reflecting that he had been a member of the Party for the past eight years; and that he was a member of the Howe Street Branch of the Communist Party. However, this informant, as well as [redacted] advised in March of 1946 that to their knowledge, JOSEPH WOLFSON was not then active in attending branch meetings or any other functions of the Communist Party in Connecticut. (S)(U)

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1. ~~HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON~~
(New Haven File 100-3780)

Concerning HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON, the files of the New Haven office reflect that this individual has been the subject of a Security Matter-C investigation (Bufile 100-182051) which reflects that he was born September 15, 1885 at Minsk, Russia; came to the United States in 1911 and was naturalized at New York on January 13, 1917. His wife was GOLDY ~~KRIVANIS WOLFSON~~ who was born April 25, 1887 at Vitebsk, Russia. Both these individuals are Russian Jews who were married in Bobrisk, Russia.

HARRY WOLFSON had been reported as a former partner of ~~EZRA FELDMAN~~, former Comintern or OGPU agent, in the United Dental Company of New Haven in the nineteen twenties. HARRY WOLFSON is reported to have sold this business and to have returned to Russia in 1926, allegedly for the purpose of instructing in a school of dental mechanics in Moscow, returning to the United States in 1929.

EZRA FELDMAN and HARRY WOLFSON have been described as the first active members of the Communist Party in New Haven. In addition to a long-time membership in the CP in New Haven, Conn., HARRY WOLFSON has been a member of the IWO and purchased the IWO Headquarters in New Haven and transferred it to the People's Center, Inc. in June of 1938, of which he is the President. It is to be noted that this address has been the central meeting place and headquarters of the Communist Party in New Haven since that date.

In recent years ~~HARRY WOLFSON~~ has been employed as a dental mechanic by his son JOSEPH WOLFSON in Meriden, Connecticut and more recently at their newly-opened branch at the Wolfson Dental Company, 341 State Street, New Haven.

WOLFSON has also been reported as a contact of ~~ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG~~ dating back to the time that he was an associate of ~~EZRA FELDMAN~~ and had returned in the late twenties to Russia.

It is also to be noted that in recent years HARRY WOLFSON has been a regular member of the Howe Street Branch of the Communist Party in New Haven and in recent years when the CP in New Haven was torn by internal strife, HARRY WOLFSON was one of those who spoke in the interest of Party unity and resolved these differences.

Informants of the New Haven office have reported that in recent years while HARRY WOLFSON and his wife ~~GOLDY WOLFSON~~ have been members of the CP in New Haven, they have not been attending regular meetings of the Party or participating actively in Party affairs.

HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON is the father of JOSEPH GREGORY WOLFSON.

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5. ~~Meriden Dental Laboratory~~
~~Meriden, Connecticut~~
(New Haven File)

At the Central Connecticut Credit Rating Bureau at Meriden, Connecticut a report dated October 24, 1941 prepared for the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York City concerning JOSEPH KATZ contained the following information.

KATZ was identified as residing at 622 West 141st Street, New York City. The report stated that KATZ had never resided in Meriden. He was described as being thirty-three years old and married. He was reported as the owner of the Meriden Dental Laboratory and Supplies at 5 South Colony Street, Meriden, a sole proprietorship centrally located at Meriden and making dental supplies, false teeth, etc. The business was described as being "Good" with "little competition". The report also contained information that Mr. JOSEPH WOLFSON was a working partner who devoted his full time to the business.

There were no local bank connections and according to the Credit Bureau, the business was originally financed by KATZ based on an agreement whereby WOLFSON contributed the work and time, and KATZ the money. The business had its inception in 1939.

According to the same informant at the Credit Bureau in 1944 KATZ and WOLFSON were no longer associated with each other in business and WOLFSON, together with his father, HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON, was operating the Meriden Dental Laboratories now located at 20 Butler Street, Meriden, Conn.

On February 15, 1949 the records of the Meriden, Conn. Credit Bureau reflected that the Meriden Dental Laboratory occupies premises at 20 Butler Street, Meriden, Conn. and was then under sole ownership of JOSEPH WOLFSON. It was noted that the Meriden Dental Company Laboratory has quarters in a private house on the first floor at 20 Butler Street, Meriden and that the concern employs five to six persons and enjoys a favorable credit rating. It was indicated that WOLFSON is now residing at Saw Mill Road, West Haven, Connecticut at which place he has resided since 1944.

On April 5, 1949 Confidential Informant T-5 made available copies of financial statements dated December 31, 1947 and December 31, 1948 made out by JOSEPH WOLFSON as the owner of the Meriden Dental Company. Informant advised that WOLFSON owns considerable real estate and is believed in commercial circles to be a good financial risk.

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The informant stated that a loan had been granted to the Meriden Dental Laboratory about two years ago in order that it might enlarge its facilities and it was believed that this loan was obtained in order to set up the Wolfson Dental Company in New Haven. The informant advised that payments on this loan were to be cleared up within a year but that WOLFSON had been delinquent on his notes and as a result, the bank making the loan to WOLFSON was forced to take a second mortgage on real estate which WOLFSON had in his name.

In connection with the above-mentioned loan, JOSEPH WOLFSON submitted a financial statement dated March 29, 1948 purporting to reflect his financial condition and inventory as of December 31, 1947:

ASSETS

Cash on hand and in bank.....	509.79
Accounts Receivable (Current).....	6081.75
Accounts Receivable (Over 90 Days).....	800.00
Notes Receivable (Good).....	
(Raw Material..	2500.00
Inventory.....(In Process....	
(Finished.....	110.00
Cash Surrender Value—Life Ins.....	150.00
Government Bonds (Itemize below).....	
Marketable Securities.....	

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 10151.54

Real Estate (Itemize below).....	65095.42
Machinery and Fixtures.....	5435.30
Autos and Trucks.....	3402.50
Other Investments (Itemize below).....	
Prepaid Expenses.....	147.25
Due from Partners, Officers and Employees.....	
Due from Others.....	
List Other Assets.....	

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TOTAL ASSETS

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LIABILITIES~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Accounts Payable.....	3788.51
Notes Payable to Banks.....	8000.00
Notes Payable for Merchandise..	1000.00
Notes Payable to Others.....	
Loans Against Life Insurance...	
Taxes Due.....	1326.39
Accrued Exp., Salaries, Rent, etc.	213.75
Advances Against Sales.....	
Chattel Mtgs. or Sales Liens and	
Mtg. Installments Due Within 1 Year..	<u>2060.00</u>

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	16388.65
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Real Estate Mtg. Due Over 1 Year	19104.07
Other Debt Due Over 1 Year.....	
Reserves for Depreciation.....	4502.40
Other Reserves.....	
Other Liabilities.....	
Net worth (If Individ. or partnership)	44236.89
Preferred Stock.....	
Common Stock.....	
Surplus.....	

TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	<u>84232.01</u>
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DETAILS OF REAL ESTATE

Held in Whose Name?	Location	Cost	Reasonable Value	Assessed Value	Amt. Mtg.	Annual Income
Joseph Wolfson	Saw Mill Rd. West Haven	15000.00	20000.00	9000.00	none	none; Home
"	590 Whitney Ave., N.H.	20000.00	same	15000.00	9864.07	3300.00
"	West Haven, Conn.	1000.00	same	1000.00	none	none
"	20 Butler St. Meriden, Ct.	14095.42	20000.00	12000.00	9500.00	3240.00
"	Saw Mill Rd. West Haven	15000.00	18000.00	12000.00	1800.00	none; Farm

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In connection with this financial statement, JOSEPH WOLFSON filed a Profit and Loss Statement of the Meriden Dental Company for the period January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947 which reflected that the Gross Sales were \$55,674.18 and the Net Profit for the period was \$3,225.36. The Net Worth of the company at the beginning of this period was \$50,727.58 and the Net Worth at the end of the period was \$44,236.89.

With this Profit and Loss Statement, the following were listed as the principal trade suppliers of the Meriden Dental Company:

E. L. Washburn Company of New Haven, Conn.;
Meyerson Tooth Company of Cambridge, Mass.;
Baker and Company of Newark, New Jersey;
The Central Dental Supply Co. of Louisville, Kentucky;
and J. Healy of Newark, New Jersey.

Other Banking Connections of WOLFSON were listed as the First National Bank of West Haven, Connecticut; the New Haven Savings Bank of Orange Street, New Haven, Conn. which was the holder of an \$8,464.07 mortgage; and the Federal Land Bank of Springfield, Massachusetts, holder of an \$1800 mortgage.

In this statement, JOSEPH WOLFSON furnished the information that he had opened a branch laboratory at 341 State Street, New Haven, Connecticut on March 15, 1948.

The Balance Sheet dated December 31, 1948 of the Meriden Dental Company reflected that the Total Current Assets of this company were \$8,118.60 and the Fixed Assets totaled \$35,818.51. Total Assets were \$44,122.89.

The Liabilities of this company were listed as \$31,168.86, the major items of which were Notes Payable to Banks - \$6500; Other Notes Payable - \$2428.76; and Mortgages Payable - \$17,189.67.

The Net Worth of the company was indicated as \$12,954.03, so that the total Liabilities and Net Worth amounted to \$44,122.89.

This statement bore the handwritten notation: "This does not include my home or my farm."

The Profit and Loss Statement for the year January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948 of the Meriden Dental Company reflected that Gross Sales of the Meriden Dental Company for this period were \$48,400.35. Gross Profit on these sales was \$38,481.84 and Net Profit after deduction of Expenses amounted to \$2,770.32. Net Profit for the period was \$2,850.30 or 5.9% of the Gross Sales.

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~~341 State Street~~
~~New Haven, Connecticut~~
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Under an appropriate pretext, the writer obtained the following information pertaining to the Wolfson Dental Company from HARRY BESCHEL, building superintendent of the office building at 341 State Street, New Haven. This building is owned by the Bradford Realty Company which in turn is operated by A. and WILLIAM PERLROTH, realtors, of 746 Chapel Street, New Haven. The rental agent is MARVIN LEVINE. The Wolfson Dental Company occupies three rooms on the fourth floor and is listed as occupying Room 402. JOSEPH WOLFSON, his father HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON, and his brother ALBERT J. WOLFSON, appear to be doing an active business and report to work every morning. JOSEPH WOLFSON generally stays for only an hour or two and then departs for the Meriden Dental Laboratory in Meriden; his father and brother appear to devote their time to the New Haven business.

On April 4, 1949 Confidential Informant T-4, a highly reliable and confidential source, made available information that the Wolfson Dental Company maintains a checking account at The Second National Bank of New Haven and that this account during March 1949 maintained a small running balance ranging between \$17.79 and \$186.88; further, that only three checks were drawn on this account as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payor</u>
3/1/49	Southern New England Tel. Co.	\$ 38.05	ALBERT J. WOLFSON, Wolfson Dental Co.
3/7/49	Ever Ready Service Station	60.00	"
3/7/49	A. Perlroth & Son	100.00	"

It was noted that the endorser of each of the above checks was the payee.

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C. MAIL COVERS

1. Mr. and Mrs. DAVID TUCKMAN
149 Painter Avenue
West Haven, Connecticut

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Effective March 23, 1949, a mail cover was placed on the above individuals, the results of which, to date, are as follows.

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Delivery Date From To Postmarked

3/25/49 No return address Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN Paris VII
Air Mail Letter 149 Painter Avenue R. Clcr.
West Haven, Conn. 3/22/49
U.S.A.

3/25/49 No return address D. TUCKMAN 3/24/49 at
Postcard 149 Painter St. New Haven
West Haven, Conn.

(Handwritten message in Yiddish script)

3/28/49 No return address Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN Paris, France
Air Mail Letter 149 Painter Avenue 3/24/49
West Haven, Conn.

3/28/49 C. B. KATZ Mr. and Mrs. DAVE TUCKMAN 3/28/49
Postcard 77 W. 104th St. 149 Painter Avenue NYC
New York 25, N.Y. West Haven, Conn.

(Handwritten message in Yiddish script)

4/4/49 No return address Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN Paris II
Air Mail Letter 149 Painter Avenue Annexe Gare
West Haven, Conn. Aerienne
U.S.A. 3-30-49

4/8/49 S. KNUDSEN Mrs. P. TUCKMAN 4/6/49
Air Mail Letter Route 1, 147 Painter Ave. Oakland, Calif.
Box 180-C West Haven, Conn.
Fort Bragg, Calif.

4/8/49 C. B. KATZ Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN 4/7/49
Postcard 77 W. 104th St. 149 Painter Ave. New York City
New York 25, N.Y. West Haven, Conn.

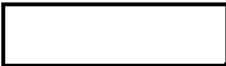
(Handwritten message in Yiddish script)

4/8/49 No return address D. TUCKMAN 4/6/49
Postcard 149 Painter St. New Haven, Conn.
West Haven, Ct.

(Printed message in what appeared to be Hebrew script)

4/13/49 J. ROSENBERG Mrs. D. TUCKMAN 4/12/49
Letter 153 Grove Street Passaic, N.J.
Passaic, New Jersey West Haven, Conn.

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2. Meriden Dental Laboratory
20 Butler Street
Meriden, Connecticut

A thirty-day mail cover on the captioned organization which was placed March 14, 1949, has failed to reflect any information of pertinent value. A sixty-day mail cover is presently in effect.

3. Wolfson Dental Company
Room 402
341 State Street
New Haven, Connecticut

A thirty-day mail cover on the captioned organization which was placed March 14, 1949, has failed to reflect any information of pertinent value. A sixty-day mail cover is presently in effect.

4. JOSEPH GREGORY WOLFSON
HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON
Saw Mill Road
West Haven, Connecticut

A thirty-day mail cover on the captioned individuals which was placed March 14, 1949, has failed to reflect any information of pertinent value. A sixty-day mail cover is presently in effect.

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D. INFORMATION OF POSSIBLE INTELLIGENCE VALUE

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1. Re JOSEPH KATZ and JOSEPH WOLFSON

Confidential Informant T-3, a highly confidential and reliable informant, made available the contents of an Air Mail letter addressed to Mr. JOSEPH WOLFSON, Meriden Dental Lab., Meriden, Connecticut, U.S.A., bearing postmark 3-22-49 at Paris 69, R. de Vouille, and no return address:

"March 21

"Dear Joe -

"I hesitate writing this because I just don't understand. I have written you many times but have received no answer. Had I asked to send me money of your own I would have assumed there would be no hesitation on your part.

"Look Joe, don't send me the money if you don't want to, but is it too much to expect even an answer from you? What has happened to you Joe? Don't friendships mean any thing anymore?

"I've had so many dissappointments these last months I suppose one more don't make so much difference.

"In case you don't know where to write me its c/o American Express Paris.

Joe"

Confidential Informant T-4, a highly confidential and reliable informant, made available the content of an Air Mail letter addressed to Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A. bearing postmark Paris II, Annexe Gare Aerienne, 3-30-49 and listing no return address. This letter contained two letters, one of which appeared to be written in Yiddish script. A translation of this letter has been furnished by the New York office under cover letter dated April 11, 1949 and reads as follows:

"March 30, 1949

"Dear mother and Dave,

"Yesterday I received your letter, Ma, and I so want you not

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"to worry about us so much. We are well, and if I lost a little weight there is no danger. You, I heard lost a lot of weight, and it is very understandable why. Physically I am well, but so much happened to all of us the past few months, and on top of all these troubles I had personal inconveniences, and others now. We are living in a world where we are not popular, but we knew that from childhood on, and I have no doubts about our ideas. But it is difficult when you have to worry about a small child, and especially when you are in a strange country, and atmosphere, and there are new problems every day. I do not worry about ourselves, we are big enough. Surely Esther could not relay this to you, but I believe in a very short time we will talk about this in your house.

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"Ma, I am sending you a letter here wich is for Joe Wolfson. After writing him several times he exerted himself and send one hundred dollars. He still owes us one hundred and we ask him to deliver it to you immediately. It is a shame that we have been asking for the money for such a long time and he did not send it, not even a letter to apologize. That poor Joe, who doesn't even have \$200 to return, when he knows we are in need, and it was loaned to him. Do not tell them anything about us, and it is better that Harry and Zolda do not know either.

"I beg you one thing, people will know when I arrive, until then it is better that they should not be informed. I am not certain that I will be able to arrange it, and I want it to be a surprise to everyone. I will feel better that way, and it is better for everyone.

"When is Steve coming to New York? Will he be at your house for Easter? [] is so anxious to see him, I also.

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"Take care of yourself, we need you so badly. Be well.

"We kiss you both

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[] is well now, and back in school. She grew some more and the skirt you made for her is short already. She gained weight and looks good.

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"Regards to the Wolfsons. I am writing the other answers to their letters. I received a letter from Celia also."

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It is believed that the "HARRY and ZOLDA" referred to in the above letter are HARRY and GOLDA WOLFSON of West Haven, Connecticut, the parents of JOSEPH GREGORY WOLFSON.

The enclosed letter in English read as follows:

"Dear Joe -

"I finally received your hundred dollars like a donation to a poor relative. May I remind you Joe it is not a loan or donation but money that you owe me - and was it too much to expect even a note in answer to all the letters I wrote you.

"Frankly Joe - I don't understand what has happened to you. I would have assumed that even if I asked for your money you wouldn't have hesitated just as I didn't when you needed it.

"Any way please give the other \$100 to Bessie's mother right away and she will send it on to me. You have already received my note stating that you don't owe me any thing - and of course you don't after you return the \$100.

"Best regards to the family -

Joe"

Confidential Informant T-3 made available the contents of an Air Mail letter addressed to Mr. JOSEPH WOLFSON, Meriden Dental Laboratory, 20 Butler Street, Meriden, Conn., U.S.A., bearing no return address and postmarked Paris 69, Rue de Vouille, 4-16-49:

"April 16, 1949

"Dear Joe,

"A Mr. ~~X~~Weitz from New York will contact you about a dental apparatus he wants to show you. It is supposed to be something quite new and is already in use in various European countries. According to what I've been told it saves work by a great percentage.

"The item is fully patented throughout the world and I am most anxious to know if you think it has any merit. Please Joe, no matter how inconvenient it may be for you look into it thoroughly

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"and let me know immediately. I have told the owners that I am your partner and I'm awaiting your word before I do anything with it. We can take over the whole affair if we want it.

"Weitz may prove a little uncooperative as he doesn't want any other people in on it but do what you possibly can with him and write to me immediately.

"Please send mail to my new address: Joseph Katz, Boite Postale 66-16, Paris, 16 em., France.

"Best regards.

Joe

"You never know how a letter by a French typist comes out but this one seems a success."

The New Haven indices contain no record of any Mr. WEITZ and the identity of this individual is not known to this office at this time.

Confidential Informant T-4 made available the contents of an Air Mail letter addressed to JOSEPH KATZ, 23 Villa Santos Dumont, Paris, postmarked New Haven, Conn. April 6, 1949 bearing return address of JOSEPH WOLFSON, 20 Butler Street, Meriden, Conn., U.S.A.:

"Mar. 5 - 1949

"Dear Joe:

"I have no excuse for not writing sooner. I realize that I am at fault, but that does not alter the fact. After your letter telling me of your differences with Bessie every time I started to write I just did not know what to say. My feelings toward you have not changed and I never expect them to. Financially I was in extremely precarious circumstances. I have just begun to catch up on my back bills. Some were so pressing that I just could not send you more at the time you asked for it. I have sent out the Air Mail order to-day for \$100.00. I will try to send you something each month to help you out and don't take it as 'charity' as I am not sending it that way.

"Your letter bawling me out hits kind of hard. If I could have sent it sooner you would not have had to wait.

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"After Bessie was her It was still harder to write. She asked me for a letter you sent me concerning her saying that you asked for it. However I told her I distroy all letters you sent and admitted nothing. You have no Idea how it feels to see two dear friend _ who have loved (?) as long as you two have, have differences. It makes one wonder what its all about. I sincerely wish you both the best and desire to have you both see eye to eye.

"When Beatie was killed It really dawned on me how precarious life actually is. She is the first one in our age group close to us to leave. It takes a long time to realize that she is no longer with us. Stevie stayed with us for a while and slept at 'Peshke's'. It sure breaks your heart to see him play with Karens hair and say it looks and feels just like Beaties. I doubt whether Peshke will ever get over it. She has been quite stunned (?) by her going.

"Bussiness her actualy 'stinks'. Layoff_ have jumped terrifically. I beleive it is the War & E.R.P programs that are keeping us going. Property has dropped in value and rents are now much more plentifull.

"You will have to go to the Guaranty Trust Co. Paris br. as I did not give my Bank your Paris address. The money was sent Air Mail like last time. Joe I promise to write again soon meanwhile please send me a line once in a while.

As ever

Your pal,

Joe

"P.S. This is the longest letter I ever wrote"

It is believed that "BEATIE" may be the late wife of KEN ~~BORN~~ and also that she may have been the daughter of Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN who is referred to as "PESHKE" in the above letter. It is further believed that "STEVIE" is the son of KEN and BEATIE BORN.

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2. Re BESSIE KATZ and PAULINE TUCKMAN

Confidential Informant T-4 made available the contents of an Air Mail letter addressed to Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN of 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A. postmarked Paris VII R. Cler. March 22, 1949 and bearing

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no return address. It is noted that this letter was written in what appeared to be Yiddish script. The translation of this letter furnished by the New York office under cover letter dated April 11, 1949 reads as follows:

"Monday, March 21

"Dear mother,

"I received your letter today and I regret very much that I kept you without a letter for two weeks. As I wrote you previously, it is very difficult for me to write now. A thousand thoughts, but when I have to write them I can't. I want to sympathize with you so much, but the words do not come. I know how you feel and I want to be with you so much, but the times are such that that is impossible now, but I hope that soon we will be together.

[] runs around and dances already but I do not send her to school yet. She had a mild form of measles. In a few weeks I will take a week's vacation and go somewhere with her.

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"Ken wrote me a third letter. It appears he is quite lost, does not know where or what to do. Yes, it is always so, you appreciate it after the loss. I would like to help him and (Stein - Stin? - possibly Steve) if it will be possible.

"Be well, Ma. Cordial regards to Dave. Our regards to the Wolfsons. Joe sends his regards to you.

"With love,
Bessie

"[] is getting ready for her dance recital, already when she returns home. I told her you expected it."

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Confidential Informant T-4 made available the contents of an Air Mail letter addressed to Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn. U.S.A. bearing postmark Paris II, Annexe Gare Aerienne, 3-30-49 and listing no return address. This letter, which contained two letters, one in the Yiddish script, has been set out above in this report; the Yiddish letter being from BESSIE KATZ to Mrs. Tuckman and the English enclosure being from the subject to JOSEPH WOLFSON.

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Confidential Informant T-4 also made available the contents of an Air Mail letter addressed to Mrs. BESSIE B. KATZ, c/o Ameri. Jt. Distrib. Comm., 3 Blvd Latour Maubourg, Paris VII France. This letter, postmarked New Haven, Conn. April 1, 1949 bore the return address P. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn. It appeared to be written in the Yiddish language and a translation of this as furnished by the New York office under cover letter dated April 11, 1949 reads as follows:

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"My dear, beloved children

"Bessie, Joe, [redacted]

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"Received your letters and I thank you very much. I also called Celia yesterday morning. She told me that you spoke to her after she was here. I beg you, Bessie, do not worry about me. My dear child, with the hope that you will be here soon I keep myself, and I want to see you, so be calm. I work, Dave also. I await Benny and the family this Saturday, and George and the family for Passover, and thereby they maintain me. I heard about Ken and Steve through Celia. He called her twice this week. Miriam and the family are all right also. Saturday I had as guests the Starrs and their son-in-law, Harry. They brought eggs, chicken and other things. Mrs. Starr came when the accident happened, and Harry went to the funeral with her. I received letters from Sylvia Isaacs. She is coming the 12th of this month. She is very anxious to see me. As she says, you and your children have woven yourselves into my soul, and I will never forget you. So I am happy she is coming. Bessie, I rejoice that [redacted] is better and will resume her activities in everything. Give her a big kiss for both of us, and I thank her for such a pretty letter. Dave sends his cordial regards. Joe writes a few words.

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"Your mother".

The New Haven office has no record on SYLVIA ISAACS and the identity of "the STARRS and their son-in-law HARRY" is not known to the New Haven office at this time.

Confidential Informant T-4 also made available the contents of an Air Mail letter addressed to Mrs. BESSIE B. KATZ, c/o Ameri. Jt. Distrib. Comm., 3 Blvd Latour Maubourg, Paris VII France. Postmarked at New Haven, Conn. April 6, 1949, it bore the return address P. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn. and reads as follows:

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"My dearly beloved children,

"Bessie, I received your letter yesterday, and many thanks to you. I gave the letter to Joe, also, and he told me that he sent off the remainder of the money yesterday, and if you need more he will send more. He has become a pig. As much as he has is not enough. Tell me, my child, I can send you also. Write me if you are in need. I am happy that [] is going to school again and feels well. My dear children, may you raise her to a ripe age and may she not know about the misfortune, as does her cousin. While cleaning the house, after Steve went away, I found a note from him in which he wrote, 'I am unhappy.' May your child have you always. I always read and read her letters which she wrote to me.

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"Last week end I had Fanny and the family. They came Saturday and returned Monday morning. That Freddie has outlived his expectation, and Jeanie was with Wolfson's children. Celia called me yesterday. They are all all right. She was expecting a call from Ken. Steve is in Chicago now, and will probably be here next week. Sylvia Raskin is also coming the 12th, especially to see us. She was so broken up over our misfortune that she decided to come. She is flying here. Well, my dears, we are well and working. There is nothing to worry about the fact that I became slimmer. Considering my great misfortune I am all right, because I did not think I would be able to withstand it. In addition to that I took everything quietly within me when it happened. My dear child, Bessie, please have pity on my old age and do not worry. Control yourself as well as you can. I will see you in good health, that is my wish. Be well. Dave sends his cordial regards to you. Your mother. Harry and Golda send their regards to you."

The New Haven indices contain no record on SYLVIA RASKIN. It is believed that KEN and STEVE refer to KEN & STEVE BORN of Chicago, who wrote Mrs. TUCKMAN a letter which is set out hereinafter. The identity of FANNY, FREDDIE, JEANIE, and CELIA are not known at this time. It is believed that the HARRY and GOLDA mentioned refer to HARRY and GOLDA WOLFSON, above-mentioned.

3. Re BESSIE KATZ and JOSEPH KATZ

Confidential Informant T-2 made available the contents of a letter

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addressed to Mr. J. KATZ, Boite Postale 66-16, Paris 16e, France and was from 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut postmarked April 20, 1949, which reads as follows:

"Wednesday, April 20

"Dearest Joe,

"A week now and no mail. I am most concerned and hope you're feeling all right.

"I'm at my mother's and it has been a help to her. She is bearing up and beginning to be more cheerful. Perhaps it's the front she is putting on for me—but so far I'm glad to see that the blow hasn't thrown her as badly as my apprehensions indicated. I am moving rather slowly in my plans—for [redacted] sake as well as my mother's, for I don't want either of them to feel that I am forcing an issue. [redacted] seems a little apprehensive but really enjoys being here. The house is very nice. The weather has been beautiful and she has been outdoors with Gene. So far the question of a dog has not come up although I feel it is in the offing. When the issue is raised I am confident I will be able to handle it.

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"Everyone here asks about you and is much concerned about your state of health. By the way did you receive the transfer of that \$100?

"Cele (?) was downtown the other day and was pleasantly surprised to find that she would be able to spare you three more of those lovely woolen shirts you wanted so much. Shall I send them to you?

"It is frustrating to carry on a one-sided correspondence. I hope so that I'll find a letter from you.

"All our love to you. [redacted] misses you and so do I.

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/s/ B

"The family all send their best. I think Ken and Stevie are coming for the week-end."

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4. Re PAULINE TUCKMAN and Other Individuals

Confidential Informant T-4 furnished the contents of an Air Mail letter addressed to Mrs. P. TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn., bearing return address STEVE BORN, FE-CIO, United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers, 110 S. Canal Street, Chicago 6, Illinois and postmarked LaPorte, Indiana, 3-30-49, which reads as follows:

"March 29, 1949

"Dear Grandma-

"How are you? How are Genie, Paul, Mark, Freddie, Samuel, and yourself? Are you gonna come and visit us some day? If you do, bring along Genie. When I came back from Cedar Rapids, I came by plane. The plane hit air pockets, poor Stevie. I came from Cedar Rapids to Chicago. The Cedar Rapids airport is very small, but Chicago has a pretty big one. In the Chicago office I've been wheeling around in my new invention. It is a chair with wheels which I push while I'm sitting on it. I got a new cap gun. It is the exact McCoy and is called a Big Horn and my friend, Howard, has two Long Toms, which are also cap guns. They look so real because when you fire, they only fire six shots and then you have to re-load them. They are silver with a brown handle. My friend's has a while handle and has a longer barrel. They all make a lot of noise (including me).

"I have been missing school for a few days. I asked teacher, Miss Winchell, if I could take along my arithmetic or spelling, but she was afraid I would lose my books. My cousin, Barbara Jean, is living in Mason City, Kansas. I wish you could come to Chicago next Christmas.

"I'm getting sort of tired now, so I'll have to say goodbye. Write to me soon.

Love,

Steve, Ken"

The New Haven indices contain no record for KEN and STEVE BORN.

Confidential Informant T-4 also made available a postcard addressed to Mrs.

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PAULINE TUCKLIAN, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut from C. B. KATZ, 77 West 104th Street, New York City postmarked at New York April seventh, 1949. Translation furnished by the New York office under cover letter dated April 13, 1949 reads as follows:

"Thursday, April 7

"Dear mother and Dave,

"How are you? We are all well. Ken called yesterday. He thinks it is better that Steve should not come now because he has been in so many places during the past two months. Was here, back in La Porte, in Iowa, Chicago, again La Port, Chicago. He says Jan (ph) also says that it would be better to let him stay there for the ten days vacation. He will talk it over with her again and see. Do you expect to come Sunday? We will talk to you.

"With love,

Celia.

"Regards to the Wolfsons.

"The landlord does not permit Lee to stay in Bessie's apartment."

Confidential Informant T-4 also made available the contents of a letter to Mrs. P. TUCKLIAN of 248 Spring Street, New Haven, Conn. (redirected to 147 Painter Avenue, West Haven) from S. KNUDSEN, Route #1, Box 180-C, Fort Bragg, California. Translation furnished by the New York office under cover letter dated April 13, 1949 reads as follows:

"Dear Peshke,

"I received your letter, and it is a dear as only from you, dear mother. I am writing this letter to you from Oakland, where I am with Flossie now.

"I am leaving Saturday, April 9th, 6:00 P.M. and we will make several stops and will arrive at La Guardia station about 2:00 P.M., Sunday afternoon. If everything will be as it should, I will be in New York Sunday, the 10th. I am sending this letter to you at your old address because in the rush I forgot to take the new address. My dear I hope that this letter finds you in the best of health. Until I see you again, Peshke I remain as ever, your Celia. Regards to your husband and comrade."

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On the reverse side of page was the following message in English:

"My dearest Peshka -

"All my love and all my thoughts and heartfelt sympathies come with Mom at this time of great sorrow for all of us. I wish I could be with you to talk with you but know that mom brings me with her in spirit to comfort you.

"Love, Flossie"

The above letter was postmarked at Oakland, California April 6, 1949.

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E. MONEY PAID TO JOSEPH KATZ BY JOSEPH WOLFSON

On April 5, 1949 Confidential Informant T-5 advised that on March 18, 1949 JOSEPH WOLFSON of Butler Street, Meriden, Connecticut had purchased a foreign draft in the amount of \$100 from the Hartford, Connecticut Trust Company Branch at Meriden, Connecticut which ordered the Guaranty Trust Company of New York to pay in Paris to JOSEPH KATZ of 23 Villa Santos Dumont, Paris, France the above sum. This informant furnished a copy of the above-mentioned draft.

On April 12, 1949 T-5 advised that on April 7, 1949 JOSEPH WOLFSON of Butler Street, Meriden, Conn. had purchased from the Hartford, Conn. Trust Company Branch in Meriden, Conn. a foreign draft ordering the Guaranty Trust Company of New York to pay in Paris, France \$100 to JOSEPH KATZ of the above address. This informant made available a copy of this draft and photostatic copies of same are being forwarded to interested offices as enclosures to this report.

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F. RE JOSEPH KATZ

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The Credit Bureau and the Retail Credit Bureau of New Haven contained no record for JOSEPH KATZ.

There was no record of JOSEPH KATZ in the New Haven and Meriden Police Departments.

A re-check of the records of the Central Credit Bureau of Meriden, Connecticut failed to reflect any information pertaining to JOSEPH KATZ although as previously mentioned in this report, this Bureau made a report on JOSEPH KATZ for the Credit Bureau of Greater New York City in October of 1941, which has been set out in this report.

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TO BUREAU, NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICES

Two copies of photostats of bank draft in amount of \$100 purchased by JOSEPH WOLFSON on April 7, 1949 from the Hartford Trust Company Branch in Meriden, Conn.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will keep the New Haven office advised of pertinent developments in this case and also furnish identifying data on the contacts of JOSEPH KATZ including the Mr. WEITZ of New York.

Will expedite the translation of the letters in the Yiddish language which have been forwarded to the New York office by the New Haven office.

Will furnish the New Haven office with photographs of JOSEPH, BESSIE KATZ.

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NEW HAVEN OFFICE

AT MERIDEN, CONN.

Will continue to maintain mail cover on the Meriden Dental Laboratory, 20 Butler Street and also maintain contact with Confidential Informant T-3 for the purpose of obtaining further information as to communications between JOSEPH KATZ and JOSEPH WOLFSON.

AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Will continue to maintain mail cover on JOSEPH and HARRY J. WOLFSON of Saw Mill Road, West Haven; on DAVID and PAULINE TUCKMAN of 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven and the Wolfson Dental Company of 341 State Street, New Haven.

Will maintain contact with T-4 in order to ascertain the nature of any further communications between JOSEPH KATZ and Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN and/or his wife BESSIE KATZ.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Below are set forth the identities of the temporary confidential informants designated in the report of SA Salvatore F. Ducibella in the case of JOSEPH KATZ, was., [REDACTED] dated at New Haven 4/25/49.

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Mr. JOHN J. SCANLON, Postmaster, Meriden, Conn.

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Mr. PAUL MARTIN, Assistant Postmaster, New Haven, Conn.

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Temporary symbols used for the further concealment of the identities of the informants.

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[REDACTED]

Copies of this report have been designated for the information of the Baltimore and San Francisco offices in accordance with instructions set out in referenced report of SA Roger W. Robinson dated 3/2/49 at New York City.

It is to be noted that the New Haven office maintains separate case files on JOSEPH WOLFSON, HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON and GOLDA WOLFSON, the Meriden Dental Laboratory, the Wolfson Dental Company and DAVID and PAULINE TUCKMAN.

Investigation at the Meriden Dental Laboratory was conducted by SA Thomas M. Murphy.

Concerning S. KNUDSEN of Ft. Bragg, California; STEVE BORN and KEN BORN of Chicago, Ill. and J. ROSENBERG of Passaic, New Jersey, whose correspondence with Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN has been set out in instant report, leads are being set out in the separate case on Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN to obtain further information as to the identity of these individuals.

Any information developed in any of the above cases which appears to be pertinent to the investigation of JOSEPH KATZ will be reported in future reports in this case.

By teletype dated 4/11/49 the New York City office advised New Haven that the SAUL BIRNBAUM associated with JOSEPH KATZ in Caybin, Inc., New York City did not appear identical with SOL ALBERI, aka SAUL BIRNBAUM, CP organizer, Waterbury, Conn. The BIRNBAUM in the KATZ case was born at

[REDACTED] is a public accountant and resides at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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For the information of the Bureau and the New York office, arrangements have been perfected in New Haven and Meriden, Conn. through highly confidential informants to obtain the contents of any communications sent to or by subject in or from France or any domestic correspondence directed to or sent by persons and organizations mentioned in instant report in New Haven, West Haven or Meriden, Connecticut.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

July 21, 1949

To: SAC, New Haven

There follows a report of the FBI Laboratory on the
examination of evidence received from your office on May 3, 1949.

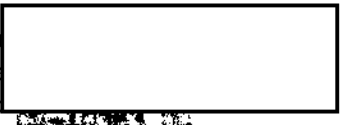
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Examination requested: ~~address~~

Reference: Report dated April 25, 1949 and letters dated
April 29, 1949 and May 3, 1949.

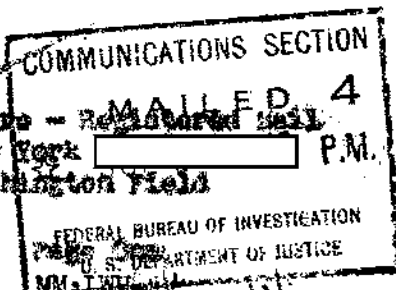
Examination requested: Cryptanalysis

Specimens:

Qc 11 Included in a report of Special Agent Salvatore F. Luciballa
dated April 25, 1949 at New Haven, Connecticut is the following
letter addressed to "Mr. J. KATZ, Boite Postale 66-16, Paris 16e,
France" and from "149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut,"
beginning "Wednesday, April 20, Dearest Joe, I week now and so
mail." and signed "M".

Qc 12 Two photostatic copies of a two-page handwritten letter in English
beginning "April 26, Dearest Rose - Father just phoned me and told
me you called." ... Accompanying envelope addressed to "F. Tolson,
149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., U. S. A." bearing the postmark
"Paris 69, R. de Vouille, 4-27-49."

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- Qc 13 Two copies of a letter in English language addressed to "Mlle YVETTE LE MOUËC, 12 Avenue Victor Hugo, Paris, 16, France", from HENRIE KATZ, and beginning "My 1, Dear Yvette, My sister came up today...".
- Qc 14 Two typewritten copies of a letter in English addressed to "Dr. ALBERTA SEALITA, 12 Rue Castagnary, Paris, 17, France", from HENRIE KATZ, and beginning "My 2, Dear Dr. Sealita, With all the best intention...".
- Qc 15 Two typewritten copies of a letter in English addressed to "Dr. HARRISON KAPLAN, 1425 Jackson St., San Francisco, California", from HENRIE KATZ and beginning "My 2, 1949, Dear Henry, You, I'm back "home" again - but still ...".
- Qc 16 Two typewritten copies of a letter in English addressed to "Dr. JOSEPH KATZ, Boite Postale 66-16, Paris, 16, France", from HENRIE KATZ and beginning "Dearest Joe- This is my 6th letter to you, the 1st feels ...".
- Qc 17 Two photostatic copies of a letter in English beginning "April 30, Dearest Ben - It seems that our mail always ..." accompanied by envelope addressed to "D. Tushman, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., U.S.A.".
- Qc 18 Two photostatic copies of a letter in English beginning "Hello Sweetheart - I was walking down the street and saw a little cabot." Accompanying envelope addressed to "Miss Paula Katz, c/o Tushman, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn., U. S. A." and bearing the postmark "4-30-49, Paris 69, Rue de Vouille."

Result of examination:

No concealed messages of a code or cipher nature were found in the above-listed specimens with the exception of possible double meaning in Specimen Qc 17. In it the writer mentions impatience to see his business associate who might be someone working with the subject in Communist activities. However in the light of information now available it is impossible to ascertain definitely whether or not double meaning was actually intended in Qc 17.

Specimens Qc 12 through Qc 18 are being returned herewith, one copy of each being retained in the Laboratory file.

SAC, New Haven

July 15, 1949

Director, FBI

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Re New Haven letter July 7, 1949, suggesting the possible development of Yvette Le Boudec as an informant in this case.

At the present time there does not appear to be sufficient information indicating that Le Boudec would make a willing and reliable informant. In view of this and the importance of this investigation, it is not believed desirable to contact her as a possible informant at this time.

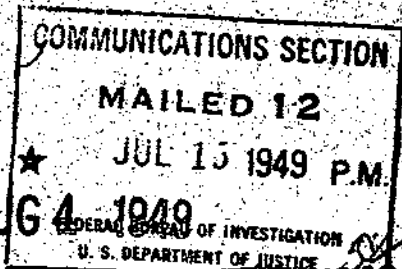
In an effort to develop further information concerning Le Boudec, the Bureau will cause inquiry to be made abroad concerning her.

cc - New York

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
510 Trust Company Building
New Haven, 10, Connecticut
July 7, 1949

Director,
F. B. I.

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Personal and Confidential

Re: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

Bureau File [redacted]

Dear Sir:

For consideration by the Bureau and the New York Office, the following suggestions are being made in connection with the captioned case:

YVETTE LE BOUDEC

YVETTE LE BOUDEC is a French girl who, from information made available through a highly confidential source, is employed as a domestic and governess for [redacted]. YVETTE LE BOUDEC appears to be interested in "mundane" things in life and is desirous apparently of marrying some American with money. Her future as a governess for the KATZ child is not known to this office; however, information available to this office indicates that BESSIE KATZ who is presently in France, [redacted] and the wife of subject, has expressed some concern with YVETTE LE BOUDEC's "extra-curricular" activities. It would seem that since the KATZ brought LE BOUDEC to the States to serve as a governess for their child that if they are to be out of the States for a considerable period of time, or if they are to be in the States and are to be actively engaged in outside pursuits, they may continue to utilize the services of YVETTE LE BOUDEC. It is believed that some consideration should be given at this time to the possibility of developing LE BOUDEC as an informant in this case. At the present time she may be able to furnish information of value concerning subject's activities in Europe, and also information reflecting on how and why she was selected by KATZ to serve as a governess for his child. She could also be utilized in connection with the use of a highly confidential investigative technique if the subject and his wife were to return to the States and continue the employ of LE BOUDEC as a governess; or, if the subject and his wife decide to remain in Europe and have their child and LE BOUDEC join them there.

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Director,
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July 7, 1949

For further information concerning YVETTE LE BOUDEC see Washington Field Office letter to the Bureau dated 6-29-49 entitled, "JOSEPH KATZ" [redacted]

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~~MRS~~ JOSEPH KATZ

It will be observed from information furnished from a confidential source in the recent past that JOSEPH KATZ has expressed some concern that he may not see his daughter for a long time. This could be interpreted to mean that the subject does not contemplate returning to the States and is "under orders" to remain in Europe for intelligence assignments and further that this is not to his liking. If this interpretation be correct, it may be that he is not being permitted to return to the States inasmuch as the Soviets may feel that he was "made" or about to be "made" in the United States as an espionage agent. If this be the case it is quite possible that the subject is not too pleased with this situation and, therefore, is very unhappy concerning his "orders" from his intelligence superiors. [It is suggested that the Bureau and the New York Office consider the feasibility of making a "double agent" of the subject while he is in Europe.] (S) (U)

Very truly yours,

J. J. Gleason
J. J. Gleason,
Special Agent in Charge

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Rewrite
cc - Mr. Fletcher
Mr. Lamphere
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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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To: [redacted]

Attention: [redacted]

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ, was.,
[redacted]

Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 24, 1949,
in which you requested advice as to whether information previously
[redacted]
[redacted]

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To: [redacted]

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, FBI

Re: JOSEPH KATZ, with aliases
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 8, 1949

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was

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On June 29, 1949 a highly confidential and reliable informant made available an airmail letter addressed to [redacted] 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Conn., U.S.A. bearing the postmark Paris, June 29, 1949, and no return address. It was noted that this letter was personal in nature and appeared to have been written by the Subject JOSEPH KATZ and was signed "JOE". The writer indicated that he had just returned to Paris and was at that time with his wife BESSIE KATZ. The letter also contained a short note from "Mommy". Other than the fact of Subject JOSEPH KATZ'S return to Paris nothing further of pertinence was noted in this communication.

was Joseph Katz

On July 5, 1949 this informant made available an airmail letter addressed to Mlle YVETTE LE BOUDEC, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A., bearing the postmark Paris 7-3-49 and no return address. It was noted that this letter appeared to be written by LE BOUDEC'S sister and was signed AYSA (?) wherein the writer mentioned that her finance, WILLIAM (last name not given) wanted her to depart with him from Paris for the United States, that the writer was undecided about the same although originally they had planned to leave on either the 20th or 21st and that WILLIAM already had her passport to make the necessary arrangements. The writer mentioned that if she did depart with WILLIAM they would arrive in New York the next day and that she would visit with YVETTE for a few days in West Haven.

This informant also made available on July 5 and July 7, 1949 three airmail letters addressed to [redacted] at the above address bearing the postmarks June 30, 1949, July 1, 1949, and July 4, 1949, Paris, VII, R. CIER., no return address. It was noted that these three letters were signed "Mommy" and were purely personal in nature and the only observation pertinent to instant investigation was that the writer mentioned that soon she would be able to be again with [redacted].

On July 7, 1949 this informant also made available an airmail letter addressed to [redacted] at the above address bearing the postmark 7-5-49, Paris VII, R. CIER. and no return address, which contained a letter captioned July 5 and was signed "JOE". This letter was personal. However, the following pertinent observation was noted: "Bessie told me that you had three teeth taken out....I went to the dentist today too and now my teeth are all fixed and shiny. Sometimes I forget where my teeth are and can't find them". In addition to this letter which appeared to be from the Subject, JOSEPH KATZ, there was also a letter addressed to "Dear Yvette" and was [redacted].

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Letter to Director, FBI

July 8, 1949

signed "~~B. Katz~~", wherein the writer reprimanded Yvette, stating that the last letter she had received from the latter was over a month ago and that she had not received any news from Yvette about [redacted]. The writer then went on to instruct Yvette that she was not only to help with her household duties but was to write all details of [redacted] daily activities and progress.

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On July 7, 1949 this informant made available also an airmail letter to Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN at the above address bearing the postmark Paris VII, R. CIER., 7-4-49, bearing the return address BBK, A.J.C. 3 Blvd Latour Maubourg, Paris 7, France, which letter included a letter to [redacted] signed "JOE" which was purely personal in nature and the writer advised that he was making a new scarf for [redacted] which he would send her. This letter also contained a letter signed "Mommy" which was also personal in nature. In addition to these two letters there was also contained a letter in what appeared to be the Yiddish script captioned Sunday, July 3. This is being forwarded to the New York Office under separate cover for translation. Enclosed with the letter in the Yiddish script was a check drawn on the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, payable to the order of PAULINE TUCKMAN in the amount of \$200 which was signed JOSEPH KATZ.

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On July 7, 1949 this informant made available an airmail letter addressed to Mrs. MIRIAM GITTELSON of 6-2 West 139th Street, New York City 31, U.S.A. bearing the postmark Paris II, Annex, 7-1-49 and no return address. It was noted that the above New York City address was crossed out and a notation, "Please Forward, c/o Tuckman, 149 Painter Ave., West Haven, Conn." was written opposite it. It was noted that this letter which was captioned "Friday, July 1" and addressed "Dearest Miriam, Les & babies" was personal in nature for the greater part. However, the following pertinent sentences were noted: "Heard from ~~you~~ you all are well - it wasn't possible for me to get to see ~~you~~ - he called me.....I did arrange with him to send your package with the agent of the U. S. Lines here whom I know. I am waiting impatiently for the moment when I'll see you all again...Ken wrote - a sad, miserable, undirected sort of letter. If only I could answer my problem, I might be able to help answer his somewhat. Oh hell, we sometimes complicate our lives more than is necessary - it's frustrating being entangled in an invisible web!" This was signed "B". It is believed that the above-mentioned KEN refers to KEN BORN of LaPorte, Indiana, who has been previously identified in this case as a long-time Communist Party member and union organizer.

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An examination of these records reflects the following deposits:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BANK ON WHICH CHECK WAS DRAWN</u>
6/5/44	\$900.00	Cash
	700.00	National City Bank, New York City
	300.00	Manufacturers Trust Company, New York Cit
6/12/44	500.00	Cash
	2,500.00	Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company,
		Meriden, Connecticut
	200.00	Manufacturers Trust Company, New York Cit
6/22/44	150.00	Cash
	16.50	Chase National Bank, New York City
	16.45	Manufacturers Trust Company, New York Cit
6/28/44	245.00	Peoples National Bank & Trust Company,
		White Plains, New York
	15.50	Chase National Bank, New York City
7/12/44	100.00	Cash
	500.00	Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Company,
		New York City
7/14/44	300.00	Cash
7/19/44	1,800.00	Cash
	72.00	Prospect Park National Bank, Prospect
		Park, N.J.
	165.00	Industrial Bank of Commerce, New York Cit
	300.00	Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Company,
		New York City
7/20/44	712.50	Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company,
		New York City (issued by M. M. EUCKER, SR.
	346.22	National City Bank, New York City

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7/26/44	5.00	Lafayette National Bank of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, N.Y.
	1,000.00	First National Bank & Trust Company, Freeport, N.Y.
	16.43	Kellogg-Citizens National Bank, Green Bay, Wisconsin
7/28/44	6,500.00	Bank of Athens Trust Company, New York City
	1,500.00	Guaranty Trust Company, New York City
	15.05	Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City
	25.00	Amalgamated Bank, New York City
8/2/44	8,434.00	Bank of Athens Trust Company, New York City
	22.00	Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City
	25.00	Amalgamated Bank, New York City
	25.00	Amalgamated Bank, New York City
8/4/44	39.00	Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City
	50.55	Guaranty Trust Company, New York City
	253.03	Guaranty Trust Company, New York City
	73.63	Guaranty Trust Company, New York City
8/9/44	161.21	Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City
8/10/44	5,000.00	Waterbury Trust Company, Waterbury, Conn
8/11/44	1,000.00	Unknown Denver, Colorado Bank
	216.10	Colonial Trust Company, New York City
	15.75	Colonial Trust Company, New York City
8/21/44	5,000.00	Unidentified

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8/24/44	7,856.00	Colonial Trust Company, New York City
	94.50	Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City
	13.08	Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company, New York City
	24.57	Amalgamated Trust & Savings Bank, Chase National Bank, New York City
	12.07	
8/26/44	3,000.00	Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company, New York City
	1,000.00	Amalgamated Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois
	55.00	Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City
8/28/44	8,999.62	Credit ticket;-Check for \$9,000 issued by L. KUPERMAN, drawn on Waterbury Trust Co. Waterbury, Conn. #38 was charged against JOSEPH KATZ' account for telegraphic charges incurred in determining validity of check with the payor of check.
8/29/44	20,000.00	Bank of Athens Trust Company, New York City (certified)
	10,000.00	Chase National Bank, New York City (certified)
	50.90	Colonial Trust Company, New York City
8/31/44	3,000.00	Credit Ticket:- Check issued by LOUIS FRIEDMAN, drawn on Crown Savings Bank, Newport News, Virginia. Check was mailed Special Delivery to speed clearing Cash
	9,815.00	Waterbury Trust Company, Waterbury, Conn.
	5,000.00	Corn Exchange Bank Trust, New York City
	5,900.00	Merchants Bank of N.Y., New York City
	185.00	Marillo National Bank, Marillo, Texas
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9/5/44	\$1,000.00	Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois (certified)
	22.00	Irving Trust Company, New York City
9/5/44	4,000.00	Credit ticket: Check issued by Dixie Supply Co., drawn on the Alamo National Bank, San Antonio, Texas. Validity of check was verified by telephone.
9/8/44	4,550.00	Cash
	200.00	National City Bank, New York City
	250.00	National City Bank, New York City
	1,121.68	National City Bank, New York City
	108.00	Bank of Athens Trust Company, New York City
	44.00	Amalgamated Bank, New York City
9/12/44	20,000.00	Bank of Athens Trust Company, New York
	343.98	Manufacturers Trust Company, New York
9/13/44	1,670.82	Chase National Bank, New York City
	81.00	Chase National Bank, New York City
9/19/44	4,010.70	Unidentified (required 2 days to clear)
	161.50	Unidentified
	33.50	Unidentified
9/22/44	600.00	Cash
	122.85	Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company, New York City
	171.14	Colonial Trust Company, New York City
	13.00	Colonial Trust Company, New York City
	111.00	Manufacturers Trust Company, New York
	450.00	Bank of Athens Trust Company, New York

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BANK ON WHICH CHECK WAS DRAWN</u>
9/30/44	\$ 8.00	Bank of Manhattan Co., New York City
	83.72	Chase National Bank, New York City
	43.00	National City Bank, New York City
	47.00	National City Bank, New York City
	140.00	Crown Savings Bank, Newport News, Va.
10/13/44	1,568.50	Unidentified
	784.25	"
	139.00	"
	60.00	"
	74.25	Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co., New York City (issued by L. SAFIRIN)
	409.72	Unidentified (Required 54 days to clear)
	123.75	"
	3.01	"
10/20/44	1,000.00	Unidentified
	2,891.50	"
	800.00	"
	8.59	"
	25.85	"
	30.87	"
	247.13	" (Required 34 days to clear)
10/24/44	1,050.00	Colonial Trust Co., New York City
	20.00	Florida National Bank at Pensacola, Pensacola, Florida
	1,677.60	Guaranty Trust Co., New York City

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BANK ON WHICH CHECK WAS DRAWN</u>
10/30/44	3,760.85	Colonial Trust Co., New York City
	106.21	Chase National Bank, New York City
	56.40	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City
	800.00	Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co., New York City (certified)
	25.25	Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co., New York City
11/3/44	4,125.00	Crown Savings Bank, Newport News, Va.
	1,138.50	Colonial Trust Co., New York City
11/4/44	956.34	Colonial Trust Co., New York City
11/6/44	5,340.00	"Newport News, Va."
11/10/44	1,502.00	Cash
	19.80	Amalgamated Bank, New York City
11/17/44	77.00	Cash
	1,000.00	Unidentified (required 34 days to clear)
	14.52	Underwriters Trust Co., New York City
11/21/44	350.00	Cash
	226.00	Bank of Athens Trust Co., New York City
	279.10	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City
	16.15	Empire National Bank & Trust Co., St. Paul, Minn.
	110.55	Chase National Bank, New York City
	175.50	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City
11/27/44	149.50	National City Bank (issued by Pavia & Co)
	1,500.00	Crown Savings Bank, Newport News, Va. (issued by LOUIS FRIEDMAN)

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BANK ON WHICH CHECK WAS DRAWN</u>
12/1/44	135.00	Cash
	29.38	Underwriters Trust Co., New York City
	15.70	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City
12/2/44	2,500.00	Crown Savings Bank, Newport News, Va.
	75.00	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City
12/6/44	370.00	National City Bank, New York City
	95.95	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City
	88.25	Public National Bank & Trust Co., New York City
	54.00	Haledon National Bank, Haledon, N.J. (issued by Superior Color Chemical Co.)
12/8/44	110.00	Cash
	2,541.00	"Newport News, Va."
	20.00	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City
	235.65	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City
	18.00	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City
	31.00	Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co., Meridan, Conn.
12/12/44	570.50	Crown Savings Bank, Newport News, Va.
	96.53	National City Bank, New York City
	54.00	Haledon National Bank, Haledon, N.J.
12/13/44	10.89	Bank of Athens Trust Co. (issued by "Popper")
	1,693.66	Crown Savings Bank, Newport News, Va. (issued by L. FRIEDMAN)
	141.21	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City (issued by P. RENOW)

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BANK ON WHICH CHECK WAS DRAWN</u>
12/23/44	24.00	Unidentified
	37.00	"
	26.00	"
	39.00	"
	341.00	" (required 5+ days to clear)
	160.00	Unidentified
12/28/44	790.15	Newport News, Va.
	24.75	Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co., New York C
	11.00	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City
1/11/45	1,143.45	Credit Ticket: Check for \$1,144.20 issued by LOUIS FRIEDMAN drawn on the Crown Savings Bank, Newport News, Va. \$.75 was charged against JOSEPH KATZ'S account for telegraphic charges incurred to determining validity of check with the drawer of check.
1/23/45	48.00	Colonial Trust Co., New York City
	58.00	Peoples National Bank & Trust Co., White Plains, New York
	19.05	Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co., New York C
2/14/45	146.40	Colonial Trust Co., New York City
	1,500.00	Colonial Trust Co., New York City
	37.73	Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co., New York C
	24.25	Jamaica National Bank, Jamaica, Queens,
3/5/45	1,482.00	Crown Savings Bank, Newport News, Va.
	262.50	National City Bank, New York City
4/2/45	150.00	National City Bank (issued by FABRIKID GLOVES, dated 3/21/45)
4/4/45	266.37	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City (issued by L. LURIA & SON, issued by 4/2/49)

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BANK ON WHICH CHECK WAS DRAWN</u>
4/26/45	150.00	Bank of Athens Trust Co., New York City (issued by J. WIESELMAN CO.)
4/27/45	294.00	National City Bank, New York City (issued by FABRIKID GLOVES, dated 4/25/45)
4/30/45	6.00 5,000.00	Issued by FABRIKID GLOVES, dated 4/25/45 Issued by JOSEPH KATZ, dated 4/30/45.
5/15/45	1,200.00	Colonial Trust Co., New York City (issued by NASSAU DISTRICT Co., dated 5/14/45)

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The Tempus Import Company Account maintained an average balance of about \$10,000. The highest balance was \$48,974.06 on September 1, 1944; the smallest balance was \$1926.66 on July 11, 1944. It will be noted that this account was closed with the transfer of \$5,751.33 from the account of Tempus Import Company, to the JOSEPH KATZ account on May 23, 1945.

It will be recalled that KATZ entered the Merchant Marines in May, 1945. It appears, therefore, that he liquidated Tempus Import Company, placing the funds in his own account. This would indicate that the subsequent sale of Tempus Import Company to MARTIN YOUNG was a paper transaction only.

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Confidential Informant T-11 made available the records of the Guaranty Trust Company, which disclosed the following deposits in the account of JOSEPH KATZ. The average balance maintained by JOSEPH KATZ has been \$3,000.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BANK ON WHICH CHECK WAS DRAWN</u>
5/23/45	5,751.53	Transfer of Balance of Tempus Import Co. account to JOSEPH KATZ Personal Account
3/8/46	1,282.00	"Series 'E' (8)"
5/1/46	3,200.00 303.00	Bank of Athens Trust Co., New York City Guaranty Trust Co., New York City
6/14/46	10,311.24	Guaranty Trust Co., New York City
6/20/46	6,300.00 113.61 44.40	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City ? Federal Reserve Bank of N.Y. or Lawyers Trust Co., New York City Lafayette National Bank of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, New York
7/10/46	6,825.45	Public National Bank & Trust Co., New York City
8/26/46	1,000.00	Amalgamated Bank, New York City
9/30/46	400.00	Modern Industrial Bank, New York City
10/8/46	430.00	Cash
10/21/46	1,500.00 1,500.00	Bank of Athens Trust Co., New York City National City Bank, New York City
11/1/46	850.00	Bank of Athens Trust Co., New York City

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BANK ON WHICH CHECK WAS DRAWN</u>
1/23/47	500.00	Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co., Meriden, Connecticut
	80.00	The Patchogue Bank, Patchogue, N.Y.
1/31/47	4,000.00	Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co., Meriden, Connecticut
	40.00	The Patchogue Bank, Patchogue, N.Y.
2/14/47	2,000.00	Amalgamated Bank, New York City
2/27/47	1,069.89	Amalgamated Bank, New York City
6/10/47	55.00	Guaranty Trust Co., New York City
7/7/47	360.00	Deposit Ticket not located
7/9/47	500.00	Amalgamated Bank, New York City
	68.00	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City
9/3/47	400.00	Chase National Bank, New York City
	51.00	Trade Bank & Trust Co., New York City
9/13/47	4.50	Deposit Ticket not located
9/18/47	261.70	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City
	31.50	Fifth Avenue Bank of New York, New York City
10/14/47	881.93	Guaranty Trust Co., New York City
10/22/47	300.00	Modern Industrial Bank, New York City
10/27/47	575.43	Guaranty Trust Co., New York City
	30.00	Amalgamated Bank, New York City
10/31/47	238.00	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City
	174.75	Public National Bank & Trust Co., New York City

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BANK ON WHICH CHECKS WERE DRAWN</u>
11/7/47	238.00	Unidentified (possibly Manufacturers Trust Co.)
	15.29	Unidentified
	34.00	"
11/12/47	312.00	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City
11/25/47	400.00	? National City Bank, New York City
	51.00	Trade Bank & Trust Co., New York City
12/5/47	500.00	Amalgamated Bank, New York City
3/18/48	2,000.00	Patchogue Bank, Patchogue, New York
3/24/48	830.43	Guaranty Trust Co., New York City (Traced to HIRSCH & CO., Stock Brokers)
3/29/48	500.00	Patchogue Bank, Patchogue, New York
4/1/48	710.41	J. P. Morgan & Co., Inc., New York City
	252.00	Amalgamated Bank, New York City
4/16/48	1,000.00	Patchogue Bank, Patchogue, New York
5/18/48	546.81	Patchogue Bank, Patchogue, New York
	123.90	Unidentified
5/24/48	896.30	Bank of Manhattan Co., New York City (Traced to A. L. STAMM & CO., Stock Brokers)
5/26/48	1,000.00	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BANK ON WHICH CHECK WAS DRAWN</u>
6/2/48	600.00	First National Bank & Trust Co., New Haven, Connecticut
9/3/48	500.00	Modern Industrial Bank, New York City (Deposit slip lists KATZ'S address as 603 West 140th Street)
9/13/48	106.25	National City Bank, New York City (Traced to ESTER E. LIPTON)
11/30/48	31.50	Chase National Bank, New York City (Traced to Dr. LEE &/or JANE JANIS)
12/13/48	3,500.00	Patchogue Bank, Patchogue, New York
12/24/48	420.00	Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City (Traced to KAYBIN, INC.)

WITHDRAWALS

Through the cooperation of Confidential Informant T-11, the account of JOSEPH KATZ at the Guaranty Trust Company was monitored for the period February, 1949 through May, 1949 and the following withdrawals from this account were ascertained:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ENDORSEMENTS</u>
1/31	DITTA E. OSNAGHI	\$ 94.00	Legate Al Banco di Romo, Pagale Allortina voi Medesimi; Banco di Romo Filia Ladi Milano
2/12	MADAM REZVOY	276.00	B. REZVOY; Valiura Encaissement, Pari Industrial Commercial Bank
5/5	A. REZVOY	162.00	B. REZVOY; Valiura Encaissement, Pari Industrial Commercial Bank
3/1	Mrs. ROZALIA AMAR, c/o Mrs. ALF. NAIMAN	200.00	Letter from subject transferring \$200 to Mrs. AMAR'S account at Guaranty Tr

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ENDORSEMENTS</u>
3/21	ANSELMO DIONISIO	\$100.00	Payee; Swiss Bank Corporation
4/15	Cash	1,500.00	*For Deposit Only by BESSIE KATZ*; deposited in Modern Industrial Bank, 4/25/49.
5/6	SAUL BIRNBAUM	420.00	*For Deposit Only Amalgamated Bank; SAUL BIRNBAUM*; deposited Amalgamated Bank 5/11/49.
5/5	PAULINE TUCKMAN	100.00	Payee; First National Bank and Trust Company, New Haven, Conn.
5/9	Account charged #12 Safe Deposit Box Rental for year beginning 5/22/49.		

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Balance, 2/1/49	\$9,255.83
Deposits	- 0 -
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Balance, 5/31/49	<u>2,864.00</u> \$6,391.83

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Confidential Informant T-11 has advised that the Guaranty Trust Company does not photograph checks issued by its customers and it is therefore impossible to determine the identity of the payees of checks issued by JOSEPH KATZ respecting both the Tempus Import Company and the KATZ (Personal) Accounts. However, considerable information has been developed concerning the identity of persons to whom checks were issued through an examination of the debit memoranda maintained by the bank. This information is set forth below in chronological order.

On August 9, 1944, a cable transfer of \$1,154.94 was made to ISRAEL PARISIER, Pueyrredon 555 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

On September 6, 1944, the Tempus Account was charged \$5,002.35 for a check originally deposited in the Tempus Import Company account which was dishonored because of insufficient funds. The check for \$5,000 was dated August 31, 1944, issued by L. KUPPERMAN, drawn on the Waterbury Trust Company, Waterbury, Connecticut.

On December 9, 1944, the Tempus Account was charged \$54 for a check originally deposited in the Tempus account, which was issued December 6, 1944, by the Superior Color and Chemical Company on the Haledon National Bank, Haledon, New Jersey. This check was dishonored because of faulty endorsement.

On July 24, 1944, KATZ was advised of an error in a deposit ticket of July 20, 1944. A check for \$712.50 issued by M. M. BUCKER, Sr., on the Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company was indicated as \$712 deposited to the Tempus Import Company Account.

On October 14, 1944, a similar error was noted relative to a check for \$74.25, issued by L. SAKHIN, drawn on the Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company.

On November 1, 1944, KATZ was requested to confirm the validity of blank form check dated October 31, 1944, payable to Popper Watch Company, Inc., for \$10,720.08, issued by Tempus Import Company. KATZ confirmed the validity of this check.

On June 19, 1947, \$200.65 was charged against the account of JOSEPH KATZ and credited to the Suisse Leusanne, Switzerland, with the instructions, "Hold for disposal, less expenses, of Mrs. BESSIE KATZ, who will call."

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On October 8, 1946, the Guaranty Trust Company returned to KATZ a check for \$527 payable to ROY BIER, issued by ELLEN JAY Footwear, Inc., which had been deposited in the account of JOSEPH KATZ. This check was refused by the bank unless a guaranteed endorsement was received.

On January 10th and October 8, 1946, S. Jay Lasser and Company, 570 7th Avenue, in New York, New York, advised the bank that this company was making a periodic examination of the books and records of Mr. JOSEPH KATZ. This is an accounting firm.

On October 12, 1945, KATZ requested the bank by letter to stop payment by check drawn on the JOSEPH KATZ account payable to Dr. J. RUBIN. This check had, however, been paid.

On April 26, 1945, JOSEPH KATZ made application for a war bond of \$500 payable to KATZ for 603 W. 140th Street, New York.

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[REDACTED] Deposit slips in some instances carried the names of issuers of checks which were deposited in the subject's Guaranty Trust accounts.

NASSAU DISTRIBUTING COMPANY

A check for \$1,200 issued by this firm, drawn on the Colonial Trust Company, New York City, was deposited in the Tempus Import Company account on May 14, 1945.

M. M. BUCKER, SR.

A check for \$712.50 issued by this individual, drawn on the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company, New York City, was deposited in Tempus Import Company account on July 20, 1944.

L. SAFIRIN

A check for \$74.25 issued by this individual, drawn on the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company, New York City, was deposited in the Tempus Import Company account on October 13, 1944.

P. RENOW (?)

A Check for \$141.21 issued by this individual, drawn on the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City, was deposited in the Tempus Import Company account on December 13, 1944.

L. LURIA & SON

A check for \$266.37 issued by this firm, drawn on the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City, was deposited in the Tempus Import Company account on April 4, 1945.

PAVIA & CO.

A check for \$149.50 issued by this company, drawn on the National City Bank of New York, was deposited in the Tempus Import Company account on November 27, 1944.

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FABRIKID GLOVES

Checks for \$150. and \$294 issued by this company, drawn on the National City Bank of New York, were deposited in the Tempus Import Company account on March 21, 1945 and April 25, 1945, respectively.

L. KUPERMAN

A check for \$9,000 issued by this individual, drawn on the Waterbury Trust Company, Waterbury, Connecticut, was deposited in the Tempus Import Company account August 28, 1944. Two checks drawn on this bank for \$5,000 each were deposited in this account August 10, 1944, and August 31, 1944. The issuer of these checks was not identified.

SUPERIOR COLOR & CHEMICAL COMPANY

A check for \$54. issued by this company, drawn on the Haledon National Bank, Haledon, New Jersey, was deposited in the Tempus Import account on December 6, 1944.

LOUIS FRIEDMAN

Checks for \$3,000, \$1,500, \$1,693.66 and \$1,144.20, issued by this individual, drawn on the Crown Savings Bank, Newport News, Virginia, were deposited in the Tempus Import Company account on August 31, 1944, November 27, 1944, December 13, 1944, and January 11, 1945. The following checks, drawn on the Crown Savings Bank by an unidentified issuer, were also deposited in the Tempus Import Company account on the dates indicated:

9/30/44	\$3,140.00	12/8/44	\$2,541.00
11/3/44	4,125.00	12/12/44	570.50
11/6/44	5,340.00	12/28/44	790.15
12/2/44	2,500.00	3/5/45	1,482.00

DIXIE SUPPLY COMPANY

A check for \$4,000. issued by this firm, drawn on the Alamo National Bank, San Antonio, Texas, was deposited in the Tempus Import Company account on September 5, 1944.

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III. AMALGAMATED BANK OF NEW YORK
JOSEPH KATZ and Company, August 1946 - March, 1947

Confidential Informant T-12, who is not connected with the Amalgamated Bank, was able to ascertain the following information:

An account was maintained at this bank by JOSEPH KATZ and Company from August 1946 to March 1947. The subject's brother, BENJAMIN KATZ, may still maintain an account at this bank.

SAUL BIRNBAUM, associated with KATZ in the firm of Kaybin, Inc., maintains an account at this bank. Several checks drawn on the Amalgamated Bank have been deposited in the JOSEPH KATZ and Kaybin, Inc. accounts maintained at the Guaranty Trust Company, 5th Avenue branch.

IV. BANK OF ATHENS;
JOSEPH KATZ, December, 1944 - August, 1946

Confidential Informant T-13 advised that he made an inquiry of the Bank of Athens, New York, New York, and ascertained that JOSEPH KATZ had an account at that bank from December, 1944 to August, 1946. He stated that the account had a medium four-figure balance and that the Bank of Athens made him some five-figure secured loans for the importation of watches to the United States. This source advised that KATZ closed this account because the bank was unwilling to extend letter of credit accommodations. Also, according to this source, the Bank of Athens considered KATZ a "crank".

No contact has been made with the Bank of Athens, pending additional inquiry relating to security.

V. MODERN INDUSTRIAL BANK;
BESSIE KATZ

In the course of monitoring the subject's account at the Guaranty Trust Company, it was ascertained that JOSEPH KATZ issued a check dated April 15, 1949 for \$1500 payable to cash. This check was endorsed, "For Deposit Only," by BESSIE KATZ and was deposited in the Modern Industrial Bank April 25, 1949.

No contact has been made at the Modern Industrial Bank pending further inquiry relating to security.

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VI. KAYBIN, INC.; Manufacturers Trust Company, 513 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Confidential Informant T-6 advised that Kaybin, Inc., was an unsolicited account which was opened on May 21, 1948, with an initial deposit of \$1,000. The officers of the company, JOSEPH KATZ, President and SAUL I. BERNBAUM, Secretary-Treasurer, are the only persons authorized to sign checks drawn on the account. The company is engaged in an export and import business and the letter-head of the checks of the firm contain the following:

"Kaybin, Inc., 521 - 5th Avenue, Export and Import Division."

The account averages medium to low three figures.

Confidential Informant T-6 made it possible for an agent to monitor the Kaybin, Inc. account from February 1 through May 30, 1949. On January 31, the balance in this account was \$64.10 and on May 31, was \$143.01. In the meantime, there were deposits totaling \$2347.00 and withdrawals of \$2268.09.

DEPOSITS

An examination of the deposit tickets disclosed that the following checks were deposited in the Kaybin, Inc. account:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BANK ON WHICH CHECK DRAWN</u>
3/3/49	\$706.10	Bank of New York, New York City
3/10/49	494.40	Guaranty Trust Company, New York City
3/14/49	325.00	Bank of New York, New York City
3/24/49	100.00	Amalgamated Bank, New York City
3/29/49	487.50	Bank of New York, New York City
4/7/49	234.00	Bank of New York, New York City

Some of the above checks were traced:

The check for \$494.40 deposited May 10, 1949, was issued by the American Embassy Commissary account in Paris, by order of the Department of State, Washington, D.C. through the Foreign Department of the Guaranty Trust Company.

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The checks in the amounts of \$706.10, \$325.00, and \$487.50, deposited March 3, 14, and 29 respectively, were issued by HARVEY BROOKS Coordinations, Inc. This company, according to the Manhattan telephone directory, is located at 21 E. 63rd Street, New York City.

It is set forth elsewhere in this report that KATZ has been in negotiations through Kaybin, Inc., to market his line of hand-painted silk scarves and ties.

WITHDRAWALS

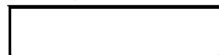
The following checks were drawn on the Kaybin, Inc. account from February, through May, 1949:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ENDORSEMENTS</u>
2/1/49	GERTRUDE C. FURST	\$10.75	Payee; Corn Exchange Bank
3/3/49	" " "	10.75	" " " "
4/4/49	" " "	10.75	" " " "
5/3/49	" " "	10.75	" " " "
2/20/49	Cash	5.00	SAUL BIRNBAUM; GERTRUDE C. FURST; Corn Exchange Bank
2/19/49	"	5.20	Same as above
3/8/49	"	10.00	Same as above
4/15/49	"	5.00	Same as above
2/23/49	"	25.00	SAUL BIRNBAUM; ALBERT RICHTER; Manufacturers Trust Company
3/8/49	AL RICHTER	25.00	Payee - cashed
3/10/49	" "	16.25	" "
4/15/49	" "	45.00	Payee; ALBERT RICHTER; cashed at Manufacturers Trust Co. 23 St. & Lexington Avenue, New York City
3/8/49	Cash	11.77	SAUL BIRNBAUM; MARTEL TARMARKIN-cashed
1/11/49	SAUL BIRNBAUM	420.00	Payee, for deposit; Amalgamated Bank
3/22/49	Cash	10.00	SAUL BIRNBAUM (#48318); Federal Savings & Loan Association
4/8/49	SAUL BIRNBAUM	135.00	Payee; Amalgamated Bank
5/10/49	Cash	25.00	SAUL BIRNBAUM; Amalgamated Bank
3/10/49	ATELIER REZVOY	300.00	Payee (stamp); Industrial and Commercial Bank, Paris, France
3/22/49	A. REZVOY	86.40	Same as above

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ENDORSEMENTS</u>
2/18/49	Merit Food Co., Inc.	\$29.07	Payee; City Bank & Trust Co., Hackensack, New Jersey
3/3/49	Massco-Barnett Co. Inc.	176.10	Payee; National City Bank
3/29/49	" " "	252.00	Same as above
4/8/49	" " "	61.65	Same as above
5/10/49	" " "	79.90	Same as above
3/3/49	Rossotti Litho- graphing Co., Inc.	25.10	Payee; New York Trust Company
3/3/49	RCA Communications	11.44	Payee
4/2/49	" "	9.96	Payee
4/12/49	" "	12.93	Payee
3/3/49	Guaranty Trust Co.	2.64	Payee; Cable Telegraph Department
3/10/49	" " "	325.00	Payee; Foreign Exchange Department
3/22/49	" " "	95.00	" " " "
3/29/49	" " "	4.30	" " " "

The payees on the above Kaybin disbursements are identified elsewhere in this report or appear to require no further identification.

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VII. FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY;
Patchogue Bank, Patchogue, Long Island

Confidential Informant T-13 made available the records of the Patchogue Bank relative to the account of Fournier Glove Company.

An analysis of the monthly statements reflects that the payroll of the company amounts to from \$550 to \$650. In November, 1946, deposits in the account were \$8,665.52. During 1949, and for the six months prior thereto, the account averaged \$14,000 per month in deposits. This would indicate that the business of the firm has increased since it was purchased by KATZ and SHANDEL in 1946.

The following items of interest were obtained from Recordak copies maintained by the bank:

October, 1946 The account was opened with a deposit of \$4,760.70 as of October 29, 1946. This deposit consisted of three checks; two drawn by JOSEPH KATZ, one for \$1500 on the Amalgamated Bank, and one for \$3,055.28 drawn on the Guaranty Trust Company; and the third check was apparently received from a customer of the company.

In the same month, BELTRICE FLEMOUTH had deposited \$15,444.72 consisting of three checks; one a certified check payable to JOSEPH KATZ, drawn by him on the Amalgamated Bank for \$9,662.09; one payable to BELTRICE FLEMOUTH, drawn by JOSEPH KATZ on the Bank of Athens for \$782.63; and the third made payable to BELTRICE FLEMOUTH for \$5,000 dated October 29, 1949, signed DOUGLAS BROWN, drawn on the Peoples National Bank of Patchogue, and on this check was the notation, "Payment approved, JK". Mrs. FLEMOUTH stated that apparently KATZ had given DOUGLAS BROWN, her attorney, a check for \$5,000 and BROWN had made out his personal check to her, which was approved by KATZ. The exact details of this will be secured from DOUGLAS BROWN.

November, 1946 An examination of the statement and the withdrawals disclosed that WILLIAM ISELIN INC. is apparently the factor for the Fournier Glove Company, Inc. and furnishes their purchase of materials. It also appears that the Johnstown Knitting Mills supply materials to the company and the James Talcott, Inc., act also as a factor for the Fournier Glove Company, Inc.

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January, 1947 A check for \$2,000 withdrawn from the account of the glove company was examined and it was disclosed to be a check made payable under date of December 24, 1946 to what appeared to be the Premier Meat Company. This check was signed by JACK SHANDEL, President. It seems most incongruous that a meat company should have received a payment from a glove company, but the words "Meat, Inc." were quite clear on the check. However, the two preceeding words were hardly legible.

February, 1947 Under date of February 19th, two checks were found to be drawn by JOSEPH KATZ, made payable to cash for \$125 and \$86. However, since the backs of these checks were not "recordaked", it was not known whether they bore endorsements other than KATZ'.

April, 1947 A check for \$300, made payable to ELI N. HARINS or HARRIS, by JACK SHANDEL was noted.

November, 1947 A check in the amount of \$1,000 under date of November 25, 1947, was made payable by JOSEPH KATZ to the J. E. Weiss Glove Company. In the left-hand corner of this check there is the notation, "For your piece-finishing plant."

December, 1947 Under date of December 1st, there is a record of a \$2,000 check payable to JACK SHANDEL from JACK SHANDEL. Under date of December 10th, there is a check payable to JACK SHANDEL from JACK SHANDEL in the amount of \$500. Under date of December 24, there is a check made payable to cash by JACK SHANDEL for \$700.

February, 1948 There is a check for \$106.26 under date of February 26, made payable to SAUL BIERBAUM from JACK SHANDEL.

March, 1948 Under date of March 19, there is a check payable to JOSEPH KATZ from JACK SHANDEL in the amount of \$2,000. Under date of March 31, 1948, there is a check for \$500 payable to JOSEPH KATZ from JOSEPH KATZ.

April, 1948 There is a check for \$1,000, under date of April 20, 1948, payable to JOSEPH KATZ from JOSEPH KATZ.

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May, 1948

There are two checks under date of May 28th, both payable to cash in the amount of \$350 and \$766.06, both signed by JACK SHANDEL.

December, 1948

There is a check dated December 7, which cleared on December 15, 1948, made payable to JOSEPH KATZ in the amount of \$3500, signed by JACK SHANDEL, check #1165. Under date of December 8, there appears a check for \$2,000, payable to JACK SHANDEL by JACK SHANDEL.

January, 1949

Under date of January 3, there is a check for \$1,000 payable to JACK SHANDEL by JACK SHANDEL.

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SECRETCREDIT SOURCES RE KATZ' BUSINESS INTERESTS

Confidential Informant T-12 made available the credit files of the Chase National Bank, 18 Pine Street, New York City, which contains considerable information concerning KATZ and his various commercial enterprises. The following is summarized from these files:

On April 11, 1945, JOSEPH KATZ advised a representative of the Chase National Bank that Tempus Import Company had maintained an account with the Guaranty Trust Company and the Bank of Athens Trust Company for many years.

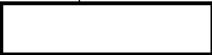
On August 21, 1945, the Chase Bank was advised that KATZ sold Tempus Import Company on or about May 15, 1945 to MARTIN YOUNG. YOUNG was contacted by the bank and he stated that the services of the Bank of Athens Trust Company, with which the Tempus account had been placed, were satisfactory. YOUNG also advised that he did considerable business with ARGO I. PARISIER Company of Buenos Aires, which company YOUNG stated had an account with the Chase National Bank. Central files of the Chase National Bank reveal no record of such an account.

On September 4, 1946, the bank was advised that ownership of Tempus Import Company had changed hands twice since August 1945 and that the latest owner was SAMUEL BROWN. It was also stated that the banking connection had been retained at the Bank of Athens Trust Company. The office of the firm was described as very small and was occupied by a firm of Certified Public Accountants.

On January 18, 1945, the Chase National Bank was advised by the New York Credit Exchange that Tempus Import Company, 119 W. 37th Street, New York City, engaged in importing watches and leather goods and in exportation of general merchandise. This source stated that the firm was established by JOSEPH KATZ in May 1944 and that KATZ had a personal account with the Bank of Athens Trust Company. This source also stated that KATZ was the sole agent and representative of d'Argo Prisie Company of South America, buying and selling for this firm. The New York Credit Exchange advised that the freight forwarder of Tempus Import Company was L. Z. BERNSTEIN, 38 Pearl Street, New York City. The customers of the company were given as:

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The references given by KATZ at this time were:

Meriden Dental Laboratory, Meriden, Connecticut
Mr. LOUIS FRIEDMAN and National Warehouse,
Newport News, Virginia

The Chase credit files also disclosed a report that KATZ, before entering the Tempus Import Company business, had worked as a stonecutter, employed by the Quartz Products Company, New York City and prior to that as an X-Ray expert for the same firm.

KATZ was reported by the Guaranty Trust Company as rather difficult to deal with. His account at that bank had been marked, "No irregularities are to be permitted." He was described as a domineering individual and one who seemed to feel that he should get everything he wanted.

The Chase National Bank was advised on April 4, 1947 that the Amalgamated Bank of New York opened an account in the name of Tempus Import Company in October, 1945 and that that bank had loaned the company up to \$7700 in 1947 on a security basis.

The Amalgamated Bank on June 10, 1947 advised the Chase National Bank that an account was maintained in the name of JOSEPH KATZ and Company from August 1946 to March 1947. BENJAMIN KATZ was the only person authorized to draw checks on that account. When the JOSEPH KATZ and Company account closed, BENJAMIN KATZ opened a personal routine non-borrowing account with the Amalgamated Bank. It was stated that the account of BENJAMIN KATZ is believed to be a continuation of the account of JOSEPH KATZ and Company. It was also stated that the Amalgamated refused accommodations to JOSEPH KATZ because the latter led officials of the Patchogue Bank to believe that the Amalgamated Bank had extended loan accommodations to him, when in fact they had only been discussed and no agreement was reached.

The Amalgamated Bank source advised the Chase Bank that in 1946, KATZ purchased the Fournier Glove Company in Patchogue, Long Island, in a transaction involving \$20,000 to \$25,000 cash. KATZ told the Patchogue Bank that the Amalgamated had extended him \$60,000 on letter of credit accommodations and \$40,000 on trust receipt privileges on importation of watches from Europe. As stated above, this was not true.

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The Amalgamated Bank advised the Chase Bank that the financial statement to JOSEPH KATZ, as of December 4, 1946 revealed current assets of \$26,700; no liabilities; and net worth of \$39,500.

Information was also available in the Chase National Bank credit file, which information had been obtained from the Bank of Athens Trust Company. On April 8, 1947, the Bank of Athens advised that an account was opened in the name of the Tempus Import Company in May, 1945 and closed voluntarily in February, 1946. During this period, the account maintained a three-figure average balance and the bank accommodated the company for loans up to \$2,000 on the guarantee of a depositor of the Bank of Athens Trust Company.

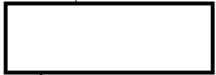
On June 10, 1947, the Bank of Athens advised that they had no account for JOSEPH KATZ and Company, BENJAMIN KATZ and JOSEPH KATZ. It was noted, however, that they had an account in the name of Coronet Export and Import Company, 15 Park Row, opened in May, 1946 and closed May 7, 1947. The principals in this Coronet account were JACK SHANDEL and LAWRENCE SHANDEL. In October, 1946, the Bank of Athens loaned Coronet \$9,000, secured by merchandise documents.

The Chase National Bank was advised by the Jewelers Board of Trade on July 9, 1947 that JOSEPH KATZ and Company, 15 Park Row, exporter and importer of general merchandise, ceased existence in April, 1947. This report stated that BENJAMIN KATZ was previously engaged as a painting contractor, operating from his home in Brooklyn.

An inquiry was received by the Chase Bank from BANCO HOLANDES UNIDO, Buenos Aires, Argentina, relative to the Tempus Import Company in April, 1946. An inquiry was also received from Credit Lyonnais of Paris, France, in June, 1947, relative to Maison JOSEPH KATZ and Company, 15 Park Row, New York City.

On June 10, 1947, the New York Credit Exchange advised the Chase National Bank that JOSEPH KATZ and his brother, BENJAMIN KATZ were partners in JOSEPH KATZ and Company, 15 Park Row, New York City, and that the firm engaged in importing watches from South America and Switzerland, in the export of general merchandise to India and China, on a letter of credit basis. It was stated that the company recently experienced trouble because of regulations on shipments to the latter countries and also at that time shipping to Uruguay and Argentina.

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Trade references for JOSEPH KATZ and Company were given as:

WILLIAM ISELIN, New York
Popper Watch Company,
10 W. 57th Street, New York.
MILTON HOROWITZ, Southern Silk Mills,
261 5th Avenue, New York.

On April 4, 1947, Mr. GELB of the Bemo Shipping Company, advised the Chase National Bank that his company handled a few shipments for Tempus Import Company.

Mr. HERDLE of the Phoenix Shipping Company advised that his company handled one shipment for Tempus Import Company to a customer in Buenos Aires.

On June 12, 1947, Mr. WENDEL of William Iselin and Company, advised that the firm had had no dealings with JOSEPH KATZ or with Joseph Katz and Company, but he had checked the credit of the Fournier Glove Company, which was satisfactory. This substantiated that JOSEPH KATZ had been favorably known to Mr. F. J. LASSER for a number of years. Mr. LASSER was not further identified.

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LEADS~~SECRET~~NEWARKAt Paterson, New Jersey

1199 { Will place a continuing mail cover on the following residence for mail from JOSEPH or BESSIE KATZ or any foreign mail:

JOSEPH BOCORAD, 324 E. 23rd Street

At Passaic, New Jersey

Will place a continuing mail cover on the following residence for mail from JOSEPH or BESSIE KATZ or any foreign mail:

DAVID KATZ, 64 Jefferson Street

NEW HAVENAt New Haven, Connecticut

See 148 { Will continue mail covers maintained on residences of PAULINE TUCKMAN and JOSEPH WOLFSON for information regarding JOSEPH KATZ' whereabouts and activities.

At Waterbury, Connecticut

See 148 { Will ascertain nature of transactions between L. KUPERMAN and Tempus Import Company in August, 1944 as set forth in this report. This lead was previously referred to New Haven by letter of 4/20/49.

NORFOLKAt Newport News, Virginia

See 155 { Will attempt to ascertain nature of transactions between LOUIS FRIEDMAN and Tempus Import Company in 1944 and 1945. Several large checks drawn on the FRIEDMAN account at Crown Savings Bank were deposited in the Tempus account as set forth in the details. Note also that KATZ furnished "LOUIS FRIEDMAN and National Warehouse," Newport News, Virginia, as credit reference at that time.

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At Patchogue, Long Island, New York

Will maintain mail cover on Fournier Glove Company for mail from subject.

Will continue to monitor Fournier Glove Company account at Patchogue Bank.

At New York, New York

Will ascertain whereabouts and develop background on EDWARD KATZ, subject's brother.

Will attempt to identify check for \$10,311.24 drawn on the Guaranty Trust Company June 14, 1946, deposited in subject's account on same date. Note this was about the time KATZ left the U. S. for France. Also a certified check was drawn on KATZ' account on June 19, 1946, to an unidentified payee.

Will check steamship lines to ascertain KATZ' dates and means of departure from the U. S. in 1946 and 1948, based on information previously reported from his passport file.

Will continue to monitor bank accounts of JOSEPH KATZ and Kaybin, Inc., at Guaranty Trust Company.

Will make further inquiries relative to contacting Modern Industrial Bank and Bank of Athens relative to accounts set forth in this report.

Will continue mail covers on the following:

Kaybin, Inc., 521 Fifth Avenue.
GITTLESON, 602 W. 139th Street.
YOUNG, 616 W. 137th Street.
BOGORAD-KATZ, 77 W. 104th Street.
BENJAMIN KATZ, 1510 Ocean Parkway.

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At New York, New York (continued)

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Will verify residence of subject's brother, MERKE KITZ,
201 W. 21st Street, and ascertain his occupation.

Will continue investigation to locate and interview:

1. ALEX MARDOCK
2. HAROLD SAMUEL

who formerly furnished information relative to KITZ.

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Copies of this report are being furnished for information to Washington Field according to Bureau instructions and to Cincinnati in connection with the previous investigation of JANET RANKIN SILITCH.

Further investigation relative to JANET RANKIN SILITCH is not being conducted pending investigation relative to WANDA MARVIN, who is believed to be the better possibility of having been KATZ' contact at 64 W. 55th Street. There are no outstanding auxiliary office leads relative to Mrs. SILITCH.

The Guaranty Trust Company does not photograph checks drawn on customers' accounts nor record certified checks issued by the bank in usual circumstances. Therefore, KATZ' disbursements prior to 1949 cannot be identified.

Presumably KATZ paid sub-agents in cash while operating in the U.S. An examination of deposits in his various accounts, however, may develop leads as to his source of funds.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA JOHN J. WARD, at New York, dated July 7, 1949, are as follows:

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A highly confidential source known to agents of the New Haven Office having access to correspondence of PAULINE TUCKER and JOSEPH WOLFSON.

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Report of W.T. ERWIN, entitled, "ALTO"; IS-R, 9/5/44.

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A highly confidential mail cover known to agents EMMET F. MC MARR, JOHN P. ELY and STURGEON J. PETERSON, at Patchogue, L.I., New York.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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JOSEPH KATZ and BESSIE KATZ are maintaining separate living quarters in Paris. BESSIE now living with an unidentified woman, possibly ESTHER LIPTON of A.J.D.C. KATZ' residence address unknown. Reason for separation obscure. Apparently not an estrangement. KATZ left Paris about 1/1/49 and planned to be away for one month. Was in Pyrenees on 6/9/49; evidence that KATZ was in contact with Spanish Loyalists on this trip. BESSIE continues employment A.J.D.C, Paris. Subject's principal business connection appears to be "Atelier Revoy," 23 Santos Dumont, Paris, a studio where hand-painted ties, scarves, etc. are made. KATZ is merchandising these articles in France and trying to establish market in U.S. Uses "Boite Postale 66-16" for mail address. KATZ also maintains financial interest in Fournier Glove Company, Patchogue, L.I., and Kaybin, Inc., export-import firm, 521 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. Bank accounts: Tempus Import Co., Kaybin, Inc., Fournier Glove Co., as well as personal accounts of subject and wife examined and results set forth. Subject's brothers, BENJAMIN KATZ and MERKE KATZ further identified as are BESSIE KATZ' sisters, Mrs. MARTIN YOUNG (FRANCES BOGORAD), Mrs. ARTHUR KATZ (CELIA BOGORAD), Mrs. FLORENCE CITTLESON. Entire BOGORAD family has been closely associated with CP. Information set forth re WANDA MARVIN and possibility noted that she and not JANET RANKIN was KATZ contact in 1944.

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JOSEPH KATZ and BESSIE KATZ

Residence and Personal Affairs

Confidential Informant T-5 has ascertained that JOSEPH and BESSIE KATZ had an apartment in or near the Villa Santos Dumont until recently. KATZ is known to have received mail at 23 Villa Santos Dumont during this period, but this is the address of Atelier Rezvoy, a studio with which KATZ has been connected. It is not known whether the KATZ' living quarters were located in the same building.

On or about April 20, 1949, BESSIE KATZ [redacted] returned to the United States from Paris and proceeded to the residence of BESSIE'S mother, PAULINE TUCKMAN, at 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut. According to Confidential Informant T-5, the purpose of BESSIE'S trip was, it appeared, [redacted] for an indefinite period.

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On May 16, 1949, BESSIE KATZ departed from LaGuardia Field, New York, via Transcontinental and Western Airways for Paris. She traveled alone.

Confidential Informant T-5 stated that after her return to Paris, BESSIE stayed temporarily in a hotel and then took an apartment with a woman named "ESTHER". The informant stated that it was not clear why BESSIE KATZ and the subject had taken separate living quarters. It appeared that in anticipation of this, BESSIE had [redacted]. The informant said that while the reason is obscure, both BESSIE and JOSEPH KATZ appeared to be unhappy, about these circumstances. Further, the informant stated that BESSIE continues to see JOSEPH KATZ every day when he is in Paris.

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The informant stated that whatever the cause of the break-up, it did not appear that they were in severe financial straits, nor did it appear that they had become permanently estranged. It appeared that the cause was something beyond their control.

BESSIE is still employed by the American Joint Distribution Committee in Paris, but the informant said it appears she will return to the United States when her contract with the A.J.D.C. expires September 1, 1949. However, JOSEPH KATZ does not appear to be planning to return.

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Espionage Operations

Confidential Informant T-5 stated that JOSEPH KATZ had made plans to leave Paris for about one month around June 1, 1949. He was unable to ascertain KATZ' purpose or destination. The informant stated that soon after BESSIE KATZ returned to Paris, JOSEPH left on this trip and she did not accompany him.

A mail cover on the Kaybin, Inc. office at 521 Fifth Avenue, disclosed that a letter was directed to that office from J. KATZ, Hotel Itsas (?) Bidart, France. Confidential Informant T-5 stated that Bidart is located in the Pyrenees.

About the same time, early in June, 1949, the informant stated that BESSIE KATZ advised her mother that "JOE went to LESTER'S in 1937." LESTER GITTLESON, who is presumably BESSIE'S sister's husband, is a member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Hence, it would appear that KATZ has been on a trip to contact Spanish Loyalists either in the Pyrenees or in Spain.

In view of the fact that KATZ has an American passport, it is possible that he would be sent into Spain to contact loyalist underground forces.

Business Affairs

JOSEPH KATZ is connected with several business enterprises in the United States and France. Confidential Informant T-14 has been able to furnish some information concerning KATZ' business operations in Paris. He has stated that KATZ is merchandizing a line of hand-painted silk scarves, ties and dress goods. KATZ is selling these items at the rate of 600 per month in France and is trying to develop a market for these in the United States. KATZ has stated that he has tentative arrangements for shipping ten to twelve thousand of these hand-painted scarves and ties to New York within the next year. From other sources available, set forth elsewhere in this report, it appears that he is conducting this business through Kaybin, Inc., at 521 Fifth Avenue, in which firm KATZ is associated with SAUL BIRNBAUM.

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T-14 advised that KATZ is connected with ATELIER REZVOY, 23 Santos Dumont in Paris. Atelier is the French word for studio, thus it appears that this is where KATZ is producing the hand-painted material. It is not known, however, whether he is actually operating the studio or merchandizing for the studio. T-14 said there are about twenty people employed at Atelier Rezvoy.

T-14 also stated that KATZ has a Citroen car. Recently, KATZ has indicated that he would be away from Paris for about one month. The informant stated he could furnish no information as to the subject's destination or mode of travel.

As set out elsewhere in this report, KATZ continues to retain an interest in the Fournier Glove Company, Inc., of Patchogue, Long Island and Kaybin, Inc., 521 Fifth Avenue, New York. KATZ has drawn sizable amounts of money out of Fournier in the past two years, but it does not appear that Kaybin is very remunerative.

In connection with KATZ' financial situation, T-14 advised that it appear that an unidentified "DAVE" is holding money for KATZ in New York. However, the amount or nature of these funds is not known to the informant.

603 W. 140th Street, New York City, Apartment

ROLAND PETERSEN, Superintendent of the apartment house located at the above address, stated that the management ordered JEROME NITZBERG to vacate apartment 39A. It will be recalled that KATZ had leased this apartment for several years and when the KATZ family went to France, NITZBERG took up residence in the apartment without authorization from the management. NITZBERG vacated on May 1, 1949. It was ascertained that he left a forwarding address of 1821 University Avenue, Bronx, New York.

PETERSEN advised that the management also denied the request from KATZ made through the person of CELIA KATZ, his sister-in-law, to sub-let to another party.

On May 6, 1949, KATZ' furniture was removed by one LESTER, 602 W. 139th Street, believed by PETERSEN to be a friend of the KATZ family, in a privately owned truck. PETERSEN said the furniture was taken to CELIA KATZ' apartment. LESTER is undoubtedly LESTER GITTELESON, who will be identified elsewhere in this report.

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Informants Negative Re KATZ' Photograph

The photograph of JOSEPH KATZ, which was identified by ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, was displayed to the following informants of the New York Office with negative results:

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WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
LOUIS F. BUDENZ
HEDE MASSING
PAUL MASSING
Confidential Informants

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The 1946 passport photograph of BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ was displayed to ELIZABETH BENTLEY with negative results.

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JACK SHANDEL
Fournier Glove Company, Inc.
Patchogue, Long Island

Reference New York report set forth information that JOSEPH KATZ is associated with SHANDEL in the FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY.

The following investigation was conducted by SA'S EMMETT F. Mc NAMARA, JOHN P. FAY and SPURGEON J. PETERSON at Patchogue, Long Island:

The records of the Tax Assessor, Town of Brookhaven, Patchogue, New York, furnished by ALFRED C. SYNDER, disclosed that the property located at 18-20 Railroad Avenue in that town is known as the 18-20 Railroad Avenue Corporation and is held in the name of JOSEPH KATZ. Mr. SYNDER stated that this is the location of the FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY, INC. which, up until 1946, was operated for five or six years by Mr. and Mrs. GERALD FAREMOUTH. Mr. SYNDER stated that Mrs. FAREMOUTH disposed of the business after her husband's death. He stated that the FAREMOUTHS were people of excellent reputation in the community.

After further investigation revealed that Mrs. FAREMOUTH was a person of good reputation and moral character, she was contacted by Agents for information relative to the sale of the business to its present owners. Mrs. FAREMOUTH resides at 5 Jennings Avenue, Patchogue, New York. She furnished the following information:

Mr. and Mrs. FAREMOUTH started their glove business at 18-20 Railroad Avenue, Patchogue in 1941 under the name of FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY. They engaged in the manufacture of industrial gloves. The firm's principal customer was the GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY and between 1941 and October, 1946, the business had been conducted on a profitable basis. Mr. FAREMOUTH died in June, 1946 and not feeling qualified to conduct the business alone, Mrs. FAREMOUTH decided to sell. She expressed her desire along these lines to one GITTELSON, whose first name she could not recall, who was a representative of the Southern Silk Mills in New York City. GITTELSON stated that he had a relative by the name of JOSEPH KATZ who might be interested in purchasing the business. Accordingly, GITTELSON brought JOSEPH KATZ and JACK SHANDEL, who after a series of negotiations, purchased the business from her on October 21, 1946. Mrs. FAREMOUTH stated that she

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sold the business for \$20,444.72 and had also sold the building at 18-20 Railroad Avenue to KATZ and SHANDEL for \$5,000.

In view of the fact that neither KATZ nor SHANDEL had any knowledge of the glove business, Mrs. FAREMOUTH remained on at the business until November 8, 1946. Mrs. FAREMOUTH stated that JOSEPH KATZ put up the money to purchase this business while SHANDEL supplied only his own labor. So far as she knew, SHANDEL did not supply any capital. Mrs. FAREMOUTH suggested that CITTELSON may have put some money into the business but had no knowledge to this effect.

Mrs. FAREMOUTH stated that KATZ and SHANDEL purchased the building on a chattel mortgage which was satisfied completely on June 19, 1947. She stated the firm was reorganized as FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY, INC. with JACK SHANDEL as President and JOSEPH KATZ as Treasurer.

Mrs. FAREMOUTH was able to furnish only sketchy information relative to KATZ'S and SHANDEL'S background. She stated, however, that KATZ made a bad impression upon her personally. KATZ repudiated an unwritten agreement relative to disposal of some inventory valued at \$300. Her impression of KATZ was that he was atheistic, lacking in morals, and the type of person who impressed her as being a Communist. She knew he was married and had a child and in spite of this, KATZ tried to make a date with her. Mrs. FAREMOUTH stated that KATZ apparently had just returned from Europe prior to October, 1946 and after he purchased the business, she believed that he spent the whole of 1948 in Paris.

Mrs. FAREMOUTH advised that her attorney, WILLIAM CUNNEEN, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, conducted some investigation relative to JOSEPH KATZ'S character at the time the negotiations for sale of the business were in progress. In the actual transaction, DOUGLAS BROWN, an attorney in Patchogue, represented Mrs. FAREMOUTH.

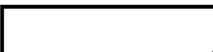
The Agents discussed with Mrs. FAREMOUTH the condition of FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY, INC. since she sold it and she stated that it was her impression that KATZ and SHANDEL had increased the business due mainly to the lifting of OPA restrictions.

Mrs. FAREMOUTH suggested that there were two employees still connected with the firm who were reliable and might be developed as sources of information. These are WEBSTER DAYTON, a glove cutter, and CARRIE KEMP.

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With respect to JACK SHANDEL, Mrs. FAREMOUTH could furnish no additional background information. He resides in Patchogue at 9 Bolton Drive. She stated that she frequently meets him with his wife, ELEANOR SHANDEL and described him as a pleasant person. She described him as quiet and said she felt that it was due mainly to SHANDEL'S pleasant personality that the business of the firm had increased. She said that it was her impression that SHANDEL came originally from Russia. It is also her impression, gained from repeated statements by SHANDEL, that he is associated with the firm on a salary basis.

Confidential Informant T-13 made available records of the Patchogue Bank, Patchogue, Long Island, relative to the account of FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY, INC., which was opened on October 29, 1946. The details of this account are set forth elsewhere in this report together with other bank accounts. However, with respect to the purchase of FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY, the following is of interest:

BEATRICE FAREMOUTH deposited \$15,444.72 in October, 1946. This deposit consisted of three checks: A certified check, payable to JOSEPH KATZ, drawn by him on the Amalgamated Bank for \$9,662.09; a check payable to BEATRICE FAREMOUTH drawn by JOSEPH KATZ on the Bank of Athens for \$782.63; and the third payable to BEATRICE FAREMOUTH for \$5,000. dated October 29, 1949, signed by DOUGLAS BROWN, drawn on the Peoples National Bank of Patchogue and on this check was the notation "Payment approved. J. K." (Mrs. FAREMOUTH stated that apparently KATZ had given DOUGLAS BROWN, her attorney, a check for \$5,000. and BROWN made out his personal check to her which was approved by KATZ).

The bank record reflects that either JOSEPH KATZ or JACK SHANDEL are authorized to draw checks on the FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY, INC. account.

It will be noted in the section of this report devoted to setting forth the subject's various bank accounts, that both KATZ and SHANDEL, in 1948, drew considerable amounts of money from the account in large sums.

The GITTELSON referred to above is probably the husband of MIRIAM GITTELSON, who is a sister of BESSIE KATZ and who is referred to elsewhere in this report.

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Confidential Informant T-14 advised that during the period of this report, JACK SHANDEL has been in contact by mail with JOSEPH KATZ. The informant stated that the relationship between KATZ and SHANDEL appears to be mainly of a business nature; however, they are undoubtedly on close personal terms.

The informant stated that recently SHANDEL furnished a summary of business conditions to KATZ. SHANDEL also had an accounting report prepared by SAUL BIRNBAUM, a copy of which was furnished to KATZ. The indications were, the informant stated, that KATZ is still financially interested in Fournier Glove Company.

T-14 advised that Fournier Glove Company has been enjoying good business until about April, 1949, when it fell way off. He stated there were about 25 employees in the company and their principal client it appears is General Electric Company. It appears that they deal through Mr. CHESTNUT of the General Electric Company. SHANDEL is anxious to stay on good terms with him.

JACK SHANDEL'S brother, LAWRENCE SHANDEL, is also a friend of the subject. According to T-14, KATZ contacts LARRY SHANDEL through JACK SHANDEL.

SA JOHN J. MC KENNA checked RCA and Western Union records with negative results in the name of Fournier Glove Company, Inc. An account was formerly maintained for this firm with Western Union, but was discontinued in October, 1947. It was ascertained that it is not feasible to place a stop for traffic between Fournier Glove Company and KATZ in New York City.

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LAURENCE SHANDEL, aka, Larry Shandel

Confidential Informant T-14 ascertained that JOSEPH KATZ is well acquainted with LAURENCE SHANDEL, brother of JACK SHANDEL. So far as is known, LAURENCE, who is known as LARRY SHANDEL, is not associated with KATZ in business. Recently KATZ has been trying to arrange a meeting with LARRY SHANDEL somewhere in Europe, according to the informant. Early in April, 1949, the informant stated, KATZ communicated with LARRY SHANDEL through JACK SHANDEL of Fournier Glove Company, Patchogue, Long Island. It appears to the informant that KATZ does not know LARRY'S address or where to reach him directly.

LARRY SHANDEL apparently had indicated to KATZ that he was contemplating a trip to Tangiers. According to the informant, KATZ was most anxious that he see LARRY SHANDEL when the latter made that trip. The informant said he believed that LARRY SHANDEL, some time during April, 1949, telephoned KATZ in Paris but was unable to learn any details. The informant was also unable to advise whether LARRY SHANDEL was going to make this trip to Tangiers and Europe.

Confidential Informant T-14 recently ascertained that LARRY SHANDEL has purchased a house in Mineola, L.I., but was unable to supply a street address.

The files of the New York Office fail to disclose any information connecting LARRY SHANDEL with Communist or Russian Espionage activities.

A separate investigation has been opened to ascertain his background and activities.

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SAUL ISIDORE BIRNBAUM
641 E. 12th Street,
New York, New York

KAYBIN, INC.,
521 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York

Referenced New York report set forth the information that JOSEPH KATZ associated with SAUL BIRNBAUM in the above firm, KAYBIN, INC. Relative to SAUL BIRNBAUM, the following information has developed:

SAUL BIERENBAUM entered the College of the City of New York in the Fall of 1939. He changed the spelling of his last name to BIRNBAUM, according to the school records on March 31, 1942. He graduated with a degree in accounting on June 2, 1942. He resided with his mother at 641 E. 12th Street, New York City.

SAUL ISIDORE BIRNBAUM registered for Selective Service from Local Board #9, June 30, 1942 from 641 E. 12th Street. He gave his birth date as July 21, 1923. BIRNBAUM was rejected by the armed forces in June 1943 and again in November, 1945 for "psychosis; psychoneurosis severe".

According to his Selective Service record, BIRNBAUM was employed by ARTHUR YOUNG and Company, Public Accountants, 1 Cedar Street, New York, in November, 1942, and in April, 1943, by LIFSKEY, WEISSMAN and Company, 1475 Broadway, New York City, also a public accounting firm.

The files from the New York Office reflect no information connecting BIRNBAUM with Communist Party or Russian Espionage activity.

SAUL BIRNBAUM and KATZ have been in frequent contact during the period of this report in connection with the affairs of Kaybin, Inc.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that BIRNBAUM cabled KATZ, care of Kaybin, Inc., Paris, on January 10, 1949, relative to the transfer of \$600 in the Kaybin account. This informant also advised that seven cables were sent to Kaybin, Inc., in Paris from Kaybin, Inc., in New York, in February and March. Some of these cables were signed SAUL and others were signed AL.

One ALBERT RICHTER, who will be identified elsewhere in this report, is connected with Kaybin in New York. It is also noted that two of the above cables are addressed to KENNETH SHAW, Kaybin, Inc., Paris. SHAW is otherwise unidentified. According to the informant, one cable was directed to JOSEPH KATZ, care of American Express Company, in Paris.

The above cables refer to the following transactions:

Shipment of "Merit" jams and jellies from the United States to Paris and orders for scarves to be shipped from France to the United States.

As will be set forth in the mail cover below, Merit presumably refers to Merit Food Company, Inc., 348 Railroad Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey. With respect to the scarves as set forth in the foregoing, KATZ, in Paris, is producing and merchandising a line of handpainted silk scarves and ties. The cables refer to efforts to obtain orders for these scarves in New York from "Brooks". The mail cover disclosed correspondence between HARVEY BROOKS, Inc., 475 Fifth Avenue and Kaybin, Inc.

A mail cover placed on Kaybin, Inc., 521 Fifth Avenue, has disclosed the following:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>
3/15/49	Kaybin, Inc.	Merit Food Co., Inc., 348 Railroad Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey
3/15/49	Kaybin, Inc.	Kavren, Inc., via S. Michele del Corso, 14, Milan
3/16/49	Kaybin, Inc.	Gondraud Brothers, Inc., 33 Broadway, New York City
3/16/49	Kaybin, Inc.	Standard Horse Nail Corporation, Exhibit Department, 141 Broadway, New York, New York
3/17/49	Kaybin, Inc.	Universal Cyclops Steel Corporation, 30 Church Street, New York City
3/19/49	Kaybin, Inc.	Globe Shipping Company, 11 Broadway, New York City

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>
3/31/49	Kaybin, Inc.	Regnes, 116 Rue St. Dominique, Paris
4/29/49	Kaybin, Inc.	Harvey Brooks, Inc., 475 Fifth Avenue, New York City
4/27/49	Kaybin, Inc.	Southern Silk Mills, 261 Fifth Avenue, New York City
4/28/49	Kaybin, Inc.	LAWRENCE BURRON (partially illegible) 1 Lawton Street, Yonkers, N.Y.
5/4/49	Kaybin, Inc.	G.F., 15 E. 58th Street, New York, N.Y.
5/4/49	Kaybin, Inc.	WALTER TAUBMAN, 4 Witt (?) Weitling Street, Munich, Germany
5/9/49	Kaybin, Inc.	Star Lite Battery Company 95 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.
5/11/49	Kaybin, Inc.	Altman Neckwear Corporation, 333 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.
5/20/49	Kaybin, Inc., c/o Albany Office Richter	FRED M. FUIKLE or FRUKLE, 69-71 Madison Avenue, Clifton, N.J.
6/10/49	Kaybin, Inc.	Page and Jones, Post Office Box 295 Mobile, Alabama
4/5; 5/5,7/49	Kaybin, Inc.	Marsce Barnett Company 723 Seventh Avenue, New York, N.Y.
3/18,21,24,28; 4/4,11,27;5/16/49	Kaybin, Inc.	*Atelier Rezvoy, 23 Villa Santos- Dumont, Paris, France

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In addition to the above, several pieces of mail were directed to Kaybin from Paris, bearing no return address.

Information developed relative to the Kaybin, Inc. bank account is being set forth elsewhere in this report.

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WANDA MARVIN, nee Wanda Van Brunt,
64 West 55th Street, New York City

Referenced New York report set forth the circumstances surrounding the contact made by JOSEPH KATZ at 64 W. 55th Street, on May 27, 1944, after leaving a meeting with MIKHAIL A. CHALIAPIN. Investigation at that time resulted in the tentative identification of JANET RANKIN as KATZ' contact at that address. As will be noted from the following, WANDA MARVIN would appear to be a better possibility than JANET RANKIN in this case. (S) (U)

SA J. M. MC GRATH states that he recalls the surveillance on KATZ on May 27, 1944. He states that KATZ let himself in the front door of 64 W. 55th Street with a key. It was impossible at the time to ascertain which of the eight apartments in this building KATZ entered. Agent MC GRATH states that a spot check surveillance was maintained for a period of weeks after KATZ was first seen entering the building. During this period, FRANK O'NEIL, a negro superintendent, was contacted and KATZ was described to him. It is noted, of course, that at this time the agents had not identified KATZ by name. He was an unidentified contact of CHALIAPIN. (S) (U)

O'NEIL'S first suggestion was that he was probably the man living with WANDA MARVIN and a short time later, O'NEIL pointed out this man, who was supposed to be living with WANDA MARVIN, to Agent MC GRATH. The agent stated that this man was definitely not identical with CHALIAPIN'S contact. Under the circumstances, O'NEIL was recontacted and he suggested a second possibility that he was the boyfriend of JANET RANKIN. It is Agent MC GRATH'S opinion that O'NEIL was anxious to be helpful and was not perfectly accurate. In the meantime, KATZ was observed leaving 64 W. 55th Street on one occasion and was subsequently identified by name. (S) (U)

With respect to WANDA MARVIN, the following information appears in the New York files:

WANDA MARVIN was formerly married to MARK MARVIN, also known as MARTIN KLEIN. In 1941, he was on the Board of Directors of the Consumers Union and was Labor Editor of the organization's publication. He resigned from this post in 1941. [REDACTED]

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MARK MARVIN, 412 W. 46th Street, New York City, identical with the person in question, in 1936, enrolled in the Communist Party primaries.

The Credit Bureau of Greater New York reported that WANDA VAN BRUNT MARVIN resided at the following addresses in New York City, prior to present address:

21 E. 14th Street
50 Manhattan Avenue
412 W. 46th Street
14 W. 52nd Street

In 1942, WANDA MARVIN was employed as a secretary, Local 802, American Federation of Labor, 1267 6th Avenue, New York City.

The New York files disclose that she was a secretary to WILLIAM FEINBERG, Local 802 of the Musicians Union. FEINBERG'S wife, ANN FEINBERG, is reported to have been secretary to JOSEPH FREEMAN, an admitted former Communist. (T-3)

The New York files reflect that one KIETH ALLISON was a boyfriend of and possibly lived with WANDA MARVIN during 1944. One source reported that WANDA married KIETH ALLISON. One KIETH ALLISON was a member-at-large of Local 430 of the United Electrical Workers Union, from which position he resigned in 1944.

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Recent investigation has disclosed that WANDA MARVIN continues to reside at 64 W. 55th Street. From April, 1943 to March, 1945, she was employed as a reporter for the "Billboard Magazine" 1504 Broadway, New York City. She is said to be employed by the Television Advertising, Inc., 118 E. 40th Street, New York City. She was recently surveilled from her apartment house to that address at 9:00 AM.

It is also reported that MARVIN is a girlfriend of her employer, HARVEY HUBBELL.

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Information in the New York Office reflects that one HARVEY HUBBELL, born in 1902 at Bridgeport, Connecticut, was President and Treasurer of Harvey Hubbell, Inc., manufacturer of electric wire devices and machine screws, located at State Street and Bostwick Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. This firm maintains a sales office at 11 Park Place, New York City. It is not known whether WANDA'S alleged boyfriend is identical with this man.

A recent photograph of WANDA MARVIN was displayed to ELIZABETH BENTLEY with negative results.

It appears from the above that WANDA MARVIN may have been KATZ' contact at 64 W. 55th Street and a separate investigation has been opened in the New York Office.

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MISCELLANEOUS CONTACTSDr. ALBERT SZALITA, 12 Rue Castagnary

Confidential Informant T-5 has advised that Dr. SZALITA is a friend of BESSIE KATZ, who is probably connected with the American Joint Distribution Committee in Paris. This person has no known connection with this espionage investigation.

Dr. MAURICE KAPLAN, 1425 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California

Confidential Informant T-5 has advised that Dr. KAPLAN is a friend of BESSIE KATZ, who, it appears, was formerly associated with the American Joint Distribution Committee in Paris. Dr. KAPLAN has no other known connection with this investigation.

SAUL STRAHL, 1970 85th Street, Brooklyn, New York

STRAHL was a witness to the application of JOSEPH KATZ for a passport in 1946. He stated he had known KATZ for three years. The files of the New York Office fail to reflect any information concerning STRAHL.

CLARENCE WEINSTOCK, 320 E. 50th Street, New York City

WEINSTOCK was a witness to the passport application of BESSIE KATZ on January 30, 1946. He stated he had known Mrs. KATZ for four years. The following information is available in the New York Office:

One CLARENCE WEINSTOCK was employed in 1946 by "New Masses", a Communist literary magazine published in New York City and now defunct.

One CLARENCE WEINSTOCK of 219 E. 12th Street, New York City, in 1942, signed a Communist Party petition and in 1941 was a member of the League of American Writers. In 1943, an individual of the same name was editor of the "Art Front," organ of the Artists Union, 430 Sixth Avenue.

It is not known that the above individuals are identical with the WEINSTOCK who acted as a witness for KATZ.

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ALBERT RICHTER

A mail cover on Kaybin, Inc., 521 Fifth Avenue, disclosed that ALBERT RICHTER received mail addressed to that firm. His status with the firm is not known. It appears, however, that he is an employee. Several small checks were issued to ALBERT RICHTER drawn on the Kaybin, Inc. account. These checks were cashed at Manufacturers Trust Company, 23 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-7 advised that ALBERT RICHTER and SYLVIA RICHTER, 5521 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, has maintained a special checking account at the Manufacturers Trust Company, 23rd Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City, since April 5, 1948. When the account was opened, RICHTER was employed by the Astoria Press, 324 E. 24th Street, New York City, as sales representative. His Social Security number is 065-01-1298.

Files of this office reflect that one ALBERT RICHTER, a brother of IRVING RICHTER, an organizer of the UAW, CIO, was in February, 1946, in contact with JOSEPH GREGG and another individual believed to be CARL B. SPAETH. GREGG was the subject of an espionage investigation. SPAETH described ALBERT RICHTER to GREGG as a "liberal guy".

The name A. RICHTER, 2914 Fifth Street, N. Arlington, Virginia, was found in the address book of JULES KORCHIEN. KORCHIEN was the subject of an espionage investigation.

GERTRUDE FURST, 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City

It is noted that several small checks were drawn on the Kaybin, Inc. account, payable to GERTRUDE FURST. The Manhattan telephone directory lists GERTRUDE FURST, Public Stenographer, at 521 Fifth Avenue. It appears the Kaybin checks were in payment for stenographic service.

ROZALIA AMAR

JOSEPH KATZ wrote a letter to the Guaranty Trust Company on February 23, 1949, requesting the bank to pay from his account \$200 to the account of Mrs. ROZALIA AMAR. Confidential Informant T-11 advised that ROZALIA AMAR has maintained an account at the Guaranty Trust Company since 1936. Her husband, SALVATOR AMAR, a French National, formerly maintained an account at the bank. Mrs. AMAR is the former ROZALIA BYERS of 15 West 12th Street, New York City. SALVATOR AMAR, the informant advised, is a diamond merchant.

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ESTHER E. LIPTON, American Joint Distribution Committee, Paris.

On September 13, 1948, a check for \$106.25 was deposited in the account of JOSEPH KATZ at the Guaranty Trust Company. This check was traced to the National City Bank and was drawn on the account of ESTHER E. LIPTON. Confidential Informant T-9 advised that ESTHER E. LIPTON has a special checking account at the Lennox Hill branch of the National City Bank. She is a nurse and her address is 3 Boulevard de la Tour, Maubourg, Paris, care of the American Joint Distribution Committee. She formerly resided at 1320 York Avenue, New York City and gave Cornell University Medical School as a reference.

Confidential Informant T-5 has advised that one ESTHER is a close friend of BESSIE KATZ in Paris. During BESSIE'S absence from Paris, the informant stated, JOSEPH KATZ was in contact with ESTHER. On her recent return to Paris, BESSIE KATZ took an apartment with ESTHER, according to the informant. ESTHER is probably ESTHER LIPTON, described above.

Dr. LEE JANIS
JANE ELIZABETH JANIS

A check for \$31.50 drawn on the Chase National Bank was deposited in KATZ' account November 30, 1948. This check was traced to the account of Dr. LEE and/or JANE JANIS, who maintained an account at the 60 E. 42nd Street branch of the Chase National Bank.

Confidential Informant T-12 advised that Dr. LEE JANIS, gave his address as care of the Joint Distribution Committee, New York City on April 5, 1948, when he opened the account. JANIS advised the bank that he had recently returned from Japan and that he expected to leave for France in the near future. He gave as a bank reference the First National Bank of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Information is available in New York files that LEE and JANE ELIZABETH JANIS were issued American passports about April 1, 1948. JANE JANIS was the subject of an investigation in the El Paso office and it was alleged that both she and her husband were Communists.

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It is further indicated in the New York files that JANIS formerly lived at 317 New Jersey Avenue, Washington, D.C. and that in 1946 he had an A.P.O. address in Japan. They lived for a short time in 1948, at Blauvelt, New York with Mrs. WILLIAM H. DIEDERICH, JANE'S sister, and on leaving there, gave the following forwarding address:

c/o American Joint Distribution Committee
119 rue St. Dominique
Paris, France

In July, 1946, LEE JANIS was in contact with HARRY MCGOFF, subject of an espionage investigation in Washington, D.C. JANIS, at that time, was attempting to obtain a position with the Department of Agriculture.

KENNETH SHAW

Investigation of Kaybin, Inc. in New York developed that cables have been transmitted to Kaybin, Inc., Paris to the attention of KENNETH SHAW. SHAW has not been further identified but it would appear that he is employed by KATZ or associated with KATZ in Paris.

Mr. WEITZ

Referenced New Haven report set forth the information that one Mr. WEITZ was to contact JOSEPH WOLFSON of Meriden Dental Laboratories, at the suggestion of JOSEPH KATZ, relative to dental apparatus. The identity of WEITZ is not known to the New York Office.

EDWARD E. ROSS

In 1944, the telephone Mount Vernon 8-6158 listed to EDWARD E. ROSS, 339 S. Sixth Avenue, was called from the office of JOSEPH KATZ, Tempus Import Company, 119 W. 57th Street, New York City.

The following investigation was conducted by SA J. A. DAVIS:

EDWARD E. ROSS is a real estate broker. His wife, RACHEL ROSS, is a teacher in the New York public schools. ROSS operates his business from his residence. No additional pertinent information is available concerning this individual.

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ARTHUR BLANCHARD

Telephone New Rochelle 2-4922, listed to ARTHUR BLANCHARD, 2 Main Street, New Rochelle, New York, was also called from KATZ' office in 1944.

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS P. LYNCH:

BLANCHARD moved to 1099 North Street, White Plains, New York, in 1948. He is an antique dealer. No derogatory information was known concerning him. The files of the New York Office contain no pertinent information relative to BLANCHARD.

BEN KRAM

The telephone listed to BEN KRAM, 90 Lickley Avenue, Lynbrook, New York, was called from KATZ' office at Tempus Import Company in 1944.

The following investigation was conducted by SA KENNETH R. ROUTEN:

BEN KRAM formerly resided at 90 Lickley Avenue, Malverne, New York. Until recently, he resided at 337 Long Beach Road, Oceanside, New York. During the past few years, he has been in the construction equipment business and is also a salesman selling razor blades. He was separated from his wife, ANNA KRAM, in 1946. In 1948, KRAM was believed residing in a trailer in Florida. The New York Office had no additional pertinent information relative to KRAM.

ALEX MARDOCK

Reference is made to information set forth in New York report of March 2, 1949, relative to ALEX MARDOCK. MARDOCK contacted the New York Office on June 13, 1938 and furnished information relative to KATZ' activities which have subsequently been borne out. At that time, MARDOCK resided at 881 Eighth Avenue, New York City. In an effort to locate MARDOCK, records of the Consolidated Edison were checked with negative results by SA WILLIAM O. MC CUE. It was also ascertained that 881 Eighth Avenue, is the site of a liquor store. The proprietor of the liquor store states that an apartment house formerly located on the property has been torn down. Efforts are continuing to locate MARDOCK.

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HAROLD OLDWIN SAMUEL

As set forth in referenced New York report, the above individual, a negro seaman from Trinidad, B.W.I., furnished the New York Office with information concerning KATZ, on July 30, 1945. An effort is being made to locate SAMUEL and reinterview him.

By letter dated February 15, 1949, the Bureau advised that the files at the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation in Washington, D.C. disclose that SAMUEL was issued permanent certificate of identification numbered Z-53120 on November 3, 1944, at New York City. His last known voyage was aboard the SS Santa Clara; he signed aboard April 29, 1948, and off May 19, 1948. This vessel was operated by the Grace Lines, Inc.

BURT RINDER, Personnel Department, Grace Lines, 10 Hanover Square, advised SAMUEL'S file reflected the following addresses:

12 Bisilon Street, Trinidad, B.W.I.
49 Waverly Avenue, Brooklyn, New York

The Brooklyn address was furnished October 6, 1947.

Investigation by SA ROGER W. ROBINSON disclosed that there is no such address as 49 Waverly Avenue, in Brooklyn. He also ascertained that there is no number 49 on Waverly Place in Manhattan.

Investigation is continuing to locate and reinterview SAMUEL.

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BENJAMIN KATZ, aka, Barney Katz

Referenced New York report set forth that BENJAMIN KATZ, subject's brother, resides at 1510 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, and that they were associated in the firm of JOSEPH KATZ and Company.

BENJAMIN KATZ registered for Selective Service with Local Board 199 on February 15, 1942. The following information was obtained from his file:

Name	BENJAMIN KATZ
Address	1510 Ocean Parkway, Bklyn., N.Y.
Born	August 15, 1902 at <u>Vilna</u> , Poland (Russia)
Person always knowing whereabouts	ESTHER KATZ, same address
Employment	Self; home address; painting contractor
Race	White
Height	5'8"
Weight	170 lbs.
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark

In his Selective Service Questionnaire filed May 25, 1942, BENJAMIN KATZ stated he was married at Brooklyn, New York on January 7, 1928. His wife ESTHER was 38 years of age; [redacted] his mother BADANO KATZ was 59 years of age.

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A mail cover is being maintained on the residence of BENJAMIN KATZ. During this period, the mail cover has failed to disclose any mail from the subject or BESSIE KATZ. The following are the results of this mail cover. It should be noted, however, that no particular significance is attached to this information at this time.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>RETURN ADDRESS</u>
4/30/49	GEORGE S. CHRISTIE, 84 William Street, New York City
4/29/49	16 Court Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Suite 1610
5/3/49	Same as above
5/3/49	Bensonhurst National Bank, Bay Parkway and 86th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.
5/3/49	LOUIS WASSERSTEIN, 6417 Bay Parkway, Bklyn., N.Y.
5/11/49	16 Court Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Suite 1610

MERKE KATZ, aka. MAX KATZ

Referenced New York report identified MERKE KATZ as a brother of the subject. He was associated with the subject in Selka, Inc., and was last known to be residing at 59 W. 90th Street, New York City in 1946.

MERKE KATZ registered for Selective Service at Local Board #19 on October 16, 1940. His registration card contained the following information:

Name	MERKE KATZ
Born	March 12, 1906, Swentsyan, Lithuania
Citizenship	United States, by derivation
Person knowing whereabouts	H. DAVID KATZ, father, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, N.Y.
Employment	None
Race	White
Height	5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Dark

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The Selective Service Questionnaire filed June 14, 1941 reflected the following information:

MERKE KATZ attended the Jewish Workers University 1931 to 1935, (literature); he attended the Talmudic School, 1911 to 1920 (Talmud). He was divorced from his wife (name not given) who at that time resided at 43 Martha Place, Passaic, New Jersey. [REDACTED] His Social Security Number is 124-12-5940. MERKE KATZ in his questionnaire claimed to be a vegetarian, stating he will not eat anything that would necessitate the killing of an animal.

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KATZ was rejected for military training on June 10, 1942 for the following reason:

Psychoneurosis severe, depressive.

The file reflected that on March 17, 1942, he was employed at the National School Committee, Jewish Section, International Workers Order, New York City. On December 5, 1941, he was employed at the Jewish Workers School, 355 New Jersey Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

MERKE KATZ notified the board of the following residence addresses:

June 3, 1942, 1723 66th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., c/o J. JOEBSON
June 1, 1942, 603 W. 40th Street, New York, c/o JOSEPH KATZ.
January 1, 1943, 335 W. 88th Street, New York.

KATZ' residence address and employment at the present time is not known. On June 23, 1949, however, a mail cover on the residence of BENJAMIN KATZ disclosed the following return card:

MERKE KATZ
201 West 21st Street,
New York City

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MARTIN YOUNG, was., Leon Platt, Leon Plotkin;
FRANCES BOGORAD YOUNG, 616 West 137th Street, New York City

Referenced New York report set forth information that JOSEPH KATZ sold the Tempus Import Company to MARTIN YOUNG, in May, 1945. FRANCES BOGORAD, the wife of MARTIN YOUNG, is a sister of BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ. Their residence has been verified as 616 W. 137th Street.

Referenced New York report set forth the information that Mr. PETERSON, the superintendent at 603 W. 140th Street, the building in which KATZ maintained an apartment until recently, stated that BESSIE KATZ' sister, a Mrs. YOUNG, had been paying the rent on the KATZ' apartment in the KATZ' absence. It would appear that the person referred to was FRANCES BOGORAD YOUNG.

YONIE YOUNG at 606 W. 137th Street, has no connection with this investigation, so far as is known.

A review of the information in the New York files reflects the following concerning MARTIN YOUNG and FRANCES BOGORAD YOUNG.

MARTIN YOUNG was first known to the Bureau as the District Organizer of the Communist Party in the Pittsburgh area, in 1938 and 1939. Prior to that he was the secretary of the Communist Party of the State of Pennsylvania. His membership book at that time was #59591. He was described as having been active in organizational work for the Communist Party from 1935. On November 22, 1938, the "Pittsburgh Post Gazette" carried a story on a group of individuals who were arrested in a raid by the Pittsburgh police, one of whom was MARTIN YOUNG. An alleged "revolutionary picture" concerning the Russian Navy and the Bolshevik uprising was being shown at a meeting in the Hungarian Hall on Cable Street in Pittsburgh.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service is at the present time conducting an investigation to ascertain MARTIN YOUNG'S birthplace. He has claimed birth in Chicago under the name of MARTIN YOUNG. It is suspected, however, that he was born in Russia or Poland. He is known to have used the aliases of LEON PLATT and LEON PLOTKIN, and is known to have obtained and used false passports. Under the name of LEON MARKS, YOUNG was issued a passport in December, 1932 and left the United States on the SS Europa on December 27, 193

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The photograph submitted in connection with this passport application has been identified by LOUIS BUDENZ, MAURICE MALKIN and others as the photograph of MARTIN YOUNG. YOUNG returned to the United States in 1934 on a passport issued to BRUNO HERMAN AUGUST HANKE. While being held for examination, YOUNG jumped ship in the New York Harbor. The officer who was holding him for examination has recently identified a photograph of MARTIN YOUNG as the individual using the HANKE passport. The HANKE passport photograph has also been identified by BUDENZ and MALKIN as that of MARTIN YOUNG.

It is to be noted that MAURICE MALKIN knew YOUNG only under the name of LEON PLATT. MALKIN stated that LEON PLATT was agit-prop director for the Young Workers' League in 1925 and 1926. MALKIN also stated that he met FANNY BOGORAD in the middle 1920's when she was an active member of the Young Workers' League. He stated he used to see her in the office of that organization at 28 Union Square, New York City. He also believed that she worked in the National Office of the Communist Party as a secretary when the office was located at 43 E. 125th Street, New York City.

MALKIN stated that the Young Workers' League was the youth section of the Communist Party. He stated that FANNY BOGORAD was secretary to J. LOVESTO or one of the top officials of the Communist Party and as such it would have been necessary to be a member of the Communist Party. This source stated that in the middle 1930's, he saw her around Communist Party headquarters and added that he believes she had gone to Passaic about 1926 or 1927 to carry on youth work among Passaic strikers. MALKIN identified a photograph of FRANCES BOGORAD YOUNG.

Investigation of MARTIN YOUNG, conducted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflects that YOUNG was employed by the Hotel Front and Service Workers Union in 1943. In 1944 or 1945, he was employed by the Transport Workers Union. In 1946, when applying for a New York driver's license, he stated he was employed by the Bulldog Concrete Forms, Inc. In April, 1949, the Immigration and Naturalization Service investigation ascertained that he was still employed by that firm, which is now located at 14 Church Street, New York City, as salesman.

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Immigration records reflect that FRANCES BOGORAD YOUNG entered the United States as FRADE BOGORADOFSKAJA on the SS Kursk on August 14, 1911 with her mother, PESJA BOGORADOFSKAJA. She was born in Vitebsk, Russia on September 29, 1906. She received her naturalization certificate #4409198 on September 7, 1939.

MARTIN and FRANCES YOUNG were requested to appear at the Immigration and Naturalization offices at 70 Columbus Avenue on April 14, 1949 for a hearing relative to the date and place of birth of MARTIN YOUNG. They were accompanied by Counsel ISIDORE ENGLANDER of 205 E. 42nd Street. At this time, they refused to make any statements except that they resided at 616 W. 137th Street, Apartment 10, New York City.

The files of the New York Office also reflect that MARTIN YOUNG was a member of the Industrial Section of the Communist Party and an organizer for that section in July, 1943.

MARTIN YOUNG is the subject of a separate investigation in the New York Office.

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ARTHUR KATZ, aka, ARTHUR WINTERS;
CELIA BOGORAD KATZ, 77 W. 104th Street, New York City

Referenced New York report reflected that BESSIE KATZ resided at the above address prior to her departure from the United States in January, 1949. Numerous sources disclosed that CELIA BOGORAD KATZ is the sister of BESSIE KATZ. There was no indication, however, that ARTHUR KATZ is related to the subject, JOSEPH KATZ.

ARTHUR KATZ registered for Selective Service from 56 W. 106th Street, New York City, on October 16, 1940. He was assigned to Local Board 34, New York. He furnished the following information:

Pen name	ARTHUR WINTERS
Date of birth	October 12, 1911, at Brooklyn, N.Y.
Race	White
Height	5'10 ¹ / ₂ "
Weight	175 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Sallow
Social Security	120-12-5899
Education	New York University, 13 years; received B.S. Degree
Person always knowing address	CELIA KATZ, wife; same address
Marital Status	Married, in Menassas, Virginia, 12/23/39.
Occupations	12/30/40-Piano teacher, self, home address. 8/6/42-Mack Truck Company, 34 Street and 48 Avenue, Long Island City, N.Y. 11/9/43-Universal Radio and Sport Company, 124 W. 42nd Street, N.Y.C. 1939-1940 - Mature teacher, WPA
Parents	Father; MAURICE KATZ, 60 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York (12/30/40) Mother; MINERVA, 10 Manhattan Avenue, N.Y.C. (12/30/40) with Sister; MAUREEN KATZ
Changes of address	9/7/43; from 56 W. 106th Street to 77 W. 104th Street, New York, N.Y.

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ARTHUR KATZ was rejected for military service March 17, 1943 for the following reason:

"Psychoneurosis, severe."

There is a letter in file from the Director of New York State Psychiatric Institute, 722 W. 106th Street, stating that ARTHUR KATZ was admitted to that institution on February 6, 1939 and had been diagnosed as a psychoneurotic.

The following information is available from the files of the New York Office:

One CELIA BOGORAD, 66 W. 106th Street, was a member of the 11th AD Club of the Communist Party. The date of this information was not known.

One ARTHUR WINTERS, 31 Columbus Street, Hudson, New York, signed a Communist Party petition in August, 1946.

A mail cover was maintained on the above residence and the following results were obtained:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>
2/14/49	Mrs. A. KATZ	T. ENGEL, 60-13 Indian Creek Drive, Miami Beach, Fla.
3/26/49	CECIL BOGORAD c/o KATZ	UPWA, Local 113, Astor Place
5/24/49	Miss CELIA BOGORAD	New York School of Social Work 122 E. 22nd Street, N.Y.C.

Confidential Informant T-5 has also advised that CELIA BOGORAD KATZ has been in communication with her mother, PAULINE TUCKMAN, West Haven, Conn., and these communications indicate that CELIA KATZ is in close contact with JOSEPH and BESSIE KATZ. As reported elsewhere, when BESSIE KATZ arranged to

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remove her furnishings from the apartment at 603 W. 140th Street, some of the property was moved to the apartment of CELIA KATZ.

Immigration records reflect that PAULINE BOGORAD, the mother of BESSIE KATZ, arrived in the United States on the SS Kursk, August 14, 1911 and she was accompanied by two children, FRANK (FRANCES BOGORAD) and ZINZE. ZINZE was 11 months old. Elsewhere in the Immigration file, Mrs. BOGORAD stated her daughter, CELIA, was born in Russia on May 10, 1910. ZINZE, therefore, is CELIA. Her citizenship status has not been ascertained.

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LESTER and MIRIAM GITTLESON,
602 W. 139th Street,
New York, New York

PAULINE BOGORAD'S Immigration and Naturalization file, maintained at 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, reflected that she has a daughter, MIRIAM BOGORAD, born December 30, 1916 at Passaic, New Jersey. In 1939, PAULINE BOGORAD stated that MIRIAM resided with her at 318 Second Avenue, New York City.

PAULINE BOGORAD, at the time she obtained a marriage license to marry DAVID TUCKMAN, in New Haven in August, 1946, gave her residence as 602 W. 139th Street, New York City.

An examination of the mail boxes at 602 W. 139th Street in March, 1949, disclosed that the following names were in the box for apartment 53:

GITTLESON-SPANIER-BOGORAD

It will also be noted in connection with the negotiations for JOSEPH KATZ' purchase of Fournier Glove Company, Mrs. BEATRICE FAREMOUTH stated one GITTLESON, a relative of JOSEPH KATZ, connected with Southern Silk Mills, Inc., New York City, brought the parties together.

A review of the files in the New York Office reflects that one LESTER GITTLESON, 603 W. 140 Street, was reported by Confidential Informant T-2 in 1948 as a member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Presumably, MIRIAM BOGORAD is the wife of LESTER GITTLESON.

The files of the New York Office reflect the following information relating to MIRIAM BOGORAD:

MIRIAM BOGORAD, 318 Second Avenue, New York City, was reported to be a Communist member of the Council of the American Youth Congress in 1941. (Confidential Informant T-3, of unknown reliability.)

In 1945, one MIRIAM BOGORAD, was reported to be an employee at the Greater New York Council, CIO, which is alleged to have been at that time Communist-dominated. (Confidential Informant T-4).

The present occupations of LESTER and MIRIAM GITTLESON have not been ascertained.

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JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD
324 E. 23rd Street
Paterson, New Jersey

The above has been identified as a brother of BESSIE KATZ. He is treasurer of Seaboard Industries, Paterson, New Jersey, a chemical and dye-stuffs jobbing concern.

PAULINE BOGORAD, his mother, resided at 318 Second Avenue, New York City in 1939. The files from the New York Office reflect that one JOSEPH BOGORAD, living at 318 Second Avenue, enrolled in the Communist Party Election registration in 1936.

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BANK ACCOUNTS

The following investigation was conducted by SA(A) JAMES P. WOOTEN:

The banking activities of JOSEPH KATZ are numerous and complicated. He is, at the present time, connected with several business enterprises and has been associated with several enterprises in the past. The following accounts have been located and are being set forth in chronological order so far as it is possible:

I. IRVING TRUST COMPANY, JOSEPH KATZ (Personal), 5/3/43 - 7/8/44.

Confidential Informant T-10 made available his records of the Irving Trust Company, 48th Street Branch, which disclosed that an account was opened in the name of JOSEPH KATZ, 603 West 140th Street, New York City, on May 3, 1943. KATZ was introduced to the bank by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds of New York City. KATZ listed the following references:

Elmo Realty Corporation,
462 Broadway, New York City.

Dr. RAPHAEL H. ISAACS,
304 E. 178th Street, New York City.

Mrs. FRANCES BOGORAD,
603 W. 139th Street, New York City.

An examination of the deposit tickets disclosed that the original deposit and practically all of the subsequent deposits were made in cash. There were two deposits totaling \$600 in cash at the opening of the account. Deposits were made from then until May 29, 1944, at the rate of one or two a month, and these deposits averaged about \$200. The only identifiable item was the following check:

Amount: \$150
Issued by: Waterbury Savings Bank, Waterbury, Connecticut
Drawn on: Colonial Trust Company, Waterbury, Connecticut
Dated: July 16, 1943

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The average balance on this account was about \$600. Disbursements made by KATZ from this account cannot be traced since the Irving Trust Company does not photograph incoming or outgoing checks.

Confidential Informant T-10 was able to make available a file of correspondence maintained in connection with the account of JOSEPH KATZ. The bank received an inquiry from Cross and Brown Company, Agents, 270 Madison Avenue, New York City, stating that KATZ was considering leasing space in a building under the management of that firm for \$760 per annum. This letter was dated sometime in 1944.

A memorandum dated June 5, 1944 in the bank's file disclosed that KATZ discussed opening an account for Tempus Import Company and discussed the possibility of obtaining letters of credit in favor of Argentine and Uruguayan exporters, covering the importation of menthol.

A memorandum reflected that the bank denied KATZ' request for letters of credit because the South American firms operated on very little capital. The file disclosed that KATZ informed the Irving Trust Company the following day that he was going to import leather goods, particularly ladies' hand-bags, from South America. The bank again turned down his request for letters of credit. At this time, the bank questioned KATZ relative to his experience in the import-export business. KATZ replied that he had none and that he had been previously employed by the Quartz Products Company, 304 E. 45th Street, dealing in radio crystals. KATZ advised that his investment in Tempus Import Company was \$15,000 cash, which he had accumulated over a period of time. After the Irving Trust Company refusal, KATZ stated that he would seek bank connections elsewhere and the account was closed on July 8, 1944.

II. GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY, Tempus Import Company, 6/5/44 - 5/23/45;
JOSEPH KATZ (Personal), 5/23/45 - date.

Confidential Informant T-11 made available records of the Guaranty Trust Company, 5th Avenue Branch account of Tempus Import Company. The account was opened on June 5, 1944 with the deposit of \$900 cash and checks for \$700 and \$300 drawn on the National City Bank and Manufacturers Trust Company, respectively.

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