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There are attached herewith five copies of the summary report of SA Francis W. Zangle, 11/8/50, New York City.

In connection with this report it is pointed out that some informants are stated to be unavailable for subpoena or to testify, and others are stated to be available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. However, this list is by no means comprehensive as there are numerous other informants whose availability is questionable or unknown. For instance, it is not known whether it would be desirable to subpoena witnesses to testify to State Department information, information from other government agencies or to use certain live informants.

The foregoing is mentioned as the Bureau may wish to comment on it to the Department.

While information in the non-specific complaint about KATZ received in 1938 was included in enclosed report (Page 46) in accordance with rebulet, consideration should be given to making it administrative because it has no evidentiary value as it stands now, but might have when [redacted] is reinterviewed.

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SUMMARY REPORT

JOSEPH KATZ born 3/15/12 in Lithuania. Became U.S. citizen through father, DAVID KATZ, who was naturalized 2/19/25 at Passaic, N.J. KATZ attended Passaic, N.J. schools until 1931. Married at L.A., Cal., on 12/23/35 to BESSIE BOGORAD, born 6/19/12, at Passaic, N.J. at NYC. KATZ on WPA during middle 1930s. From 1939 to present he has been associated with numerous business ventures, furnishing financial backing for some of them. Bank accounts and travel information set out. Relatives of KATZ and wife listed and identified

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, self-admitted former Soviet espionage agent identified KATZ as her former espionage superior from 10/44 to 5/45. BENTLEY furnished KATZ with material she received from her contacts in Washington, D.C. from 10/44 until 12/44.

WPB, FBI, CCI-AA and Treasury Dept., furnished BENTLEY with miscellaneous data picked up through their government employment. BENTLEY'S contacts taken away from her at end of 1944, but she continued to see KATZ until May, 1945. Latter meetings concerned with discussing problems arising with BENTLEY'S former contacts and with replacing BENTLEY in her employment. KATZ arranged for BENTLEY to meet ANATOLE GROMOV, former 1st Secretary of Soviet Embassy whom she continued to see until 11/45. self-admitted Soviet agent, identified KATZ as his espionage superior from early 1939 to 1944. Under KATZ'S supervision performed surveillances of and others until 1942. KATZ leased a parking lot in NYC from 11/41 to 10/42. In 1943 KATZ sent to the

recontacted by KATZ in L.A. in the summer of 1944, when KATZ reactivated him and made arrangements for him to return to NYC to

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[redacted] meet another individual. This individual had [redacted] obtain a [redacted] job, but [redacted] shortly thereafter. [redacted] self-admitted Soviet agent identified KATZ as his espionage superior with whom he had infrequent contacts from 1938 to approximately 1948. KATZ had [redacted] spying on activities of Trotskyites until 1940. He then told [redacted] he had something more important for him to do and tried unsuccessfully to get [redacted] to get a job at [redacted]. In 1943 and 1944 [redacted] prepared and submitted to KATZ reports on [redacted]. In 1942 KATZ had [redacted] contact Dr. EARL W. FLOSDORF to determine if he would be willing to supply some information to the Soviets. In 1944, at KATZ'S direction [redacted] contacted the late [redacted] [redacted] employee who had been selling information to KATZ. In 1948 or possibly earlier KATZ had [redacted] meet him in NYC for the purpose of reactivating him, but [redacted] did not become active again. [redacted] identified KATZ as an alternate espionage superior of his. [redacted] said his only contact with KATZ was during one weekend in April or May, 1940, at the Hotel New Yorker, NYC. KATZ discussed [redacted] work with him and gave him about \$150 or \$200. Some known associates of KATZ in various personal and business ventures listed and identified. KATZ'S passport file reflects he was in France from 3 to 5/47, 7 to 9/47 and 6/48 to present. KATZ presently resides Paris, France, engaged in merchandizing handpainted scarves and ties. KATZ'S wife was employed by AJDC in Paris from 1947 until August, 1949. She then returned to NYC where she and daughter presently reside.

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is marked "Changed" to indicate two additional aliases of the subject as YEISKE HIAT and BOB.

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This is a joint report of Special Agents ROGER W. ROBINSON and FRANCIS W. ZANGLE.

For ready reference, it is pointed out here that Confidential Informants T-3, T-4, T-6, T-11, T-15, T-16, T-25, T-37, T-47, T-52, and T-53 are not available for subpoena or to testify. Further information obtained from Confidential Informants T-7, T-13, T-14, T-19, T-22, T-26, T-27, T-28, T-29, T-49 is available only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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I - GENERAL BACKGROUND DATAA - JOSEPH KATZ~~SECRET~~

JOSEPH KATZ was born on March 15, 1912, at Swenzani Vilna, Lithuania, according to information appearing in Selective Service and most available records. (Place of birth is probably Swiecziany Wilno, Lithuania, which is now part of the USSR.)

In the Immigration and Naturalization Service records KATZ' father gave the subject's date of birth as April 20, 1912.

The subject's name at birth was JOSEPH (YEISKE) HIAT. Although he used the name JOSEPH KATZ in school prior to 1930, a change of name record at the City Court of the City of New York was not recorded until March 21, 1938. In this court, under file number 4526-1938, the subject's name was changed from JOSEPH HIAT to JOSEPH KATZ, effective April 29, 1938. KATZ' attorney in this proceeding was DAVID SLOANE, 261 Broadway, New York City.

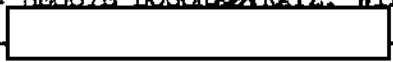
KATZ derived his United States citizenship from his father, HIRSHA HIAT, who received his certificate of naturalization, number 21-9126, at a term of Common Pleas Court of Passaic County, New Jersey, held February 19, 1925, in Passaic, New Jersey. In the Petition for naturalization filed in December, 1918 by HIRSHA HIAT, the subject's date of birth was given as April 20, 1912.

Marriage License Records Bureau, Hall of Records, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California, reflects that JOSEPH KATZ was married to BESSIE BOGORAD on September 23, 1935, at Los Angeles, California. The records reflect the subject's address as 206 Dodds Street, Los Angeles, California. The records described him as white; age 23; single; first marriage; born in New York; occupation Engineer - Aviation; father DAVID KATZ, born in Lithuania; mother BEATRICE GUBERSKY, born in Lithuania. ~~HIAT~~

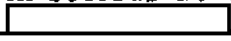
Concerning BESSIE BOGORAD, the records show her residence as 3169 Fairmont Street, Los Angeles, California; white; age 23; single; first marriage; born in New Jersey; occupation Medical Stenographer, hospital; father SAMUEL BOGORAD, born in Russia; mother PAULINE GORDEN (GORDEN) born in Russia. Witness to the marriage was Mrs. BESS POLIN, 3016 1/2 Folsom Street, Los Angeles, California. They were married by ISAAC PACHT, a judge in the Superior Court of Los Angeles.

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b7CB - BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ, wife


BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ was born June 19, 1912, in Passaic, New Jersey. (Source: Passaic High School records, Passaic, New Jersey.) In the subject's Selective Service questionnaire he listed his wife's date of birth as June 18, 1912.

The birth records at the New York City Department of Health reflect that  certificate number  was born on  to father, JOSEPH KATZ, born in Lithuania, age 28, and mother, BESSIE BOGORAD, born in New Jersey, age 28. The residence of the parents on this date was 602 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 in attendance.

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BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ attended the Passaic High School at Passaic, New Jersey, from September 10, 1925, until she graduated in June, 1929. The records at the high school reflect that her school record was sent to New York University on August 30, 1933.

The earliest known employment of the subject's wife was reflected in the 1930 Passaic City Directory which listed that she was employed as a bookkeeper for S. Goldberg and Company, 7 Canal Street, Passaic, New Jersey, Slipper Manufacturers. At the time of her marriage in 1935, BESSIE KATZ stated she was a stenographer in a hospital. In Selective Service records in 1940 KATZ stated his wife was employed in the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, 218 Second Avenue, New York City. RUSSELL M. KEMPT of that hospital recalled that one BESSIE BOGORAD was formerly employed there as a Medical Stenographer. Her supervisor was listed as BERNADETTE MATHUS, now retired, of 320 East 42nd Street, New York City.

In 1945 BESSIE KATZ was employed by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York City, on the overseas staff. She went to Paris while working for this organization and remained with them until her return to this country in August, 1949. Since then she has been employed as a stenographer by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, 71 West 47th Street, New York City, her present employment.

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BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ resided outside the United States from February, 1946, to July, 1946, and from March, 1947, to August, 1949, during which periods she was in Paris, France. (Source: ✓ Passport application dated April 13, 1950, furnished by Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability.) This past summer she and her [redacted] left the United States for Europe on July 26, 1950, and returned on September 11, 1950.

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Confidential Informant T-1 advised that passport 36146 was issued to BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ on January 30, 1946, for travel to France as a representative of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. In an application executed January 4, 1946, at New York City, BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ stated she was born June 19, 1912, at Passaic, New Jersey, her occupation was Secretary, and her permanent residence was 603 West 140th Street, New York City. In addition to birth and citizenship information about her parents which will be set out hereinafter, her application bore the affidavit of CLARENCE WEINSTOCK, 320 East 50th Street, New York City, dated January 4, 1946, at New York in which he stated he had known BESSIE KATZ for four years and knew her to be a United States Citizen.

Her passport was amended May 23, 1946, at Paris, France, to include travel to Switzerland and Italy for welfare work. It was again amended June 21, 1946, in Paris, France, to include travel to Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia for welfare work. Her passport was renewed on January 6, 1949, at Paris, France, upon the request of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

✓ On application made April 13, 1950, passport number 251944 was issued to BESSIE KATZ on April 24, 1950. At this time she indicated she planned several months' travel to France, Italy and Israel during June and July, 1950.

An application was also filed at this time by [redacted] as a student. This application indicated that [redacted] had been outside the United States in Paris, France, from March, 1947 to April 18, 1949, and from December, 1949 to January 18, 1950. Accompanying the application was a letter in the handwriting of and signed by BESSIE KATZ advising that her [redacted] would accompany her on a trip to France, Italy and Israel sometime in June and July, 1950, and during this trip she would visit her father who is in Paris.

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The known residences of BESSIE KATZ in the United States included 120 Howe Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey, where she resided in 1930 according to Passaic City Directory. Prior to her marriage she resided with her mother at 166 Second Avenue, New York City. At the time of her marriage she gave her residence as 3169 Fairmont Street, Los Angeles, California. From September, 1949 to June, 1950, BESSIE KATZ and her [Redacted] resided at 236 East Hudson Street, Long Beach, Long Island. She and her [Redacted] presently reside at 602 West 139th Street, Apartment 53, New York City, which is the apartment of her sister MIRIAM GITTELSON.

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C - The Relatives of JOSEPH KATZ

DAVID KATZ, aka HIRSHA HIAT, father
64 Jefferson Street,
Passaic, New Jersey

BADONO KATZ, mother,
(Deceased January 1, 1943)

DAVID KATZ was born December 19, 1871, in Poland. He came to the United States May 10, 1914, and was naturalized a United States citizen on February 19, 1925. He presently resides at 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey. The property at 64 Jefferson Street was formerly in the name of his wife, BADONO KATZ and included an ice and coal business, a laundry business, a two-pump gasoline station and a truck.

The naturalization records kept in the County Court of Passaic County, Patterson, New Jersey, reflect that HIRSHA HIAT arrived on May 10, 1914, aboard the "SS Imperator" and he filed a declaration of intention, number 13217, dated December 9, 1919, at the Passaic County Court of Common Pleas. At that time he stated he was born on December 19, 1871, at Szwere, Poland, and resided at 132 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey. He stated he emigrated from Hamburg, Germany, and his last foreign residence was Szwenshan, Russia, and he was a citizen of the Republic of Poland. He stated his wife BADONNA was born at Mahaleski, Russia. He made a petition for naturalization, number 12544, and was admitted to citizenship on February 19, 1925, and given certificate number 2109126. On this latter petition he listed his wife as having been born at Szwere, Poland, November 8, 1879, and listed five children living with him as follows:

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BARNEY Born - September 15, 1902
 MAX Born - June 7, 1906
 BLANCHE Born - September 21, 1908
 JOSEPH Born - April 20, 1912
 MORRIS Born - April 18, 1921

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The Bureau of Vital Statistics in Passaic, New Jersey, contains a record that BODANO KATZ, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey, died January 1, 1943, of a Coronary Thrombosis. Her parents were listed as AARON GUBERSKY, father, and BLANCHE KAPLOWITZ, mother, both born in Lithuania.

It has been ascertained that DAVID KATZ presently lives alone at 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

~~BENJAMIN KATZ~~, aka ~~BARNEY KATZ~~, brother
 1510 Ocean Parkway,
 Brooklyn, New York

On the naturalization papers of the subject's father BENJAMIN KATZ was noted as BARNEY, born September 15, 1902.

In 1923 the Passaic City Directory listed BARNEY KATZ at 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, occupation clerk. The 1929 Passaic City Directory listed BENJAMIN KATZ, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, as a printer. There was no other mention of BARNEY KATZ.

BENJAMIN KATZ currently resides at 1510 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number ES 5-6192.

BENJAMIN KATZ, in registering for Selective Service with Local Board 199 in Brooklyn, New York, on February 15, 1942, stated he was self-employed as a painting contractor and did business from his home. In his questionnaire dated May 25, 1942, he stated he was married at Brooklyn, New York, on January 7, 1928. His wife, ESTHER, was 38 years of age and his [redacted] years old.

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The records of the New York National Guard, 270 Broadway, New York City, reflect that [redacted] ESTHER KATZ, was born [redacted]

His residence was given as [redacted]
 He enlisted in the National Guard June 21, 1948.

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It is noted that BENJAMIN KATZ was associated with the subject as a partner in Joseph Katz and Company, 15 Park Row, New York City, at the time the company was formed on July 30, 1946.

~~MENKE KATZ~~, aka ~~MAX KATZ~~ and ~~MERKE KATZ~~, brother
622 West 113th Street
New York City

In his father's form of naturalization, he is listed as MAX KATZ, born June 7, 1906.

~~MENKE KATZ~~ registered for Selective Service with Local Board 19 New York City on October 6, 1940. At this time he gave his name as MERKE KATZ and stated he was born March 12, 1906 at Swentsyan, Lithuania. He said he was a citizen of the United States by derivation. In his questionnaire dated June 14, 1941, he said he attended the Jewish Workers University from 1931 to 1935 and the Talmudic School from 1911 to 1920. He said he was divorced from his wife (name not given) who at that time resided at 43 Martha Place, Passaic, New Jersey. He had two children, [] and []. He claimed to be a vegetarian and stated he would not eat anything that would necessitate the killing of an animal. He was rejected from military training on June 10, 1942, for psychoneurosis.

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On March 17, 1942, he advised the board 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. ~~MENKE KATZ~~' principal occupation seems to be as a teacher in schools run by the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, a branch of the International Workers Order.

The known residences of ~~MENKE KATZ~~ included:

1723 66th Street,
Brooklyn, New York
c/o JACOBSON
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603 West 140th Street,
New York City
c/o JOSEPH KATZ
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335 West 88th Street,
New York City
1943

59 West 90th Street,
New York City
1946

201 West 21st Street,
New York City
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1368 50th Street
New York City
1950

622 West 113th Street,
New York City
Most Recent Address

Most of MENKE KATZ' residences are in rooming houses.

On July 21, 1950, Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that MENKE KATZ has used the return address on an envelope addressed to his father as follows:

"MENKE KATZ
Importing - Exporting
Room 1609
15 Maiden Lane
NYC"

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised on November 12, 1949, that BESSIE KATZ considered MENKE KATZ very eccentric. At the time BESSIE so referred to MENKE, MENKE was considering making an unidentified trip. The informant believed that BESSIE told MENKE that making such a trip would require obtaining affidavits relative to his father's arrival in the United States, his own marriage, and various other things. The informant was inclined to think that BESSIE did not want MENKE to take such a trip.

This informant is not available for subpoena or to testify.

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~~BLANCHE KATZ LEVY~~, aka ~~BLANCHE DOROTHY LEVY~~
MRS. ~~EDWIN H. LEVY~~, sister
318 Lafayette Avenue,
Paterson, New Jersey

The subject's sister, BLANCHE KATZ, was born September 18, 1909, in Lithuania. In her father's naturalization file her date of birth was listed as September 21, 1908. The former date of birth was obtained from the Passaic High School records. She attended Passaic High School until her graduation in June, 1928. At that time she resided at 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

The 1930 Passaic City Directory records reflect that she was employed as a stenographer by Victor Greenburg, Lawyer, 448 Passaic Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey.

She was married to EDWIN H. LEVY on August 11, 1934, at Passaic, New Jersey, and has one [REDACTED] born [REDACTED]

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The records of Selective Service, Local Board 8, Passaic, New Jersey, reflect that her husband, EDWIN H. LEVY, was born June 8, 1908 in Passaic, New Jersey. He was employed by the Carbic Color and Chemical Company, 451 Washington Street, New York City, and later by the Berkshire Color and Chemical Company, 362 Broadway, Passaic, New Jersey. The file further reflects that he had been employed in this line of work for 17 years and had been affiliated with the Newport Chemical Works, Passaic, New Jersey. He also worked in the mill of the United Piece Dye Works, Lodi, New Jersey.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that JOSEPH KATZ used the Berkshire Color and Chemical Company, 362 Broadway, Passaic, New Jersey, as a reference. The informant stated that in 1944 EDWIN H. LEVY of that company advised he had known KATZ for 12 years and that KATZ was his brother-in-law. This informant is not available for subpoena or to testify.

~~EDWARD KATZ~~, aka ~~MORRIS KATZ~~, brother
417 West 120th Street
New York City

The Passaic, New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics reflects that EDWARD KATZ was born April 18, 1921, at General Hospital, Passaic, New Jersey, the son of DAVID and BADONNA KATZ. The Passaic School

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System records reflect that MORRIS KATZ, aka EDWARD KATZ, was graduated from the ~~grammar~~ school and high school of Passaic, New Jersey. The Passaic, New Jersey High School records reflect he entered April, 1935 and graduated January, 1939. His addresses were given as:

64 Jefferson Street
Passaic, New Jersey

318 Lafayette Avenue,
Paterson, New Jersey.

The records also showed some New York City addresses which were believed to have been furnished after his graduation. These were:

603 West 140th Street
New York City

415 West 24th Street
New York City

(It is noted that both of these were
addresses of the subject.)

In the subject's Selective Service file it is noted that his brother, Corporal EDWARD KATZ, age 22, was in the United States Army. His father listed his name as MORRIS in his naturalization file.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that one EDWARD KATZ, an employee at Wright Aeronautics, Paterson, New Jersey, in May, 1942, was suspected of subversive activities. It is not known whether the subject's brother was ever employed at Wright Aeronautics.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that EDWARD KATZ' address in April, 1950, was believed to be 417 West 120th Street, New York City.

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D - Relatives of BESSIE KATZ

PAULINE ~~TUCKMAN~~, aka Mrs. DAVID ~~TUCKMAN~~, PAULINE
GORDON ~~BOGORAD~~, BESSIE KATZ' mother

149 Painter Avenue
West Haven, Connecticut

BESSIE KATZ, in her passport application in 1946 listed her parents as SAMUEL BOGORAD and PAULINE GORDON, both born in Russia. She stated her father SAMUEL BOGORAD was deceased. She said her mother was born about March 18, 1887, at Vitebska, Russia, and was naturalized about 1934. (Source: Confidential Informant T-1.)

Immigration records reflect that PAULINE BOGORAD arrived in the United States on the "SS Kursk" August 14, 1911, accompanied by two children, FRADE (FRANCES BOGORAD) and ZINZE. On August 22, 1946, PAULINE GORDON BOGORAD was married to DAVID TUCKMAN, age 63 (1946), widower, carpenter, born at Savion, Russia, and residing at 889 Howard Avenue, New Haven Connecticut. (Source: Bureau of Vital Statistics, New Haven, Connecticut.)

In 1946, BESSIE KATZ' mother resided at 602 West 139th Street, New York City and in 1947 at 248 Spring Street, New Haven Connecticut. She presently resides at 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut.

Confidential Informant T-56, of known reliability, but unavailable for subpoena or to testify, advised on August 17, 1949, that Mr. and Mrs. D. Tuckman, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut, received a mimeographed circular which attacked the trial of the leaders of the Communist Party. The circular was signed by Jack Goldring. The latter, according to Confidential Informant T-57, is an organizer for the Fairfield County Section, Communist Party, 840 Main Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The same Informant, T-56, reported on August 25, 1949, that a bill for insurance and membership fee in Lodge 117, IWO, had been sent to Mr. and Mrs. David Tuckman, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut. Again on August 29, 1949, T-56 said that Pauline Tuckman told her daughter Miriam Gittelsohn that she had been out that day trying to collect money for the People's Center. The latter place is the New Haven headquarters of the Communist Party and Lodge 117, IWO.

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Immigration and Naturalization Service files at New Haven, Connecticut, reflect that DAVID TUCKMAN arrived on June 25, 1913, at Ellis Island, New York. His name was listed as DAVID TORMAN at this time. On October 2, 1922, he filed a declaration of intention in New Haven stating 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, Connecticut. He was naturalized in the United States District Court of New Haven on June 13, 1925.

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, Connecticut, was a signer of a Communist Party nominating petition. He was also a signer of a petition in 1942 and 1946.

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FRANCES BOGORAD~~X~~YOUNG, aka Mrs. MARTIN~~X~~YOUNG
616 West 137th Street,
New York City
Sister of BESSIE KATZ

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Immigration records reflect that FRANCES BOGORAD YOUNG was born in Vitebsk, Russia, on September 29, 1906. She entered the United States August 14, 1911, on the "SS Kursk" as FRAIDE BOGORADOFSKAJA. She received her naturalization certificate, number 4409198, on September 7, 1939.

She attended Passaic High School in Passaic, New Jersey, and graduated in June 1923. She was married to MARTIN YOUNG at Passaic, New Jersey, on December 24, 1927. She presently resides in Apartment 1-C, 616 West 137th Street.

Additional information concerning the YOUNGS will be set out hereinafter.

CELIA BOGORAD~~X~~KATZ, aka Mrs. ARTHUR~~X~~KATZ
77 West 104th Street,
New York City
Sister of BESSIE KATZ

CELIA BOGORAD KATZ was born May 10, 1910, at Vitebsk, Russia. Confidential Informant T-1 advised that in a passport application filed by CELIA~~X~~KATZ in September, 1947, she gave the above date of birth and said her father, SAMUEL BOGORAD, born in Russia, was deceased and her mother, PAULINE BOGORAD TUCKMAN, born in Russia, was naturalized about July 29, 1939, in New York City. She advised she was married December 23, 1939, to ARTHUR KATZ, born October 12, 1911, at New York City. She said she entered the United States August 14, 1911, and was naturalized February 13, 1939, at Newark, New Jersey, under certificate number 3759150, at the same time changing her name from ZINGE~~X~~BOGORODFSKY.

Selective Service records reflect that ARTHUR~~X~~KATZ registered on October 16, 1940, from 56 West 106th Street, New York City. He furnished the following information:

He said his pen name was ARTHUR~~X~~WINTERS; that he was born October 12, 1911, at Brooklyn, New York; that he attended New York University and received a BS degree; and that he was married in

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Manassas, Virginia, on December 23, 1939, to CELIA KATZ. He listed his occupations as a piano teacher in 1940 and a nature teacher at the WPA in 1939 and 1940. On August 6, 1942, he said he was employed by the Mack Truck Company, 34th Street and 48th Avenue, Long Island City, New York, and on November 9, 1943, by the Universal Radio and Sport Company, 124 West 42nd Street, New York City. He said his father was MAURICE KATZ, 60 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York, and his mother MINERVA KATZ, 10 Manhattan Avenue, New York City. He changed his address on September 7, 1943, from 56 West 106th Street to 77 West 104th Street, New York City.

He was rejected from military service on March 17, 1943 because of psychoneurosis.

CELIA KATZ is presently employed by the New York City Department of Welfare.

According to Confidential Informant T-1 when CELIA KATZ applied for a passport in 1947 she stated she desired to travel to France to visit relatives and intended to leave the United States from New York for a period of six weeks. She renewed her passport December 5, 1949, and expressed an intention to depart from New York on the "Queen Mary" on December 16, 1949. In this application she indicated she had resided in France and Italy from February to March 1948. On June 3, 1939, she obtained a passport for a proposed visit to France and England for vacation purposes.

CELIA KATZ and the subject's [REDACTED] traveled abroad on the "SS Queen Mary" on December 16, 1949. They were listed in the passenger list as traveling tourist class,

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Confidential Informant T-3 and T-6, both of known reliability, advised that while in Europe, CELIA and [REDACTED] intended to meet the subject and as far as the informant knew they did go to France and visited with KATZ. CELIA and [REDACTED] returned to New York on January 18, 1950, aboard the "SS Mauretania". These informants are not available for subpoena or to testify.

CELIA BOGORAD KATZ and her husband currently reside at 77 West 104th Street, New York City.

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JOSEPH ~~BOGORAD~~, aka JOSEPH GEORGE ~~BOGORAD~~,
324 East 23rd Street,
Paterson, New Jersey
Brother of BESSIE KATZ

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Paterson, New Jersey, reflect that JOSEPH BOGORAD was born on December 12, 1913, at 30 Market Place, Passaic, New Jersey.

JOSEPH BOGORAD attended Passaic High School and graduated in June, 1931.

JOSEPH BOGORAD is known as J. GEORGE ~~BOGORAD~~ in the Passaic and Bergen County Credit Bureau.

According to the records of the Selective Service Board in Paterson, New Jersey, JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD registered October 10, 1940, from 405 Tenth Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey. The file indicated that he was married on June 20, 1936, and has two children, [redacted] born [redacted] and [redacted] born [redacted]. He stated he had four years of high school education and two years of dairy husbandry at the General Farm School. His wife's name was given as LILLIAN R. BOGORAD, native born United States citizen. He formerly resided at 120 Howe Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, with his parents.

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Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised BOGORAD is Secretary - Treasurer of Seaboard Industries, 195 Keen Street, Paterson, New Jersey. New York City Board of Election records show JOSEPH BOGORAD, 318 Second Avenue, New York City, as an enrolled Communist in 1936. CELIA BOGORAD, same address, enrolled in major party, 1936.

MIRIAM BOGORAD ~~GITTELSON~~, aka Mrs. LESTER ~~GITTELSON~~
602 West 139th Street, New York City
Sister of BESSIE KATZ

MIRIAM BOGORAD GITTELSON was born on December 30, 1916, at Passaic, New Jersey, according to her mother's Immigration and Naturalization Service file maintained at 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City. In 1939, PAULINE BOGORAD stated that MIRIAM resided with her at 318 Second Avenue, New York City.

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MIRIAM GITTELSON is married to LESTER GITTELSON who owns and operates a truck under the name of the Lester Trucking Company, 602 West 139th Street, New York City.

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Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised in 1948 that one LESTER GITTELSON, 603 West 140th Street, New York City, was a member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised that LESTER GITTELSON at 602 West 139th Street, New York City, receives mail regularly which mail bears the return address of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-10, of unknown reliability, advised that one 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. In 1945 one MIRIAM BOGORAD was reported to be an employee at the Greater New York County CIO which is alleged to have been at that time Communist dominated. (Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, not available for subpoena or to testify).

BEATRICE BOGORAD BORN
Deceased 1948
Sister of BESSIE KATZ

BESSIE KATZ' sister, BEATRICE, was born April 18, 1918, according to Passaic High School records. She was married to KEN BORN and had one [REDACTED]. She died in an accident near the end of 1948.

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Her husband, GROVER KENNETH BORN, was born on July 3, 1911, at Osage City, Kansas.

Charles E. Ward and Dan E. Lewis, officials of the Allis-Chalmers Farm Equipment Plant, La Porte, Indiana, advised, on February 1, 1949, that GROVER KENNETH BORN was acting as an international representative of the U.F.E.M.W.A. - CIO (United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers of America - CIO). Confidential Informant T-58, of unknown reliability, reported that on September 21, 1947, GROVER KENNETH BORN attended a Communist Party meeting during the course of which he, Born, requested that all present state why they were Communists. The same Informant reported that Born was among the members present at a Communist Party meeting held on October 23, 1947, at 613 Shipman Street, Peoria, Illinois. According to information received from Chief of Police John Rogers, Kankakee, Illinois, on August 16, 1942, KENNETH BORN was the Communist candidate for Congressman at Large in the State of Illinois.

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The [REDACTED] is about the same age as [REDACTED]
and during last year resided with BESSIE and [REDACTED] at 236
East Hudson Street, New York City. His [REDACTED] remarried and has
taken [REDACTED] back with him to Chicago.

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E - Known United States Residences of JOSEPH KATZ

<u>Year</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Source</u>
1923-1931	64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey	Passaic City Directories 1923 - 1930 Passaic New Jersey High School records (DAVID KATZ, subject's father, still resides at this address)
1931-1936	119 East 17th Street, New York City	WPA Records-only address verified to date is 319 East 23rd Street, New York City.
	210 East 15th Street, New York City	(See Below)
	19 East 16th Street, New York City	
	17 East 16th Street, New York City	
	319 East 23rd Street, New York City	
1935	1206 Dodds Street, Los Angeles, California.	Marriage license 9/23/35, Los Angeles County Hall of Records
1935	319 East 23rd Street, New York City	JOHN MARA, Superintendent, 319 East 23rd Street, verified KATZ and wife moved in Apt. 413 soon after their marriage. BESSIE and mother who lived on Second Avenue came to look at it and her mother made the decision as she was going to pay the rent. They stayed less than one year.

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Source</u>
1938	415 West 24th Street, New York City	Change of name certificate March 19, 1938
1940-1941	620 West 141st Street, New York City	Mr. STIENDL, Superintendent, 620 West 141st Street; Selective Service records.
1942-1948 (Interrupted)	603 West 140th Street, Apartment 39A, New York City	Selective Service records; ROLAND PETERSON, Superintend- ent, 603 West 140th Street. (Last United States Address)

F -Educational Background

Passaic High School,
Passaic, New Jersey

The records of Passaic High School reflect that JOSEPH KATZ entered school September 1927 and graduated in June 1931. According to the class book, KATZ intended to go to Lowell Textile College but Mr. O. A. KENNEDY, Principal of Passaic High School, stated he did not believe that KATZ went to college. The 1931 class book of Passaic High School carries a picture of JOSEPH KATZ and the notation next to it is as follows:

"One who has yearnings for equal division of
of unequal earnings."

Delehanty Institute
115 East 15th Street
New York City

Mr. MARTIN GAVIN of the Department of Records, Delehanty Institute, advised that JOSEPH KATZ, 670 West 141st Street, New York City, took a two month's course in welding around May, June or July, 1941. (It has been ascertained that there was no such number as 670 West 141st Street. At that time KATZ is believed to have resided at 620 West 141st Street.)

The cost of the course was \$200.00 and payment was made by KATZ on May 22 and July 22, 1941. There was no further information in the records about KATZ.

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New York University

In his application for WPA employment, an individual believed to be the subject claimed to have received a BA degree from New York University in 1931. The records of the New York University disclosed no records of JOSEPH KATZ receiving any degree.

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The following is a chart of all the subject's known business connections and employments, and the dates noted therein are approximate:

1927	-	Albert Warsaw Confectionery, 76 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey.
1929	-	Louis Levine Grocery Store, 76 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey.
1934-1937 or 1938	-	Work Projects Administration, New York City.
1939-1944	-	Meriden Dental Laboratories, 5 South Colony Street, Meriden, Connecticut.
November, 1941 to October, 1942	-	Parking Lot, operator, 609-13 West 130th Street, New York City.
February, 1943	-	Quartz Products Company, 304 East 45th Street, New York City.
March to September, 1943	-	Baumgold Brothers, Inc., 62 West 47th Street, New York City. (affiliated with Quartz Products Company)
June, 1944 to May, 1945	-	Tempus Import Company, 119 West 57th Street, New York City.
May, 1945, to November, 1945	-	Merchant Marine Service.
January, 1946, to November, 1946	-	Selka, Inc., (Import-Export concern) 93 Nassau Street, New York City.
July, 1946	-	Joseph Katz and Company (Import-Export 15 Park Row, New York City. concern)
October, 1946, to present.	-	Fournier Glove Company, Patchogue, Long Island.
May, 1948, to August, 1949.	-	Kaybin, Inc. 521 5th Avenue, New York City.

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Seaboard Industries, Inc.
195 Keen Street,
Patterson, New Jersey.

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In addition to the above, KATZ stated on his Selective Service Occupational Questionnaire that he had done technical and general research in libraries from 1933 to 1939.

In September, 1941, he advised his Local Board that he was employed by the Unity Life and Industrial Insurance Company, 1819 Broadway, New York City. An investigation showed that although he was accepted for employment there, he never appeared for work. In his application for employment with Unity he stated he had been a dental mechanic from 1935 to 1941.

In a Work Projects Administration application KATZ said he was employed by the Clarence Chamberlain School, Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1934, and by the Institute of Aeronautical Science, Rockefeller Plaza, New York, in 1933. Neither of these employments could be verified.

Albert Warsaw Confectionery,
76 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey

The Passaic City Directory for 1927 contained the notation that JOSEPH KATZ, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey, was a clerk at this confectionery store. It was noted that KATZ was attending school at that time.

Louis Levine Grocery Store,
76 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey

The Passaic City Directory for 1929 contained a notation that JOSEPH KATZ, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey, was employed as a clerk at this grocery store during 1929.

Work Projects Administration,
New York City

The records of the Work Projects Administration, maintained in Washington, D. C. on microfilm, reflected that index

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card number 228734 concerns one JOSEPH KATZ of 119 East 17th Street, New York City. KATZ was assigned prior to March 6, 1934, as an investigator for thirty hours in the survey of live poultry. The addresses he listed were: 119 East 17th Street, 210 East 17th Street, 19 East 16th Street, 17 East 16th Street, and 319 East 23d Street, all Manhattan, New York. He was described as twenty-four years of age, born, March 15, 1910, five feet nine inches, 150 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, and married to HESSIE KATZ, born January 18, 1912. He listed his education as four years of college at New York University, majoring in aeronautical and receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1931. He claimed to speak English and Yiddish well. He listed his last employer as the Clarence Chamberlain School, Jersey City, New Jersey, for the school year of 1934. He also listed the Institute of Aeronautical Science, Rockefeller Plaza, New York, where he was employed doing aeronautical research for the school year 1933. He gave his occupation as teacher.

KATZ was assigned to seven projects between February 2, 1934, and January 21, 1936.

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Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, furnished the following information concerning [REDACTED]

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Confidential Informant T-14, of known reliability,

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Parking Lot

609-13 West 130 Street, New York City

KATZ reported a new employment to his Selective Service Local Board on November 13, 1941. He stated he was operating a parking and used car lot, owned by himself at 609-13 West 130th Street, New York City.

MRS. IRA L. OPPENHEIMER, 462 Broadway, is President of the Elmo Realty Corporation, which corporation owned the property at 609-11 West 130th Street, in 1941 and 1942. The records of the corporation disclosed that this lot was rented to JOSEPH KATZ from November 1, 1941, to October 30, 1942.

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will be set out hereinafter,

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that from October, 1939, until June, 1942, he was

[redacted] parking lot located at 611 West 130th Street, New York City. He has identified KATZ as having been associated with

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has not produced anyone who recalls KATZ [redacted]

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Quartz Products Company,
304 East 45th Street, New York City, and
Baumgold Brothers, Inc.,
62 West 47th Street, New York City

On March 10, 1943, KATZ advised his Selective Service Local Board that he was employed as an orientator at Quartz Products Company, 304 East 45th Street, New York City, and that he had started to work for the firm in February, 1943.

Confidential Informant T-15, of known reliability, advised that JOSEPH KATZ was employed from March through September, 1943, at Baumgold Brothers, Inc., 62 West 47th Street, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-14 advised that [redacted]

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Tempus Import Company,
119 West 57th Street, New York City

Confidential Informant T-14 advised that [redacted]

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A Certificate For Trade Name was filed at the County Clerk's Office, New York County, in 1944, which reflected the owner of the Tempus Import Company as JOSEPH KATZ, 603 West 140th Street, New York. The attorneys who filed the certificate were Solinger and Solinger, 113 West 57th Street, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-14 later advised that [REDACTED]

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Confidential Informant T-16, [of known reliability, advised that BERG left the business some time prior to June, 1948. BROWN suffered a heart attack in April, 1948. While BROWN was in the hospital recuperating, various individuals in the Communist Party assisted in obtaining funds to keep the business alive. BROWN recovered, but in September, 1948, he closed down Tempus.]

Confidential Informant T-16 is not available for subpoena or to testify.

Of the above individuals, it is noted that ~~MARTIN YOUNG~~ is KATZ's brother-in-law. YOUNG has been active in the Communist Party circles in Pittsburgh and New York for many years, up until 1948, according to Confidential Informant T-17, of known reliability.

BROWN has been identified by Confidential Informant T-17 as a paid Communist Party functionary from the early 1930s, up until 1945, just prior to the time he took over the operation of Tempus.

~~WILLIAM B. BERG~~ has been identified as a Communist Party member by Confidential Informant T-18, of known reliability.

Merchant Marine Service

The following information was obtained at the Merchant Marine Welfare and Records Division, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C.:

On May 8, 1945, KATZ filed an application for seaman's certificate at New York and was issued Certificate of Identification number 2-580976, and Certificate of Service as "Wiper" number E-653183. He stated on the application that he was born on March 15, 1912, in Poland, and he resided at 603 West 140th Street, New York City. He stated that his wife's name was BESSIE KATZ, same address. He exhibited passport number 604083, issued on March 9, 1939, at Washington, D. C. The records reflected no prior service.

His Certificate of Service was endorsed July 26, 1945, at New York City, for deck department as ordinary seaman. A

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Certificate of Discharge of KATZ reflected the following foreign voyages in 1945:

On May 24, 1945, he sailed as a wiper from New York aboard the SS WILLIAM L. SMITH. He signed off this vessel on July 19, 1945, at New York.

He sailed on August 16, 1945, from New York aboard the SS ROBERT ELLIS LEWIS as ordinary seaman, and signed off on September 22, 1945, at Cherbourg, France. (Certificate of Discharge signed by CARLTON HURST, Consul at Cherbourg, France, showed KATZ was discharged due to "hospitalization").

On October 15, 1945, he sailed from Cherbourg, France, aboard the SS THOMAS JOHNSON as a messman, and signed off on November 15, 1945, at New York City.

The SS WILLIAM L. SMITH on May 21, 1945, was operated by the United States Fruit Company for the War Shipping Administration. It sailed from Pier 3, North River, New York.

The SS ROBERT ELLIS LEWIS on August 15, 1945, was operated by the West Indies Steamship Company, as an agent for the War Shipping Administration located at 26 Beaver Street, New York City.

The SS THOMAS JOHNSON was operated by the Union Sulphur Company, Inc., 33 Rector Street, New York City, as an agent for the War Shipping Administration.

Selka, Inc. (Import-Export concern)
93 Nassau Street,
New York City

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that in applying for a passport in 1946, KATZ addressed a letter on the stationery of Selka, Inc., Exporters and Importers, 93 Nassau Street. In the letter dated May 7, 1946, KATZ explained 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.

Confidential Informant T-14 in a report dated [redacted]
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The May, 1948, Manhattan Telephone Directory listed Selka, Inc., at 93 Nassau Street, but future editions have no such listing.

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The County Clerk's Office, New York County, has on file a Certificate of Incorporation for Selka, Inc., which was dated January 28, 1946.

NATHAN GOTTESMAN, 66 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, was the attorney in connection with the filing of this certificate. On the certificate it was stated that Selka was formed to obtain goods manufactured in the United States, and then sell them in foreign countries.

The names and post office 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.

MURKE KATZ, 59 West 90th Street, New York City.

A Certificate of Dissolution was filed for Selka, Inc., on November 29, 1946.

Confidential Informant T-14 advised that [redacted]
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HERMAN SEGALL was interviewed by Bureau Agents on December 11, 1941, concerning allegations that his firm, the Compass Resettlement Service, Inc., was engaged in a Cuban visa racket, and due to the possibility that SEGALL was engaged in, or was connected with, German espionage activities. SEGALL admitted that the Compass Resettlement Service, Inc., had been active in the securing of Cuban visas for European refugees. He also admitted that in this connection it had been necessary for the firm to make certain payments to Cuban officials. However, through his attorney, SEGALL claimed that the operations of the Compass Resettlement Service, Inc. were not in violation of any law of the United States. The interview failed to reveal any evidence of German espionage activities or connections on SEGALL'S part.

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During the aforementioned interview SEGALL advised that he was born September 12, 1908, in Suomin, Russia. He had in his possession a Declaration of Intention which had been filed July 27, 1938, in the Southern District of New York. This reflected that he entered the United States February 2, 1938, was of Polish-Cuban nationality, and was born in Zwornin, Poland.

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Joseph Katz and Company,
15 Park Row, New York City

Confidential Informant T-14 furnished the following information in a report dated, [REDACTED] relative to the above company:

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Confidential Informant T-19, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED]

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Fournier Glove Company,
18-20 Railroad Avenue,
Patchogue, Long Island

Confidential Informant T-14 in a report dated

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who was reported by this informant as

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The records of the Tax Assessor's Office, Town of Brook Haven, Patchogue, Long Island, New York, furnished by ALFRED P. SYNDER, disclosed that the property located at 18-20 Railroad Avenue in that town, is known as the 18-20 Railroad Avenue Corporation, and it 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. SYNDER stated that MRS. FAREMOUTH disposed of the business after her husband's death.

MRS. GERALD FAREMOUTH, 5 Jennings Avenue, Patchogue,

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Long Island, New York, furnished the following information:

She and her husband started their glove business in 1941. They engaged in the manufacture of industrial gloves. The firm's principal customer was the General Electric Company and until October, 1946, the business had been conducted on a profitable basis.

MR. FAREMOUTH died in June, 1946, and as MRS. FAREMOUTH did not feel qualified to conduct the business alone, she decided to sell. She expressed her desire to sell to one GITTELSON, whose first name she could not recall, but who was a representative of the Southern Silk Mills of New York City. GITTELSON said he had a relative by the name of JOSEPH KATZ, who might be interested in purchasing the business.

Accordingly, GITTELSON introduced JOSEPH KATZ and JACK SHANDEL to MRS. FAREMOUTH, and after a series of negotiations, purchased the business from her on October 21, 1946. She sold the business for \$20,444.72, and sold the building at 18-20 Railroad Avenue to KATZ and SHANDEL for \$5,000.00.

MRS. FAREMOUTH said she remained on at the business until November 8, 1946, as neither KATZ nor SHANDEL had any knowledge of the glove business. MRS. FAREMOUTH said that JOSEPH KATZ put up the money to purchase the business, while SHANDEL supplied only his own labor. As far as she knew, SHANDEL did not supply any capital and she thought GITTELSON might have put in some money, but had no knowledge to this effect.

MRS. FAREMOUTH was able to furnish only sketchy information relative to the background of KATZ and SHANDEL. She stated that KATZ made a bad impression upon her personally. She said of KATZ that he was atheistic, lacking in morals, and a type of person who impressed her as being a Communist. She said he repudiated an unwritten agreement relative to the disposal of some inventory valued at \$300.00. Although she knew KATZ was married and had a child, KATZ nevertheless tried to make a date with her. MRS. FAREMOUTH stated that KATZ apparently had just returned from Europe, prior to October, 1946. She believed that he had spent the whole of 1948 in Paris.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that in renewing his passport on March 15, 1948, in New York City, KATZ sent a letter

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from the Fournier Glove Company, dated March 11, 1948, and signed by JACK SHANDEL, President. The letter indicated that KATZ, as an officer in this firm, was desirous of going to France on a business trip.

Confidential Informant T-20, of unknown reliability, recently furnished the following information concerning the relationship between JACK SHANDEL, President of Fourier Glove Company, and the subject:

SHANDEL runs the business and apparently has the entire say as to what is done and how the money is spent. SHANDEL stated that JOSEPH KATZ, who is in Paris, France, is a partner in the company. SHANDEL says he does not know exactly why KATZ is in Paris and does not come back to the United States, except that KATZ has a business over there and no doubt likes the country better than here.

It is the impression of the informant that SHANDEL would like to get KATZ out of the company. The informant did not know whether any money was being sent to KATZ by SHANDEL, or if KATZ was putting any money into the company. The informant is sure that KATZ is not on the regular payroll.

Confidential Informant T-21, of known reliability, advised that in July, 1950, a check dated July 20, 1950, for \$2,500.00 was charged on the account of the Fournier Glove Company at the Patchogue Bank, Patchogue, Long Island, and payable to DAVID GITTELSON.

Kaybin, Inc.,
521 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

The County Clerk's Office, New York County, had on file a Certificate of Incorporation dated May 10, 1948, for Kaybin, Inc., filed by Schlossberg and Siegel, Inc., Attorneys. Purposes for which the corporation was formed were so stated as to include doing any kind of lawful business anywhere in the world. The directors of the corporation were listed as ROSE SPATAFORA, SHIRLEY B. FREEDMAN, and EVELYN BARTEL, all of 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Each was said to possess one share of stock. No officers

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were named and it was stated that any processes against the corporation filed with the state should be mailed to Schlossberg and Siegel. There was no mention of BIRNBAUM and KATZ.

Confidential Informant T-22, of known reliability, advised that [redacted]

The informant advised that [redacted]

Confidential Informant T-23, of known reliability, advised that there was an active cable exchange between Kaybin, Inc., in Paris, and Kaybin, Inc., in New York, during the first three months of 1949. Most of the cables were addressed from New York to Paris, some being signed SAUL (BIRNBAUM) and others signed AL (ALBERT RICHTER), another employee of Kaybin.

In addition to the cables addressed to KATZ, in care of Kaybin, Paris, there were also some addressed to SHAW (KENNETH EDWIN SHAW) a Kaybin employee in Paris.

Confidential Informant T-24, of known reliability, advised that during the first half of 1949 there was active correspondence by mail between Kaybin in New York, and Kaybin in Paris. During the last half of 1949, practically no mail was received by Kaybin, Inc., New York City.

During September, 1949, it was ascertained that SAUL BIRNBAUM moved his office from 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City, to 60 Broad Street, New York City. The same change of address was also furnished the United States Post Office for Kaybin, Inc., New York City.

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Seaboard Industries, Inc.
195 Keen Street
Paterson, New Jersey

In an application for passport dated March 7, 1950, KATZ stated he was representing Seaboard Industries, Paterson, New Jersey. The application was filed in Paris, France. (source T-1)

The Bergen-Passaic Counties Telephone Directory for March, 1949, listed Seaboard Industries at 195 Keen Street, Paterson, New Jersey, telephone number Armory 4-2294. The telephone directory in 1948 listed GEORGE BOGORAD as Secretary-Treasurer of the Seaboard Industries, 195 Keen Street; residence, 324 East 23rd Street, Paterson, New Jersey. GEORGE BOGORAD is the brother of subject's wife, BESSIE KATZ.

The County Clerk's Office in Paterson, New Jersey, has on file a Certificate of Incorporation for Seaboard. It is numbered 81453 and was filed on January 23, 1947. The address of the company at that time was 262 Main Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

Confidential Informant T-7 advised that Seaboard Industries was engaged in business as brokers in dyestuffs. The officers of the company as of March, 1949, were MEYER HALPREN, President; GEORGE BOGORAD, Secretary-Treasurer. The informant reported that MEYER HALPREN was born in 1913 in the United States, is married, a lawyer by profession, and formerly maintained offices in Paterson, but gave up practice to form instant corporation.

Information about GEORGE BOGORAD has been set out elsewhere in this report.

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It was known to Confidential Informant T-6 in August, 1949, that some negotiations were taking place between KATZ and GEORGE BOGORAD regarding the sale by BOGORAD in the United States of some of the scarves and handkerchiefs produced by KATZ in France.

Confidential Informant T-25, of known reliability, advised that in August, 1949, GEORGE BOGORAD was considering expanding his business to include some trade outside the United States, particularly in Mexico. BOGORAD was looking for someone to cover the Mexico territory for Seaboard Industries, Inc. KATZ was known to have been interested in finding out more about this at that time. This informant is not available for subpoena or to testify.

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which will be set out hereinafter are available only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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Confidential Informant T-26, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED]

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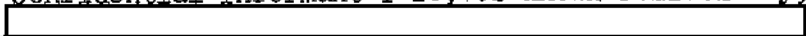


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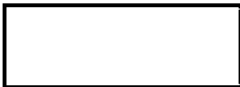
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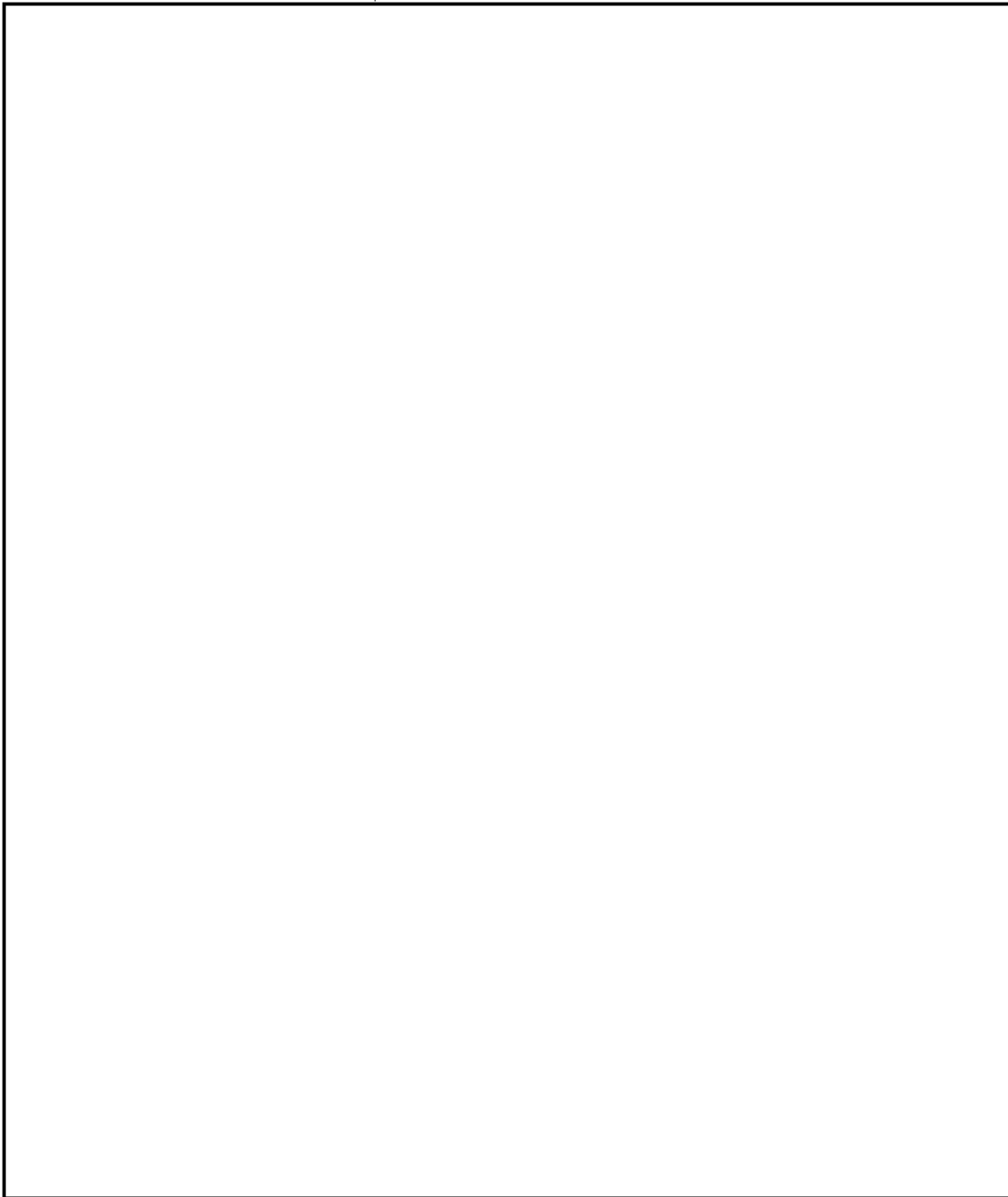
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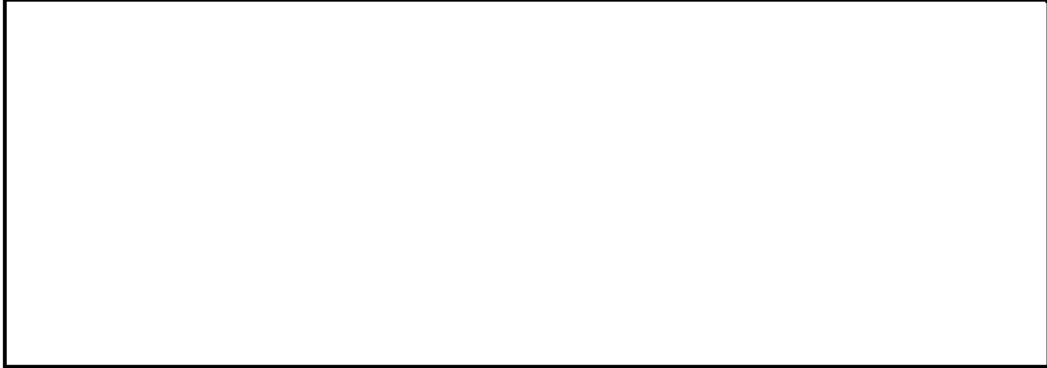
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I - PASSPORT AND TRAVEL DATA

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that KATZ' passport file at the United States State Department contained a receipt from the United States Coast Guard Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation dated May 8, 1945 for Passport #604083. This was a passport issued to KATZ on March 9, 1939 and was surrendered by him upon the issuance of his seaman's certificate of identification. Application for this passport has not been located by the Informant.

On June 3, 1946 JOSEPH KATZ was issued Passport #8383 for travel to France and Switzerland for business purposes. In his application for this passport, KATZ stated he was born March 15, 1912 at Swenzani, Vilna, Poland, and that his occupation was that of exporter-importer. He gave his permanent residence as 603 West 140th Street, New York City. KATZ furnished vital statistics concerning his parents and a description of himself.

The passport files contained a letter by KATZ on the stationery of SELKA, Inc., Importers and Exporters, 93 Nassau Street, New York City, 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 import-export

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business. He gave his further reason for going to France as a desire to visit his wife who was then employed with a relief agency there. His 1946 passport was amended on August 5, 1947 at Paris, France to permit travel to Germany. It was renewed March 15, 1948 at New York City for a period of two years. The application for renewal was accompanied by a letter from the Fournier Glove Company, manufacturers of cotton gloves and mittens, 18-20 Railroad Street, Patchogue, Long Island. The letter dated March 11, 1948 was signed by JACK SHANDEL, President, and it indicated that KATZ, as an officer of this firm, was desirous of going to France on a business trip on their behalf.

The Informant advised that on March 7, 1950 KATZ gave his current address as 5 Rue Francois, Mouthon, Paris, and filed an application for a passport. Passport #1043 was issued to him at Paris, France on the same day. In his application, KATZ gave his legal residence as 236 East Hudson Street, Long Beach, New York, and his occupation as importer. The purpose for which the passport was issued was listed as business representing Seaboard Industries, Paterson, New Jersey to visit France and other countries. He listed as references DAVID GITTELSON, 261 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and JACK SHANDEL, 18 Railroad Avenue, Patchogue, Long Island. He listed previous residences outside the United States as follows:

1944-45 - Abroad with U. S. Merchant Marine;
3/19/47 - 5/28/47 - France
7/10/47 - 9/1/47 - France
6/12/43 - to date - France.

At Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, it was ascertained that KATZ appeared on Line 6, Page 6 of Manifest #3782 for the outgoing voyage of the SS AMERICA on March 19, 1947. The manifest indicated he was accompanied on this trip by his wife BESSIE KATZ and his [REDACTED] On Line 7, Page 393 of Manifest #15708, which recorded the incoming flight of Plane #NC-90924, arriving New York May 28, 1947, KATZ' name appeared as one of the passengers. Another arrival was located for KATZ on the incoming flight of Plane #NC-90814, arriving New York City September 1, 1947. His name appeared on Line 6, Page 305 of Manifest #15854.

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Manifests for all ships and planes departing one day either side of KATZ's indicated departures in July, 1947 and June, 1948, were searched with negative results.

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II. ESPIONAGE AND SUSPECTED
ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES OF KATZ

A. INFORMATION RECEIVED IN JUNE 1938

On June 13, 1938, a man who gave his name as [redacted] was interviewed at his own request.

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[redacted] stated that he knew a man by the name of JOE KATZ, whose wife was employed at the New York Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital and who resided at that time at 415 West 24th Street, New York City, and said that KATZ'S parents resided in Passaic, New Jersey. [redacted] advised that KATZ was formerly on the WPA and he was quite certain that KATZ was engaged in Communist activities. He based his allegation on the fact that his brother-in-law, a fellow he called MARTIN, was State Organizer of the Communist Party for the State of Pennsylvania.

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[redacted] stated that KATZ if closely watched could no doubt be caught in some type of activity. He said that recently when some publicity broke relative to an espionage case, KATZ became greatly alarmed and had been on the alert ever since. [redacted] stated that he furnished the above information because he knew KATZ when he was on the WPA and at the time of the interview he said KATZ seemed to have some type of income other than from governmental sources.

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Recent efforts to locate the above named [redacted] were made. The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, reflect that in 1938 one [redacted] registered to vote from [redacted]. He gave his age as [redacted] and stated he was single, 20 years in the state and county and 1 1/2 years in the election district. He said he was born in [redacted] and naturalized [redacted] and that he last registered in 1937 from the same address. [redacted] previous addresses obtained from the [redacted]

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Confidential Informant T-31, of known reliability, advised that PAULINE TUCKMAN, mother of BESSIE KATZ, of West Haven, Connecticut, is a frequent correspondent of one [redacted]

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Investigation conducted at [redacted] reflected
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According to the records of the Bergen and Passaic Credit
Bureau, 45 Church Street, Paterson, New Jersey, [redacted] was [redacted] years
of age in November 1946, and was previously employed for about three
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At the Board of Elections in Paterson. It was ascertained
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[redacted] had registered to vote on September 28, 1944, and had
voted in the General Elections of 1944, 1948 and 1949. The records
stated he was naturalized and had last voted previous to 1944 from
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An article appearing in the [redacted]
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B. MEETING WITH MIKHAIL A. CHALIAPIN (S)

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On May 27, 1944, at approximately 2:22 P.M., MIKHAIL A. CHALIAPIN, a clerk at the USSR Consulate, and PAVEL P. KLARIN, a Russian Consulate employee who had just returned from Mexico City, were observed by agents on surveillance leaving the Russian Consulate together. The Consulate was located at 7 East 61st Street, New York City. (S)

CHALIAPIN and KLARIN walked to the Viking Tavern on Lexington Avenue between 54th and 55th Streets. They stayed only a few minutes and then walked to the Oyster Bay Restaurant, 630 Lexington Avenue, where they arrived at approximately 2:30 P.M. They remained at this restaurant until 3:20 P.M. and then they parted. CHALIAPIN went by taxi to the corner of Broadway and 46th Street. At this corner, he met a man who was later identified as JOSEPH KATZ. He and KATZ appeared to know each other as the corner was crowded at the time and yet they were able to meet immediately. They shook hands, exchanged greetings and walked to the Maison Louis Cafe at 108 West 49th Street. They entered here at about 3:45 P.M. They sat at a table in the cafe and remained there until 5:05 P.M. (S)

SAS JOHN P. FAY and JAMES M. MC GRATH observed the above meeting. SA HERMAN BLY joined SAS MC GRATH and FAY outside the Maison Louis Cafe at 4:15 P.M. They observed CHALIAPIN and KATZ ~~leave~~ the cafe and proceeded on foot together to Broadway and 46th Street where they parted. At this point, they shook hands and CHALIAPIN patted KATZ on the shoulder as they parted. (S)

KATZ walked east on 46th Street and proceeded to the Stag Printers and Stationers, 1271 6th Avenue. He was not observed to make a purchase. Then he walked to the WARR-ALL Pharmacy, 6th Avenue and West 55th Street, where he was observed by SA HERMAN O. BLY to make a phone call. At 5:25 P.M., KATZ was observed to enter 64 West 55th Street, a four story apartment building. He appeared to have a key to enter the downstairs floor of the apartment building. (S)

According to Confidential Informant T-1, MIKHAIL ALEKSANDROVICH CHALIAPIN was born in Perm, Russia, on August 27, 1918. He entered the United States on February 3, 1939 and became a clerk at the USSR Consulate in New York City, on March 21, 1940. From 1936 to 1939 he was a student at the Sverdlovsk Mining Institute, and (S)

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during 1939 and 1940, he served as a clerk at the USSR Pavilion in the New York Worlds Fair. CHALIAPIN served as a clerk at the Consulate until September 1, 1944. He then left for San Francisco and on September 19, 1944, he left the United States on USSR ship Transbalt which sailed from San Francisco destined for Vladivostok, Russia. CHALIAPIN was known on several occasions to have met GAIK OVAKIMIAN, former Soviet agent who was deported in 1941, and to have acted as a courier for him. ~~TS~~

LOUIS S. ~~BLOCH~~, 2345 Broadway, New York City, acted as an espionage courier for CHALIAPIN in 1943. In an interview with SA T. S. MILLER, BLOCH identified CHALIAPIN as his Soviet principal known to him only as "BORIS". BLOCH said "BORIS" contacted him in 1943 and gave him instructions which were to be given to a woman who would call on BLOCH and give a certain password. ~~TS~~

Investigation was conducted at 64 West 55th Street, New York City, in 1944 to identify the subject who was then only known as the man who met CHALIAPIN on May 27, 1944. He was not known as a regular tenant to FRANK O'NEILL, Superintendent, at 64 West 55th Street. ~~TS~~

On October 3, 1944, KATZ was observed by SA JAMES M. MC GRATH coming out of 64 West 55th Street and proceeding to 119 West 57th Street, New York City, a large office building. ~~TS~~

On October 6, 1944, SAs JAMES M. MC GRATH and WILLIAM J. QUINN observed KATZ entering Room 801 of 119 West 57th Street, occupied by the Tempus Import Company. ~~TS~~

Mr. E. BAUERBAND, Superintendent of 119 West 57th Street, identified JOSEPH KATZ by name as the individual in question. The person whom KATZ was staying with or contacting at 64 West 55th Street, New York City, has not yet been determined. ~~TS~~

ALLEN MORDECAI, President of the Clarence Davies Realty Corporation, 274 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised that his corporation manages the apartment at 64 West 55th Street. The records of tenants who resided at that address during the period June - October of 1944 were made available by Mr. MORDECAI. It was observed that these records failed to reflect if JOSEPH KATZ was a tenant at that address at any time.

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C. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
New York City

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY has been interviewed by Bureau Agents since the Fall of 1945 on numerous occasions. She has furnished reliable information in the past.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY was born in Millford, Connecticut on January 1, 1908. She was graduated from Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1930 and after further study received a Master's Degree at Columbia University, New York City, in 1935.

In March, 1935, following affiliation with various front groups, she joined the Communist Party under the name ELIZABETH SHERMAN. She was associated with a group called Unit 1, Harlem Section, Communist Party.

While employed as Research Assistant and Secretary in the Italian Library of Information, 535 Madison Avenue, New York City, she volunteered to furnish information to the Communist Party. She was asked to furnish any information of an anti-Communist connection to one F. BROWN, Communist Party official with offices on the 9th floor of Communist Party Headquarters.

Around August 15, 1938, by pre-arrangement with BROWN, she was introduced to a Russian-American, whom she learned was JACOB GOLOS, of World Tourists, Inc., a tourist agency controlled by the Communist Party. From that time until March, 1939 she turned over the information she obtained to GOLOS.

BENTLEY left employment at the Library later that year and continued to see GOLOS, performing various research jobs and other tasks for him in behalf of the Communist cause. During this time she learned from seeing GOLOS' OGPU card, and from conversations with him, that he had been an agent for the OGPU in Russia during the 1920s.

Sometime during July, 1941 GOLOS requested her to contact certain persons in Washington, D.C., who as Communists were assigned to GOLOS by the Communist Party for the purpose of furnishing confidential Government information to him.

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BENTLEY made regular trips to Washington, D.C. contacting these individuals and obtaining information from them, which information was later turned over to GOLOS. She recalled that GOLOS had advised her that he was furnishing most of the information which she obtained to a Russian espionage agent. BENTLEY believed that the information she collected was being delivered to GAIK OVAKIMIAN because when OVAKIMIAN was arrested in 1941 GOLOS, on seeing OVAKIMIAN's picture in the paper, said that he was the man that, he, GOLOS, had been turning over the information to. BENTLEY said that GOLOS apparently did not know OVAKIMIAN's name until he saw it under his picture in the paper. (OVAKIMIAN, a known Soviet agent, was deported in 1941).

Following the arrest and deportation of OVAKIMIAN BENTLEY gathered from information that GOLOS had given her that the material she collected was being delivered by GOLOS to an individual known only as ~~CHARLIE~~, a dentist.

BENTLEY said that in 1941 GOLOS determined that he suffered from heart trouble, which later caused his death. Because of this, GOLOS felt it advisable that she have other contacts to carry on her work. He thus made arrangements for BENTLEY to meet a man known to BENTLEY only as ~~JOHN~~.

BENTLEY met "JOHN" in a drug store on 9th Avenue in the fifties, in New York City, and at the meeting "JOHN" identified himself by producing a photograph of BENTLEY, stating, "CHARLIE sent me". BENTLEY met "JOHN" approximately ten times in the latter part of 1941.

Near the end of 1941, or early 1942, GOLOS informed BENTLEY that she would meet ~~MARGARET~~. "MARGARET" was later identified from photographs as OLGA ~~PRAVDINA~~, an employee of Amtorg, and a Russian national who has since returned to Russia with her husband ~~VLADIMIR PRAVDIN~~, former head of Tass News Agency. After seeing "MARGARET" several times, BENTLEY discontinued her contacts with her. However, in October, 1943 GOLOS told her to again meet "MARGARET", at which time she would be introduced to a new contact. As near as she could recall, this meeting took place in a drug store probably in the fifties on the east side of Manhattan. Upon her

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arrival at the designated meeting place, MARGARET, who was already there with CATHERINE, introduced BENTLEY to her new contact, known to her only as ~~CATHERINE~~.

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Shortly thereafter, on Thanksgiving Day, 1943, GOLOS died. On Monday, November 29, 1943, following his death, BENTLEY met CATHERINE by prearrangement in New York City. They first took a taxi up Park Avenue to a spot somewhere in the fifties. They then walked north on Park Avenue and were shortly met by a man who approached them walking south on the same side of the street. CATHERINE introduced the man to BENTLEY as the latter's new boss. Later, in Janssens Restaurant, Lexington Avenue near 44th Street, BENTLEY asked this man what she should call him, and he said she should call him ~~"BILL."~~

Thereafter BENTLEY met "BILL" at approximately two week intervals until September, 1944. The meetings generally occurred at various restaurants in Manhattan. At these meets BENTLEY would deliver to "BILL" material she had obtained from her contacts in Washington. She had previously been furnishing such material to GOLOS.

During the summer of 1944 "BILL" discussed with BENTLEY his intention of taking over, from her, personal charge of an espionage group operating in Washington, D. C., and referred to by BENTLEY as the "SILVERMASTER group." This group, according to BENTLEY, was headed by NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER and, again according to BENTLEY, was comprised of the following individuals: HELEN W. SILVERMASTER (wife of NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER), SCHLOMER ADLER, NORMAN C. BURSNER, VIGINIUS F. COE, LAUCHLIN B. CURRIE, BELA GOLD, SONIE S. GOLD, IRVING KAPLAN, ABRAHAM G. SILVERMAN, WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, WILLIAM L. ULLMANN, ANATOLE B. VOLKOV and HARRY DEXTER WHITE.

The discussions on this matter continued until September, 1944, when "Bill" informed BENTLEY that he contemplated moving to Baltimore or Washington, after which he would take over control of the aforementioned "SILVERMASTER group" and BENTLEY would have no further connection with him. He also instructed BENTLEY that in two weeks from that date she was to go to a certain drug store where she would be met by a person who would accost her, remarking that he had seen her before. BENTLEY was to agree to this greeting and was to inquire if he, the person who would accost her, was the one who was so intoxicated at the party the other night, or words to that effect.

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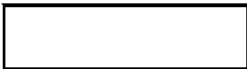
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In trying to establish the date of her last meeting with "BILL", BENTLEY advised that it was about two days after the hurricane which struck in New York in late September, 1944. In accordance with the instructions given her by "BILL", BENTLEY recalled that on the appointed date she went to this drug store in the midtown Manhattan area on Lexington Avenue, and there she was approached by a man who identified himself in the manner in which "BILL" had told her this person would make his identity known. BENTLEY has identified this individual as JOSEPH KATZ. A photograph of JOSEPH KATZ, which was obtained from Confidential Informant T-32, of known reliability, was shown to BENTLEY on January 10, 1949 and she stated she believed he was identical with this man, known to her principally as "JACK". This photograph was used by the subject when he made application for a Coast Guard Identification Card at New York on May 11, 1945. A photograph of JOSEPH KATZ, which was obtained from Confidential Informant T-1 was exhibited to BENTLEY on January 17, 1949 and she positively identified him as this individual. This photograph was furnished to the State Department by KATZ on June 3, 1946 in his application for a passport.

On BENTLEY's initial meeting with KATZ he told her he would be his contact in the future and that he eventually planned to carry on in a similar manner as that of "BILL". BENTLEY said she had asked "Bill" what the name of her new contact would be, and he said to call him "BOB". During the first meeting with KATZ, he handed her an envelope containing thirty to thirty-five dollars, more or less, which he said was to reimburse her for expenses. 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. The first meeting with KATZ was rather brief, probably not more than twenty-five minutes, as KATZ said he had to meet someone else. It was arranged before he left that she was to see him sometime the following week, also in New York.

BENTLEY met KATZ the following week, at which time she turned some material over to him. At this meeting BENTLEY informed KATZ that she had been promised that she would be introduced to a Russian and demanded that he put her in touch with this individual. She had previously informed "BILL" that she

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desired to see an important Russian and "BILL" had replied, "First you see the American".

KATZ told BENTLEY that he was an American but that he felt he was in a position to answer any questions she might put to him. BENTLEY insisted on meeting this other individual and told KATZ she had been given to understand that she was to have two contacts, namely, a Russian with sufficient authority to decide matters of policy, and with whom she could confer, and another contact who would be an American and would be in effect a courier, and that she was not to discuss anything with the Americans.

About a week or so later BENTLEY again met KATZ in New York City and he apologized for being difficult about granting her request to see an important Russian, and said that he had made arrangements for her to meet this high placed Russian contact, but he could not tell her at that time the date on which she would see him. He said that this individual had not as yet arrived in the United States but as soon after his arrival as possible he would arrange the meeting. KATZ also informed her that this Russian contact would undoubtedly tell her that she was to take up all subsequent matters with him, KATZ, as this Russian individual might be an extremely busy man and not always available.

BENTLEY recalled that sometime in early November 1944 KATZ made arrangements for BENTLEY to meet this Russian individual in the Georgetown Pharmacy, which is located somewhere on Wisconsin Avenue in Washington, D.C. BENTLEY knew the individual only as ~~"AL"~~. She subsequently identified him from photographs as ANATOLE B. GROMOV, who was First Secretary of the USSR Embassy, Washington, D.C., and who has since returned to Russia.

In her initial conversation with GROMOV, BENTLEY brought up the matter of 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. During this meeting, GROMOV referred

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to KATZ as "JACK", which name BENTLEY called him during the remainder of their contacts.

BENTLEY stated that when she next met KATZ and told him GROMOV had called him "JACK" instead of "BOB", KATZ seemed somewhat surprised, but she nevertheless continued to call him "JACK".

BENTLEY said that she continued to meet KATZ up until sometime in May, 1945. The meetings with him occurred 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 said that she occasionally met KATZ at Columbus Circle in New York City, and he would say that he would have to deliver the material which she turned over to him to someone else, and that he would again meet her within fifteen minutes or so, after which they would have dinner. Many of the meetings took place on West 57th Street, New York City, and she recalled having dinner in the Buckingham Hotel on West 57th Street near 6th Avenue. At other times she would meet KATZ at locations near the Pennsylvania Station. She believed the meeting place was arranged in this locality when KATZ had just arrived from or was possibly enroute to Washington, D.C.

Concerning the type of material BENTLEY turned over to KATZ during the latter part of 1944, BENTLEY said that she continued to turn over material received from various persons in Washington, D.C., just as she had turned it over to "BILL" previously. She said that the only exception was after "BILL" had ceased seeing her, she no longer had any contact with the SILVERMASTER group.

She said that the material which she received from individuals in Washington, D.C., and which she would then turn over to KATZ, was sometimes typed out or handwritten, sometimes given orally, and other times contained in undeveloped film negatives or rolls. BENTLEY said that she looked at all material with the exception of that which was on the undeveloped film.

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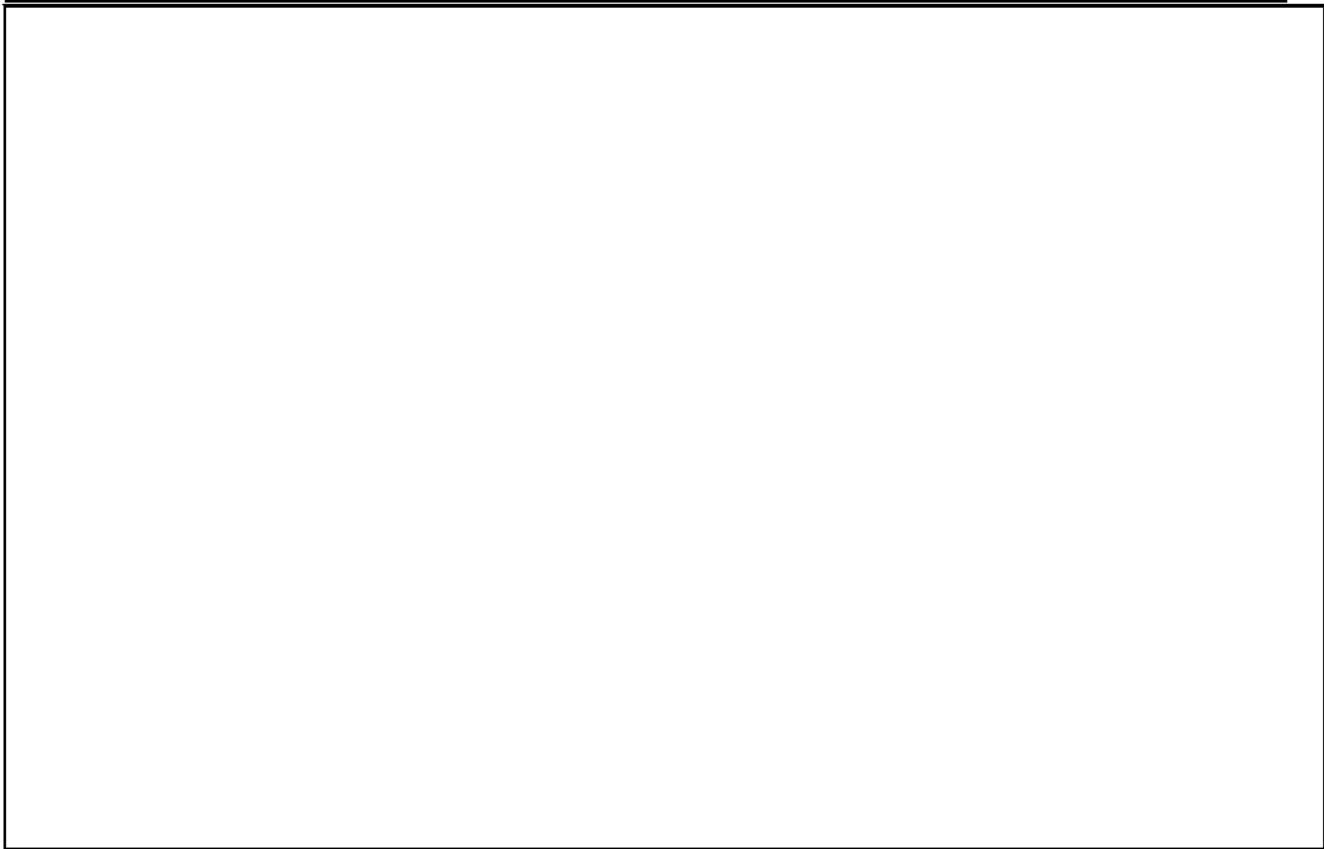
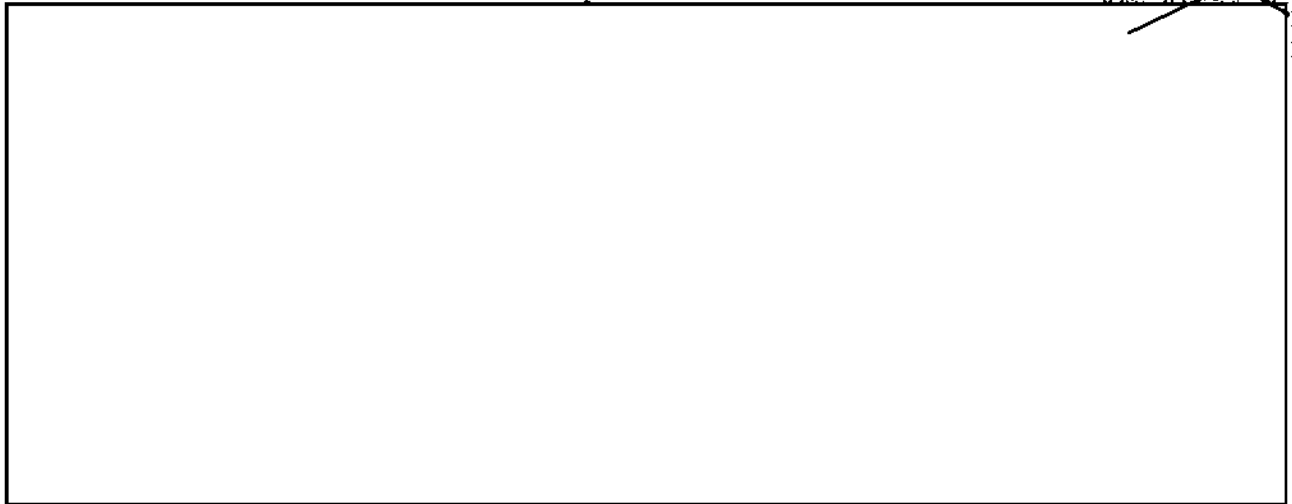
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In November, 1943, JACOB M. GOLOS, informed BENTLEY that through EARL BROWDER, GOLOS had made contact with a group in Washington, D. C. After the death of GOLOS on November 27, 1943, EARL BROWDER approached BENTLEY and arranged a meeting with this group in the apartment of JOHN ABT in New York City. During the early portion of 1944, BENTLEY met this group in ABT's apartment and at that time was introduced to four individuals identified as VICTOR PERLO, CHARLES KRAMER, HENRY MAGDOFF and EDWARD FITZGERALD. This group is known as the "PERLO group," and its total component consisted of the following additional individuals: HAROLD GLASSER, ALGER HISS, CHARLES KRAMER, SOLOMON AARON LISCHINSKY, GEORGE N. PERAZICH, ALLAN ROBERT ROSENBERG and DONALD NIVEN WHEELER. It is noted that MAGDOFF's true name is HARRY SAMUEL MAGDOFF.

BENTLEY advised that at the above mentioned meeting, and at subsequent meetings with these individuals, she received intelligence material, and there were discussions regarding the type of material the individuals in this group would be able to furnish, as well as the collection and payment of Communist Party dues by the members of this group.

VICTOR PERLO was born May 15, 1912, in New York City of Russian-Polish parents. At the time BENTLEY was in contact with him, he was employed by the WPB. He furnished her with information concerning airplanes and production, specifications, and to where they were allotted. This information was mostly in typewritten form, apparently typed by him.

EDWARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD was born November 19, 1911, in New York City. At the time BENTLEY was working under KATZ, FITZGERALD was also employed with the WPB. BENTLEY recalled that he furnished her with all sorts of military data, which she did not understand. It consisted of information about production of guns and tanks, specifications, and other related matters.

HAROLD GLASSER was born November 24, 1905, at Chicago, Illinois. It was indicated to BENTLEY that GLASSER had been out of the United States as a representative of the Treasury Department, and that he returned in the early part of 1944. He was thereafter stationed in the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C. It was indicated to

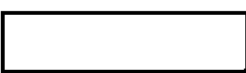
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BENTLEY that GLASSER had been associated with these individuals prior to his departure from this country, and that after his return he had again become a member of the group upon his request. GLASSER furnished BENTLEY with information concerning Treasury Department matters during the time she was working under "BILL" and KATZ. BENTLEY said she was unable to distinguish which information went to which person.

ALLAN ROBERT ~~ROSENBERG~~ was born April 21, 1909, in Dorchester, Massachusetts. On her initial meeting with the PERLO group BENTLEY learned that ROSENBERG was out of the country serving in some capacity for the United States Government, and that he would be able to furnish information on his return. During subsequent meetings with the PERLO group BENTLEY met ROSENBERG, whom BENTLEY indicated to be a representative of the PERLO group in Washington, D. C. ROSENBERG was then employed in the FEA and, according to BENTLEY, was interested in German matters. He furnished her with prospectus material on what the United States intended to do with Germany.

Another individual from whom BENTLEY received information was JOSEPH B. ~~GREGG~~, born May 2, 1909, at Columbus, Ohio. BENTLEY advised that GREGG obtained a position with the Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs in Washington, D. C., about 1942. GREGG thereafter had dinner with JACOB GOLOS at Child's Restaurant in New York City, at which time arrangements were made for GREGG to obtain all information possible which he could obtain in his official capacity with the Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs. From the early part of 1942 until the latter part of 1944, GREGG furnished BENTLEY with information which had come from the Navy Department and which had to do with Communist affairs in Latin America. She particularly recalled that he furnished her information to the effect that FBI personnel were being sent to South American countries. The information which GREGG furnished, and which she turned over to

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KATZ, was sometimes photographed and turned over in the form of undeveloped film. Some of it was typed out by GREGG and sometimes it was handwritten or given orally.

BENTLEY said that she had two meetings with KATZ in Washington, D.C., both in December, 1944 prior to Christmas, one being at the Roger Smith Hotel and the other in the new Hotel Statler.

At her meeting with KATZ in the Statler Hotel, he told her that GROMOV was desirous of having BENTLEY stay over until the next day to see him. BENTLEY remained there and saw GROMOV the following day, at which time he told her it would be necessary for her to see all of 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 that she was anticipating going to the hospital for an appendectomy and that while she was in the hospital they would be contacted by another individual. GROMOV told her that it would probably not be a good idea to break off immediately in order that the arrangements could be more easily handled.

BENTLEY stated that she did see these people in Washington 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 these instructions to HELEN TENNEY, JOSEPH GREGG, J. JULIUS JOSEPH, DUNCAN LEE, MAURICE HALPERIN, and possibly others.

It was also during December that BENTLEY purchased a considerable number of Christmas gifts for her Washington contacts. She recalled that on one trip which she made to Washington from New York she had three suitcases full of Christmas presents. She estimated her expenditures for this amounted to four or five hundred dollars, reimbursement for which was made by KATZ who seemed to consider the expenditure very mild.

Concerning her last contact with HELEN TENNEY in Washington in 1944, BENTLEY said that TENNEY was financially pressed at that time and that she gave TENNEY fifty dollars.

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Thereafter, BENTLEY mentioned to KATZ that she had advanced TENNEY fifty dollars, and KATZ told BENTLEY that if TENNEY needed the money, arrangements should be made to pay her fifty dollars a month regularly.

BENTLEY stated that after the death of GOLOS, restrictions on finances appeared to be somewhat relaxed because thereafter the delays of securing reimbursement for expenses were not nearly so long and, in fact, one of GOLOS' successors, either "BILL" or KATZ, had commented to her that money was no object as long as it was going for a worthwhile purpose.

Four or five days previous to Christmas, 1944, after her conversation with KATZ in the Statler Hotel, BENTLEY met PERLO at the apartment of MARY PRICE in New York City. At this meeting BENTLEY told PERLO that she would no longer be seeing him, using again the alibi of an impending appendectomy. At this meeting PERLO gave BENTLEY some material, which she turned over to KATZ on the Friday before Christmas, 1944. This meeting represented the last contact with the PERLO group, with the exception of one time in the Spring of 1945 when EDWARD FITZGERALD visited BENTLEY in New York and complained about disliking PERLO and wondering if some other contact could not be arranged for him.

After seeing KATZ on the Friday before Christmas, 1944, the next meeting with him, she recalled, was on New Years Day, also in New York City. BENTLEY said she continued to see KATZ at intervals, with the meetings becoming less frequent and it was sometime during the early Spring of 1945 that there was a three week lay off. KATZ told her that during this time he had been receiving medical treatment for ulcers.

BENTLEY stated that she no longer turned over any information to KATZ after the first of the year 1945. She also stated that she ceased to pick up material just prior to that time. Her meetings with KATZ after the beginning of 1945 were devoted principally to discussions of the progress being made by her former contacts in Washington.

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During this time they also discussed having BENTLEY replaced in her duties at the United States Service and Shipping Corporation, where she was employed, and to arrange a vacation for her. KATZ also told BENTLEY around January or February, 1945 that her apprenticeship had now been served and that she was now ready to become a "pole". BENTLEY said that she asked what KATZ meant by this and what her duties would be. KATZ explained to her a plan which had either just been put into action or which they were anticipating adopting. This plan, as best BENTLEY could recall, was described to her by KATZ as follows:

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A single unit would be made up consisting maybe of six individuals who were obtaining information for the Russians. No one of the six would know the identity of the other five. Each individual would have a messenger and/or a mail drop through which they would dispose of the information. These six individuals would not know the identity of the messenger or the mail drop. There would be one individual responsible for gathering and correlating the information from the messengers or mail drops. This one individual would in turn relay his information through another messenger or mail drop. This system would be further refined so as to bring about the result that 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 one person would know the identities of the original six and all the messengers and mail drops. The last person, the one who would have knowledge of the entire set-up, would, according to KATZ, normally be a Russian, but in view of BENTLEY's previous experience and loyalty, KATZ told her she would probably be entrusted with this sort of position. The person in this position would then turn over the material to a person higher up in the apparatus.

KATZ said that the purpose of the system was that in the event anything happened to one of the members, the identity and activities of the others would not be known to this person, and,

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therefore, they could operate with extreme security.

During these meetings, KATZ and BENTLEY agreed that she would eventually divorce herself from the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. KATZ indicated to her that he was attempting to secure some suitable person to replace her in the corporation. Sometime in February, 1945 he told her he had decided upon the individual who would replace her. At this meeting KATZ told BENTLEY that they would stroll around for a few minutes and he would tell her a little about this person. After that she could meet this individual. KATZ told BENTLEY that this newly selected person was ~~RAB~~ ELSON. He said that ELSON had been recommended to him by a party functionary; that she was a good loyal Communist and appeared to be an adequate replacement for BENTLEY. Thus, KATZ introduced BENTLEY to ELSON. After they met, KATZ, ELSON and BENTLEY went to the Buckingham Hotel on West 57th Street near Sixth Avenue, where they had dinner and discussed the nature of the business handled by the United States Service and Shipping Corporation.

Negotiations were carried on for approximately one month at that time relative to the placing of ELSON in BENTLEY's job. After some delay ELSON was elected to the position of secretary in the company.

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

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Miscellaneous information relating to BENTLEY's activities with KATZ is being set out in the paragraphs following. This information was also supplied by BENTLEY during the aforementioned interviews with her by Bureau agents.

BENTLEY said that whenever she and KATZ had discussions about their espionage work, she recalled that he would refer to it as "the work" or "our work". KATZ used to tell BENTLEY that he knew more about the work than anyone else in the United States. He occasionally indicated that he was displeased because of "bright young men" being sent over to the United States from Russia, and persons like himself had been here for some time and 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.

BENTLEY 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.

She also recalled that KATZ was inclined to brag about his work some what. He said that any agent that he handled would be willing to jump off the roof if he told him to.

In other conversations with KATZ, BENTLEY said he displayed a vast knowledge of her previous espionage work with GOLOS and displayed knowledge of the details of many past activities in which GOLOS had been interested in or had participated in. KATZ was aware of the case of LEON ~~HELFAND~~, ex-Russian Ambassador to Italy, who had fled to the United States, and advised BENTLEY that he had eventually lost track of ~~HELFAND~~, but believed he was residing in Virginia. KATZ also knew of the activities of one ~~JOFFO~~, about whom GOLOS had spoken in 1938, referring to JOFFO as an underground enemy of the Party.

BENTLEY recalled that in October or November, 1944 KATZ told her the story of JOFFO as an international agent, who had smuggled diamonds, and was associated in some way with RICHARD ~~WALDO~~.

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KATZ also knew "CHARLIE", the dentist, to whom GOLOS said he had been turning over his espionage material. KATZ furnished a great deal of information concerning "CHARLIE's" background and description to BENTLEY, but never told her his true identity.

KATZ also indicated to BENTLEY that he was aware of unauthorized visits which GOLOS had made to the office of RICHARD WALDO. He also was aware of the existence of ~~J. PETERS~~ (Alexander ~~Stevens~~), and had stated that GOLOS knew PETERS. KATZ was surprised when BENTLEY said that she was not acquainted with PETERS' activities.

KATZ also had a knowledge, according to what he told BENTLEY, of some technical contacts which GOLOS had developed.

Whenever BENTLEY met KATZ it was usually through prearrangement and she carried a copy of Life Magazine. She said that if any changes were to be made in their meeting place, KATZ would call her at her office.

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KATZ one time explained to BENTLEY that the material which she turned over to him eventually found its way to the Russian Embassy in Washington and from there on the information was reviewed and the portion believed important was dispatched by cable. He said that some of it was disregarded as of no value, and the remainder would be forwarded by plane or boat, presumably by a diplomatic courier. KATZ told BENTLEY that the material to be forwarded by courier was generally reduced to micro-film inasmuch as it was less bulky in that form and could be disposed of quickly in the event something unforeseen occurred. KATZ also remarked that the material brought by BENTLEY to New York was always immediately returned to Washington, D.C. KATZ said this method of operation was undesirable.

In the latter part of 1944 BENTLEY recalled that KATZ had told her that the Russians were providing code names for various governmental agencies, as well as for all of the people who were supplying them with information. She recalled particularly that the FBI was referred to as "hotel" and that the FEA was referred to as "villa". KATZ did not tell her any of the other code names.

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KATZ once asked BENTLEY to contact EARL 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 further identified. KATZ told her that 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 and BROWDER was to discuss it with an individual, whom she believed had been suggested to the Russians by some Communist Party functionary. BENTLEY did not know what was the outcome of these negotiations.

EARL BROWDER was head of the Communist Political Association at that time, and BENTLEY has stated that she used to see him frequently during that period.

Because of meeting KATZ frequently near the Pennsylvania Station, and because of the impression he gave her that the material she collected was brought immediately back to Washington, BENTLEY was under the impression that KATZ frequently commuted between New York and Washington. She said he usually came to New York on a Monday or a Tuesday and would return to Washington on a Thursday. She noted that he never had any luggage with him when she met him in the vicinity of Pennsylvania Station.

BENTLEY stated that KATZ told her a lot of information about himself, some of which she believed was purposely falsified in order to conceal his true identity from her. Some of the information, she said, she believed was true.

BENTLEY said that KATZ suffered acutely from stomach ulcers and drank quantities of milk for this reason. He once told her that he was receiving medical treatment for the ulcers and said at one time that he was considering going to the Mayo Clinic.

KATZ told BENTLEY that his real name was a Lithuanian family name. With respect to his marital status, KATZ claimed never to have been married, and mentioned some unhappy love affair in either Russia or Lithuania. BENTLEY believed that KATZ had

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a furnished room somewhere in New York because he mentioned that the woman who operated the house where he lived was romantically inclined towards him, but he did not want to get married because he did not want to be tied down.

KATZ told BENTLEY that at one time he had spent a couple of years tapping telephones; that he was proficient in photography, opening letters, and gaining access to buildings and offices. BENTLEY told KATZ that GOLOS had never instructed her along these lines and KATZ mentioned that GOLOS had engaged in some of these practices himself, KATZ having mentioned at one time that GOLOS had made unauthorized visits to the office of RICHARD WALDO, in the McClure Syndicate.

KATZ always cautioned BENTLEY, as did many of her other contacts, never to say anything important on the telephone, but rather to converse in such a manner so as to make anyone listening think the call was social. He told her also to be alert for any unusual buzzing or clicks while she was on the phone. One time when BENTLEY was residing at 58 Barrow Street, KATZ mentioned he would come over to her residence with some equipment which would enable him to check her telephone to see if there was a tape on it. KATZ also told BENTLEY that it was no longer necessary to have a microphone in a room in order to hear conversations therein, but that some device had been developed which could be located several rooms away and bring in conversations as though there were a microphone right in the room.

KATZ told BENTLEY that he came from a large family, having two or three brothers. He also told her that he used to do odd jobs in his early years in Lithuania for the revolutionaries. BENTLEY said that KATZ had told her he was trained in jiu jitsu and that he could handle a gun quite expertly.

KATZ advised BENTLEY concerning surveillances that in the event it was impossible to lose a surveillance one way or another, the last resort was to turn around and start following the person who was following you. KATZ told BENTLEY that he found this to be the best method of shaking off a surveillance.

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At one meeting in the latter part of November, 1944, KATZ requested BENTLEY to submit her own biography as well as the biographies of all the people whom she was contacting and obtaining material from. BENTLEY made biographical information concerning herself available and passed on the instructions to her other contacts and recalled that a number of them did prepare and submit the auto-biographical data.

KATZ told BENTLEY that the present policy of the Russians was to split up the larger groups into smaller groups, and that she, personally, was in charge of too many people. BENTLEY made some mention that this splitting up of larger groups was a typical OGPU arrangement. KATZ appeared very startled at this remark and attempted to portray extreme ignorance of what she was talking about. BENTLEY told him it was silly of him to attempt to deceive her about his true connection and that she did not like his lying to her in that regard. He told her he regretted it, but that lying was necessary at times and he remarked that the Russians did not want their American contacts to know with whom they were dealing. It was at this time that she told KATZ the incident concerning [REDACTED] [REDACTED] set out heretofore.

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BENTLEY continued to see GROMOV, after the first time she met him, at intervals. GROMOV knew from the beginning BENTLEY's real identity and said that while he was in Washington in 1942 he had become aware of the fact that there was an American girl working for GOLOS in the United States. When she first met GROMOV he said, "I bring you greetings from home". Sometime later when she met KATZ, BENTLEY told him that GROMOV had said this and KATZ became very much alarmed, indicating that this was definitely the wrong thing for GROMOV to have said.

GROMOV had dinner with BENTLEY during their first meeting at Naylor's Restaurant in Washington, D.C. During this time he spoke to her concerning business at the United States Service and Shipping Corporation and also informed her that in the event he wished to get in touch with her again, he would accomplish this through KATZ. No definite date was set at that time for future meetings with GROMOV.

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In the latter part of November, 1944, however, KATZ told her that GROMOV was coming to New York and KATZ arranged for GROMOV to meet BENTLEY at the Hotel Edison. She again met him, through arrangements made by KATZ, about a week before Christmas, 1944, outside Best & Company, a department store, located on Connecticut Avenue in Washington, D.C. At this meeting GROMOV told BENTLEY she had been awarded the Order of the Red Star. At this meeting also, BENTLEY became thoroughly disgusted with GROMOV because he behaved in an obnoxious manner towards her.

BENTLEY told KATZ, after this Washington meeting with GROMOV, that she had had a very unpleasant experience with him and had no desire to see him again. Because of this, she did not see GROMOV again until the early part of June, 1945.

When BENTLEY saw KATZ for the last time in May, 1945, he told her he might not see her again, but that GROMOV would still be around. KATZ told her she might receive a post card with some innocuous message on it and this would mean to meet GROMOV in Washington two days subsequent to the postmark on the card. She did not receive any such post card but in June, 1945, she told RAE ELSON that she had not seen anyone for some time, and RAE ELSON arranged for BENTLEY to meet GROMOV in Washington again.

During her acquaintance with KATZ, she never met both KATZ and GROMOV together. She recalled that after she met GROMOV for the first time, KATZ asked her about him and she described GROMOV to him. KATZ remarked that he knew this person.

BENTLEY saw GROMOV occasionally up until November 21, 1945, which was her last meeting with him, and which has been previously described.

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KATZ at one time, early in 1945, requested BENTLEY to get in touch with Mrs. RHODES to determine the present whereabouts of her husband, PETER RHODES. BENTLEY recalled telephoning her and identifying herself, but Mrs. RHODES told BENTLEY that she was too busy to see her. BENTLEY said that it was obvious that Mrs. RHODES did not want to meet her. She advised KATZ

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of this situation but he asked her to press Mrs. RHODES for a meeting, but BENTLEY declined to do this.

Sometime in the summer of 1945 GROMOV also expressed an interest in PETER RHODES and asked 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.

KATZ, from the time of his first meeting with BENTLEY, in October, 1944, used to ask her why EARL BROWDER had not allowed the American contacts to be turned over to the Russians and also demanded that MARY PRICE and CEDRIC BELFRAGE be immediately turned over. BENTLEY told BROWDER of KATZ' demands and BROWDER rejected them as MARY PRICE had been by this time turned loose by BROWDER and BROWDER, she believed, was somewhat afraid of BELFRAGE because of his connections with [REDACTED]

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BENTLEY said she told KATZ that PRICE was highly nervous, neurotic and highly unstable emotionally, and, therefore, in no condition to be turned over to him or any other Russian to engage in any Russian activities.

BENTLEY recalled one incident when KATZ requested her to ask BROWDER to attempt to get a young man, whose induction into the Armed Services seemed imminent, into the Merchant Marine through his contacts with the National Maritime Union. KATZ told BENTLEY he felt it would be advisable to have this man in the Merchant Marine rather than have him subjected to service in Armed Forces. Nothing was done with reference to this plan because when BENTLEY saw KATZ later and asked him about it, he said it was too late. BENTLEY said she never did request BROWDER to do anything about this young man as she understood that KATZ was to give her additional details about him. This incident happened during the latter part of BENTLEY's contact with KATZ.

In 1944 KATZ informed BENTLEY that she should cease her contacts with LOUIS BUDENZ, who was at that time Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker".

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In the Spring of 1945 KATZ told ~~BENTLEY~~ that the Soviets were having some trouble with ~~JOHN ABT~~ inasmuch as ABT was attempting to "move in" on some of BENTLEY's contacts and that his activities were on behalf of EARL BROWDER.

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[redacted] was interviewed on September 17, 1948, and has been interviewed numerous times thereafter by SAS Thomas E. Bryant and Floyd W. Brown. [redacted] has not at all times been cooperative.

He first denied knowing JOSEPH KATZ and it was only during interviews on [redacted] that he admitted knowing KATZ and furnished information concerning him.

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[redacted] has refused to give a signed statement concerning any of his activities stating that although he desires to cooperate in helping to identify other individuals who have participated in Soviet espionage in the United States, he does not desire to furnish a statement which can be used against him in court. [redacted] has furnished the following information:

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[redacted] was born in [redacted]. He came to the [redacted]. His father [redacted] had already come over here and was employed as [redacted]. [redacted] derived his United States citizenship from his father who was naturalized [redacted]. [redacted] attended grade school in the vicinity of [redacted]. He was [redacted].

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[redacted] He became a member of the Communist Party in 1929 and was active in the Party until 1933 when he went to [redacted]. A short time after he arrived in [redacted]. [redacted] He acted as a [redacted] at which time he returned to the United States.

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[redacted] After several months in [redacted] was introduced to a [redacted] [redacted] advised [redacted] that he had been selected to do undercover work for [redacted] and, therefore, sent him to [redacted] and several other individuals.

[redacted] spent two or three months in [redacted] which dealt primarily with [redacted] They were then instructed by [redacted] where they would meet an unidentified Russian according to prearranged instructions.

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[redacted] met the unidentified Russian in front of a subway station in [redacted] and they were instructed by this man to begin surveilling an individual named [redacted] [redacted] later discovered was identical with [redacted] They surveilled [redacted] and when [redacted] for the United States in [redacted] [redacted] came to the United States with him [redacted]

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When [redacted] in New York City, [redacted] look into [redacted] When [redacted] they waited on the pier to see what [redacted] was going to do. While they were waiting, they were approached by [redacted] believed that [redacted] probably pointed them out to [redacted] since he had previously met [redacted] and was known to him.

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[redacted] remained on the [redacted] until they observed [redacted] went directly to [redacted] [redacted] instructed [redacted] to proceed to the Lincoln Hotel and register. They made arrangements to meet a few days later.

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At this meeting [redacted] instructed them to meet every [redacted] until they again picked up the surveillance of [redacted] They saw [redacted] two or three weeks later leaving [redacted] and followed him to [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] where [redacted] started living in an apartment house on the southwest corner. They worked the [redacted] surveillance under the supervision of [redacted] who was known to them only by that name, for several months. They were then introduced by [redacted] to JOSEPH KATZ, and [redacted] instructed them that KATZ would be their superior thereafter.

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[redacted] said he continued to work with [redacted] and he was [redacted] superior in that he would secure the results of [redacted] work and incorporate it in his own reports, which were furnished then to JOSEPH KATZ.

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SUPERVISION They continued to surveil [redacted] under the supervision of KATZ until [redacted] which, as close as [redacted] can recall, was in the summer of 1939.

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[redacted] paid them about one hundred twenty-five dollars a month while they were surveilling [redacted]. He gave them about four hundred dollars in cash with which to purchase [redacted]

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For a few months [redacted]
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They discontinued the business after they were taken off the [redacted] surveillance.

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[redacted] was next assigned by KATZ to observe [redacted] at [redacted]

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After [redacted] was taken off the [redacted] surveillance, he did nothing for a month or two and then KATZ assigned him to the surveillance of [redacted] who was at that time residing at the [redacted]. KATZ introduced [redacted] to another individual who had been surveilling [redacted] and whose identity [redacted] says he does not know.

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KATZ told [redacted] that [redacted] was a white Russian opposed to the Soviet regime, who was reported to have extensive holdings in [redacted] in order to conduct the [redacted] surveillance, started living with the unidentified [redacted]

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man in his room across the street from the [redacted] Then the unknown individual moved to another room, either in the [redacted] or in the building next to it.

[redacted] continued to surveill [redacted] on and off through 1942. During that time [redacted] saw KATZ once or twice a week and was paid \$125.00 a month in cash plus expenses by KATZ. [redacted] signed a receipt for each payment and submitted a regular checking account.

He had assistance for the first several months in this surveillance from the aforementioned unknown individual and on at least a couple of occasions had assistance from [redacted]

Sometime in 1941 KATZ leased a parking lot at 609-13 West 130th Street, New York City, as a cover [redacted] [redacted] said KATZ did not consult [redacted] before he obtained the parking lot and had already leased it when [redacted] found out about it. He stated that two others working at the lot had no connection with Soviet activities and knew nothing of the activities of KATZ or [redacted]

In all, the [redacted] surveillance lasted about three years for [redacted] and on occasions [redacted] went to [redacted] [redacted] for surveillance purposes.

Occasionally KATZ had [redacted] surveill other individuals for short periods.

In the latter part of 1942, JOSEPH KATZ advised [redacted] that he wanted him to do some work on the [redacted] [redacted] told KATZ that he was willing to go to the [redacted] and KATZ then advised him that the assignment would be extremely important and that he had been carefully selected. He clearly indicated to [redacted] that he would be engaged in undercover work for the Soviets. In order to carry out this arrangement it was originally planned that [redacted] would meet an unidentified individual in New York City who would be his superior in [redacted] [redacted] Because of some unknown reason, this meeting never took

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place in New York City, and KATZ then instructed [REDACTED] to proceed to [REDACTED] in order to meet the unidentified person. KATZ told [REDACTED] that upon arrival in [REDACTED] he was to appear at a particular street corner on a specified date and that he was to be dressed in a particular manner. KATZ told him that he would be contacted at that time by an individual who would identify himself by the use of a specified greeting. KATZ also furnished [REDACTED] with certain words to use in response to the greeting. KATZ did not give [REDACTED] any further explanation of this assignment. He left New York City with his [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in January, 1943.

[REDACTED] stated that on the given date he appeared at the specified street corner which, to the best of his recollection, was [REDACTED] or possibly, [REDACTED] in downtown [REDACTED]. He has not been able to recall the exact date of that meeting [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that to the best of his recollection, no payment to [REDACTED] exceeded \$500, and he recalled three or four payments in the neighborhood of \$300. He stated that he could not recall the total amount given to [REDACTED] and does not feel that he can even make a close estimate. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] would sign the receipt with only a first name which to his recollection, was either [REDACTED] or some other common name.

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[REDACTED] said that JOSEPH KATZ appeared at [REDACTED] one afternoon while he was at work and that [REDACTED] asked KATZ to remain until [REDACTED] returned from work. [REDACTED] had previously known JOSEPH KATZ. [REDACTED] was working on the night shift at this time, and when he returned from work at about 11:30 p.m. he found KATZ waiting for him. [REDACTED] said that before [REDACTED] however [REDACTED] had told KATZ in a whisper that everything was not right and that they should not discuss the situation [REDACTED] When [REDACTED] he and JOSEPH KATZ did not immediately discuss [REDACTED] trouble

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but later went [redacted] and discussed the entire situation. He told KATZ that he had been followed constantly until a short time before KATZ appeared [redacted] but that he felt the surveillance had let up, to a certain extent at least. KATZ agreed with him that he probably was being surveilled, and then instructed [redacted] that he should appear at [redacted]

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[redacted] The exception to this would be if KATZ sent [redacted]
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KATZ spent that night in [redacted] and either that same night or the following night they went together to [redacted] They kept [redacted]

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[redacted] The following day, KATZ secured a room in [redacted] again met him downtown where they further discussed those arrangements.

On the third day KATZ was [redacted] he attempted to secure plane reservations to New York but was unable to do so, and therefore [redacted] accompanied him to [redacted] in an effort to secure accommodations on a train for New York City. [redacted] recalled that KATZ was very much put out about not being able to secure a plane reservation since he had certain appointments in New York City which he wanted to keep. To the best of [redacted] recollection, it was the fourth day after KATZ' arrival [redacted] that he finally left by train for New York City. [redacted] advised that he appeared at [redacted] as instructed about three times after his meeting with JOSEPH KATZ but that no contact was made.

In about October of 1944 he received a [redacted] from JOSEPH KATZ which was a signal to him to immediately travel to New York City. He advised that he left [redacted]

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within a week after he received [redacted] Approximately two days after he arrived in New York City he went to see the [redacted] who at that time was living with [redacted] [redacted] recalls that he went to see [redacted] because [redacted] he received from JOSEPH KATZ [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that after he arrived at [redacted]

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[redacted] did as instructed and on his first appearance at [redacted] he was contacted by an unidentified man. This unidentified individual possessed [redacted]

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During this first meeting, this unidentified individual questioned [redacted] in detail concerning the surveillance on him [redacted] and then requested [redacted] to write up a detailed report concerning the matter [redacted] has not been able to recall any name that this individual used.

During the first meeting with this individual, arrangements were made for a second meeting at which time [redacted] furnished him with a written report concerning his trouble in [redacted]

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He met this individual several time thereafter and recalls that he once met him by [redacted]

On another occasion, he met him on [redacted]

This unidentified individual instructed [redacted] to get a job at [redacted]

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[redacted] did secure a job at [redacted]

When it became apparent that he was going to be [redacted] made arrangements for this individual to meet him [redacted] in order that he could keep in touch with [redacted]

[redacted] recalled that he took [redacted] to a restaurant which he believed was on [redacted] somewhere near [redacted]

where the meeting took place. During this meeting in the restaurant, the unidentified individual made arrangements to meet with [redacted] at a later date [redacted] has stated that [redacted]

told him that she met with this individual only one time after the meeting at the restaurant, at which time he gave her about fifty or one hundred dollars. At that meeting, arrange-

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ments were made for another meeting, but when [redacted] tried to keep the appointment the unidentified individual did not appear. b7D
He later called [redacted] at the apartment where [redacted] was living and asked her why she had not kept the appointment. It later turned out that one of them had been confused concerning the place of the meeting, and therefore arrangements were made for another meeting. b7D

According to [redacted] when [redacted] attempted to keep this appointment, the man again failed to appear and did not call for several months. After several months, however, he did again telephone [redacted] and asked about [redacted] This unidentified individual telephonically contacted [redacted] several times after that, but in about 1946 [redacted] came to New York [redacted] and took [redacted] to be near him while he was [redacted]

After [redacted] and was living in [redacted] he received a letter from [redacted] (ph.) advising him that an unidentified person had called at the apartment in which [redacted] had been living and that because of the nature of the questions that had been asked by this unidentified man, [redacted] felt that it was the same individual who had been contacting [redacted] in his absence. [redacted] claims that since that time, he has not knowingly had any contact with any individuals engaging in undercover work for the Soviet Union. b7D

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[redacted] was interviewed April 10, 1950 by SAS THOMAS E. BRYANT and FLOYD W. BROWN. He advised he was employed in early 1935 at [redacted]. At that time he met a group of Soviets who were touring [redacted]. He continued his association with the Soviets socially and in the latter part of 1935, he was introduced to [redacted] who was identified to him as a technical representative from the Central Hydro-Aerodynamics Institute, Moscow. He corresponded with [redacted] who was at that time attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and as a result of the correspondence [redacted] came back to the West Coast, contacted [redacted] and recruited him into Soviet espionage work. He introduced him to a man known to [redacted] only as [redacted]. This was in the fall of 1935. [redacted] furnished [redacted] with photographs of material obtained through [redacted] employment at the [redacted]. The camera he used to photograph the material was one given him by [redacted] later sold this camera in New York City around January, 1939. [redacted] continued his work with [redacted] until about June of 1938. [redacted] was paid for the information he furnished. (X)

During the summer of 1938 [redacted] furnished information to a man known to him as [redacted]. The arrangements for meeting [redacted] had been given to [redacted] by [redacted]. In the fall of 1938 [redacted] left his job and came to the East where he remained until approximately January, 1940. He then went back to [redacted] and was reemployed at the [redacted]. He resumed contact with the Soviets by reporting to the [redacted] and soon after he was called on by [redacted] then turned him over to his next principal, whom he knew as [redacted]. (X)

[redacted] has identified [redacted] purchased a Contax 35 millimeter camera with money furnished him by [redacted] and with this camera [redacted] photographed material about aircraft and turned it over to [redacted] until the early part of 1943. At this time he was instructed by [redacted] to meet his next principal. This individual he identified as [redacted] whom he met in the early part of 1943. (X)

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[redacted] stated he continued to contact [redacted] until the later part of 1943, during which time he furnished him information which he secured from [redacted] stated he could not recall specifically any of the material that was furnished to [redacted] but does not think that it was material of great importance to the Soviets since [redacted] on several occasions told him that the Soviets were not satisfied with the information that he was furnishing at that time. [redacted] stated [redacted] furnished him with money each time they met, but he does not recall specifically the amounts. He recalls he signed receipts for this money and that he probably used the name [redacted] in signing the receipts. [redacted] stated he was of the opinion that the information he furnished [redacted] was in turn being furnished by [redacted] to [redacted] or some other Russian official. [redacted] said that in the latter part of 1943, [redacted] failed to keep a scheduled meeting with him and that he had no further contact with [redacted] or with any other Soviet agents and that he has not been contacted by the Soviets since that time. ~~XX~~

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F. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been interviewed by Bureau agents frequently since June 15, 1950. He was first interviewed on May 31, 1950, in connection with the investigation of [REDACTED]. At that time he said he had no knowledge that [REDACTED] was engaged in Soviet espionage. On June 15, 1950, [REDACTED] was reinterviewed and at this time he admitted knowing that [REDACTED] was engaged in espionage and [REDACTED]

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Since June 15, 1950, [REDACTED] has furnished considerable information concerning his activities.

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He was born [REDACTED]. His name at birth was [REDACTED]. He graduated from [REDACTED]. He attended [REDACTED] but did not graduate. He has been employed as a [REDACTED] in various [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said he joined the Communist Party in about 1931, and belonged until about 1933, when he stopped going to meetings because of the menial jobs he seemed to be assigned to by the Party. In 1934 [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] at the Amtorg Trading Corporation, New York City. He was desirous of obtaining a job in the Soviet Union, but was recruited by [REDACTED] into the Soviet espionage system. He was introduced by [REDACTED] soon after his recruitment in the later part of 1934 or early 1935, to a man known only as [REDACTED] and under [REDACTED] direction he joined the Socialist Workers Party and conducted espionage activities against the Trotskyites in the New Jersey area for the Soviets. He also admitted giving the Soviets reports on various industrial processes some of which were faked by him.

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[REDACTED] introduced [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] in 1934 or 1935. [REDACTED] knew [REDACTED] only as [REDACTED]. He continued working under [REDACTED] until 1938 and began in the early part of 1938 working under a man known to him as [REDACTED]. He has identified [REDACTED] as [REDACTED]. He continued his contacts with [REDACTED] for only a short period as, on March 10, 1938 [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] at his place of employment [REDACTED]. While he was hospitalized at the [REDACTED] following his accident, he was contacted by his next principal who appeared unannounced one

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[redacted] morning at [redacted] and identified himself to [redacted] as [redacted]

After [redacted] in August, 1938, [redacted] tried to get him to go to Mexico to obtain employment in the Trotsky household for the purpose of Soviet espionage. [redacted] did not go and saw little else of [redacted] after that. [redacted] continued to do some Trotskyite espionage work for [redacted] and [redacted] during 1939 and 1940. [redacted] was not certain as to the exact periods during which he was working under the above described superiors. He recalled that some time late in 1938, he believed, while employed at [redacted] his espionage superior [redacted] introduced him to a man known to him as "JACK". On June 16, 1950, [redacted] positively identified KATZ as being identical with his contact "JACK". The identification was made from photographs of KATZ.

During the period of 1938 to 1940, [redacted] stated that KATZ directed his activity in the Trotskyite Movement in this country. [redacted] said KATZ continually pressed him for information on what transpired in the movement. [redacted] said that his function was to ingratiate himself with the leading Trotskyites to the point where they would recommend [redacted] in the Trotsky household in Mexico.

In 1940, KATZ told [redacted] that the Soviet Union was in great danger and that [redacted] was needed for far more serious business. He was also told at this time to forget all about the Trotskyite business by KATZ. At this time [redacted] was directed to go to [redacted] a subsidiary of [redacted] an engineering concern in New York City. The exact time of this request could not be placed by [redacted]. However, he did say that it may have been in 1941 or 1942, though he did believe the request was made earlier than that. KATZ did not indicate his reason for wanting [redacted] to become associated with [redacted] although [redacted] said he knew there was "something going on there they wanted to know more about". [redacted] said that he learned later that [redacted] was concerned with [redacted]

KATZ was told by [redacted] that [redacted] had applied for a [redacted] but had been rejected. Actually, [redacted] said, [redacted] but merely told KATZ so in order to lessen the demands of KATZ. KATZ then asked [redacted] if [redacted] would be willing to work for him on a consultant basis, however, [redacted] said that he would be willing to do this only on a legitimate basis and not in an espionage capacity at that time.

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Shortly after May of 1942, [redacted] upon instructions from KATZ, went from Newark, New Jersey, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At this time he contacted Dr. EARL WILLIAM FLOSDORF, Department of Bacteriology, University of Pennsylvania. He had in his possession at the time of this contact of FLOSDORF a letter dated May 7, 1942 and signed by Dr. G. I. RABINOVITCH, which he was to show to FLOSDORF. (The particular date of this contact was established by a voluntary search of [redacted] effects contained in the Van Posnack Warehouse in Newark, New Jersey, which turned up this letter which [redacted] said he used in meeting FLOSDORF.)

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KATZ had told [redacted] that FLOSDORF had developed an apparatus and a method for freeze-drying bacterial cultures so they could be stored for long periods of time. He also said that the Soviet Union had purchased the original apparatus from Dr. FLOSDORF.

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It was [redacted] impression that this was a legitimate business transaction wherein the Amtorg Trading Company had purchased the apparatus from Dr. FLOSDORF. [redacted] said he had recollections of contacting Dr. FLOSDORF stating that Dr. RABINOVITCH of the Soviet Red Cross had sent [redacted] to meet FLOSDORF. At this contact FLOSDORF was asked if he would be willing to furnish the Soviets additional information concerning his (FLOSDORF'S) processes. [redacted] said he believed FLOSDORF indicated that he would be willing to discuss this matter, however, FLOSDORF was told that final arrangements would be made by a representative of the Soviet Red Cross. This information was furnished to KATZ and [redacted] stated that he had no other contacts with FLOSDORF, nor does he know if FLOSDORF was recontacted by anyone else.

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In the period following the contact of Dr. FLOSDORF in 1942 and the fall of 1943, [redacted] indicated that he was inactive. However, he did say that KATZ, whom he saw at infrequent periods, continuously asked him to get a position where he could be of more assistance to the Soviet Union.

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Some time during the fall of 1943, [redacted] said he prepared a report on [redacted] is, according to [redacted] can be made. [redacted] said he prepared a technical report as to how [redacted] was produced. He said the report he prepared and turned over to KATZ was fictitious, but it contained enough of the truth so that its fictitious nature could not be checked for a long time.

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A sample of the [redacted] was secured by [redacted] possibly from [redacted] or some bacteriological laboratory. This was necessary as [redacted] said the process for producing [redacted] by fermentation would have been without value if the necessary culture were not supplied. Elaborate preparations for transmitting the culture to the Soviet Union were discussed by [redacted] and KATZ prior to the shipment of this culture. [redacted] said six culture tubes containing transplants of the culture were packed in ice in a gallon thermos jug and turned over to KATZ. The exact method of transmission is rather vague to [redacted] but he recalls KATZ may have stated that the culture was sent to Moscow by plane.

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[redacted] In 1943 at the time of the submission of the reports on [redacted] as well as the culture to KATZ [redacted] said he was registered in the Hotel New Yorker and it was there that, he believes, he turned over the material to KATZ.

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Following the transmission of the material on [redacted] [redacted] said there was again a period of inactivity of perhaps six months to a year before he was recontacted by KATZ. At the next contact KATZ requested information on a process for producing [redacted] [redacted] is near as [redacted] can recall. Information on [redacted] was furnished to KATZ prior to his [redacted] leaving [redacted] [redacted] in June of 1944.

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[redacted] said he prepared a report of the methods used in [redacted] at that time. A culture of [redacted] was obtained from [redacted] and given to KATZ. Detailed instructions as to how this culture should be cared for, the type of culture media to be used in transplanting, etc., were also furnished by [redacted]

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In the summer of 1944, upon instructions of KATZ [redacted] was to make contact with an individual who worked for [redacted] [redacted] said he did not go to [redacted] but told KATZ that he had done so but was unable to effect this meeting. Shortly thereafter [redacted] met with KATZ in New York City and at this meeting was introduced to [redacted] by KATZ. [redacted] was the individual whom [redacted] was to have met in [redacted]

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At this initial meeting [redacted] refused to furnish information unless he was paid some money that he claimed was owed him.

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Prior to meeting [redacted] again, [redacted] said he also met KATZ. At this time KATZ furnished [redacted] with some money to give to [redacted]. The money which [redacted] gave to [redacted] had been placed in an envelope by KATZ and, therefore, [redacted] said he did not know the exact amount but believed it to be approximately \$100.00.

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At the second meeting with [redacted] which was held in the Newark, New Jersey, railroad station, [redacted] gave [redacted] the money KATZ furnished. [redacted] advised that [redacted] did not give him any information for transmittal to KATZ at this meeting. [redacted] was, according to [redacted] interested in furnishing information only because of the money he could make by so doing.

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These two contacts of [redacted] were the only contacts of him made at the direction of KATZ, according to [redacted].

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[redacted] said that during the period that KATZ was contacting him KATZ was pretty well disgusted with his lack of cooperation. Shortly after the time [redacted] his job at [redacted] KATZ contacted him and told [redacted] not to take the first position offered. He was to look for a position where he could be of service to the Soviet Union. For the last six months in 1941 [redacted] received a sum of \$100.00 a month from KATZ while unemployed and theoretically looking for a position where he could be of greater assistance to the Soviets. Actually, [redacted] during this period of supposed unemployment, was a part time [redacted] in New York. In the summer of 1945 [redacted] became employed at [redacted] in Philadelphia.

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A few years after World War II was over, [redacted] was again contacted by KATZ. At this time, believed by [redacted] to be 1948 or possibly earlier, a Mr. WATKINS called [redacted] at [redacted] in Philadelphia. [redacted] was not available at the time of this call, but a week or so later another call was made by Mr. WATKINS to [redacted]. At the time of the second call [redacted] said he recognized the voice of WATKINS as that of KATZ and an appointment was made to meet KATZ in New York City.

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This meeting was held in New York City in front of Macy's Department Store. KATZ told [redacted] that he wanted to reestablish the contact that had been lost and he wanted [redacted] to do some work for the Soviet Union again.

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At the time of this contact [redacted] told KATZ that he was willing to continue, but it was not advisable as he [redacted] was being investigated by the FBI. There was no truth in this statement, according to [redacted] but he had received the idea from [redacted]

KATZ also told [redacted] at this time that he had been investigated by the FBI. During this meeting KATZ said "they" had a contact through which they could learn what the FBI knew about [redacted] This would take some time, but according to KATZ, could be accomplished. [redacted] was of the impression that KATZ knew of this contact, but did not know who the contact actually was. b7D

At this meeting arrangements were made for [redacted] to meet KATZ' successor Soviet agent in Philadelphia. According to [redacted] this meeting never took place. Because of the arrangements made for a successor to KATZ, [redacted] said he received the impression that KATZ was going away. b7D

During the course of the interviews BLACK has consistently maintained that from the time he first realized that [redacted] intended him to be an espionage agent until the time of his last contact with KATZ his single thought was to break away from the Soviet influence. He has stated that any activity which he performed at the direction of his Soviet superiors was performed because of fear or in order to make some showing of cooperation. He claims he purposely failed to keep some appointments to carry out some assignments, that he lied to Soviet superiors about the nature of work he had done and that the written reports he handed in were either completely fabricated or set out processes which were impractical. b7D

With reference to the material which [redacted] has stated he turned over to KATZ, the following opinions have been obtained:

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[redacted] was not classified.

Officials of [redacted] advised that the development and manufacture of [redacted] was never classified and was never developed or sold under government contract. b7D

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[redacted] New York City, where [redacted] was employed during 1944-1945, reported that this company did considerable work for the Government during the war. None of it however, he continued, was restricted. [redacted] New Jersey, advised that [redacted] "neither worked on nor was cleared for classified work at [redacted] and was never involved in the manufacture of products for [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] had access to [redacted] and in this respect all new developments engaged in by [redacted] According to [redacted] there was no information carrying a government classification contained in these [redacted] reports. As far as [redacted] knew [redacted] had no access to any confidential material.

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G. [redacted]

[redacted] was born in [redacted].
He obtained derivative United States citizenship when [redacted].
[redacted] was naturalized on [redacted] attended the
public school system in [redacted].

[redacted] He was formerly employed as a [redacted]
[redacted] residence up until the time of [redacted].

[redacted] has been interviewed frequently from May 15, 1950 to
the present time. [redacted] stated he was first introduced into Soviet
espionage work by [redacted] who introduced him to his first
superior in 1935. [redacted] knew this superior only as [redacted].
Information of [redacted] was furnished to [redacted] by [redacted]
from 1935 to 1937.

In the summer of 1937, [redacted] was introduced to his next
superior. [redacted] by [redacted] gave [redacted] information
which [redacted] had obtained during his employment at [redacted]
[redacted] at that time. [redacted] has identified [redacted] as [redacted] **CHANGED**
[redacted] former employee of the [redacted] **IS**
[redacted] in Washington, who has since returned to Russia. **IDENT**

In late 1937 or early 1938, [redacted] introduced [redacted] to his
third Soviet espionage superior who was known to [redacted] as [redacted].
[redacted] furnished [redacted] with [redacted] information prior to
going to [redacted] in the fall of 1938. [redacted] attended [redacted]
[redacted] from September, 1938 until the end of the
school year in the spring of 1940. [redacted] gave [redacted] some financial
assistance during the time [redacted] was attending [redacted].

[redacted] said that while he was a student at [redacted]
in [redacted] in the spring of 1940, he received a telephone
call from [redacted] his Soviet espionage superior. [redacted] requested
that [redacted] come to New York City immediately. To the best of [redacted]
recollection, he arrived in New York City on a Friday afternoon.
He travelled by Baltimore and Ohio Railroad coach to Jersey City,
New Jersey, and there [redacted] took a ferry to New York City.

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[] went directly to the Hotel New Yorker and registered there under his own name. The fact that [] registered at the hotel was contrary to instructions received from [] had been told by [] that he would be met in the lobby of the Hotel New Yorker. He was unable to recall whether [] indicated he would meet him or that there would be an alternate contact. That evening in the lobby of the hotel, [] was approached by an individual subsequently identified as JOSEPH KATZ.

This individual told [] he had been sent by []. During the discussion at this meeting, KATZ inquired as to the success [] was having in contacting []. [] told KATZ he was unsuccessful with []. Thereupon, KATZ expressed an interest in [] plans for the future. KATZ was told that [] planned to return to [] in order to be []. The alternate contact was disappointed in [] plans and suggested [] try to secure work in []. However, KATZ did not offer to assist [] in finding employment in [].

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At the conclusion of the discussion, [] said KATZ gave him \$100.00 or 150.00 for assistance in completing his schooling at []. No arrangements or plans were made for any additional meetings.

On October 16, 1950, [] was reinterviewed for any supplemental information he might have recalled re JOSEPH KATZ. He stated the one meeting described above was actually two, one on a Friday evening and the second on Saturday afternoon of the same weekend. At the first meeting, KATZ and [] left the lobby of the hotel and went for a walk. It was during this walk that KATZ and [] discussed [] and [] future plans. [] and KATZ had something to eat in a restaurant called Travlers during their first meeting. It was because of this, [] learned his contact had difficulty with his stomach. The second meeting which took place the following day was very brief. At this time [] received money from KATZ. He now believes the amount was probably \$200.00 and not the smaller amount he previously stated.

[] also recalled that a recognition signal of some kind may have been involved. He believed this involved two yellow pencils in the breast pocket of his suit or the alternate contact's suit. [] did not see KATZ again.

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III. SOME KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF KATZ

A. SAUL ISIDORE ~~X~~ BERNBAUM,
60 Broad Street,
New York City

Confidential Informant T-29 advised that [redacted]

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Confidential Informant T-22 advised that [redacted]

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The records of the College of the City of New York reflected that SAUL ~~X~~ BERNBAUM entered City College in the fall of 1939. He changed the spelling of his last name to BERNBAUM according to school records on March 31, 1942. He graduated with a degree in Accounting on June 2, 1942. At that time he resided with his mother at 641 East 12th Street, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-33, of known reliability, advised that BERNBAUM registered for Selective Service from Local Board #9, New York City, on June 30, 1942. He gave his address as 641 East 12th Street, his birthdate as July 21, 1923, and his employer as Arthur Young and Company, Public Accountants, One Cedar Street, New York City. In April, 1943, he gave his employer as Lifshay, Weissman and Company, 1475 Broadway, New York City, also a public accounting firm. In June, 1943 and again in November, 1945 BERNBAUM was rejected for service in the armed forces for psycho-neurosis severe.

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The files of the New York State Educational Department, Bureau of Professional Registration, Certified Public Accountant Division, located in the State Educational Building, Albany, New York, disclosed that SAUL ISIDOR BIRNBAUM was born on [redacted] and that in June of 1942 he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the City College of New York. On his application for admission to the Certified Public Accountants examination dated December 15, 1943, he stated that he had attended Seward Park High School, Grant Street, New York, and had graduated in February of 1939; also that he attended the College of the City of New York from February, 1939 to June 2, 1942. This Civil Service form showed the following employment:

Civil Service Leader, Duane Street, New York City,
August to November, 1941

Harry Kuntzleman, Inc., Professor of Accounting, City
College of New York, 17 Lexington Avenue,
December 1941 - January, 1942.

Zabronsky & Zabronsky, 1501 Broadway, New York City as
Junior Accountant from July 15, 1942 to November 4,
1942

Arthur Young & Co., 1 Cedar Street, New York City,
November 4, 1942 to March, 1943.

Sidney Ringelheim, 475 Fifth Avenue, New York City,
March 5, 1943 to March 15, 1943

Louis J. Lifshay & Co., 1475 Broadway, New York City,
March 19, 1943 to March 18, 1944

S. J. Lasser, 570 Seventh Avenue, New York City, April 1,
1944. No date of termination was shown.

During September, 1949 Kaybin, Incorporated became inactive as a company and BIRNBAUM moved his office from 521 Fifth Avenue to 60 Broad Street, New York City, where he is presently listed in the New York City Telephone Directory.

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B. ~~FRANK JOSEPH FLETCHER~~,
NATIONAL MARITIME UNION

The files of Confidential Informant T-32 reflected that FRANK J. FLETCHER, National Maritime Union Port Agent, sponsored KATZ' application as a seaman prior to his service in the Merchant Marine in May, 1945.

According to the files of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, FLETCHER was born October 4, 1905, at New York City. He was issued seamen's certificate of identification #Z-56308, at New York City on August 25, 1937. The files reflected that FLETCHER had been reportedly going to sea for twenty years, had been active in all strikes, had worked as a dispatcher for the National Maritime Union from 1939 to 1941, served on numerous shop committees, had been a delegate to the 1943 Convention, and had served as a patrolman for the National Maritime Union at New York, from 1944 to 1947.

Confidential Informant T-34, of unknown reliability, examined a photograph of ~~FRANK JOSEPH FLETCHER~~ and stated he is the seaman who admitted to him during May, 1943 that he was a Communist Party member. (X)

In 1948, Confidential Informant T-18 advised that FLETCHER was then sailing as an able-bodied seaman, was living in Greenwich Village and has two children. This informant advised that FLETCHER is not a Communist, but rather classified him as an "independent", neither Communist nor anti-Communist. (X)

In 1942, Confidential Informants T-35 and T-36, both of unknown reliability, advised that so far as they knew, FLETCHER had never been a member of the Communist Party.

Other than his sponsoring of KATZ, no association is known to exist between KATZ and FLETCHER.


C. MR. AND MRS. DAVID ~~GITTELSON~~ (ESTHER ~~GITTELSON~~)
8369 Daniels Street,
Jamaica, Queens, New York

It has previously been set out that a man named GITTELSON who was associated with Southern Silk Mills, New York City, introduced KATZ to Mrs. PAREMOUTH, Patchogue, Long Island, from whom KATZ and JACK SHANDEL purchased the Fournier Glove Company. KATZ in his most recent application for passport listed DAVID GITTELSON, 261 Fifth Avenue, New York City, as a reference. This is the New York address of the Southern Silk Mills, Incorporated.

DAVID GITTELSON is the brother of LESTER GITTELSON, who is married to BESSIE KATZ' sister, MIRIAM BOGORAD GITTELSON. When Mrs. KATZ arrived in New York from Paris on August 17, 1949, she was met by a man believed to be identical with DAVID GITTELSON, inasmuch as he was driving a car registered to ESTHER GITTELSON, 8369 Daniels Street, Jamaica, Long Island.

Confidential Informant T-15 advised that ESTHER GITTELSON, who resided at 8369 Daniels Street, Jamaica, was employed by the Fournier Glove Company, Patchogue, Long Island, in 1949.

Confidential Informant T-21 advised that the records of the Fournier Glove Company account, located at the Patchogue Bank, showed that check #2005, dated July 20, 1950, was made payable to DAVID GITTELSON in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Confidential Informant T-37, of known reliability, who is not available for subpoena or to testify, advised that ~~DAVE~~ and ESTHER ~~GITTELSON~~ of 8369 Daniels Street, Jamaica, Long Island, were members of the North Jamaica Club of the Communist Political Association. DAVE held 1945 membership card #35567, and ESTHER held 1945 membership card #35566.


D. ~~RAPHAEL H. ISAACS~~, M.D.
304 East 178th Street
Bronx, New York

A letter addressed to KATZ' Selective Service Local Board from Dr. ~~RAPHAEL H. ISAACS~~, 304 East 178th Street, Bronx, New York, telephone TR 2-3448, advised that ISAACS had been the personal physician to JOSEPH KATZ and his family for ten years prior to the date of the letter, February 21, 1944. In the letter the doctor advised that KATZ had been under his care at various times in the past. The letter described various stomach and back ailments which ISAACS had treated KATZ for.

An article in the "Daily Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper, on May 2, 1946, concerning labor's war against Fascism was signed by R. ~~H. ISAACS~~, M.D., 304 East 178th Street, Bronx, New York.

Confidential Informant T-18 advised that Mrs. ~~CHASE ISAACS~~, also known as Mrs. ~~RAPHAEL HENRIS ISAACS~~, and mother of Dr. ISAACS, is an old time Communist who is well known in Baltimore as a friend of the Communist seamen. This informant stated that any seaman who was a Communist could obtain lodging in her home. She is frequently called "Ma" ~~ISAACS~~. (X)

Confidential Informant T-8, on November 21, 1947, furnished a list of names believed to be mailing lists of a part of the Communist Party or an affiliated organization of the Communist Party. The name Dr. ~~R. H. ISAACS~~, 304 East 178th Street, Bronx, New York, appeared on this list. (X)

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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E. DR. LEE JANIS AND JANE ELIZABETH JANIS,
AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE,
PARIS, FRANCE

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Confidential Informant T-25 has advised that while KATZ has been in Paris he has been in contact off and on with Dr. LEE JANIS, who is an employee of the American Joint Distribution Committee.

Confidential Informant T-29 advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] through the assistance of Confidential Informant T-19.

T-25 advised during August, 1949, KATZ had been in contact with JANIS and JANIS wanted to develop his association with KATZ in Paris to a greater degree. The informant said that KATZ was not interested in becoming any more friendly with JANIS. The informant said that JANIS grates on KATZ' nerves.

Confidential Informant T-39, another Government Agency which conducts security investigations, advised as follows:

JANIS was born January 5, 1916, in Brooklyn, New York. His name at birth was GEORGE L. JANISHEVSKY. His parents were listed as DAVID JANISHEVSKY and DORA LEENER. JANIS later changed his name to LEON JANIS. He was employed as an interne at Lincoln Hospital, Bronx, New York, from July, 1940 to April 15, 1942. He was employed by the United States Public Health Service in New Mexico and Philadelphia from August 1, 1942 to June 30, 1944. The report also pointed out that JANIS was apparently employed with the United States Public Health Service in Chicago, Illinois, from September, 1945 until October, 1946. Other employments listed were the Civil Affairs Division, Office of the Secretary of War, Department of the Army, in Japan, and the United States Department of Agriculture. JANIS is presently employed by the American Joint Distribution Committee, 119 Rue Saint Dominique, Paris, France. He was married April 15, 1942 to ELIZABETH HOME PEEL and was divorced from her on May 27, 1943. JANIS is presently married to JANE GROSS JANIS.

Confidential Informant T-40, of unknown reliability, advised that Dr. LEE JANIS had been at the informant's home on a number of occasions and, according to the informant, he subscribes to Communist beliefs and theories. The informant was acquainted with

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Dr. JANIS when he resided in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The informant subsequently advised that Dr. and Mrs. LEE JANIS were members of the Communist Party when they resided at Santa Fe. The informant based this belief on admissions of the JANISES to that effect.

Confidential Informant T-41, of unknown reliability, who was acquainted with JANE ROSS JANIS in Santa Fe, New Mexico, advised that both Dr. and Mrs. JANIS are Communists. The informant stated JANE ROSS JANIS resided at 522 Accquia Madre, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Confidential Informant T-42, of known reliability, furnished the following information relative to Dr. JANIS:

The informant's statement read in part as follows:

"According to a trustworthy source, Dr. JANIS is in charge of the medical services of the American Joint Distribution Committee and utilizes this position as a cover for his activities as an agent of the Cominform. The source explains that Dr. JANIS is a member of the Communist Party of the United States and is entrusted with intelligence as well as planting Soviet agents in the Middle East, specifically Palestine, through the Joint Distribution Committee. He is also a member of the Secret Middle East Committee in Paris (representing Jewish Communist interests) that is engaged in propaganda agitation and espionage in the Middle East.

"It is further reported that Dr. JANIS secretly attended the Communist world 'peace congress', held in Paris, in April, 1949 and is also reported by the source as having attended the Communist Maritime Congress held in Marseilles, in July, 1949. This source believes that Dr. JANIS attended this meeting in connection with the establishment of Communist cells and Communist Party dominated trade unions in the ports of the Middle East."

The above quoted report is dated October 17, 1949.

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F. ~~JEROME~~ NITZBERG,
1821 University Avenue,
Bronx, New York

NITZBERG'S association with KATZ was first brought out when ROLAND PETERSON, Superintendent at KATZ' old residence, 603 West 140th Street, New York City, advised that NITZBERG had been residing in KATZ' apartment since August, 1948, and perhaps for a longer period. PETERSON stated that NITZBERG and his wife occupied the apartment under some sort of a sublease arrangement with KATZ, inasmuch as KATZ' family continued to pay the rent on the apartment. No notice was given to any of the representatives of the building management that NITZBERG had taken over KATZ' apartment and KATZ continued to receive some mail at the apartment in care of NITZBERG. At the insistence of the management, NITZBERG gave up the apartment at 603 West 140th Street, in February, 1949 and moved to 3440 Broadway, New York City. In April, 1949 he moved to 1821 University Avenue, Apartment 56, where it is believed he presently resides.

The records of the College of the City of New York, 138th Street and Convent Avenue, reflect that NITZBERG was born April 6, 1922, at Brooklyn, New York, that his residence address when he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree on June 18, 1941, was 449 Williams Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He listed his parents as REBECCA and ISRAEL NITZBERG, 449 Williams Avenue, Brooklyn, and a brother, HAROLD NITZBERG, at 5111 University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Confidential Informant T-33 advised NITZBERG was registered with Local Board #49 for Selective Service. At that time he was employed by the Miles Shoe Company, 345 Hudson Street, New York City. He was inducted into the Army in late 1942.

Columbia University records, New York City, reflect NITZBERG received a Master of Arts degree, December 22, 1948, after submitting a thesis entitled, "Essay on the Spanish Civil War and the United States Civil Policy, 1936 - 1939".

Confidential Informant T-43, of known reliability, advised that in May, 1944, LOUISE ~~BRANSTEN~~, Executive Secretary of the North Side Club of the Communist Party at San Francisco, had obtained a film entitled, "Soviet Medicine in Wartime" from GREGORI KHEIFETS, Vice Consul of the USSR Consulate at San Francisco, at that time. According to T-43, (s)

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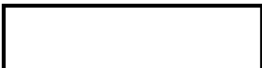
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LOUISE BRANSTEN intended originally to forward the film to Sergeant ABRAHAM ~~RICHMOND~~, Fort McClellan, Alabama, but later advised she had sent it to Lieutenant JEROME NITZBERG, Orientation Officer, 106th General Hospital, Fort McClellan. (S)

The records of the Demobilized Personnel Records Branch, Records Administration, Central Adjutant General's Office, St. Louis, Missouri, reflected that NITZBERG was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on June 22, 1943. The records also reflect he was stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama, during 1943 and 1944.

The records at Columbia University reflect that JEROME NITZBERG was employed as a member of the Graduate Faculty in the Political Science Department at least during the 1949-1950 school year. He is working for a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

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G. ~~MRS. MARY OSTROW AND MRS. BESSIE POLIN,~~
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Marriage License records, Hall of Records, Los Angeles, California, reflect that when JOE KATZ and BESSIE BOGORAD were married the witnesses to the marriage were MARY OSTROW, 3169 Fairmont, and Mrs. BESSIE POLIN, 3016½ Folsom Street, both Los Angeles, California. 3169 Fairmont is the same address as BESSIE KATZ used in applying for the marriage license.

Confidential Informant T-44, of known reliability, advised in 1944, that MARY OSTROW is a Russian born Communist and had been a resident of Los Angeles for more than fifteen years. The informant said OSTROW is fanatically devoted to Russia and Communism and in 1942, or earlier, bought a tractor on her own account and sent it to the Soviet Union as a gift to that country and to Communism. The informant stated she has been associated with many Communist activities in the Los Angeles area over the past several years.

The 1936 Los Angeles City Directory lists Mrs. BESSIE POLIN as the wife of BERNARD POLIN, Photographer, residing 3016½ Folsom Street.

The 1942 Los Angeles City Directory lists BERNARD and BESS POLIN, Photographers, residing at 1536 Curran.

The February, 1949 Telephone Directory lists BEN POLIN at 1536 Curran, Los Angeles, telephone NORMandy 1-4755.

The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, reflect that BESS POLIN was divorced from BERNARD POLIN on October 3, 1946.

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TH. JACK SHANDEL

Patchogue, Long Island, New York

As previously set forth, JACK SHANDEL is President of the Fournier Glove Company, Patchogue, Long Island, New York, and KATZ is the Treasurer of that company.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that when KATZ renewed his passport on March 15, 1948 a letter on the letterhead of the Fournier Glove Company and signed by JACK SHANDEL accompanied the application. In the letter SHANDEL indicated that KATZ, as an officer in the firm, was desirous of going to France on a business trip.

Confidential Informant T-47, of known reliability, who is not available for subpoena or to testify, advised that the relationship between KATZ and SHANDEL, of the Fournier Glove Company, appears to be mainly of a business nature. Informant believed that in addition to this they are on close personal terms. Informant stated that during the first half of 1949 SHANDEL furnished a summary of business conditions to KATZ. SHANDEL also had an accounting report prepared by SAUL BIRNBAUM, a copy of which he furnished to KATZ. Informant believed at that time (June, 1949) that KATZ was still financially interested in the Fournier Glove Company.

Informant advised, further, that the Fournier Glove Company had been enjoying good business until about April, 1949, when it fell away off. There were about twenty-five employees in the company and the principal client appears to be the General Electric Company.

Informant further advised that the subject is extremely friendly with JACK SHANDEL and feels toward him as he would toward one of his own family.

Confidential Informant T-20 recently advised that KATZ seldom writes to SHANDEL now and when SHANDEL writes to KATZ he does not receive a reply. On several occasions recently

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Informant said KATZ sent scarves and shoes to SHANDEL and asked him to try to sell them for him. The merchandise samples were of poor quality and SHANDEL made no attempt to market them.

It is noted that it is the impression of this same Informant that SHANDEL would like to get KATZ out of the company at the present time.

Confidential Informant T-14 advised that [REDACTED]

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The Fournier Glove Company is located at 18-20 Railroad Avenue, Patchogue, Long Island, New York.

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I. LAWRENCE SHANDEL

205 Hillturn Lane

Roslyn Heights, Long Island, New York

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Confidential Informant T-47 ascertained in 1949 that JOE KATZ expected LAWRENCE SHANDEL, known as LARRY SHANDEL, to make a trip to France and Tangier.

In April, 1949 Informant stated KATZ tried to make arrangements through JACK SHANDEL, LARRY SHANDEL'S brother, to have LARRY SHANDEL look him up in France during the anticipated trip.

SHANDEL left New York City on September 24, 1949 aboard the SS ILE DE FRANCE. He traveled on a United States passport and held a ticket for Le Havre, France. He returned to New York on November 7, 1949 by way of Pan-American Airlines from London, England.

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Confidential Informant T-47 advised that SHANDEL, while he was in Paris, saw the subject. Little was known to the Informant about the meeting except that KATZ said afterwards that he did not want to get mixed up with the business SHANDEL was in. KATZ said SHANDEL'S kind of business is fine when he is on top but if ever his luck runs out he (KATZ) would hate to be in SHANDEL'S place.

Informant also furnished information to the effect that the subject did not see LARRY SHANDEL during a more recent visit of SHANDEL'S to Paris and, further, that KATZ believes LARRY SHANDEL to be a very unstable individual.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that on April 4, 1946, according to the records of the Passport Division of the State Department, Passport Number 56140 was issued to ISIDORE

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SHANDELMAN for proposed travel to Brazil on business. The passport file showed that a certified copy of a Court Order had been displayed reflecting legal change of name from ISIDORE SHANDELMAN to LAWRENCE SHANDEL in the City Court of Brooklyn, New York on July 15, 1946.

Information from SHANDEL'S Application for Passport showed he was born March 15, 1912 at Shatowa, Russia and entered the United States about May, 1921, and has resided in this country ever since. He was naturalized on January 27, 1942 at the United States District Court, Brooklyn, New York. His permanent address was given at that time as 1890 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

On April 20, 1948 SHANDEL'S passport was renewed for two years. In his Application for Renewal he expressed intention to visit France, Belgium and Switzerland for the purpose of selling nylon stockings, and he listed former foreign residence at Brazil during May, July and August, 1946. SHANDEL'S wife's name is HARRIET SHANDEL.

According to the records of Confidential Informant T-14,



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J. KENNETH EDWIN SHAW
Paris, France

KENNETH EDWIN ~~SHAW~~ was employed as KATZ' assistant at Kaybin, Inc., in Paris, France.

Confidential Informant T-23 advised that some cables which were addressed to Kaybin in Paris, from Kaybin in New York, were addressed to SHAW during the early part of 1949.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the records of the Passport Division of the State Department show that KENNETH EDWIN SHAW was issued Passport Number 5250 on November 4, 1946, by the American Embassy at Paris, France, for proposed travel in France, Belgium and the United Kingdom for "leave."

In his Application for Passport dated March 26, 1946 SHAW gave his date of birth as November 4, 1913 at New York City and his legal residence as 3988 49th Street, Long Island City, New York, and his occupation as civilian employee, War Department. He said he was released from active duty with the Army on December 27, 1945.

SHAW listed his wife as YVONNE DODD, born January 4, 1908 at Crawford, Nebraska; residence 2000 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D. C., and indicated that they were married March 3, 1943. He listed his parents as WILLIAM K. SHAW, born March 3, 1886 at New York City, and ANNA M. WEBER, born August 10, 1892 at New York City, both residents of 3988 49th Street, Long Island City, New York. He gave as reference an aunt, Miss LILLIAN J. SHAW, who resided with his parents. At the time of application SHAW was located at the 55th Quartermaster Base Depot, Washington Base, APO 167. The above passport was valid four months.

On January 17, 1947, at Paris, France, SHAW was issued Passport Number 5827 for travel to France, Belgium, England and other countries, for the purpose of travel and study. In his application for this passport he listed his residence as Fresnes-les-Reims, Par

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Bourgogne, France. He indicated that he had been discharged on December 27, 1945 at Fort Meade, Maryland, Army Serial Number O-1108316, and gave his wife's residence as St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C. Attached to this application was an affidavit listing his foreign residence and indicating that he had terminated his contract with the War Department on January 13, 1947 and intended to remain in France as a student for an indefinite period. The foreign residences were set forth as follows:

January 2, 1944 to September 6, 1945 - with the United States Army abroad;

November 20, 1945 to March 25, 1946 - with the Red Cross abroad;

March 25, 1946 to January 13, 1947 - with the War Department abroad.

On September 9, 1947, at Paris, France, Passport Number 5827 was amended to show the following occupation: "Import-export agent. I am a representative of Joseph Katz & Company, 603 West 140th Street, New York 31, New York."

On September 17, 1948, at Paris, France, Passport Number 5827 was again amended to show that SHAW was employed with the American Embassy Commissary in Paris, France. It is noted that this passport expired on January 17, 1949.

On January 12, 1949 SHAW made Application for Passport Renewal for a period of two years. In his application he stated he was then employed with the American Embassy Commissary in Paris, France.

It is noted that SHAW nowhere mentions Kaybin, Inc., although he does indicate that in 1947 he was a representative of Joseph Katz and Company.

The records of the Adjutant General's Office, Civilian Employment Records Branch, St. Louis, Missouri, disclose that

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SHAW made an Application for Federal Employment on March 9, 1946. He indicated that he was born November 4, 1913 in New York City; that he attended the New School for Social Research from September, 1934 to June, 1935 and New York University (Night) from September, 1936 to June, 1937. He indicated that he could read, speak and understand the French language. He indicated that he was employed by the American Red Cross in Paris, France from November, 1945 to March, 1946 as an Assistant Field Director. His Army record reflects that he was attached to the 604th Army Engineers and served from January, 1942 to October, 1945. Prior to his Army experience he listed as employers Telecast Products, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, August, 1941 to January, 1942, MARTIN LOBEL, President; National Broadcasting Company, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, March, 1939 to July, 1941, C. V. ALEXANDER, Supervisor; New York Theatre, no address shown, January, 1934 to January, 1939, where he indicated he was Stage Manager.

SHAW, in the application, listed a brother, WILLIAM SHAW, a United States citizen residing at 39 Upper Berkeley Street, London, England.

SHAW was employed by the Army from March 25, 1946 to January 13, 1947, when he was separated from his employment as Storekeeper for reason of "normal termination of contract." He was assigned in France.

FRANK GAUDET, Mail Carrier at the Sunnyside Station of the United States Post Office, 43rd Street near Queens Boulevard, New York City, advised that he was personally acquainted with KENNETH EDWIN SHAW. He said he had been delivering mail to 3988 49th Street, Long Island City, New York, for some ten years, where SHAW formerly resided. He advised that he used to speak to SHAW on occasion.

GAUDET recalled that SHAW once told him he preferred living in Paris to life in New York because of the leisurely pace maintained there and the all around relaxation of living in set surroundings. SHAW told GAUDET that he was going to get a Red Cross job in order to secure passage back to Paris.

GAUDET stated that SHAW'S aunt, LILLIAN SHAW, still resided

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resides at 3988 49th Street, Long Island City, New York, but that his father, WILLIAM, is sick and is confined to Welfare Island Hospital, New York City.

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Confidential Informant T-48, of known reliability, advised that CELIA BOGORAD KATZ, sister of BESSIE KATZ, gave her address as care of SEIDENMAN, 33 Rue de Turin, Paris, France, when she visited there during December, 1949 and January, 1950. On that trip CELIA KATZ took subject's [REDACTED] along with her.

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Confidential Informant T-49, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED]

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M. JOSEPH GREGORY ~~WOLFSON~~

Sawmill Road

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It is recalled that Confidential Informant T-13 advised that [REDACTED]

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Confidential Informant T-25 advised that JOSEPH WOLFSON and KATZ have been in contact with each other through correspondence since KATZ has resided in Paris. Informant stated that they have been negotiating the settlement of a debt of approximately \$200.00 which WOLFSON is alleged to owe KATZ. Informant believes that WOLFSON has now paid KATZ.

Confidential Informant T-14 advised that [REDACTED]

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On September 24, 1943 Doctor JAMES CARROL, a dentist in Milford, Connecticut, reported that JOSEPH WOLFSON had worked as a dental technician for him prior to WOLFSON'S participation in the Meriden Company. Doctor CARROL advised he fired WOLFSON because a report had come to his attention that WOLFSON was a Communist.

Confidential Informant T-50, of known reliability, advised on February 17, 1944 that ANIREX ~~ONDA~~, then State Chairman (X)

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of the Communist Party of Connecticut, assigned to JOSEPH WOLFSON the task of contacting members of the Professional Branch of the Communist Party in Meriden, Connecticut to raise funds for the Communist Party. (X)

Confidential Informant T-51, of known reliability, advised on January 6, 1944 that JOSEPH WOLFSON was a member of the Howe Street Club of the Communist Party in New Haven, Connecticut. (X)

Confidential Informant T-52, of known reliability, who is not available for subpoena or to testify, 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, GOLDA WOLFSON, were members of the Howe Street Club of the Communist Party in New Haven. (X)

Confidential Informant T-53, of known reliability, who is not available for subpoena or to testify, advised that in January, February and March of 1944 RUTH ONDA, wife of the aforementioned ANDREW ONDA, was doing some office work as a bookkeeper for JOSEPH WOLFSON at his dental laboratory at Meriden, Connecticut, and that during her visits in Meriden she also contacted Communist Party members there. (X)

Confidential Informant T-54, of known reliability, advised that JOSEPH WOLFSON was a member of the Communist Political Association and had Book Number 82267. This was on May 25, 1945. (X)

(X) [On November 18, 1945 Confidential Informant T-51 advised that JOSEPH WOLFSON had registered and received 1946 Communist Party Membership Card Number 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.] This Informant, as well as Confidential Informants T-50 and T-54, advised in March, 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.

In addition to WOLFSON'S connection with KATZ it is



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noted that Confidential Informant T-6 advised that BESSIE KATZ' mother, PAULINE TUCKMAN, of Westhaven, Connecticut, is in frequent contact with GOLDA WOLFSON, mother of JOSEPH WOLFSON.

The Informant advised that Mrs. TUCKMAN has had discussions with GOLDA WOLFSON about KATZ' situation in Europe and the reasons why he cannot come back to the United States. Informant did not know what Mrs. TUCKMAN told Mrs. WOLFSON, but believes that Mrs. TUCKMAN had confided in Mrs. WOLFSON to the extent of telling her what she knew about the reasons for KATZ remaining in Paris, while his wife and daughter were in this country.

WOLFSON has discontinued the business of the Meriden Dental Laboratories and now operates the Wolfson Dental Laboratories at 341 State Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

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R. MARTIN YOUNG
616 West 137th Street
New York City

MARTIN YOUNG is married to FRANCES BOGORAD YOUNG, sister of BESSIE KATZ, subject's wife.

As reported by Confidential Informant T-14.

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The Vital Statistics concerning MARTIN YOUNG are not clear.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that an investigation is being conducted to determine the exact date and place of birth of MARTIN YOUNG.

Confidential Informant T-55, of known reliability, advised that there is considerable conflict in information which has been furnished by YOUNG, relative to his place of birth. The Informant stated that the following developments were noted in the investigation:

A passport was issued in the name of LEON MARKS on December 23, 1932. MARKS stated he was born at 421 South Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania on July 15, 1905. An affidavit to this birth was furnished by one FRANCES GORDON, 120 Howe Avenue, Passaic, who described MARKS as her nephew. A photograph appearing on the application for this LEON MARKS' passport has been identified by informants of the Immigration Service, including LOUIS BUDENZ and MAURICE WALKIN, as MARTIN YOUNG.

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Under the name of LEON MARKS, YOUNG left the United States on the SS EUROPA on December 27, 1932.

YOUNG returned to the United States in 1934, using a passport issued in the name of BRUNO HERMAN AUGUST ~~HANKE~~. BUDENZ and MALKIN identified the photograph appearing on the HANKE passport as that of MARTIN YOUNG. YOUNG was held on board the SS EUROPA when he returned to the Port of New York for investigation. He escaped from the ship using another passenger's identification. The officer who held YOUNG has identified the photograph. The HANKE passport was originally issued to one GEORGE SKLIAR fraudulently. It appears that the passport was transferred to YOUNG in Russia.

It is noted that MAURICE MALKIN did not know MARTIN YOUNG under his true name; he knew him under the name of LEON PLATT. He stated that YOUNG was Agit-Prop Director for the Young Workers League in 1925 and 1926. MALKIN said he believed YOUNG was born in Poland or Russia,

MALKIN also advised Informant that he knew YOUNG'S wife and identified her photograph. He knew her as FANNIE ~~BOGORAD~~. He met her in the middle 1920's as an executive member of the Young Workers League. He said he used to see her in the office of the organization at 28 Union Square, New York City, and said that he believed that she worked in the National Office of the Communist Party as a Secretary, when it was located at 43 East 125th Street, New York City. MALKIN said that he knew FANNIE BOGORAD as a member of the Young Workers League, which he described as the Youth Section of the Communist Party. He said she was a secretary to LOVESTONE or one of the officials of the Communist Party at that time. During the middle 1930's, MALKIN said he saw her around Communist Party Headquarters and said he thought she went to Passaic in 1926 or 1927 to carry on youth work among the Passaic strikers, together with ~~MARTHA STONE~~ and ~~LENA DAVIS~~.

The Informant further indicated that under the name of MARTIN YOUNG, YOUNG was arrested in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in November, 1938. The "Pittsburgh Post Gazette" of November 22, 1938 carried a story of YOUNG'S arrest by the Pittsburgh police with a group who were meeting in Hungarian Hall on Cable Street.

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in that city. There was an allegedly revolutionary moving picture being shown and YOUNG was arrested as one of the leaders. According to Informant, an Associated Press photograph appearing in the "Pittsburgh Post Gazette" at that time is the identical photograph which was used in the HANKE passport.

Informant stated that although the investigation has not disproved YOUNG'S claim to birth in Chicago on September 19, 1904, it is believed that this is a false claim. When he was arrested in Pittsburgh, YOUNG stated he was born on July 15, 1905 in Chicago.

Informant indicated that YOUNG in 1944 or 1945 was employed by the Transport Workers Union. Informant stated that in 1946 in an application for a driver's license, YOUNG stated he resided at 100 West 42nd Street, New York City, and investigation disclosed that he was employed by the Bull Dog Concrete Forms, Inc., at that address.

In April, 1949 Informant ascertained that YOUNG was still employed by that firm as a salesman and that the firm is now located in an office at 14 Church Street, New York City. Bull Dog Concrete Forms, Inc., Informant stated, is operated by three brothers, JOHN PIRZ, FRANK PIRZ and ANTON PIRZ. The first resides at 143-19 47th Avenue, Flushing, and the latter at 135-17 37th Avenue, Flushing, New York. BELLA DODD, well known Communist, was the attorney for the Bull Dog Concrete Forms, Inc. in July, 1946.

Confidential Informant T-17 has identified MARTIN YOUNG as a Communist who has been active in Communist Party circles in Pittsburgh and New York for many years up until 1948, at least.

During an interview with [redacted] on May 18, 1950, [redacted] stated that he is a friend of MARTIN YOUNG, who is presently living in New York City and who was a District Organizer for the Communist Party in Pittsburgh in the 1930's. At that time [redacted] stated that in the event JOSEPH KATZ desired to again contact him (in relation to espionage activities) he would have no trouble in locating him since MARTIN YOUNG is married to a sister of KATZ' wife.

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[REDACTED] said he was a close personal friend of MARTIN YOUNG in Pittsburgh in the 1930's and that YOUNG knows all the [REDACTED] well. [REDACTED] said he and his wife, [REDACTED] both are acquainted with MARTIN YOUNG and his wife.

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[REDACTED] has denied any knowledge of espionage activity on the part of MARTIN YOUNG. He stated that he thought YOUNG'S relationship with JOSEPH KATZ was because they had married sisters.

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IV. INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT'S
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Confidential Informant T-1 advised on March 7, 1950 that KATZ gave his residence address as #5 Rue Francois Mouthon, Paris, France. This is the most recent address known for JOSEPH KATZ. At that time KATZ also noted that he was an importer and gave his legal residence as 236 East Hudson Street, Long Beach, New York. On this date his wife, BESSIE KATZ, was residing at that address but since then she has moved to 602 West 139th Street, New York City.

KATZ, in this same application for a passport on March 7, 1950 stated he represented Seaboard Industry, Paterson, New Jersey.

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Confidential Informant T-25 has advised that KATZ maintains a Post Office Box in Paris and also receives mail care of American Express in Paris, France. His Post Office Box is listed as Boite Postale 66-16, Paris, 16 em., France.

Confidential Informant T-25 advised that JOSEPH KATZ departed from Paris about the end of May, 1949, driving his own automobile, a French Citroen, and that he was in the City of Limoges, Dept. Haute-Vienne (a City midway between Paris and the Southern border of France) on May 31, 1949; and that he was at Hendaye, Dept. of Basses, Pyrenees, France, on the South-Eastern border of France and Spain on June 2, 1949. Informant also advised that on or about June 9th or 10th, 1949 the subject was at Bidart, Basses, Pyrenees; that on June 13, 1949 KATZ was at St. Jean de Luz, Basses Pyrenees; that on June 17, 1949 he was at Bidart again and on June 21, 1949 he was in the City of Sees, Dept. of Orne, France, which is located about one hundred miles South-West of Paris. On June 26, 1949 KATZ returned to Paris.

Informant reported that on July 15, 1949 KATZ was again at St. Jean de Luz, Basses, Pyrenees. Informant advised that

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on July 27, 1949 KATZ was again in Paris and on July 30, 1949 he was again in Bidart. Informant did not know the purposes of KATZ' trips.

Confidential Informant T-47 advised during the Fall of 1949 that KATZ was connected with several business enterprises in the United States and France. Informant stated that in Paris KATZ was merchandising a line of hand painted silk scarves, ties and dress goods. KATZ is selling these items at the rate of six hundred per month in France and is trying to develop a market for them in the United States. KATZ had tried to develop this market through Kaybin, Inc., 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City, but inasmuch as Kaybin became inactive in the latter part of 1949 it is not believed that he was successful.

Informant stated that KATZ is connected with Atelier Rezvoy, 23 Santos Dumont, Paris, France. It is not known to the Informant whether he is actually operating this studio or merchandising for them. Informant said there are about twenty people employed at Atelier Rezvoy, 23 Santos Dumont, Paris, France.

Confidential Informant T-25 advised that BESSIE KATZ, soon after her arrival in the United States, in August, 1949, attempted to make contacts with various individuals, seeking to establish retail outlets in the United States for the hand painted ties and scarves KATZ was trying to sell. In addition, the Informant related that BESSIE KATZ' brother, GEORGE BOGORAD, was trying to make some contacts in the New York area for the same purpose.

In December, 1949 Informant advised that KATZ had been in an accident between his car and a Du Pont truck and his car had been badly damaged.

On December 16, 1949 CELIA BOGORAD KATZ, BESSIE KATZ' sister, and [REDACTED] left the United States on the SS QUEEN MARY and returned to the United States on January 18, 1950 aboard the SS MAURETANIA.

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Confidential Informants T-6 and T-25 advised that while in Europe CELIA and [REDACTED] intended to meet the subject and while they were in France they visited with KATZ.

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Prior to BESSIE KATZ' return to the United States, in August, 1949, Confidential Informant T-25 advised that BESSIE KATZ stayed temporarily in a hotel in Paris and then took an apartment with a woman named ESTHER. Informant said the reason why BESSIE and JOSEPH KATZ took separate quarters at this time is obscure, but BESSIE continued to see KATZ everyday when he was in Paris.

Confidential Informant T-6 advised that BESSIE KATZ, in February, 1950, was thinking about a divorce from JOSEPH KATZ. According to Informant, BESSIE was "fed up" with all the lies told to her by the subject.

Confidential Informant T-25 advised that this trouble between BESSIE and JOSEPH KATZ had been brewing for some time. Informant said that in December, 1949 BESSIE was embittered, nervous and broken up over KATZ' letters to her.

On July 26, 1950 BESSIE and [] went to Paris on the SS DE GRASSE. They returned on September 11, 1950 on the SS ILE DE FRANCE. According to Confidential Informant T-6, BESSIE was thoroughly disillusioned over her marriage and relationship to KATZ and Informant said that because of his conduct toward her during her visit with him in Paris, BESSIE was through with him.

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In addition to the information furnished by Confidential Informant T-47, on the preceding page, this Informant advised in April, 1950 that KATZ said he had recently opened a new office in Paris, on Champs Elysees, and that he had been doing well shipping goods to England, Syria and Israel. The type of goods shipped included a wide variety of items apparently transferred on a commission basis. At that time KATZ also expressed a desire to learn more about the month to month activities of the Fournier Glove Company to protect whatever interest he has left in that concern.

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V. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following is a composite description of JOSEPH KATZ as taken from public records and as furnished by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY. Descriptions of KATZ furnished by others have differed very little from this one.

Date of Birth	March 15, 1912
Place of Birth	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
Complexion	Fair
Appearance	Prominent nose; 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 accent; Clothes - usually dresses rather peculiarly, not at all meticulous about his personal appearance, us- ually wears gray suits and brown shoes; Walk - slight limp, not- iceable when he walks rapidly;

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Health - stomach ulcers

Photographer, telephone

tapper, safecracker

Hebrew, Lithuanian,

Russian, Spanish

High School. Self-

educated;

Very poor speller of

English words

United States citizen der-

ivative through father,

HIRSHA HIAT in 1925

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Married to BESSIE BOGORAD

in 1935 at Los Angeles;

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Files of the New York Office were checked for information concerning KATZ'S relatives and associates. Where identifiable information was located, it has been set out herein.

Copies of this report have been sent to Los Angeles, New Haven, Newark, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Washington Field Office, as these offices may have additional investigation in this case in the near future, based on information herein.

Confidential Informant T-45, of unknown reliability, furnished the following information concerning BESSIE POLIN:

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 (1949) being a member of the Elysian Heights Club, Los Angeles County Communist Party. She is employed as a teacher in a cooperative nursery in the Silver Lake District of Los Angeles.

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H. HYDE PARTNOW

Confidential Informant T-4 advised in October, 1944 that an individual by the name of HYDE PARTNOW was listed in correspondence of the Tempus Import Company as an associate of that firm.

Confidential Informant T-33 advised that a man named HERMAN PARTNOW, but who stated he was known by the name of HYDE PARTNOW, registered October 16, 1940 at Local Board #260, Queens. He gave his residence as 68-36 108th Street, Forest Hills, New York. He stated he was born June 28, 1907; at New York City, and was employed by the Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue. He listed his wife as Mrs. SADIE C. PARTNOW, born December 6, 1908 and stated he was married April 15, 1934, in Brooklyn, New York, and has one child, [redacted] born [redacted]. He listed previous occupational experience stating he was employed five months as a writer of articles and stories for "PM", and listed seven years experience at this type of work. He said he was a teacher from 1930 to 1936. His occupational questionnaire dated July 23, 1942 stated he was self employed at 68-36 108th Street, Queens, Long Island, as a free lance writer.

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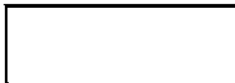


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By letter dated October 9, 1944, PARTNOW advised that he was employed as editor of "Broadway", a magazine on the theatre as well as a free lance radio and newspaper writer. The file also contained an Occupational Certification submitted by Sperry Gyroscope Company, Great Neck, dated November 8, 1944, reflecting that PARTNOW was employed as a timekeeper.

Miss FRIESTER, Carol Management Company, 12 East 48th Street, New York, advised that PARTNOW had entered Apartment B-3 at 68-36 108th Street, Forest Hills, on October 1, 1940, at which

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time he was employed as an editorial writer for the magazine "Direction". In a letter dated May 19, 1947, Mrs. PARTNOW said her husband was writing for moving pictures and also short stories for "Colliers" magazine. She said she had gone back to teaching.

The 1950 Queens Telephone Directory reflects H. PARTNOW 108-23 63rd Avenue, Forest Hills, New York. PARTNOW'S residence was verified by Mr. LOUIS A. BROWN, Real Estate Broker, Forest Hills Park Office, 110-01 63rd Drive, Forest Hills, New York.

Confidential Informant T-46, of known reliability, advised on April 29, 1942 that HYDE PARTNOW, New York City, was a member of the Communist Party in 1938, and was on the Writers Project (of the WPA) in 1937. PARTNOW was further reported in April, 1942, to be conducting a course at the offices of the League of American Writers.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent FRANCIS W. ZANGLE, dated November 8, 1950 at New York, New York, are identified as follows:

T-1 [redacted] C.I. [redacted]
T-2 Mail Cover on DAVID KATZ, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey.
T-3 [redacted]
T-4 Anonymous Source
T-5 C.I. [redacted]
T-6 [redacted]
T-7 Dun & Bradstreet, Newark, New Jersey.
T-8 [redacted]
T-9 Mail Cover, LESTER and MIRIAM GITTELSON, 602 West 139th Street, New York City,
T-10 [redacted] (not otherwise identified)
T-11 [redacted]
T-12 Omitted
T-13 [redacted]
T-14 [redacted]
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Company, Patchogue, Long Island
(contacted by SA S. J. PETERSON)

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Patchogue, Long Island
(contacted by SA S. J. PETERSON)

Patchogue Bank,

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RCA Cables

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Mail Cover, Kaybin, Inc., 521 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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T-31 Mail Cover, PAULINE TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut.

T-32 United States Coast Guard Intelligence.

T-33 New York Office of Selective Service Records.

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T-37 Anonymous Source.

T-38 Omitted.

T-39 Investigative report on LEE JANIS, furnished to New York Office by Lt. Col. JAMES P. ALBOT, Chief of Counter Intelligence Division, G-2, Governors Island, New York.

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T-42 State Department Memo, dated 10/17/49.

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T-45 Report of SA LORENZO W. ANDERSON, JR., dated 6/8/49 at Los Angeles, California.

T-46 ONI, 3rd Naval District.

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MIRIAM GITTELSON is married to LESTER GITTELSON who owns and operates a truck under the name of the Lester Trucking Company, 602 West 139th Street, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised in 1948 that one LESTER GITTELSON, 603 West 140th Street, New York City, was a member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised that LESTER GITTELSON at 602 West 139th Street, New York City, receives mail regularly which mail bears the return address of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-10, of unknown reliability, advised that one 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. In 1945 one MIRIAM BOGORAD was reported to be an employee at the Greater New York County CIO which is alleged to have been at that time Communist dominated. (Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, not available for subpoena or to testify.

BEATRICE BOGORAD BORN
Deceased 1948
Sister of BESSIE KATZ

BESSIE KATZ' sister, BEATRICE, was born April 18, 1918, according to Passaic High School records. She was married to KEN BORN and had one son, STEVE. She died in an accident near the end of 1948.

Her husband, GROVER KENNETH BORN, who was born on July 3, 1911, at Osage City, Kansas, was the field organizer of the Farm Equipment Workers, CIO, at Evansville, Indiana. He was formerly a Communist organizer and functionary in the Indianapolis, Indiana District of the Communist Party.

The [REDACTED] is about the same age as [REDACTED] and during last year resided with BESSIE and [REDACTED] at 236 East Hudson Street, New York City. His father remarried and has taken [REDACTED] back with him to Chicago.

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The May, 1948, Manhattan Telephone Directory listed Selka, Inc., at 93 Nassau Street, but future editions have no such listing.

The County Clerk's Office, New York County, has on file a Certificate of Incorporation for Selka, Inc., which was dated January 28, 1946.

NATHAN GOTTESMAN, 66 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, was the attorney in connection with the filing of this certificate. On the certificate it was stated that Selka was formed to obtain goods manufactured in the United States, and then sell them in foreign countries.

The names and post office 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 East 90th Street, New York City.

A Certificate of Dissolution was filed for Selka, Inc., on November 29, 1946.

Confidential Informant T-14 advised that

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SEGALL was interviewed in December, 1946, concerning allegations that his firm was engaged in a Cuba visa racket. His firm, the Compass Resettlement Service, Inc., had for its officers:

HERMAN SEGALL
DR. JOSEPH A. HOLLANDER
JACQUES M. SHERRY
GEORGE S. WISE

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

Joseph Katz and Company,
15 Park Row, New York City

Confidential Informant T-14 furnished the following information in a report dated, [REDACTED] relative to the above company:

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Confidential Informant T-19, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED]

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arrival at the designated meeting place, MARGARET, who was already there with CATHERINE, introduced BENTLEY to her new contact, known to her only as CATHERINE.

Shortly thereafter, on Thanksgiving Day, 1943, JACOB GOLOS died. On the Monday following his death, which would be November 29, 1943, BENTLEY met CATHERINE by prearrangement at the Embassy Newreel Theatre on 42nd Street, New York City. CATHERINE took BENTLEY in a taxi up Park Avenue to a spot somewhere in the fifties. They walked north on Park Avenue and were shortly joined by a man who approached them walking south on the same side of the street. This man was introduced by CATHERINE to BENTLEY as being BENTLEY's new boss. Later, after the three had gone to Janssens Restaurant on Lexington Avenue near 44th Street, BENTLEY asked this man what she should call him, and he said to call him "BILL".

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. These meetings sometimes occurred at Alexander's on Lexington Ave. and various Schrafft's restaurants, and others in Manhattan. At these meetings BENTLEY would deliver to "BILL" material she had obtained from her contacts in Washington. She had previously been furnishing similarly obtained material to GOLOS.

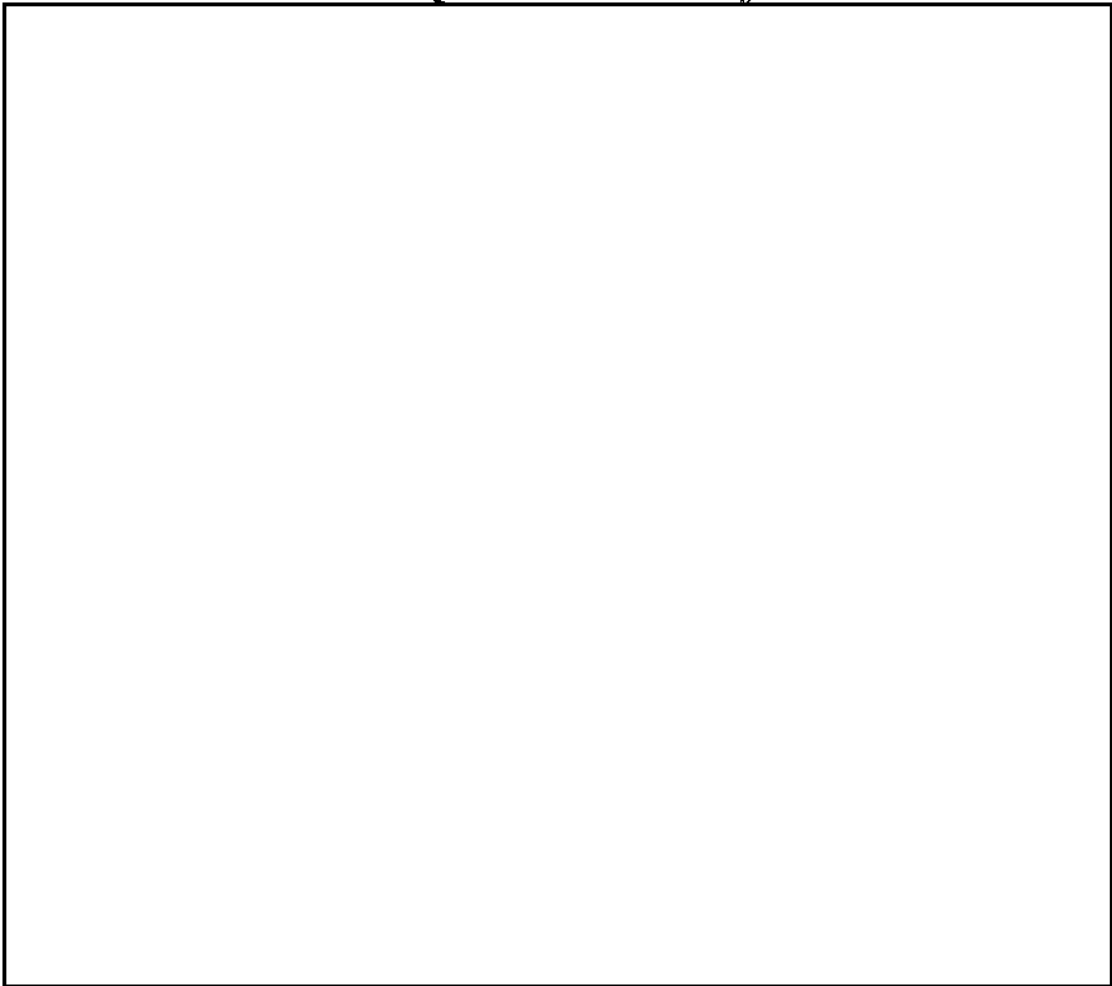
During the summer of 1944 "BILL" discussed with BENTLEY his intention of taking over from her personal charge of the group in Washington known as the SILVERMASTER group. The discussions on this matter continued until September, 1944 when "BILL" informed BENTLEY that he contemplated moving to Baltimore or Washington, after which he would take over the SILVERMASTER group and BENTLEY would have no further connection with him. He also informed BENTLEY that in two weeks from that date she was to go to a drug store on Lexington Avenue in the fifties and there she would be met by a person who would accost her, remarking that 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.

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EDWARD FITZGERALD, BENTLEY recalled, was employed by WPB during the time that she was working under KATZ. She recalled that FITZGERALD furnished her with odd sorts of military data, which she did not understand. It consisted of information about production of guns and tanks, specifications, and other related matters.

VICTOR PERLO, who was in the WPB, furnished her with statistics on airplanes and production, specifications, and where they were allocated to. The information he furnished was mostly typed out, apparently by him.

HAROLD GLASSER was furnishing her with information about Treasury Department matters, during the time she was working under "BETTY" and KATZ. BENTLEY said she was unable to distinguish which information went to which person.

ALLAN ROSENBERG was in the FEA and, according to BENTLEY, was interested in German matters. He furnished BENTLEY with prospectus material on what the United States intended to do with Germany.

JOSEPH GREGG was employed in the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. He furnished BENTLEY with information which had come from the Navy Department and which had to do with Communist affairs in Latin America. She particularly recalled that he furnished her information to the effect that FBI personnel were being sent to South American countries. The information which GREGG furnished, and which she turned over to

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[redacted] within a week after he received [redacted] Approximately a week after he arrived in New York City, he went to the designated [redacted] and was contacted on his first appearance at [redacted] by an unidentified man. This unidentified individual possessed [redacted] During this first meeting, this unidentified individual questioned [redacted] in detail concerning the surveillance on him in [redacted] and then requested [redacted] to write up a detailed report concerning the matter. [redacted] has not been able to recall any name that this individual used.

During the first meeting with this individual, arrangements were made for a second meeting at which time [redacted] furnished him with a written report concerning his trouble in [redacted] He met this individual several times thereafter and recalls that he once met him by [redacted]

[redacted] On another occasion, he met him on [redacted]

This unidentified individual instructed [redacted] to get a job at [redacted] [redacted] did secure a job at [redacted] When it became apparent that he was going to be [redacted] made arrangements for this individual to meet his [redacted] in order that he could keep in touch with [redacted] [redacted] recalled that he took [redacted] to a restaurant which he believed was on [redacted] somewhere near [redacted] where the meeting took place. During this meeting in the restaurant, the unidentified individual made arrangements to meet with [redacted] at a later date. [redacted] has stated that [redacted] told him that she met with this individual only one time after the meeting at the restaurant, at which time he gave her about fifty or one hundred dollars. At that meeting, arrangements were made for another meeting, but when [redacted] tried to keep the appointment the unidentified individual did not appear. He later called [redacted] at the apartment where [redacted] was living and asked her why she had not kept the appointment. It later turned out that one of them had been confused concerning the place of the meeting, and therefore arrangements were made for another meeting.

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According to [redacted] when [redacted] attempted to keep this appointment, the man again failed to appear and did not call for several months. After several months, however, he did again telephone [redacted] and asked about [redacted]. This unidentified individual telephonically contacted [redacted] several times after that, but in about 1940 [redacted] came to New York [redacted] and took [redacted] to be near him while he was [redacted].

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After [redacted] and was living in [redacted] he received a letter from [redacted] (ph.) advising him that an unidentified person had called at the apartment in which [redacted] had been living and that because of the nature of the questions that had been asked by this unidentified man, [redacted] felt that it was the same individual who had been contacting [redacted] in his absence. [redacted] claims that since that time, he has not knowingly had any contact with any individuals engaging in undercover work for the Soviet Union.

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[redacted] stated he continued to contact [redacted] until the later part of 1943, during which time he furnished him information which he secured from [redacted] stated he could not recall specifically any of the material that was furnished to [redacted] but does not think that it was material of great importance to the Soviets since [redacted] on several occasions told him that the Soviets were not satisfied with the information that he was furnishing at that time. [redacted] stated [redacted] furnished him with money each time they met, but he does not recall specifically the amounts. He recalls he signed receipts for this money and that he probably used the name [redacted] in signing the receipts. [redacted] stated he was of the opinion that the information he furnished [redacted] was in turn being furnished by [redacted] or some other Russian official. [redacted] said that in the latter part of 1943, [redacted] failed to keep a scheduled meeting with him and that he had no further contact with [redacted] or with any other Soviet agents and that he has not been contacted by the Soviets since that time. (X)

Although [redacted] has been cooperative in furnishing the above information, it is not known whether or not he will testify to the above facts if called as a witness in view of possible self incrimination. (X)

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At the time of this contact [redacted] told KATZ that he was willing to continue, but it was not advisable as [redacted] was being investigated by the FBI. There was no truth in this statement, according to [redacted] but he had received the idea from [redacted]

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KATZ also told [redacted] at this time that he had been investigated by the FBI. During this meeting KATZ said "they" had a contact through which they could learn what the FBI knew about [redacted] This would take some time, but according to KATZ, could be accomplished. [redacted] was of the impression that KATZ knew of this contact, but did not know who the contact actually was.

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At this meeting arrangements were made for [redacted] to meet KATZ' successor Soviet agent in Philadelphia. According to [redacted] this meeting never took place. Because of the arrangements made for a successor to KATZ [redacted] said he received the impression that KATZ was going away.

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During the course of the interviews [redacted] has consistently maintained that from the time he first realized that [redacted] intended him to be an espionage agent until the time of his last contact with KATZ his single thought was to break away from the Soviet influence. He has stated that any activity which he performed at the direction of his Soviet superiors was performed because of fear or in order to make some showing of cooperation. He claims he purposely failed to keep some appointments to carry out some assignments, that he lied to Soviet superiors about the nature of work he had done and that the written reports he handed in were either completely fabricated or set out processes which were impractical.

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T-47 Anonymous Source.

T-48 Mail Cover, ARTHUR KATZ, 77 West 104th Street,
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[Redacted] contacted by SA (A) JAMES P. WOOTEN)

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T-55 WILLIAM MORSE, INS Investigator, New York City

T-56 An Anonymous Source referred to as CI. T-2 in
the report of SA S. F. DUCIBELLA dated 12-20-49
at NH, Conn., and entitled Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN,
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T-57 [Redacted] info. provided SA Lloyd S. Goodrow.

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Please be advised that by letter dated April 28, 1949, the Albany Office stated that the records of the State of New York, Unemployment Insurance Division, were checked concerning TEMPUS IMPORT COMPANY, J. KATZ & COMPANY and SELKA, INC., with negative results.

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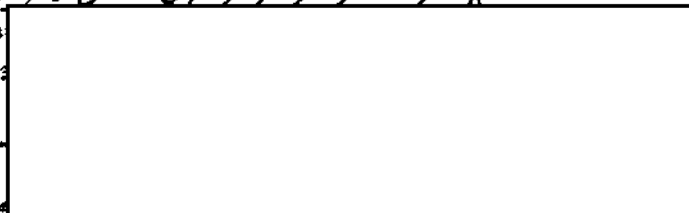
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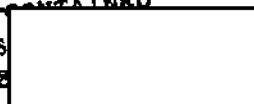
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JOSEPH KATZ, was.

Re NYO report SA F. W. Zangle dated 10-16-50 instant case.

Bufiles reviewed on Herman Nunberg and Stella Seidenman, mentioned referenced report as contacts Bessie Katz, with following results:

Herman Nunberg, M.D., 875 Park Avenue, New York City, reported by State Department on 1-24-41 as being interested in visa applications of Ernst Paul Hoffman, Maria Hoffman, wife, and Friederich Hoffman, son. No derogatory information in bufiles as of 1-31-41 re Herman Nunberg. (100-17826-470)

State Department, Visa Division, reported on 9-18-41 that Herman Nunberg, M.D., 875 Park Avenue, New York, New York, was sponsor on visa application of Ernst Paul Hoffman, born 1-23-91 in Radauti, Bocovina, Austria. Visa application of Hoffman was unfavorably recommended by Primary Committee, Review Committee (A) and by the Board of Appeals. (40-6686)

Dr. Herman Nunberg testified on behalf Louta Mounenberg, applicant for immigration visa. Dr. Nunberg born Poland 1884, entered U.S. 1931, described as physician and cousin of alien. Application Louta Mounenberg disapproved by Interdepartmental Alien Control Committee No. II, 1-8-42. Interdepartmental Visa Review Committee, Division (A) reviewed application and after hearing testimony Dr. Nunberg unanimously recommended issuance of visa to applicant. The file on Louta Mounenberg reflected she was born Bendzin, Poland, about 1890 and has lived in that country and in Vienna and Paris. At the time of her application she was in Nice, France and was stated to be divorced and as having no children. She was described by Herman Nunberg as a famous pianist. It was further stated that she had received a contract to teach musicology at the New School for Social Research in New York City. The Interdepartmental Alien Control Committee No. II, in disapproving the applicant's request for admission, stated that there were derogatory reports concerning the New School for Social Research and it was believed that the

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result of the association between the applicant and her contemplated employer would clearly influence her activities if she was admitted to the United States. The Committee noted that no information had been received concerning her political affiliations and that her sponsor, namely Dr. Herman Nunberg, was not sufficiently familiar with the applicant or her family. However, as stated above, the Interdepartmental Visa Review Committee, Division (E), on hearing the testimony of Dr. Nunberg approved the issuance of a visa to Louta Nounenberg.

(40-10905-1 and 100-17826-2-774)
Dr. Herman Nunberg, 875 Park Avenue, New York City, was a reference for Dr. Sydney Gerald Margolin, was., the subject of an Internal Security - R investigation, New York origin. (New York file 100-89057) Margolin was reported by one Serga de Gorin as being a Soviet agent, a Communist Party member and as having knowledge of a Soviet "suitcase atom bomb." Investigation did not substantiate these allegations and revealed that de Gorin was untrustworthy, unreliable and that he had elaborated upon information which he had received from another source regarding Margolin. Investigation further revealed that Margolin was believed to be a pro-Communist sympathizer but was not known to be a member of the Communist Party. Margolin was born 4-25-09 in Brooklyn, New York, of Russian born parents. (100-353992, serial 9)

Stella Seidenman is mentioned in following NYO reports in case entitled "Book Find Club; Internal Security - R"; report SA [redacted] dated 2-16-45; report SA [redacted] dated 7-31-45; report SA W. F. Geeslin dated 10-7-40.

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As you know, investigation in Los Angeles to determine information concerning subject and Bessie Katz has been generally negative.

New Haven reported that on June 24 and 25, 1948, Pauline Tuckman, mother of Bessie Katz, was visited by her brother, Zalmond Gordon, aka Sam Gordon, and the latter's wife Doris. The Gordons resided at the time in Los Angeles, California, address unknown, and had come East to visit relatives. Los Angeles to conduct investigation to further identify and to determine background information on Zalmond and Doris Gordon. Purpose of investigation to secure, if possible, information concerning Joseph and Bessie Katz and to secure appropriate data for use in possible interview with Gordons at later date. Report results this investigation in instant file.

Bureau files negative on Zalmond and Doris Gordon.

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Newark report SA J. R. Lyons dated 4-25-50 reflects Alex Verdach, 260 Gregory Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey, voted, sometime previous to 1944, from 124 West 93th Street, New York City. NYC expedito investigation to determine if [redacted] Passaic, New Jersey, is identical with individual of same name who gave information in 1938 re Joseph Katz.

Referenced Newark report indicates [redacted] Passaic, New Jersey, was [redacted] previous to November 1946. Newark should determine whether [redacted] and, if so, secure therefrom all pertinent data.

Conversation between Bessie Katz and Pauline Tuckman as set forth in NYC letter 2-8-50 indicates Bessie definitely apprehensive of [redacted] and has apparently given him money previously for undisclosed reasons.

Requested investigation should be given continued and expeditious attention.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation Old Forge, New York, reflects Camp Rondax is a co-educational Jewish Summer School and camp for Jewish youth between the ages of twelve and eighteen years. Sponsor of the camp is known as the Camp Development Corporation, 46 West 83rd Street, New York City, New York and the Director of the camp is **LEONID KANTER** who resides at 108 West 57th Street, New York City and has been director of the camp since February 1948.

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DETAILS:

AT OLD FORGE, NEW YORK

The writer ascertained from Trooper Gardner Vaughn of the Old Forge Police, that Camp Rondax, located at Old Forge, New York is a co-educational Jewish summer school and camp for Jewish youth between the ages of twelve and eighteen years. VAUGHN explained that the Camp is under the sponsorship of what is known as the Camp Development Corporation, 46 West 83rd Street, New York City and is operated under the directorship of one **LEONID KANTER** who, according to VAUGHN, is a musician and has been operating it since February 1948 and resides at 108 West 57th Street, Suite 5 R, New York City.

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WILLIAM FOLEY, and partner in the law firm of **FOLEY, CROSS, and STEATS**, with offices in the First National

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Bank Building, when contacted, explained that he had represented KANTER in a law suit involving an automobile accident in the early part of 1948. FOLEY explained that KANTER has actually been connected with Camp Rondax at Old Forge, New York for the last fourteen years and explained that the camp is a co-educational camp and summer school for Jewish youth between the ages of twelve and eighteen years. FOLEY explained that when the camp is not in operation after the summer months, KANTER resides at 108 West 57th Street, New York City. FOLEY furnished no additional information concerning KANTER or the activities of Camp Rondax.

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Report of SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE dated October 16, 1950
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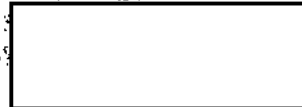
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There is submitted herewith for your information and assistance material located in the Bufiles under the name Joseph Hiat which, you will recall, is the true name of instant subject, Joseph Katz.

The Washington Field Office, by letter to the Bureau dated March 16, 1944, entitled "World Tourists, Inc., Internal Security - C," advised that Ashley J. Nicholas, Fraud Section, Passport Division, State Department, made available to Special Agent L. Loebl certain material. Mr. Nicholas reported that during the Winter of 1939-1940 the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, subpoenaed the records of the World Tourists, Inc., New York City. The records were subpoenaed in connection with an investigation of passport frauds committed by Earl Browder and other leading Communists. According to Mr. Nicholas, in questioning witnesses it was learned that certain accounts on the books of the World Tourists, Inc., were actually accounts of the Communist Party. These accounts were referred to as the A. Blake Account, Primoff Account, Primoff Students Trade Union Unity League Delegates Account. It was stated that the Primoff Account referred to George Primoff, who was, for a number of years, the Financial Adviser of the Communist Party. A. Blake was identified as William Weiner, the Financial Secretary of the Communist Party, Vice President of World Tourists, Inc., and President of the International Workers Order.

Mr. Nicholas provided the names of individuals who appeared on the A. Blake Account, the Primoff Account, and the Primoff Students T. U.U.L. Delegates Account. He also furnished brief summaries of the information reflected in the passport files on most of the individuals referred to in the accounts. Nicholas further reported that the Passport Division had in its files photostatic copies of the travel orders and the ledgers covering the account relating to each person, as well as negatives of the photographs of the persons mentioned in the various accounts. Included in the list of names on the A. Blake Account was the following:

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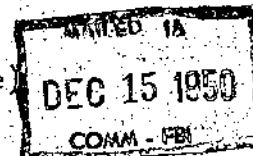
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Rosenberg, Nathan

August 20, 1937 - Nathan Rosenberg - \$177.70. Passport No. 410840 - May 12, 1937. Born in Russia, September 23, 1888; naturalized in United States District Court at New York City on February 26, 1925; address 286 Ft. Washington Avenue, New York City; personal description: 5' 4"; hair brown; eyes blue. Destination Chérbourg (Paris). The identifying witness on the above-mentioned passport was given as Hiat, Joseph - 19 East 16th Street, New York City. (61-6323-16)

It is to be observed that the address supplied by Joseph Hiat, namely, 19 East 16th Street, New York City, is one of the addresses of Joseph Katz, according to his employment record at the Works Progress Administration.

Included in the material which was received from Mr. Nicholas there was also a blind memorandum on the stationery of the Department of State -- Passport Division, undated and captioned "Conspiracy." The first paragraph of this memorandum reads thus:

"This conspiracy charge is based primarily on the fact that during the period from 1931 to 1938 a number of persons in possession of fraudulent American passports obtained their transportation through World Tourists, Incorporated, and such transportation was charged against the accounts of the Communist Party. The first of these accounts was in the name George Primoff, while the second was in the name A. Blake."

Pages ten and eleven of the above-described memorandum reflect the following: "On August 24, 1937, there is a record of transportation furnished a person who had a passport in the name Nathan Rosenberg, issued upon an application executed on May 10, 1937. The true name of this applicant was Isaac Litvackoff. The identifying witness signed the name Joseph Hiat and gave his address as 19 East 16th Street, New York City. The passport was mailed in care of a dentist named Elias Shapiro, who lived at 286 Fort Washington Avenue, New York. Dr. Shapiro also obtained transportation through World Tourists, but his travel is not charged against a Communist Party account. Living in the same apartment house as Dr. Shapiro was Sonia Dobbs, an employee of World Tourists, who provided Litvackoff with his transportation both under the name Rosenberg and under his own name." (40-3923-141)

As mentioned above, the material which Mr. Nicholas had in his possession included negatives of photographs of the persons mentioned in the various accounts. By letter of May 19, 1950, the New York Office provided photostatic copies of these photographs. Included therein was a photostatic copy of a photograph of Elias Shapiro, with the following descriptive data: Born July 29, 1880, Poland; five feet, five inches; brown-grey hair; blue eyes; occupation, dentist. There is no other reference in the Bufiles to Joseph Hiat which has not already been provided you. There is also no further information in the Bufiles relative to Elias Shapiro or Sonia Dobbs.

(40-3923-139, p. 30, 141)

With reference to Isaiah Litvackoff, the Bufiles show that he is the subject of a closed Internal Security - R case in the Philadelphia Office (Philadelphia File 100-79285). A review of the Bufile reveals that the New York Office is in the possession of all pertinent information on this individual other than what is contained in the following-described serials, copies of which are being transmitted herewith to the New York Office:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 5/24/45,
at Philadelphia;
Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 7/2/45, at
Newark;
Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 11/23/45,
at Philadelphia;
Report of Special Agent Howard A. King, dated 1/7/46, at
Indianapolis;
Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 1/31/46
at Louisville;
Report of Special Agent Bernard J. Fitzpatrick, dated
1/28/46 at Kansas City, Missouri;
Report of Special Agent John W. Dooley, dated 2/19/46 at
Philadelphia;
Report of Special Agent J. Bernard Cook (a), dated 4/24/46
at Washington, D.C.;
Report of Special Agent John W. Dooley, dated 11/4/46, at
Philadelphia;
Report of Special Agent Ray C. Compton, dated 7/27/49 at
Albany;
Report of Special Agent Robert E. Masters, dated 8/26/49
at Philadelphia.

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The Washington Field Office is requested to review the State Department file relative to Litvackoff. The purpose will be to determine if the State Department, in their investigation of this individual and his use of fraudulent passports under the name of Nathan Rosenberg, secured any information concerning Joseph Hiat, Elias Shapiro, or Sonia Dobbs. Available photographs of Litvackoff, Hiat, Shapiro, and Dobbs should be secured. Photostatic copies should be made of the passport application under the name Nathan Rosenberg and on which Joseph Hiat was the identifying witness for the Bureau and the New York Office.

The Bufiles reflect that the Washington Field Office has sufficient background information on Litvackoff already in its possession and, in fact, has checked the State Department files on this individual. Such information is contained in the Washington file, 100-17259, entitled "Isaiah Litvackoff, was., Internal Security - R." However, during this previous check no information was obtained relative to Hiat, Shapiro, or Dobbs.

The New York Office should review its files for any information on Litvackoff not in the possession of the Bureau and the Philadelphia Office. The New York Office should also conduct appropriate investigation to determine background information on Shapiro and Dobbs, and information on their current activities and whereabouts. The purpose of such investigation should be to learn the nature and extent of their association with Joseph Katz.

In connection with the investigation of Elias Shapiro, it is suggested that the New York Office bear in mind information previously received from Elizabeth Bentley concerning the Unknown Subject "Charlie." Bentley related that prior to her association with the Silvermaster group, Jacob Golos had been meeting an individual who has been identified as Gaik Ovakinian. It appeared that after Ovakinian's arrest, Golos obtained another contact to whom he delivered his material. Bentley subsequently learned this individual was known as "Charlie," that he was a dentist, and that he had undergone a gall bladder operation. Bentley further stated that in one of her latter meetings with Joseph Katz (known to her then as "Jack"), she was advised by Katz that "Charlie" was described as follows: 55 years; five feet, five inches; 160 pounds; stocky; swarthy; dark hair and eyes; Russian-Jewish.

After Bentley had been given this description by Katz, she accidentally saw Golos at one time with an individual who answered the description of this individual. Bentley also learned from Katz that

"Charlie" was a permanent resident of the United States and apparently had been in this country for many years. Bentley was unable to learn in what part of New York City he resided. Bentley mentioned that "Charlie" was a dentist who was a long-time resident and practitioner in Manhattan. Bentley further stated that on one or two occasions she advised Olga Pravdina (then known to Bentley as "Margaret") that Pravdina was to inform "Charlie" that he should contact Golos. (Report of Special Agent Thomas G. Spencer, dated December 5, 1945, at New York, entitled "Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was., et al, [REDACTED] b3

Copies of instant letter are being designated for both the Katz and Litvackoff files in New York, Philadelphia, and Washington Field Offices.

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Rerep Special Agent F. W. Zangle dated November 8, 1950, in instant case.

Certain pages of the referenced report have been changed at the Bureau. There are transmitted herewith for all offices that received the referenced report an appropriate number of these corrected pages. The pages in question and the reasons for their change are being set forth hereinafter:

Page 5

Corrected to include Confidential Informant T-15 among those informants not available for subpoena or to testify, and to list Confidential Informant T-26 in lieu of T-27, which was listed twice.

Page 6

Changed to (1) correct the spelling of the word "Court" in Paragraph 3, Line 2; and (2) to eliminate the first sentence in Paragraph 5 which reflects the date of the Katz marriage as December 23, 1935. The date of September 23, 1935, also shown is in accordance with information set forth in the report of Special Agent L. W. Anderson, Jr., dated June 8, 1949, at Los Angeles, California, in instant case. [redacted]

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The last sentence in Paragraph 3 has been changed as will be noted because it was an unsubstantiated, derogatory statement.

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Paragraph 6, Lines 2 through 5, beginning with "was the field" and ending with the words "Communist Party" was changed in order to document the Communist Party background and activity of Grover Kenneth Born. [redacted]

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The source for the addresses of Joseph Katz during the period 1931 to 1936 has been changed to indicate that the only address verified to date is 319 East 23rd Street, New York City.

Pages 31 and 32

The last paragraph and the four names on Page 31, and the first paragraph on Page 32 have been changed in order to provide additional information relative to the interview of Herman Segall.

Page 33

The first full paragraph on the page, beginning "Confidential Informant T-14" has been changed in order to clarify

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Page 35

In the last paragraph on the page, the sentence beginning "These were" and ending "of the attorneys" has been eliminated as opinion.

Page 37

Retyped to correct the constant misspelling of the city Paterson, New Jersey.

Pages 56 and 57

These pages have been changed and two pages, namely, 57a and 57b, have been added in order to include (1) further identifying information on those individuals whom Bentley was contacting while under the control of Joseph Katz, and (2) additional information on the type of material that Bentley was securing from those individuals

Page 70

The year 1950, as set forth on Line 2 of Paragraph 2, has been changed to 1949. The phrase beginning "but it is" and ending with "in Court" as contained in Paragraph 3, has been eliminated as opinion.

Page 74

The word "Consul" in the last line of Paragraph 1, has been changed to "Consulate."

Page 77

Changed to incorporate in the report supplemental information provided by [redacted] and set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated [redacted] at Los Angeles, and [redacted] was, [redacted]

(100-244909-100, p.3)

Page 80

The last paragraph on this page has been eliminated as opinion.

Page 81

Retyped to correct the constant misspelling of the name [redacted]. In addition, the article "the" has been inserted before the word "Soviets" and the word "industry" has been changed to "industrial" in the next to the last line of Paragraph 2.

Page 86

Additional information has been added to this page and on Page 86a in order to provide the Department with the opinions on the classified nature of the material which [redacted] gave to Katz.

Page 127

Changed to add the identities of Confidential Informants T-56, T-57, and T-58.

In addition to the above, the following typographical corrections have been made at the Bureau, and all offices receiving this letter and those receiving the referenced report should make these changes accordingly:

Page 8

The spelling of the words "application" and "furnish" in Line 40, Paragraph 1, corrected. The spelling of "application" in Line 1, Paragraph 4, corrected.

Page 12

The spelling of the word "envelope" in Line 3 of the paragraph beginning "On July 21, 1950" and ending with "as follows" was corrected.

Page 17

The spelling of the town Manassas in the first line of the page has been corrected.

Page 26

The word [redacted] in the last line of Paragraph 1 has been changed to [redacted] to indicate that [redacted]
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The address of the Quartz Products Company as set forth at the top of this page has been changed to 305 East 45th Street, in accordance with [redacted] and in the Bufiles.

Page 36

In the last line of the next to the last paragraph on the page, "N.Y.C." has been added in order to show that the statement which is made applies to Kaybin, Inc. in New York City.

Page 48

In Line 4 of Paragraph 3, the word "let" has been changed to "leave" and the word "proceeded" has been changed to "proceed."

Page 53

In the second line of Paragraph 2, the pronoun "his" has been changed to "her."

Page 62

The spelling of the name "Helfand" as set forth in Lines 4 and 6 of Paragraph 5 has been corrected.

Page 68

The word "meet" has been added to Line 3 of Paragraph 1 in order to complete the sentence.

Page 72

The spelling of "supervision" as set forth in Line 2, Paragraph 2, has been corrected. The article "the" as used in the next to the last line on the page has been taken out.

Page 88

The word "has" as used in Line 3 of Paragraph 1 has been changed to "had."

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Reference is made to Bureau memorandum 12/15/50 in this case in which mention is made on Page 2 of the fact that Mr. Elmer Skypire had lived at 236 E. Washington Avenue in the same apartment house as Conio Babo, an employee of World Tourists, Inc. In connection with Conio Babo, who would appear to be identical with the subject of the case entitled "Gwynn Josephine Dzikalia, was., Security Matter - C" (New York File 100-61971; Washington File 100-22903).

It is to be noted that this individual is also mentioned on Page 9 of the report of Special Agent George V. Schmitt, dated February 8, 1950, at New York, in the case entitled "Alexander Stanchinsky, was., Internal Security - R."

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There is forwarded herewith for your attention and consideration a copy of an investigative summary report of Special Agent Francis W. Bangle, dated November 8, 1950, at New York City, entitled "Joseph Katz, was: Joseph Kiat, Yelcke Kiat, "Jack," "Bob," [redacted] It should be noted that this subject, Joseph Katz, was last known to be in Paris, France.

In connection with Joseph Katz, it is to be further noted that information concerning him has been included in the following described memoranda and reports previously forwarded to the Department:

My memorandum to the Attorney General of February 25, 1946, transmitting a memorandum dated February 21, 1946, entitled "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (UKVD) in Agencies of the United States Government."

My memorandum to the Attorney General, dated November 27, 1946, forwarding a memorandum dated October 21, 1946, entitled "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (UKVD) in Agencies of the United States Government." [redacted]

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My memorandum to you dated August 3, 1950, by which you were provided with a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 26, 1950, at Los Angeles, California, and entitled "Amadeo Sabatini, was., [redacted]" (100-244909-99)

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My memorandum to you dated September 12, 1950, by which you were provided with a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 11, 1950, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, entitled "Harry Gold, wa. Cohen [redacted]"

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My memorandum to you dated August 2, 1950, by which you were provided with a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 26, 1950, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, entitled "Thomas L. Black, was., [redacted] Misprision of [redacted]"

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In the memoranda of February 21 and October 21, 1946, mentioned above, your particular attention is invited to the information set forth with reference to one "Jack." This latter subject, as you will observe in the attached report, has been identified by Elizabeth Bentley as Joseph Katz, the subject of this communication.

Joseph Katz has been identified as a Soviet agent by Elizabeth Bentley, [redacted] and [redacted]. Based upon information supplied by these individuals it can be presumed that Katz was, and probably still is, a Soviet agent of some importance. Though there is no reason to believe that he would cooperate, he could, if he so desired undoubtedly provide invaluable information concerning Soviet espionage activities. Likewise, his value from the standpoint that he could provide intelligence information concerning Soviet activities and agents cannot be overestimated. However, regardless of whether he would or would not be cooperative, it is thought that he might be susceptible to prosecution inasmuch as some of his espionage activities occurred during wartime. In consideration of this possibility your opinion is requested on the following:

- (1) Will you authorize prosecution of Katz on the basis of the information contained in the investigative summary report?
- (2) Do you consider it advisable to obtain a ~~secret~~ complaint and warrant and/or a ~~secret~~ indictment?
- (3) Have you any suggestions with respect to an arrest of Katz if the French Government will deport him -- for example, if he is deported on an American ship?
- (4) Would it be possible to arrest Katz if he enters the United States Embassy in Paris on the theory that the Embassy is United States soil?
- (5) If prosecution is authorized will it be possible to extradite Katz, or can you suggest any means by which he may be forced to return to the United States?

It is requested that early consideration be afforded these matters.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ. was.

DATE: December 29, 1950

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A review of this file in the New Haven Office reflects there are presently no outstanding leads. This case is therefore being closed and will be reopened whenever any additional investigation is requested of this office.

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN
SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was,
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RE NH letter to Bureau, cc: NY, dated 12/29/50 advising instant case was being placed into a closed status.

A further review of the file reflects that leads contained in Bulet to NH dated 11/13/50 have not been completed. Therefore, instant case is being reopened for the completion of said leads.

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JOSEPH KATZ, WAS, [redacted]

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[redacted] MENKE KATZ

BORN APRIL TWELVE, NINETEEN NAUGHT SIX, VILNA, LITHUANIA, RESIDES TWO SIX SIX TWO WEST STREET, BROOKLYN, NY, FILED APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT DEC. FOUR, LAST, IN WHICH HE STATED HE INTENDS TO DEPART NYC DEC. FIFTEEN, NEXT, VIA "AIRLINE" FOR PROPOSED ONE MONTH STAY FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, BELGIUM, "TOURING". KATZ' FATHER, HIRSHA ~~BIAT~~, BORN LITHUANIA, RESIDES SIX FOUR JEFFERSON STREET, PASSAIC, N.J., NATURALIZED COMMON PLEAS COURT, PASSAIC, FEB. NINETEEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE, UNDER CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION NO. TWO ONE NAUGHT NINE ONE TWO SIX. CERTIFICATE INCLUDES SON, MAX, EIGHTEEN YEARS. MAX EXHIBITED CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE CHANGING NAME ON OCT. TWENTYONE, LAST, BEFORE COURT OF STATE OF NY AT BROOKLYN FROM MAX ~~BIAT~~ TO MENKE KATZ. MENKE KATZ DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: HEIGHT, FIVE FEET NINE AND ONEHALF INCHES; HAIR GRAYISH BROWN; EYES HAZEL; OCCUPATION, TEACHER; WIFE, RUTH ~~FEIDMAN~~, BORN OCT. THREE, NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTYONE, BROOKLYN, TO WHOM HE WAS MARRIED JULY SIX, LAST. PASSPORT NOT AS YET ISSUED. EUC.

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January 17, 1951

Director, FBI

SONYA JOSEPHINE DOBRIKIN, was.
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(Your file 100-64971)

Joseph E. Katz

ReBulet 11/8/50, instant case, wherein you were instructed to reopen your file on this subject and to conduct appropriate investigation of the subject to determine her present whereabouts and activities.

The following identifiable references have been located at the Bureau on Sonya Josephine Dobrikin, was.

The report of Special Agent W. L. Price dated July 23, 1941, New York, in the case entitled "Armand Labis Feldman, was., et al; [redacted] contains information obtained from a review of transcript of testimony of several witnesses who appeared in the case of the United States v. Earl Browder. In that case, it was alleged that World Tourists, Inc., had been implicated in obtaining fraudulent passports for Communists, and various employees of that concern testified. This information is as follows:

"Sonya Dobrikin, alias Sonja Dobb, testified that she was employed by the World Tourists, Inc. from 1934 to 1939; that J. H. Golas was the only person connected with World Tourists who had a right to extend credit to any person and that all credits were extended on the personal order of J. H. Golas.

"Sophie Kurey testified that she was an employee of World Tourists, Inc.; that she was born in Russian Poland; came to the United States in 1922, and was naturalized in the Bronx in 1929. Miss Kurey testified that she was formerly employed by the Amtorg Trading Corporation and Miss Daub, another employee of the World Tourists, Inc., was also a former employee of the Amtorg Corporation....." (61-7574-590,p.3) (61-6328-12)

On October 21, 1941, the New York Office was furnished [redacted]

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By letter dated October 28, 1950, captioned "Special Passport Files, Passport Division, U. S. Department of State; Internal Security - R", the Washington Field Office set forth certain information contained in the files of Mr. Ashley J. Nicholas, Assistant Chief, Passport Division, Department of State, which included a copy of a telephone index which had belonged to Jacob N. Golos. Among the names listed thereon was Sonia Dobb (Dobrikin), 286 Fort Washington Avenue, New York City, WA 76134. (100-23331-18, p.3)

The report of Special Agent Walter P. Gavin, dated March 2, 1948, at New York entitled "Vladimir Pogner, was; Internal Security - R," set forth that Mr. Charles E. Pati, Chief, Supply and Service Division, MGM, Inc., 1540 Broadway, New York City, advised that Vladimir A. Pogner, then employed by Loew's International, Inc., New York City, rented a summer bungalow at Miller Place, Long Island, where he entertained business associates on various occasions. Among those associates was Sonya Josephine Dobrikin, 161 West 10th Street, New York City, Staff Assistant at Loew's from March 10, 1945, to May 9, 1947, and a former secretary to Pogner. [redacted] b3

The records of the Selective Service Local Board 73, 200 Second Avenue, New York City, for Alexander Svenchansky contained a copy of a letter dated December 4, 1942, from Headquarters, Second Service Command, Service of Supply, Governors Island, New York, which stated that Private Alex Svenchansky, c/o S. Dobrikin, 161 West 10th Street, New York City, had been granted a delay and should report December 21, 1942, for transportation to Fort Dix, New Jersey.

(100-219710-18)

The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect that Alexander Svenchansky made application for passport on October 16, 1945, and listed his address at that time as 161 West 10th Street, New York City, c/o S. Dobrikin. Svenchansky also listed this address on his Civil Service Commission Form 57, executed October 11, 1945, in connection with his application for a position as Translator-Interpreter for the War Department at the Nuremberg Trials. (100-219710-24)

On or about November 20, 1945, Svenchansky filed an application at the New York Office of the Bureau for the position of Russian translator. On this application, Svenchansky listed S. Dobrikin, 161 West 10th Street, New York City, business address, 723 7th Avenue, MGM International, New York City, as a reference who had been acquainted with him for more than 10 years. He listed his permanent and/or mailing address as Carl S. Dobrikin, 161 West 10th Street, New York City.

On the application, Svenchansky stated that Sonya Dobrikin was a "good friend" who was employed as a secretary with MGM International. Svenchansky had a room in her apartment. (100-219710-18)

On January 13, 1950, New York Confidential Informant [redacted] submitted [redacted] b7D

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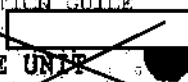
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

DATE Dec 18, 1950

TO: FBI

FROM: PD - W. E. Duggan

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FULL NAME OF PERSON OR FIRM

KATZ, Menke

DATE OF BIRTH

April 12, 1906

PLACE OF BIRTH

Lithuania

ALIASES AND NICKNAMES

None known

RACE

White

SEX

Male

ADDRESS

2662 West Street,
Brooklyn 23, NY

OCCUPATION

Teacher

EMPLOYER

Not known

TYPE OF INFORMATION DESIRED

- ☒ All Information
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CITIZENSHIP STATUS

Derivative

NAT. CERT. NO.

Father's:
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MARITAL STATUS

Married

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

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- ☐ Material Attached
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: January 23, 1951

FROM : C. E. Hennrich

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PURPOSE:

To advise that name check request received from State Department on Menke Katz, passport applicant. To report that Menke Katz is brother of Joseph Katz and previously engaged in business with him in 1946; business now dissolved. To recommend that attached blind memorandum summarizing information in Bureau files on Menke Katz, was., be transmitted to the Liaison Section for delivery to State. To point out that in the blind memorandum State has also been advised first, that Joseph Katz has been identified by Elizabeth Bentley [redacted] and two confidential informants [redacted] and [redacted] as a Soviet agent; and second, that Joseph Katz is now under investigation by this Bureau.

DETAILS:

The State Department has requested "all information" in Bureau files on Menke Katz, 2662 West Street, Brooklyn 23, New York, for an "ostensible purpose" of "Passport-security." According to the request, Menke Katz was born April 12, 1906, in Lithuania and has derivative citizenship through his father's naturalization on February 19, 1925, naturalization certificate No. 2109126. His occupation was given as teacher.

Menke Katz, was., brother of the captioned subject, was registered under the Selective Service Act under the name of Merke Katz. He reported his birth to Selective Service officials as March 12, 1906, in Lithuania. On his father's petition for naturalization he is shown as Max Katz, born June 7, 1906. Menke Katz claims derivative citizenship through his father, H. David Katz, aka., Mirsha-Hiat, who was naturalized February 19, 1925, and who received naturalization certificate No. 2109126.

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There is no main case file on Menke Katz, was. However, during the course of the investigation of Joseph Katz considerable background information was learned concerning Menke. It was also learned that Joseph and Merke Katz were both officers in a firm known as Selka, Inc. This firm was incorporated in New York City on January 28, 1946, and was dissolved on November 29 of the same year.

Information was located in the Bureau files under the names Merke Katz, Menke Katz, Max Katz and M. Katz which pertain or possibly pertain to the passport applicant. The information has been incorporated in the attached blind memorandum.

This blind memorandum also gives meager background information on Joseph Katz and points out that he has been identified by Elizabeth Bentley and [redacted] as a Soviet agent. His identification as a Soviet agent by [redacted] and [redacted] is also set forth, but because such identification has not been publicized, [redacted] and [redacted] are referred to as informants whose reliability is unknown but who have been identified with, and [redacted] It has been pointed out in the memorandum that Joseph Katz is currently under investigation by this Bureau.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached blind memorandum be transmitted to the Liaison Section for delivery to the State Department; that the Liaison Section arrange to be advised as to the disposition which is made of the passport application filed by Menke Katz.

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for Rosenberg.

The files of this Bureau do not reflect that any independent investigation of Herk Katz, was., has ever been conducted. However, during an investigation of his brother, Joseph Katz, was., who will be mentioned below, and in the course of other investigations, the information set forth hereinafter was obtained.

This individual registered under the Selective Service Act on October 16, 1940, under the name of Herk Katz. He reported that he was born March 13, 1900, in Woodbury, Lithuania. He claimed to be a United States citizen by derivation. His father, E. David Katz, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey, was given as the individual who would always know his whereabouts. He was not employed at the time. In a Selective Service questionnaire filed on June 14, 1941, he reported that he had attended the Jewish Workers University from 1931 to 1935; the Yiddish School from 1911 to 1930. He was divorced from his wife, whom he stated then lived at 43 Martha Place, Passaic, New Jersey. He listed two children; namely, [redacted]

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[redacted] On this questionnaire, he claimed to be a vegetarian, stating that he would not eat anything that would necessitate the killing of an animal. Herk Katz was rejected from military training on June 19, 1942, for "psychoneurosis severe, depressive." The Selective Service file also showed that as of March 17, 1942, he was employed at the National School Committee, Jewish Section, International Workers Order, New York City. He reported that as of December 5, 1941, he had been employed at the Jewish Workers School, 255 New Jersey Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The Selective Service file showed that Herk Katz had provided his local board with the following addresses as of the dates indicated:

6/1/42 - 602 West 140th Street, New York City,
c/o Joseph Katz

6/2/42 - 1723 60th Street, Brooklyn, New York

1/1/43 - 335 West 85th Street, New York City

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Investigation has disclosed that Menke Katz has also resided at the following additional places as of the dates shown:

1946 - 59 West 90th Street, New York City

1947 - 1949 - 201 West 21st Street, New York City

1950 - 1360 50th Street, Brooklyn, New York

Most recent address - 622 West 119th Street, New York City

With reference to H. David Katz, aka., Hirsch Hiat, naturalization records at the County Court, Passaic, New Jersey, reflect that he arrived in the United States May 10, 1914. He filed his declaration of intention on December 9, 1919, and at the time, stated he was born December 19, 1871, at Szewere, Poland. His last foreign residence prior to his arrival in the United States was in Swenshan, Russia. He identified his wife as Bodana, stating that she had been born in Mahalecki, Russia. This individual was admitted to citizenship on February 19, 1925, and received certificate #2109126. On his petition for naturalization, he stated that his wife was born November 8, 1897, at Szewere, Poland. He also listed the following children:

Barney born 9/15/02

Max born 6/7/06

Blanche born 9/21/08

Joseph born 4/20/12

Morris born 4/18/21

The Bureau of Vital Statistics, Passaic, New Jersey, reflected that Bodano Katz, 84 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey, died January 1, 1949.

A reliable source in late 1949 provided a pamphlet entitled "The Countryman" which was written in the Hebrew language, dated 1949, and contained a photograph of Menke Katz. The latter was described therein as "the famous poet." No publisher was shown but the pamphlet contained a biographical note by Hirsch-David Katz, the father of Menke Katz. Therein Hirsch-David stated that he was born in "Svir, Vilna Province," and lived in "Svintzian," where his children Menke, Blumke and Yeiske (Joseph) were born, for about fifteen years.

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An informant, reliability unknown, reported that Menke Katz, while residing at 4820 7th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., received copies of the "Morning Freiheit." Post Office records reveal that Menke Katz as of June 15, 1947, changed his address from 4820 7th Street, Northwest, to 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey. [REDACTED]

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Menke Katz lived at 801 West 21st Street for about two years prior to October, 1949, and moved from this address in about December, 1949, to 1368 50th Street, Brooklyn, New York. While at the West 21st Street address, he received communications from Camp Unity, 1 Union Square, New York City; the National School and Cultural Commission, 30 8th Avenue, New York City; the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, IWO, 30 8th Avenue, New York City; and from IWO schools in Brooklyn, New York. He also received correspondence from Paris, France, where his brother Joseph was last known to reside.

[REDACTED] A reliable source of information advised in November, 1949, that Menke Katz was considering the securing of a passport and had solicited the aid of his sister-in-law, Bessie Katz, wife of Joseph Katz. This same source knew that Bessie tried to dissuade Menke for reasons unknown to the source and thought that such action on Menke's part would get him and others in trouble. [REDACTED]

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Records of the County Clerk's Office, New York County, reflect that a Certificate of Incorporation was filed for Selka, Incorporated, 33 Nassau Street, New York City, on January 28, 1946. According to this certificate, the directors of Selka included Joseph Katz, 603 West 140th Street, New York City, and Berke Katz, 59 West 90th Street, New York City. The same records showed that a Certificate of Dissolution was filed for Selka, Incorporated on November 29, 1946.

[REDACTED] A reliable informant advised that on July 21, 1950, David Katz, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey, received a communication from "Menke Katz - Importing - Exporting, Room 1609, 15 Madison Lane, New York City." [REDACTED]

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One John Vafliades, with aliases, was born at Bile, Turkey, and entered the United States illegally in September, 1924. On September 16, 1949, the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization issued a warrant for his arrest for violation of the Immigration Act but he was never located. Confidential information was received that Vafliades in 1931 and 1932 was in

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Moscow where he entered the Lenin School. Information was also received in February, 1935, that he had stated that he was "proud to be a Communist." On February 26, 1942, a confidential informant, reliability unknown, reported that Vafiades was a Communist. Other informants have reported that he is known to have associated with members of the Communist Party. In January, 1945, it was learned that he had been living at 43 Martha Place, Passaic, New Jersey, for the past "few years" in a three-family house. Another family living at this address was a Mr. and Mrs. Katz and the latter was identified as a sister of Vafiades. The wife and two children of Vafiades departed the United States on August 9, 1949, for Budapest, Hungary. (100-30261-6 and 18)

One William David Abrams, with aliases, entered the United States in 1918, filed a declaration of intention in 1941 and a petition for naturalization in 1943. He had not been admitted to citizenship as of July, 1949. In statements to Immigration and Naturalization officers, Abrams admitted joining the Communist Party in 1919 and from that year until 1922, associating with the main leaders of the Party. In 1922, he left the Party to join the staff of the newspaper "Freiheit," which he described as the official publication of the Communist Party in 1929. He was associated with that paper until 1943, holding responsible positions including that of editor. In 1943, he left the paper because he was "persona non grata" due to his outspoken views regarding the Jewish people and the conduct of leading members of the Jewish movement. Abrams told Immigration authorities, "No, I have not given up the philosophy --- the eventuality of having Socialism, not Communism --- that Socialism will eventually come into the world. I believe the Government is doing wrong in prosecuting the twelve members of the Communist Party ---." In an interview with Bureau Agents on June 7, 1949, Abrams was vague and unco-operative. He responded to direct questions but did not volunteer any information and was evasive. He stated that he did not believe that the Communist Party advocates force and violence and he was critical of the trial of the Communist Party leaders. On March 27, 1941, a reliable informant advised that Abrams's best friend and closest associate was Matate Katz (phonetic), who was described as a left-wing poet whose writings were published in the "Morning Freiheit." (100-10-13, 22, 23)

On December 27, 1941, a pamphlet of the Jewish Educational Institute, 131 East 17th Street, New York City was obtained. This identified the Institute as being formerly known

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as the Jewish Workers University. The program of courses in the pamphlet reflected that one M. Katz was the instructor for a course entitled "Economic and Social Geography."

(61-7341-34-169 page 32)

On June 9, 1943, a reliable source advised that the name of Troim Katz, 43 Martha Place, Passaic, New Jersey, appeared on an application blank for membership in the Young Communist League. The application described Troim as 16, female and a student. The then current Passaic City Directory listed Menke Katz, watchmaker, and his wife, Chaske as residing at 43 Martha Place, Passaic, New Jersey. (X)

(61-777-31-14)

On December 4, 1944, a reliable informant furnished a list of the members of the National School and Cultural Commission of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, IWO. This list included the name M. Katz. (61-6341-34-236X page 59;

61-7341-34-23, 169 page 13)

In November, 1945, a reliable informant reported that the Manhattan District in New York City of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order planned to open a Seminar. According to the informant, the first class in this Seminar was to be held on November 14, 1945, at the headquarters of the Iouff, 189 2nd Avenue, New York City. Among the lecturers assigned to the Seminar, according to this informant, was M. Katz.

(61-7565-790 and 61-7341-34-286 page 18)

In February 27, 1946, a reliable informant reported that Branch 130 of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal, IWO, was to hold a meeting on April 19, 1946. According to this informant, one Menke Katz was to be the guest speaker at the meeting.

(61-7341-34-282)

A reliable source reported that one M. Katz had spoken at the last session of a conference of the National Board of Directors, Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, IWO. This conference was held on October 13 and 14, 1945, in New York City.

(61-7341-34-287 page 35)

In June, 1947, a reliable informant reported that one M. Katz was on the list of members of the National School and Cultural Commission of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, IWO. The informant further reported that one M. Katz was on the National School Committee, Jewish Section, IWO. Also, according to the same source, one M. Katz gave a course on Economic and Social Geography at the Jewish Workers University.

(100-348353-24 and 100-70546-1)

In November, 1949, and on April 14, 1950, a reliable informant advised that one "Max Katz, born 1906" was a member

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of Lodge 236, International Workers Order. (61-7341-34-433;
61-7341-34-571)

One M. Katz wrote a pamphlet entitled "The Assassination
of Kirov," which was published by the Workers Library Publishers,
Post Office Box 148, Station D, New York City. (61-7559-2396)

Joseph Katz, brother of Menke, claims birth in
Zwontsani, Vilna, Lithuania, and has provided both March 15
and April 20, 1912, as a birth date. He claims derivative
citizenship through his father, Kirsha Hiat. On December 23,
1935, he married Bessie Bogorad and they have one daughter
born January 2, 1942, in New York City. Joseph Katz was last
known to be in Paris, France. His passport, which he originally
received on June 3, 1946, was last renewed in March, 1950, in
Paris.

Elisabeth T. Bentley, an admitted former Soviet agent,
has identified Joseph Katz as her Soviet superior whom she
knew as "Jack" and for whom she worked from the Fall of 1944
until May, 1945.

An informant. [redacted]

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Another informant. [redacted]

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Joseph Katz, mentioned above, is the subject of a current investigation in this Bureau.

The information, previously set forth in instant memorandum and having to do with the same, has been reported because of the possibility that such information pertains to Menke Katz, with aliases.

(There is no main file on Menke Katz, was. A complete search of bufiles was made on the names Menke and Merke Katz. Menke Katz is not known to have used the name of Max, the name by which he was listed on his father's naturalization papers. Therefore, the search on that name was restricted to the localities where Menke is known to have been; namely, New York, New Jersey and Washington, D. C. There were approximately 200 see references on M. Katz. The search was confined to New York, New Jersey and Washington, D. C. and approximately 112 see references were reviewed. Due to the volume of see references, the search on one Katz was likewise restricted to the localities of New York, New Jersey and Washington, D. C. and 260 references were reviewed.)

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	DATE WHEN MADE 2/3/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/28/50 1/18/51	REPORT MADE BY JOHN R. LYONS
TITLE JOSEPH KATZ, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Results of mail cover set out.

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DATE **8-3-89** BY **#289,404**

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DETAILS:

Newark Confidential Informant T-1, a representative of another Government Agency, advised that the following mail was received at the home of JOSEPH BOGORAD at 580 East 28th Street, Paterson, New Jersey:

DATE	FROM	TO
11/17/50	<u>J. KENNER SONS</u> 391 East 149th St. New York 55, New York	<u>J. GEORGE BOGORAD</u> 580-82 East 28th Street Paterson, New Jersey
11/25/50	<u>HOLDEN & HAVSON, INC.</u> 136 Washington St. Paterson, N. J.	<u>GEORGE BOGORAD</u> 580-582 East 28th St. Paterson, N. J.
11/27/50	C I R - 1	<u>G. BOGORAD</u> 580 East 28th St. Paterson, N. J.
11/28/50	The Paterson Savings & Trust Co. Post Office Box 1560 Paterson, N. J.	<u>J. G. BOGORAD</u> 578 East 28th St. Paterson, N. J.

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11/30/50	[REDACTED]	J. G. BOGORAD 580 East 28th Street Paterson
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12/2/50	[REDACTED]	J. GEORGE BOGORAD 580-82 East 28th Street Paterson
12/4/50	[REDACTED]	GEORGE BOGORAD 580 East 28th Street Paterson, N. J.
12/5/50	Paterson Savings & Trust Company, Paterson, N. J.	J. GEORGE BOGORAD 578-582 East 28th St. Paterson, N. J.
12/14/50	[REDACTED]	Mr. G. BOGORAD 324 East 23d Street Paterson, N. J.
12/18/50	The Kingston Hotel & Yacht Club Indian Creek Drive at 64th Miami Beach 41, Fla.	GEORGE BOGORAD 580 East 28th St. Paterson
1/6/50	X G. E. O. U. S. Treasury Dept. 45 Church Street Paterson, N. J.	J. GEORGE BOGORAD 580 East 28th St. Paterson

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Newark Confidential Informant T-2, a representative of another Government Agency, advised that the following mail was received at the home of DAVID KATZ, 64 Jefferson Street, Paterson, New Jersey:

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DAVID KATZ

2662 West Street
Brooklyn, New York

The Directory of the building at 60 Park Place, Newark, New Jersey, lists GEORGE G. MADDEN at office number 2001. Also listed at this number is the GLENS FALLS INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY. A pretext telephone call was made on January 30, 1951 and it was ascertained that GEORGE MADDEN is employed by the GLENS FALLS INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Credit Bureau of Greater Newark, 24 Branford Place, Newark, New Jersey, had no record on G. G. MADDEN. The Newark Office indices were also negative on this name. The Newark Office indices were also negative on the names [REDACTED] and OLDEN & HAYSON, INCORPORATED, Paterson, New Jersey.

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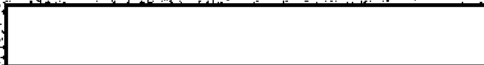
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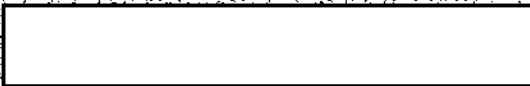
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OLDEN & HAYSON, INCORPORATED
136 Washington Street



Will report the mail cover on the home of JOSEPH G. BOGORAD.

At Passaic, New Jersey

Will report the results of the mail cover on DAVID KATZ, 64 Jefferson
Street.

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INFORMANT PAGE

Newark Confidential Informant T-1 refers to [REDACTED]
Paterson, New Jersey.

Newark Confidential Informant T-2 refers to [REDACTED] Passaic,
New Jersey Post Office.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN R. LYONS dated 9/29/50 at Newark. *N.R.* *1286*

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Re report SA Francis W. Zangle dated 2-8-51 at NYC instant case.

Your attention directed to page five referenced report and to information that Bessie Katz received salary checks from Fournier Glove Company. Suggested

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Note: Desired that this inquiry be made because investigation in Katz case has never developed that Bessie is, or was, working for Fournier; and because of the possibility that this is a method used by Joseph Katz to get funds to his wife.

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KATZ still resides 602 W. 139th St., New York City, and is employed at Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, 71 W. 47th St.

BESSIE

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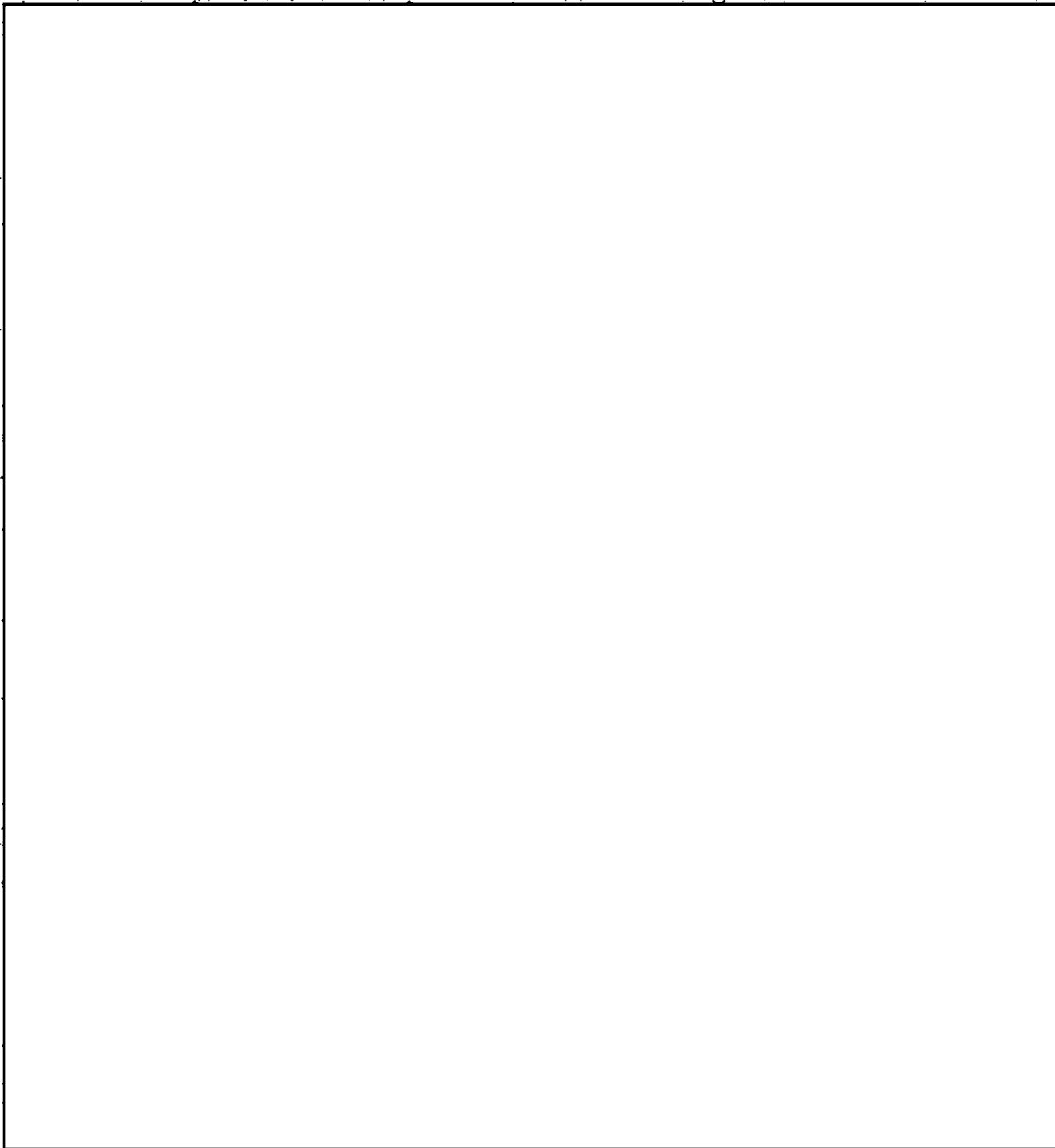
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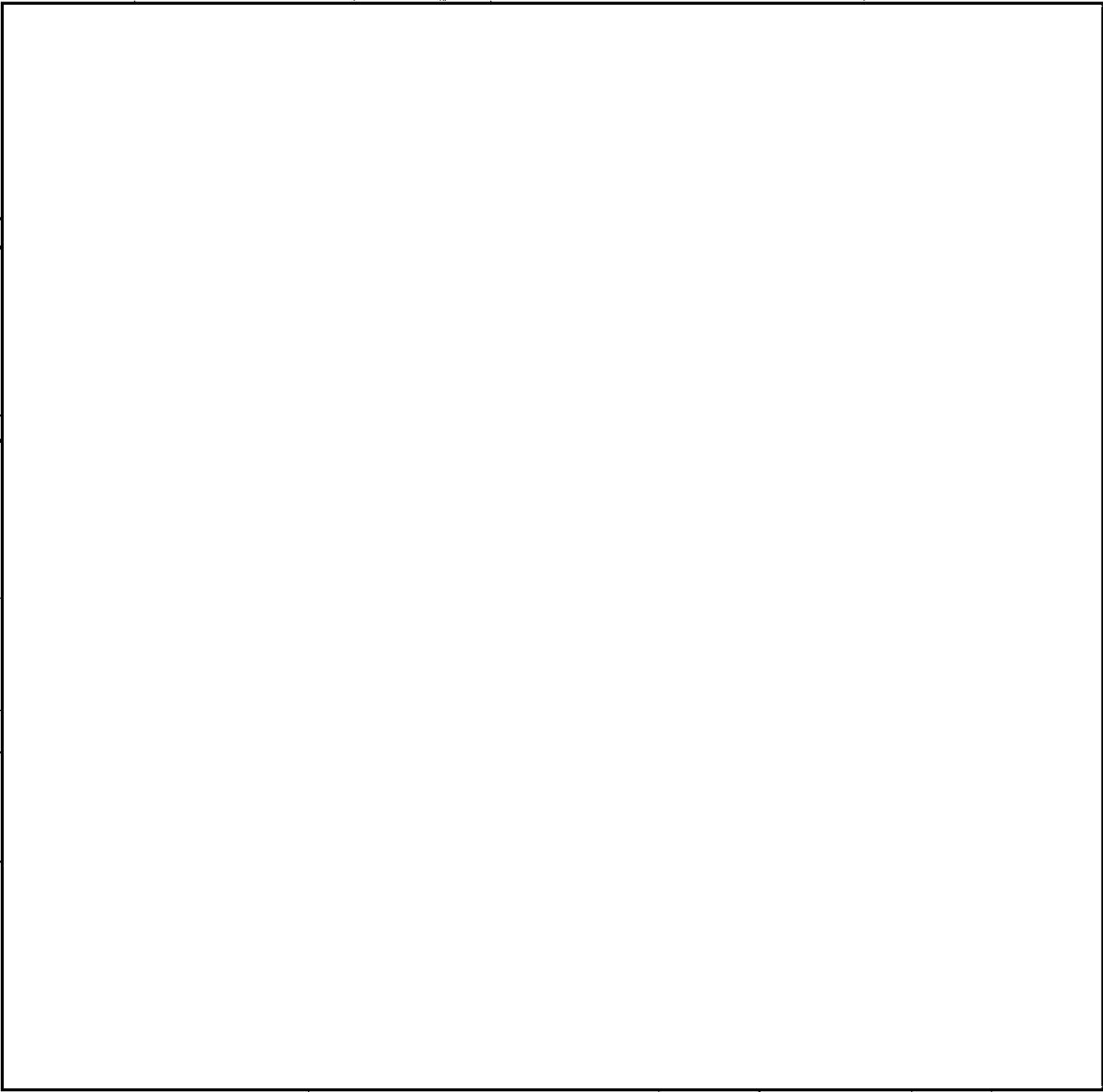


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Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED]

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Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that BESSIE KATZ still remains employed at the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, 71 West 47th Street, and resides at 602 West 139th Street, New York City.

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Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that there was no record of the Tempus Import Company, J. Katz and Company, and Selka, Inc., at the State of New York Unemployment Insurance Division.

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Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, made available [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Fournier Glove Company, Inc.
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Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that the Fournier Glove Company [REDACTED]

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Will continue to follow the activities of subject's wife, BESSIE KATZ.

* There was outstanding leads in Seq. 293 + 264
Bullet to NYO re checking these 2-17-51

Copies of this report are being sent for information to Los Angeles, Newark, New Haven, San Francisco and Washington Field, in view of their interest in instant case.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA Francis W. Zangle, dated FEB 8 1951 at New York, are as follows:

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T-3

Spot surveillances on BESSIE KATZ, 602 West 139th Street

T-4

New York State Unemployment Insurance Division (checked by Albany Office and information furnished to New York by letter dated April 28, 1949)

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His identity is being kept confidential due to the nature of the information furnished.

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[REDACTED] contacted by SA Spurgeon J. Peterson, Her identity is being kept confidential due to the nature of the information furnished.

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Reference is made to the investigative summary report of Special Agent Francis W. Zangle, dated November 8, 1950, at New York City, in instant case.

For your information, the above-mentioned investigative summary report was submitted to the Department on December 18, 1950. At that time the Department was asked whether they would authorize prosecution of Katz on the basis of the information contained in the report, whether they considered it advisable to obtain a secret complaint and warrant and/or a secret indictment, and certain other questions concerning the possibility of arresting Katz as an American citizen in Paris and securing his return to the United States. As of January 3, 1951, the Department replied to our memorandum; photostatic copies of their reply are being forwarded herewith for the information of the New York and Washington Field Offices. It will be noted from the Department's memorandum that they desire that Bentley be reinterviewed and that certain additional investigation be conducted. In accordance with their request, the New York Office should immediately review the information previously obtained from Elizabeth Bentley, with particular emphasis being placed on those points which the Department has listed and concerning which they desire additional or clarifying information. When this has been done the New York Office should arrange to reinterview Bentley in an attempt to obtain the requested data.

The Washington Field Office, while awaiting the results of the reinterview of Miss Bentley, should commence a preliminary investigation to locate, if possible, the individuals (or records) through whom the classified nature of the material which Bentley received can be determined. Upon the receipt of any information developed in the reinterview of Bentley, the Washington Field Office should conduct such investigation necessary to bring the Department's request to a logical conclusion.

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This matter should be given expeditious and continuous attention as the Bureau is extremely anxious to bring this case to a logical conclusion. The Bureau should be kept advised as to your progress in this matter.

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JAMES M. McINERNEY

February 5, 1951

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Reference is made to my memorandum of December 18, 1950, and your memorandum of January 3, 1951, relative to the above-captioned subject.

You are advised that the investigation requested in your memorandum is being undertaken and the results secured will be provided you. Joseph Katz, as you know, was last reported to be residing in Paris, France. [redacted]

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It has been observed that several of the questions proposed in our memorandum of December 18, 1950, were not covered in your reply and it is presumed that such are to be handled separately. However, as you were previously informed, it can be presumed that Joseph Katz was, and probably still is, a Soviet agent of some importance. It was also pointed out to you that though there is no reason to believe that he would cooperate, he could, if he so desired, undoubtedly provide invaluable information concerning Soviet espionage activities. Further, his value from the standpoint that he could provide intelligence information concerning Soviet activities is over-estimated. [redacted]

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For your information, the State Department has now indicated a desire to recall the passport of Joseph Katz, which incidentally, was last renewed in Paris on March 7, 1950. That Department proposes to summon Katz to the American Embassy in Paris and negate his passport to preclude any further travel except his return to the United States. Such action may cause Katz to do one of two things -- namely, return to the United States or leave France illegally for some unknown country, possibly Russia or a satellite country.

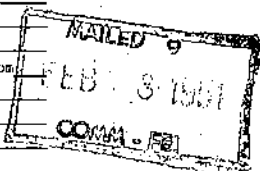
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As mentioned above, the investigation requested by you is being conducted. However, as you well appreciate, such investigation, though it is being given expeditious attention, will take some time.

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[Redacted] It is requested that you furnish us with your opinion on those questions proposed in our memorandum of December 18, 1950, and which were not answered in your memorandum.

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Date: February 5, 1951

To: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson
Chief
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Office of Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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2-3-80 #289,406

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

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Joseph Katz, was., is the subject of a current investigation by
this Bureau. According to reliable information received, [redacted]

Joseph Katz claims birth in Zvontzani, Vilna, Lithuania, and has
provided both March 15 and April 20, 1912, as a birth date. He claims
derivative citizenship through his father, Hirsha Hiat. On December 23,
1935, he married Bessie Bogorad and they have [redacted] born [redacted]
[redacted] Bessie [redacted] are now
living in New York City.

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It has been learned that Joseph Katz had Passport No. 604083,
which was issued to him, apparently as a seaman, on March 9, 1939. He
surrendered this passport to the United States Coast Guard, Bureau of
Marine Inspection and Navigation, on May 8, 1945. At that time he was
issued a seaman's certificate of identification. A search of your files
has failed to reveal any record of an application filed by Joseph Katz for
Passport No. 604083. Joseph Katz also received Passport No. 8383 on
June 3, 1946, and this passport was amended on August 5, 1947, in Paris and
renewed on March 15, 1948, in New York City. Katz, incidentally, is not
known to have been in the United States since 1948. On March 7, 1950, Katz
received a new passport, No. 1043, in Paris, France. His address at that
time was supplied as 5 Rue [redacted] Paris.

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The investigation of Joseph Katz has revealed, among other things, the following pertinent information:

Elizabeth T. Bentley, an admitted former Soviet agent, has identified Joseph Katz as her Soviet superior whom she knew as "Jack" and for whom she worked from the Fall of 1944 until May, 1945.

An informant, [redacted]

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Another informant, [redacted]

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In view of his prolonged stay outside the United States, the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice was asked, as of December 18, 1950, for an opinion as to whether or not Katz can be prosecuted and as to what steps can be taken to secure his return to the United States. The Criminal Division has now requested that additional investigation be conducted to determine the specific information received by Bentley from Joseph Katz and the exact classified status of that information. Such investigation is presently being conducted.

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It is believed that Joseph Katz, if cooperative, could furnish us with considerable information relative to Soviet espionage activities and operations. We are, therefore, extremely desirous of arranging for his return to the United States, either for the purpose of prosecution, or, if such is not possible, for the purpose of making him available for interview. Inasmuch as Katz is an American citizen presently in France on an American passport, your opinion is invited as to just what steps might be taken to insure his return to this country.

It is requested that this information not be disseminated outside of your Department.

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Date: February 5, 1951

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To: Legal Attache
Paris, France

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
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As of April 25, 1949, you were provided with a blind memorandum relative to the captioned subject. You are advised that investigation of Joseph Katz has continued, and during the course of that investigation the following additional pertinent facts have been obtained:

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For your further information, this case was presented to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice on December 18, 1950, for their opinion as to prosecution. Certain other questions dealing with the possibility of securing Katz' return from France were also proposed to the Department. As of January 3, 1951, the Department answered our memorandum and requested additional investigation to clarify just what classified information was passed to Bentley by Katz, and definitely establish the classified nature of that information. Such investigation is presently being conducted. The Department, in their memorandum, did not answer our questions concerning the possibility of securing Katz' return to the United States.

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[REDACTED] However, he has now been continuously outside of this country since approximately 1948, and there is no indication that he intends to return in the near future. In fact, he last renewed his American passport in Paris on March 7, 1950. At that time he furnished his address as 5 Rue Francois, Mauthon, Paris. He also identified himself as being the business representative of Seaboard Industries of Paterson, New Jersey. [REDACTED]

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Due to the extent to which Katz was involved in Soviet espionage activities and operations, and in view of the information he must have concerning the Soviets, it is extremely desirable that we interview him, or at the very least attempt to interview him. Considering his presence in Paris, and his possible reluctance to return to the United States, it is very unlikely that such can be arranged without the cooperation of the French officials. (S)

In view of this situation it is requested that you provide the Bureau with your opinion as to the practicability of advising the French authorities concerning Katz and the possibility of their cooperating to the extent of making Katz available for interview, or possibly forcing his return to the United States. (S)

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DATE: February 5, 1951

TO : MR. BELMONT
FROM : MR. HENNRICH
SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, WAS.
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PURPOSE

As of 12/18/50 the Department was furnished with investigative summary on Joseph Katz and their opinion was asked as to prosecution and as to the possibility of securing his return to the United States. To report that as of 1/3/51 the Department advised in effect that report indicates prima facie case could be made, but requested additional detailed information be obtained from Bentley and others; Department did not answer other questions proposed in our memorandum dealing with Katz' return. To point out that requested investigation will undoubtedly be long; that we continue to be faced with proposition of being cognizant of Soviet agent in allied country and with question of what to do about it; that latter question will still be present even if Department authorizes prosecution. To recommend that Department be advised that requested investigation being conducted; that attention be called to unanswered points in our memorandum and Department advised we are anxious to resolve these questions, as State Department has indicated desire to recall subject's passport making it good only for return to United States, and we are considering asking French aid in this investigation. To recommend that New York City Office and Washington Field Office be provided with copies of Department's memorandum and instructed to conduct investigation desired.

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DETAILS

By memorandum of 12/18/50 the Department was provided with an investigative summary report relative to Joseph Katz, was. In the same memorandum the Department's attention was called to memoranda and reports previously submitted to them which dealt primarily with other subjects, but which contained pertinent information concerning Joseph Katz. It was pointed out to the Department that Katz was, and probably still is a Soviet agent of some importance; that he could undoubtedly provide valuable in-

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formation concerning Soviet espionage and intelligence activities, and that he might be susceptible to prosecution as some of his espionage activities occurred during wartime. The Department was asked:

- (1) Will you authorize prosecution of Katz on the basis of the information contained in the investigative summary report?
- (2) Do you consider it advisable to obtain a secret complaint and warrant and/or a secret indictment?
- (3) Have you any suggestions with respect to an arrest of Katz if the French Government will deport him -- for example, if he is deported on an American ship?
- (4) Would it be possible to arrest Katz if he enters the United States Embassy in Paris on the theory that the Embassy is United States soil?
- (5) If prosecution is authorized will it be possible to extradite Katz, or can you suggest any means by which he may be forced to return to the United States?

The Department replied to our memorandum on 1/3/51. They stated that the investigative summary report strongly indicated that "prima facie case could be made" but that additional information in more detail was being requested before a decision was reached. The Department then pointed out that the weakness in this case rests on the fact that the information as to the Subject's wartime espionage activities comes from only one witness, Elizabeth Bentley. The Department then requests that additional investigation be conducted, and if necessary that Bentley be reinterviewed in order to: ~~S-1(C)~~

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It is to be observed that the Department made no attempt to answer our inquiries numbered 3,4, and 5, as set forth in the memorandum of 12/18/50.

CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

Elizabeth Bentley, as you know, has been exhaustively interviewed. The results of the interviews with her were included in memoranda of February 21 and October 21, 1946, which were forwarded to the Attorney General. It is extremely doubtful that she will be able to add to what she has previously given. However, in view of the Department's specific request that she be re-interviewed for any additional and clarifying information that she can provide, it is believed necessary to conduct such reinterviews. It is also believed necessary in furtherance of the Department's requests that we conduct investigation in an attempt to determine the classified status of the material which Bentley received from Joseph Katz.

It should be pointed out, however, that this reinterview of Bentley and the other investigation requested by the Department will be involved and will necessarily entail a long period of time. In the meantime, we continue to be faced with a proposition of being cognizant as to the identity of a Soviet agent who is outside our jurisdiction in an allied country, and with the collateral question of just what we are going to do about it. We have been aware of Katz' identity as a Soviet agent since 1949. We have likewise known of his presence in Paris since shortly after his identification. [REDACTED] b7E

[REDACTED] The possibility of his return continues, but with the passage of time our postponement of any action because of such possibility becomes less practical. His wife, Bessie, and child are both in the United States, and from information available to us she and Katz are estranged. Joseph Katz renewed his last passport in Paris, France, on March 7, 1950.

In addition to the obvious obligation we have, as an intelligence agency, of doing something about Katz, there is also to be considered his great potential value to us if he should cooperate. The assistance he could give us in making the Gregory case alone is sufficient to cause us to do everything possible to get him back. Thus, in view of this situation, we must determine if we are to

- (a) Delay any further action and wait for the Department to give us an opinion as to prosecution;
 - (b) Commence, through our own sources, to
 - 1. Arrange for the recall of Katz' passport to see if such action will force him to return to the United States. (The State Department has already indicated a desire to recall subject's passport and limit any travel thereon to a return to the United States.)
- The problem here, in having State take such action, would be the possibility that Katz would illegally leave France for Russia or some satellite country.

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A point to be considered is that any action by the Department, i.e. regardless whether they do or do not authorize prosecution, and the issuance of a warrant, will leave us in the same situation as we are at present. In other words, if Katz remains in France he will still be outside our jurisdiction and the aid of the French will be necessary to accomplish his return. This, of course, excludes the possibility that the Department will be able to suggest some method of securing his return without French cooperation. ~~X~~

The only comforting feature of having the Department authorize prosecution will be that when we approach the French we will have a warrant for Katz' arrest to back our request for cooperation and as an indication of our desire to prosecute him. What position the French will take, with or without a warrant, is open to conjecture, but in either case we undoubtedly will have to inform them of Katz' identity as a Soviet agent or provide them with a reasonable pretext story as to our interest in his return to the United States. ~~(b)~~

With the above situation in mind, the recommendations as set forth hereinafter are being presented. It is recommended that

1. Copies of the Department's memorandum of January 3, 1951, be provided the New York and Washington Field Offices with the following instructions:
 - a. The New York Office should thoroughly review the information obtained from Elizabeth Bentley, particularly on those points which the Department has listed and concerning which they desire additional or clarifying information, and then reinterview Bentley in an attempt to obtain the requested data.

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- b. The Washington Field Office, while awaiting the results of the reinterview of Bentley, should commence preliminary investigation to locate, if possible, the individuals (or records) through whom the classified nature of the material which Bentley received can be determined. Upon the receipt of any information developed in the reinterview of Bentley the Washington Field Office should conduct the necessary investigation to bring the Department's requests to a logical conclusion.
2. The Department be advised that the requested investigation is being conducted and the results will be provided them when received. That the attention of the Department be called to the fact that they did not answer all of the questions proposed by our memorandum and request that such be done. That the Department be advised that we are anxious to resolve these questions because the State Department has indicated a desire to recall the subject's passport and limit travel under it to return to the United States [REDACTED]
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3. That the State Department be advised as to Katz' identification as a Soviet agent, his presence in Paris, and their opinion solicited as to the possibility of securing his return to the United States.
4. That our Legat in Paris be informed of our desires with reference to Katz and his opinion solicited as to the practicability of advising the French authorities concerning Katz and asking their aid in securing his return to America. (S)

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In connection with these recommendations there are attached for approval a joint letter to the New York and Washington Field Offices, a letter to the Department of Justice, letter to the State Department, and a letter to our Legat in Paris.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BELMONT
FROM : MR. HENNRICH
SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
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DATE: January 31, 1951

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2-3-89 # 289,404

PURPOSE

To advise that request for loyalty information received from Army on Kenneth Edwin Shaw, born 11/4/13; appointed 10/6/50 as "Maintenance Supervisor (crafts), Department of Army." To report that Kenneth E. Shaw, on 9/9/47, identified self to American Embassy, Paris, as representative of Joseph Katz and Co., New York City; in February and March, 1939, Kaybin, Inc., New York City, of which Joseph Katz was President, sent cables to Kenneth Shaw, Kaybin, Inc., Paris. To recommend that Army, through Liaison, be provided with attached blind memorandum summarizing information on known association of Katz and Shaw, and advising of Katz' identification as a Soviet agent. To recommend that Liaison advise Army of Bureau's interest in Katz and request any information developed abroad during investigation of Shaw.

DETAILS

By memorandum of 1/24/51 the Loyalty Section forwarded a form on "Kenneth Edwin Shaw, Maintenance Supervisor (crafts)--appointee--Headquarters 7966 EUCOM Detachment, APO 58, Department of Army, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York." The memorandum pointed out that Bufiles reflect that Shaw had been associated with Joseph Katz, a known Soviet agent, in business in Paris, and that in a usual case of this type the Army would be requested to make appropriate inquiries abroad. It was suggested, however, that in this particular case, in view of the confidential nature, that the Espionage Section consider advising the Army orally concerning Shaw's connection with Katz on a highly confidential basis. The above-mentioned form gave Shaw's date and place of birth as 11/4/13 in New York City and identified his wife as Yvonne Dodd Shaw, born Crawford, Nebraska, 1908.

During investigation of Joseph Katz a reliable and confidential source reported that in February and March, 1949, Kaybin, Inc., New York City, transmitted a number of cables to Kaybin, Inc., in Paris, and that two of these cables were addressed to Kenneth Shaw.

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Records of the County Clerk, New York City, reflect that a Certificate of Incorporation was filed in the name of Kaybin, Inc., 521 5th Avenue, New York City, on 5/10/48. A reliable source at the Manufacturers Trust Co., 513 - 5th Avenue, New York City, reported that an account was opened at this bank on 5/21/48 in the name of Kaybin, Inc. The officers of the company were identified as Joseph Katz, President, and Saul I. Birnbaum, Treasurer. [redacted]

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In the latter part of April, 1949, a reliable and highly confidential source reported that Joseph Katz wrote his wife, Bessie, a letter. Therein he wrote, among other things, that "Shaw" was a little upset and Katz intimated that he knew the reason why. [redacted]

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Passport files at the State Department reflected considerable information concerning Kenneth Edwin Shaw, the pertinent portions of which are as follows:

He was born 11/4/13 at New York City, of American-born parents. His wife was Yvonne Dodd Shaw, born 1/4/08 at Crawford, Nebraska. He received a passport on 11/4/46 in Paris, at which time he was a civilian employee of the War Department. On 1/17/47 he received another passport, also in Paris, and at that time he indicated that his contract with the War Department had ended, but that he intended to remain in France as a student for an indefinite period. This second passport was amended on 9/9/47 in Paris to show the following employment: "Import-Export Agent. I am a representative of Joseph Katz and Company, 603 West 140th Street, New York 31, New York." On 9/17/48 the passport was again amended to show that Shaw was employed with the American Embassy Commissary in Paris, France. At this time Shaw listed the following foreign residences:

1/2/44 to 9/6/45 - U.S. Army abroad;
11/20/45 to 2/25/46 - with American Red Cross abroad;
3/25/46 to 1/13/47 - with War Department abroad.

Records of the County Clerk, New York City, revealed that a business certificate was filed on 7/30/46 under the name of Joseph Katz and Company. The certificate was filed by Joseph and Benjamin Katz and certified that these two individuals intended to do business at 15 Park Row, New York City. [redacted]

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American Red Cross records showed that Shaw was appointed as an Assistant Field Director on 10/27/45 and resigned 3/26/46 in Paris to join another organization. A report on his services at the time of his resignation recommended him and contained no derogatory information. The Red Cross records indicated that Shaw had attended the New School for Social Research from September, 1937, to June, 1938, and studied economics.

In view of Shaw's stated employment at the American Embassy Commissary in Paris, the records of the Foreign Service Personnel, State Department, were checked. They failed to reflect any service of Shaw with that Department. It was determined, however, that the Commissary in question was privately owned and operated. [REDACTED]

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Records of the AGO, Civilian Employment Records Branch, St. Louis, Missouri, revealed that Shaw was employed as a civilian storekeeper in Rheims, France, from 3/25/46 to 1/13/47. The discontinuance of his employment was by reason of "normal termination of contract." [REDACTED]

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At the Personnel Information Section, Officers Branch, AGO, Washington, D.C., it was learned that Shaw enlisted on 1/31/42 as a Private. He was discharged 12/22/42 to accept a commission as a Second Lieutenant on the following day. As of 10/25/45, while still in active service, he accepted appointment as a First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers Reserve. He was released from active service 12/27/45, at which time he was a First Lieutenant, with efficiency ratings of "excellent." His service record showed he was overseas from 1/12/44 to 8/24/45. These records also reflected Shaw's attendance at the New School for Social Research. [REDACTED]

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OBSERVATIONS

It is to be noted that Shaw, in the information he has given the Army concerning his previous employment, has made no mention of his employment with Joseph Katz and Co., nor of Kaybin, Inc. In fact, he has failed to account on the form for the period from 1/47 to 3/48, during which time he reported to the State Department that he was working for Joseph Katz and Co.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the attached blind memorandum be delivered to the Army by Liaison. The memorandum provides background information on Joseph Katz and points out that he has been identified as a Soviet agent by Elizabeth Bentley, [REDACTED] and two informants [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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It is further recommended that Liaison, when delivering this memorandum, explain to the Army the confidential nature of the Katz investigation and the fact that the case is being currently followed. It should also be pointed out to the Army that because of the continuing possibility that Katz might return to the United States [REDACTED]

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The Army should be requested to provide us with the details of any information which they may obtain in Paris with reference to Kenneth Edwin Shaw and his employment by and connection with Joseph Katz.

ADDENDUM

The loyalty form concerning appointee is being returned to Civil Service Commission with notation on the reverse side thereof to the effect that all information in Bureau files concerning appointee is in the possession of the employing agency and consequently no further action will be taken. DHY:me

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February 1, 1951

KENNETH EDWIN SHAW

There has been no independent investigation of Kenneth Edwin Shaw by this Bureau. However, during the course of the investigation of Joseph Katz, was., the information set forth hereinafter concerning Kenneth Edwin Shaw was obtained.

Joseph Katz claims birth in Zwontzani, Vilna, Lithuania, and has provided both March 15 and April 20, 1912, as a birth date. He claims derivative citizenship through his father, Hirshe Hiat. On December 23, 1935, he married Bessie Bogorad and [redacted]

[redacted] Joseph Katz was last known to be in Paris, France. His passport, which he originally received on June 3, 1946, was last renewed in March, 1950, in Paris.

Elizabeth T. Bentley, an admitted former Soviet agent, has identified Joseph Katz as her Soviet superior whom she knew as "Jack" and for whom she worked from the Fall of 1944 until May, 1945.

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Passport records at the Department of State show that Kenneth Edwin Shaw, born November 4, 1913, New York City, received a United States passport at Paris, France, on January 17, 1947. On September 9, 1947, this passport was amended to show that Shaw was employed as an "Import-Export Agent" by Joseph Katz and Company, 603 West 140th Street, New York City. [redacted]

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The address of 603 West 140th Street, New York City, is known to have been the residence address of Joseph Katz, mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, from 1942 to 1948. The records of the County Clerk, New York City, show that a business certificate was filed on July 30, 1946, under the name of Joseph Katz and Company. The certificate was filed by Joseph and Benjamin Katz and certified that these two individuals intended to do business at 15 Park Row, New York City. The exact status of this firm at the present time is not known. [redacted]

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A reliable and confidential source advised that [redacted]

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According to the records of the County Clerk, New York City, a Certificate of Incorporation was filed in the name of Kaybin, Inc., 521 5th Avenue, New York City, on May 10, 1948. A reliable and confidential source [redacted]

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Records of the Adjutant General's Office, Civilian Employment Records Branch, St. Louis, Missouri, and the Personnel Information Section, Officers' Branch, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., contained information concerning Kenneth Edwin Shaw which is not being repeated here because such is already available to you. [redacted]

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Records of the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., revealed that Kenneth Edwin Shaw was appointed as an Assistant Field Director on October 27, 1945, and resigned March 25, 1946, in Paris, France, to join another organization. A report which was rendered on him at the time of his resignation commended him and contained no derogatory information. The Red Cross records indicated that Kenneth Edwin Shaw had attended the New

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School for Social Research from September, 1937, to June, 1938, and had studied economics. Shaw's attendance at the New School for Social Research was also reported in his record maintained at the Personnel Information Section, Officers' Branch, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C.

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Joseph Katz. is the subject of a current investigation by this Bureau.

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ang*

DATE: 2/12/51

FROM : V. P. KEAY

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, WAS. *b3*

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Reference is made to memorandum to you from Mr. Hennrich in the above-captioned matter dated January 31, 1951. The referenced memorandum indicated that the Bureau had received a loyalty form on one Kenneth Edwin Shaw, appointed October 6, 1950, as "Maintenance Supervisor (crafts), Department of the Army," and is located at Headquarters 7966 EUCOM Detachment, APO 58, New York. The memorandum attached a blind memorandum which provided background information on Joseph Katz, pointing out that he had been identified by informants as a Soviet agent. It also points out the close association between Katz and Shaw. The memorandum recommended that the blind memorandum be furnished to the Army, at which time the confidential nature of the Katz investigation should be explained to the Army. It was also recommended that the Army should be advised that, in view of the current status of the Katz investigation and the possibility that Katz might return to the United States, [redacted]

[redacted] It also recommended that the Army be requested to provide the Bureau with the details of any information which they may obtain in Paris with reference to Shaw and his employment by and connection with Joseph Katz. *b7E*

The blind memorandum was made available to Lieutenant Colonel John M. Lynch of G-2, at which time he was advised in accordance with the recommendations. *b6 b7C*

Colonel Lynch stated that G-2 will dispatch a cable to G-2, EUCOM, advising G-2, EUCOM, that they should not employ Shaw. He stated that G-2, EUCOM, will also be requested to make a discreet inquiry in Paris regarding Shaw on the basis that he is an employee of the Army. Colonel Lynch further advised Mr. Reynolds that the G-2, EUCOM, will not be furnished with a copy of the blind memorandum but will be merely advised by letter that Shaw has been closely associated with an individual who has been identified by several sources as a Soviet agent.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this be forwarded to the Espionage Section for their information. Any information obtained from G-2 in connection with this matter will be brought to the attention of the Espionage Section. *b3*

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JOSEPH KATZ, WAS., [REDACTED] INFORMANT ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. LETTER SO
ADVISING WAS DATED [REDACTED] LAST, HAD NO RETURN ADDRESS, AND
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

February 15, 1951

Transmit the following message to: SAC, NEW YORK

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JOSEPH KATZ, WAS. [REDACTED]

REURTEL THIRTEENTH INSTANT. [REDACTED]

DATED [REDACTED]

LAST

AND BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY KATZ MAY HAVE RETURNED U.S. YOU SHOULD CONDUCT DAILY
SPOT CHECK BESSIE KATZ FOR PERIOD ONE WEEK. IF NEGATIVE SUCH CHECKS CAN THEN
BE LIMITED TO REASONABLE INTERVALS. ARRANGE WITH INFORMANT [REDACTED]

VERIFY FACT

CUSTOMS NYC HAS STOP ON SUBJECT. BUREAU SHOULD BE KEPT ADVISED.

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Per [REDACTED]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

DATE: February 10, 1951

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Rebulet dated 11/21/50.

Pretext telephone calls to various SAM GORDONS in the Los Angeles area have disclosed that SAM and DORIS GORDON, 115 N. Chicago, Los Angeles are apparently identical with the GORDONS who visited PAULINE TUCKMAN in New Haven on June 24 and 25, 1949.

At the Registrar of Voters, Los Angeles, it was determined that SAMUEL GORDON, 115 N. Chicago, registered to vote on January 12, 1948. This was his first registration in the state of California. These records reflect that he was born in Russia, date and place not shown, and that he was naturalized on November 25, 1912 at New York City, New York, certificate No. 323756. His occupation was listed as a painter and he was described as being 5'5½" tall.

Credit and criminal checks in Los Angeles have been negative and no record can be located at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles. The files of this office do not contain any record identifiable with the GORDONS.

The New York Office is requested to obtain all pertinent background information from the files of Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York and to, thereafter, conduct credit and criminal checks and a review of the files of the New York Office in an effort to develop full background information concerning ZALMOND GORDON, aka SAM GORDON and his wife DORIS.

MR. + MRS.

When this information has been furnished to the Los Angeles Office, additional efforts will be made to develop information concerning the present attitude and political sympathies of the GORDONS.

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Date: February 16, 1951

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To: [redacted]

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
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Reference is made to your communication of June 14, 1950,
pertaining to the captioned individual.

For your information, [redacted]

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[redacted] Another
reliable informant has reported that [redacted]

was dated [redacted]

[redacted] notice. According to the informant,
the [redacted] and the informant did not know where the
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February 17, 1951

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Re report SA F. W. Zangle dated 2-8-51 at NYC
instant case.

It is noted that the Synopsis of the reference report does not agree with the Details in that the gross receipts and net profit for the Tempus Import Company for the years 1944 and 1945 are given in round figures in the Synopsis, and in full in the Details. You should correct this to have the Synopsis reflect the same information as in the Details. Corrected first pages should be submitted to the Bureau and all offices that received copies of the referenced report.

As of November 21, 1950, you were instructed to expedite the investigation of [redacted] in order to determine if he was the individual who submitted information to the Bureau in 1938 on Joseph Katz. By Bulet of December 15, 1950, you were requested to conduct certain investigation on Isaiah Litvackoff and Elias Shapiro.

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It has been observed that the referenced report fails to reflect that you have conducted any investigation on either of these matters. Further there is no mention of these items in the Leads set forth on page seven of the referenced report.

In addition to the above your attention is called to the fact that there are still outstanding leads for your office in the reports of SA F. W. Zangle dated July 26 and October 16, 1950.

An analysis of your report of February 8, 1951, reveals that it contains very little information which has been developed by investigative endeavor on your part. The major part of the report consists of material which you received from the Bureau. The only investigation performed was a check of the [redacted] by Agents other than the reporting agent, and spot surveillances on Bessie Katz. The report does not indicate any dates on which such surveillances were conducted.

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The importance of this investigation and the necessity that it receive continuous and thorough attention is obvious. You are therefore instructed to cover the leads set forth in the reports of July 26 and October 16, 1950, and to conduct the investigation requested in Bulets of November 21 and December 15, 1950. Your next investigative report should include the results of your investigation of these matters and should reach the Bureau by March 23, 1951.

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^{Post.} 169, 115, p. 120, 143, p. 54
^{Post.} 122, p. 27, 101
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 21, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ WAS.
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Re report of SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE, dated 10/16/50, at New York, in which it was reported, on Page 16, that BESSIE KATZ, 602 West 139th Street, received mail from one LOUIS RELIN from Camp Rondax, Old Forge, New York, on two occasions--July 31 and August 9, 1950--the return address 46 West 83d Street, New York 24, New York, being listed on one letter.

On December 15, 1950, [REDACTED] furnished this office with a signed statement stating that LOUIS RELIN, a teacher at Benjamin Franklin High School, New York City, along with another teacher, signed [REDACTED] up as a member of Local 5, Section--CP, this being a cell of the Communist Party in that school. [REDACTED] said that he taught at Benjamin Franklin High School from 1934 until he resigned in May, 1937. (X)

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[REDACTED] said that he joined the party in or about 1936 and remained a member for several months only. He recalled the Unit, to which he belonged, consisted of five or six members including himself; and of this group, he had a positive recollection of LOUIS RELIN, an English teacher, being a member. He recalled that after he stopped attending meetings, LOUIS RELIN kept persuading him to become active again. (X)

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It appears that LOUIS RELIN, described by [REDACTED] may possibly be identical to LOU RELIN, mentioned above. (X)

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This information is being submitted for the advice of the Bureau and the New York Office. - RUC -

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Re Washington Field Office letter of 2-21-51 concerning one Lou Relin from whom Bessie Kate received correspondence. Review of Bufiles on names Louis Relin, Lou Relin, L. Relin and one Relin revealed following information which may pertain to the individual in question:

A highly confidential and reliable source, on 10-25-44, provided agents of the New York Office with a list captioned "Sunnyside People, but no number of Registration Membership Card." Included thereon was Lou Relin, 41-19 41st Street. The "Sunnyside" mentioned referred to the Sunnyside Club, CPA, Queens County, New York.

(100-2-4-4521)

[redacted] on 2-6-46, reported that Louis Relin was listed as a member of the faculty of the Jefferson School of Social Science.

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[redacted] advised on 2-28-49, that Louis Relin was on the payroll of the Jefferson School of Social Science during the period January 1, 1947 through June, 1948.

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(100-2-227027-169)

Catalogues of the Jefferson School of Social Science for Spring 1946, Spring 1947, Winter 1947 and Spring 1948, each contained the name of Louis Relin under a heading of "Instructors and Guest Lecturers." The Spring 1947 catalogue, provided by [redacted] on 3-20-47, further reflected that Relin was instructor in a course entitled "Fighting Prejudice through Movies and Music." Also shown was the following biographical data on Relin: "B. A., C. C. N. Y., Teacher, New York City High Schools. Fellowships in 1937, 1938 and 1939 at Sarah Lawrence College Summer Workshop in the field of films, intercultural relations and radio." The Winter 1947 catalogue listed Relin as the instructor in a course entitled "Films that Fight Prejudice." It was indicated that there was no fee for this course which was described thus: "A film and discussion course designed to strengthen the democratic ideology following how to combat anti-social

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forces and promote decent human relationships. Documentary and dramatic films like 'Black Legion,' 'The Negro Soldier,' 'The People of the Cumberland' and 'This Is Our America' will be used as the basis for discussing the student's reactions to juvenile delinquency, narrow-mindedness, minority prejudices, and fascism in its many disguises." The Spring 1948 catalogue, provided by [redacted] on 3-25-48 and by [redacted] on 3-29-48, described Relin as the instructor in the course entitled "Fighting Prejudice through Movies and Music." This course according to the catalogue was "Designed to combat prejudice, to strengthen the democratic ideal, and to promote decent human relations by critical analysis of narrow-mindedness, race-hate and fascism in its many disguises. Film and music will be used as an integral part of the discussion material." ~~2~~

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(100-227027-112, P. 68, 79; 115, P. 32; 122, P. 27; 143, 156, P. 12)
As of 9-26-47, the New York Office advised that [redacted] on various dates, provided the names and addresses of a number of individuals believed to be members, in 1946, of the Sunnyside Section, Communist Party, Queens County, New York. One of the names submitted, on 3-3-47, by the informant was Louis Relin, 41-19 41st Street, Long Island City, New York. ~~2~~

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(100-3-4-5991, P. 3)
The August, 1946 issue of "The Voice of 500," organ of IWO Lodge 500, New York City, reflected that one Lou Relin was to be present at an "Evening of Poetry" which was to be arranged by Eugene Konecky. The latter was described as an outstanding poet and the managing editor of the Fraternal Outlook, official organ of the IWO.

(60-7341-34-292 P. 10)
An unknown outside source provided the Bureau with a memorandum dated March, 1947 and having to do with People's Songs, Inc., 235 E. 11th Street, New York City. Included in the memorandum was a list of individuals who, according to the memorandum, had contributed funds to get this organization started, and to spread it. One of the individuals listed was Lou Relin. The memorandum further pointed out that March, 1947 was the first anniversary of People's Songs, Inc. and described the organization as "Communist inspired and Communist controlled."

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Walter S. Steele, described as the Chairman, National Security Committee of the American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies, and Managing Editor of the National Republic magazine testified before the HCUA on 7-21-47. During the course of his testimony Mr. Steele identified the Jefferson School of Social Science as a Communist School. He also named a number of individuals whom he described as instructors and guest lecturers at that school. Included in the individuals named by Steele was Louis Relin.

The New York ^(100-8-2192 P. 49) World Telegram of 10-1-47 contained an article by Frederick Waltman captioned "Jefferson School Takes Off False Face and Hails Mother Russia." According to the article the Communist Party had openly admitted that the Jefferson School was "in reality, the party's official training school." The article pointed out that four teachers of the New York school system were listed on the faculty of the Jefferson School which "teaches that the totalitarian Soviet Union is more democratic than the United States." Among the four teachers named was "Louis Relin."

The 10-10-47 issue of the same paper also contained an article entitled "3 Commie Course Instructors Hold City Lecture Jobs." According to this article one "seasoned" Communist and two members of the Party's Jefferson School faculty were featured as lecturers in an inservice course offered to teachers in the New York City school system by the Board of Superintendents. Louis Relin, the article stated, was one of the two lecturers who was also on the faculty of the Jefferson School. Relin was identified as being of the "Abraham Lincoln High School, Coney Island." Relin's subject (at the inservice course) was stated to be "Fighting Prejudice through the Motion Picture Film." According to the article this course is catalogued at the Jefferson School as "Fighting Prejudice through Movies and Music." The article also reported that "Lou Relin" had sent birthday greetings to "People's Songs" on the occasion of its first anniversary. People's Songs was described in the article as the "Communist Party's venture into the music field for promoting the class struggle here through ballad singing."

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[redacted] on 12-23-47 and 3-17-50, advised that one Louis Belin, born in 1910, was a member of IWO Lodge number 500.

(61-7341-34-364 P. 728; 558. P. 22)

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signed a Communist Party petition in 1939. Louis Belin, his brother-in-law, was said to have allegedly praised Stalin in his classes at the Benjamin Franklin High School, Brooklyn, New York, and to have described the Russian form of government as the best in the world.

(61-33413-3062, P. 69)
The New York Journal American for 9-14-49, contained an article captioned "List of 10 Teachers Called Red." According to the article ten New York City public school and college teachers were named as Communist Party members by Howard Rushmore in his testimony before the Senate Sub-Committee on Immigration. Further, according to the article, Rushmore named three public school teachers as part-time instructors in the Jefferson School of Social Science, "the Communist University, New York City." Included in these three was Louis Belin, not further identified.

(100-3-4-A)

A report on hearings before the Sub-Committee on Immigration and Naturalization of the Committee on the Judiciary, U. S. Senate, contains testimony given by Howard Rushmore on 9-14-49. According to the report Rushmore identified the Jefferson School of Social Science as the "official university of revolution of the Communist Party." Rushmore further testified "we have three New York public school teachers who during the day are supposed to teach Americanism ---- at night drilling young Communists in the art of Leninism -----". Another instructor at the Jefferson School, Louis Belin, is also a public school teacher."

(62-88217-21 P. 790)

As of 3-16-50 the Criminal Division of the Department provided the Bureau with a list of persons whose names had been furnished by the Board of Education, City of New York, as suspected Communists in the New York City schools. Included in this list was Louis Belin, born 8-24-10, residing at 41-19 41st Street, and teaching at Abraham Lincoln High School.

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[redacted] confidentially advised on 1-25-51 that one Ralph Post, aka Ralph Placetzky, was being considered for an Army commission as a Captain in the U. S. Medical Corps. [redacted] stated that he did not feel that Post should receive such a commission due to the fact that Post's immediate relatives are either Communists or fellow travellers. In connection with these relatives [redacted] pointed out that one Louis Relin was a brother-in-law of Post. Relin, according to [redacted] is a teacher in a New York City high school and was formerly a teacher in the Jefferson School of Social Science. [redacted] further reported that Relin was, in 1936 and 1937, a member of the Communist Party. He did not know if Relin was still a member of the Party.

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Reurlet 2-23-51 captioned as above wherein information is set forth concerning instant subject and others.

Attention called to ultimate paragraph, page one, referenced letter where mention is made of passport application executed by Joseph Katz in 1939. In this connection your attention also called to paragraph four, page two, of urlet of 1-14-49 instant case where it is stated that Katz secured a seaman's passport, #604083, on 3-9-39 but that the application for this passport could not be located.

As Mr. Ashley J. Nicholas, Fraud Section, Passport Division, Department of State, has now provided you with a copy of the photograph of Katz from his 1939 passport application it is possible that he has that application or is cognizant of where it is filed. You should, if it is available, obtain photostatic copies of that application and forward them to the Bureau and the New York Office. *stks*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

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Rebulet December 15, 1950 in which this office was requested to review the State Department file concerning ISAIAH LITVACKOFF for the purpose of determining whether the State Department had secured information concerning JOSEPH HIAT, ELIAS SHAPIRO, or SONIA DOBES.

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, New York
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ReBulet. 11/21/51. requesting further corroboration
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the New York Office in 1938.

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Letter to Director, FBI

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that a toll call to BETTY MERDACH, 53 Grove Street, Passaic, New Jersey, telephone Passaic 2-6453, was charged to the phone of RAE ELSON on September 13, 1945. RAE ELSON was introduced to ELIZABETH BENTLEY by JOSEPH KATZ in February of 1945 and was told by KATZ that ELSON was to succeed her in the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. ELSON worked for the corporation for a short period and was apparently involved in Soviet espionage after KATZ left the United States in the Merchant Marine in May, 1945, because ELSON arranged a meeting between BENTLEY and the Soviet ANATOLE GROMOV in June, 1945.

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Considering the fact that [redacted] volunteered information about KATZ in 1938, and that he is probably in touch with more or less current activities of KATZ through the correspondence between BETTY MERDACH and PAULINE TUCKMAN, it is believed that an interview with [redacted] may be profitable. Prior to conducting the interview, however, a further check should be made in an attempt to learn [redacted] present sympathies.

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The Newark Office is requested to make such an inquiry and explore the situation to determine if [redacted] could be contacted while [redacted] is not present. It is realized that [redacted]

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[redacted] should be made at this time. Newark is requested to furnish the results of their inquiry about [redacted] to the Bureau and New York so specific recommendation as to the interview may be made and Bureau authority may be obtained.

SAC, New York

February 20, 1951

Director, FBI

JOSEPH KATZ, was..

Your attention is called to report of SA W. J. McCarthy dated 3-15-48 at New York City and entitled Unknown Subject, was., Roberts, Mr. Rich; [redacted] This report reflects that Louis Budenz advised that, in probably 1936, he had a conference with Jacob Golos, Jack Stachel and one Michaels. Following this conference Budenz was introduced to one Richards for whom Budenz operated for a period of about six months in connection with the infiltration of the Trotskyite movement. With reference to Michaels, Budenz specifically pointed out that he was not identical with a person of the same name who was the Soviet superior of Budenz following the above mentioned Richards. Budenz, according to the referenced report, believed that the Michaels who was at the meeting with he Golos and Stachel, was an assistant of Golos'. [redacted]

In connection with the above it is requested that the picture of Joseph Katz be displayed to Louis Budenz. The above mentioned information should be recalled to his attention and his opinion solicited as to whether Katz might be the individual Michaels, whom he met with Golos and Stachel.

The following information has recently been located in the Bufiles:

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Grover Whalen, former Commissioner of Police in NYC, testified on July 18, 1930, before a Special Committee to Investigate Communist Activities in the United States (Fish Committee). Mr. Whalen testified with regard to the activities of Communists in the United States and their propaganda here. During the course of his testimony Mr. Whalen provided the "Criminal Records of Members of Left Wing Unions." Included therein was the following: "Katz, Joe - E-6602: 3-29-26—Bronx, Felonious Assault—On 10-21-26. Indictment dismissed, Judge Barrett, County Court, Officer O'Neill 19 Sq. 3-14-27—NYC—Dis Con— On 3-21-27 Fined \$5. Mag Brodsky 2d Court — Officer Young 7 Ptc. 3-17-27 — Nassau County NY. Fel. Assault on 5-5-27 to 5 years Sing Sing Judge Smith County Court — On 1-5-29 Decision reversed and new trial ordered — Case Pending." (62-23170-144 pgs. 1,3,5)

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C-see file of file 267

It is realized that if the known date of Joseph Katz' birth, namely 3-15-12, is correct, he would have only been 14 years of age in 1926. However in view of the possibility that our information on his date of birth is incorrect you should check the appropriate police records in New York City in an attempt to determine definitely whether the subject of instant case is identical with the "Joe Katz" mentioned above.

During a recent check of Bufiles for information on Menke Katz, brother of instant subject, the following information was located:

The report of SA V. F. Clancy dated 2-12-45 at NYC and entitled William David Abrams, was., Security Matter - C (NYF 100-7892) reflects that a confidential source submitted certain information to SA's V. F. Clancy and J. N. Callehan. According to this source [redacted]

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[redacted] In the same report it is stated that [redacted] confidentially advised on 3-27-41 that [redacted]

[redacted] was described by [redacted] as a left wing poet who published his writings in the Morning Freiheit. It is believed that Mainke Katz is identical with Menke Katz, the brother of Joseph Katz. (100-10-13, pg. 5,6)

C-see file of file 267

With reference to the above it is suggested that you review your file on Abrams and conduct any logical investigation which might reveal any connection between this individual and Joseph Katz, instant subject.

SAC, Newark

February 27, 1951

Director, FBI

JOSEPH KATZ was.

[Redacted]

By Bulet of 11-21-50 you were requested to conduct certain investigation concerning Alexander Merdach.

Bufiles do not reflect that you have performed this investigation to date. Your report in this case dated 2-3-51 does not contain any lead indicating that you contemplate handling this matter.

The requested investigation should be conducted immediately and the results provided the Bureau and NYO by 3-10-51 without fail.

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Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney

March 24, 1951

Director, FBI

JOSEPH KATZ, was.

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Reference is made to my memorandum of February 5, 1951. Therein you were informed, among other things, that the State Department had indicated a desire to recall the passport of Joseph Katz which was last renewed in Paris, France, on March 7, 1950.

For your information [redacted]

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As stated above this is being submitted for your information. The State Department is being advised to take no further action in this matter pending the receipt of a specific request that they do so. In the event that you plan to take any action with regard to Katz' passport it is requested that you advise us beforehand.

It has been recently learned, from a reliable and confidential source, that [redacted]

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NOTE: As of 2-5-51 the Legat, Paris, was asked for his opinion as to practicability of [redacted]

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We have not as yet had any reply to this letter and due to the absence of a Legat in Paris at present it will be probably, some time before we do hear. However we do not want State to take any action in regard to the passport [redacted]

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: March 7, 1951

To: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson
Chief
Division of Security
Office of Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

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Your attention is invited to our letter of February 5, 1951. Therein you were very briefly informed concerning Joseph Katz, his background espionage activities, and whereabouts. [redacted]

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For your additional information and possible assistance there are being forwarded herewith two copies of a blind memorandum which has been prepared on this individual. This memorandum summarizes the information which has been developed on Katz since the institution of the investigation of him.

In our letter of February 5, 1951, you were advised that, according to reliable information received, Joseph Katz [redacted]

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[redacted] We have now learned, through a reliable and confidential source, that Katz [redacted] that [redacted] notice.

The information contained in the enclosed memorandum on Katz is confidential and should not be disseminated outside your Department.

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Date: March 2, 1951
To: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson
Chief
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Office of Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
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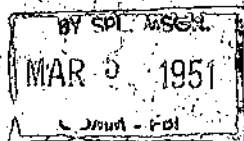
Reference is made to your communication of February 23, 1951, relative to the captioned individual. Your comments as set forth therein and having to do with the action to be taken against this subject are appreciated.

You are advised that your comments have been forwarded to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice as they now have this case under consideration. It is requested that you take no further action in this matter in the absence of a subsequent specific request.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BELMONT
FROM : MR. HENNRICH
SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ
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DATE: February 23, 1951

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The New York Office, by teletype of 2/13/51, advised that

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A memorandum for [Redacted] is attached hereto. ~~(S)~~

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 8, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
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Rebulet 2/17/51 and rerep SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE,
New York, 2/8/51. — 5 329

Copies of corrected first page of referenced report are enclosed for the Bureau and all interested offices. These should be substituted for the first page on all copies of the report.

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Date: March 7, 1951

To: Legal Attache
London, England

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ
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Reference is made to my letter of April 25, 1949, whereby you, the Legal Attache, Paris, and the Bureau's liaison representative in Ottawa, were provided with a copy of a blind memorandum relative to the captioned individual. Reference is also made to my letter of August 4, 1949, wherein the Legal Attache, Madrid, was informed concerning Joseph Katz.

For the information of all offices mentioned above, there are forwarded herewith copies of a blind memorandum summarizing the background and espionage activities of this subject as developed by investigation to date.

Copies of this memorandum are being provided [redacted] by the Bureau, and it will therefore not be necessary for you to make such information available to them. The Bureau's liaison representative in Ottawa should make a copy of the memorandum available to the [redacted] for their information. In accordance with this suggestion, two copies of the memorandum are being enclosed herewith for [redacted].

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A reliable and confidential source of the New York Office recently reported that [redacted]

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Legal Attache, Madrid (~~SECRET~~ - AIR COURIER)

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For your confidential information, the facts in this case were provided the Criminal Division of the Department for an opinion as to prosecution. The Department was also asked as to what steps could be taken to secure Katz' return, as an American citizen, to the United States. With reference to prosecution, the Department has requested additional investigation to determine just what material was turned over to Katz by Elizabeth Bentley and the classified nature of that material. The Department also has advised that there is no legal procedure by which we can force Katz to return to the United States.

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As of February 5, 1951, the Legal Attache in Paris was asked to give his opinion as to the practicability of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (S)

For your confidential information, it may be pointed out that the informant referred to in paragraph one, page fourteen, of the memorandum is one [REDACTED]. The informant mentioned in paragraph three, same memo, is [REDACTED] who incidentally is the person who introduced [REDACTED] into Soviet espionage activities. These individuals have been referred to as informants in the memorandum because information concerning them has been given only to the Criminal Division of the Department, while this memorandum is being widely disseminated.

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Since the preparation of instant memorandum further identification of Joseph Katz as a Soviet agent has been received from two other admitted former Soviet agents. [REDACTED] has identified Katz as having been his Soviet espionage superior from 1940 until 1945. [REDACTED] also has so identified Katz. [REDACTED] stated that Katz was his superior from 1938 until 1944. The questioning of these two individuals is continuing and you should not disseminate their identification of Katz at this time.

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March 7, 1951

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RE: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

Reference is made to my memorandum of April 25, 1949, whereby you were provided with copies of a memorandum concerning the captioned individual. For your further information there are forwarded herewith three copies of another memorandum which has been prepared on this subject and which summarizes his background and espionage activities as developed through investigation to date.

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[redacted] was informed by memo. of 2/24/51 that information received to effect [redacted]

[redacted] At the time the memo. of 2/24/51 was delivered to [redacted] they were informed orally of the fact that this case had been presented to the Department, that we were interested in securing Katz' return to the U.S., and they were asked to give us their opinion as to the possibility of [redacted]

cc Legal Attache
London, England

cc Ladd
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cc [redacted]

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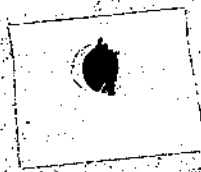
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SAC, Newark
Director, FBI

March 20, 1951

EX-27

JOSEPH KATZ, was.

[Redacted]

Re report SA John R. Lyons dated 3-13-51 at Newark instant case.

Noted that Miami requested to ascertain activities of Alice Kutscher, 2134 Monroe Street, Hollywood, Florida. Name is set forth as Alfred Kutscher on page three referenced report. Advise Miami which is correct.

cc - Miami

cc - [Redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 3/13/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/5,6,7,8/51	REPORT MADE BY JOHN R. LYONS
TITLE JOSEPH KATZ, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE 	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u> <i>No dissemination</i> <i>KAP</i> ALEXANDER MERDACH, formerly part owner of M & S Drug Company, Paterson, New Jersey, now works at Gregor Candy Shop, Main Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey. Confidential informants do not know him. - P - DETAILS: CORINNE JANCOS, State Board of Pharmacy, Trenton, New Jersey advised that the M & S Drug Company was formed in 1946, according to their records, in order to take over the business of the Bowne Drug Store at 291 Market Street, Paterson, New Jersey. Their statement listed the following information: <u>A. MERDACH</u>, president, 13 3/10 per cent of the stock; <u>B. MERDACH</u>, vice-president, 33 1/3 per cent of the stock; <u>M. STARR</u>, secretary and treasurer, 53 1/3 per cent of the stock. According to the records, BRESSMAN was pharmacist in charge, and <u>LOUIS GOLD</u> and <u>SAM KACHESKY</u> were his assistants. According to the records, MERDACH is not a registered pharmacist in New Jersey and never has been. Records which were found indicated that <u>MAX STARR</u> was a registered pharmacist who resided at 46 Ascension Street, Passaic, New Jersey. The 1949 and 1950 statement of the concern at the Board of Pharmacy indicates that MAX STARR died on October 14, 1950, and the firm apparently reorganized, as it has new officers. <u>ETHEL STARR</u> is now the president and treasurer; <u>ROSE STARR</u>, vice-president; and <u>ABRAHAM KIRSON</u>, secretary. Records of the secretary of state indicate that the M & S Drug Company was formed on Classified by [REDACTED] Declassify on: OADR 2-6-89 #289,402 COPIES DESTROYED R584 NOV 8 1960 APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>J. R. McRae</i> COPY IN FILE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES RECORDED - 96 INDEXED - 96 COPIES OF THIS REPORT ② 3 2 1 2 Miami New Haven (information) Newark <i>Lt. NK-710</i> <i>+ NY 3140</i> <i>TXO</i> MAR 14 1951 34			

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November 27, 1946. The agent for the company is I. ROBERT SCHEFRIN.

The last annual report in the secretary of state's records for this file was November 30, 1949. It listed ALEXANDER MERDACH, president; BETTY MERDACH, vice-president; ROSE STARR, second vice-president; and MAX STARR, treasurer and secretary. All of the above were directors.

The MERDACHs were listed at 260 Gregory Avenue, Passaic, and the STARRs at 46 Ascension Street, Passaic.

The records of the Motor Vehicle Bureau contained no record of ALEXANDER or BETTY MERDACH at 260 Gregory Avenue; however, it did list an ALEXANDER H. MURDOCK, 407 Ellison Street, Paterson. There was no record at the Office of Selective Service, Trenton, New Jersey for MERDACH.

Mr. MAX MINSKY, 67 Garden Street, Passaic, New Jersey advised that he runs a surgical appliance store at that number. He was interviewed under suitable pretext and claimed that he knew MAX STARR for a number of years. He worked for him when he owned the Lincoln Drug Company; however, he could not remember the name of MAX STARR's partner but did know that he was a native of Passaic. He advised that STARR's partner had recently opened the Gregor Candy Shop on Main Street, in Passaic. MINSKY stated that so far as he knew, both STARR and his partner were loyal American citizens. He advised that this former partner of STARR has a bad heart and is not in the best of health. He stated that he had the opportunity to be driving along Main Street when he saw this man collapse. He picked him up, put him in his car, and drove him home. This man later came around and thanked MINSKY for his assistance. MINSKY stated that he knows this individual but is not too well acquainted with him. He cannot recall his name.

Lt. Detective JOSEPH CAMPBELL and Detective JAMES BINGHAM of the Passaic Police Department, had no information regarding MERDACH.

Confidential informant T-1, unknown reliability, advised that he has known JOSEPH BOGORAD for a number of years [redacted]. He stated that JOSEPH BOGORAD's father was a well-known Communist in Passaic, and he believes that the BOGORAD family were all Communists or communistically inclined. He stated that JOSEPH BOGORAD's father packed up and left his family to return to Russia, about 1930. So far as he knows, he has not been heard from since. He advised that a sister of JOSEPH BOGORAD, whose name he cannot recall, was killed in an automobile accident in Chicago. He stated that his sister was an active Communist and from his association with the family, knows that she was outspoken regarding Communism.

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He stated that one of his friends advised him that when BOGORAD's sister was killed, she was brought East for a funeral, and at the funeral, the leading functionaries of the Communist Party all attended. He stated by leading functionaries he meant the twelve Communist leader, eleven of whom were tried and convicted in New York. He stated from this that she must have been a leading figure in Communism. He stated that he has known JOSEPH BOGORAD for

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T-1 stated that [redacted]

[redacted] T-1 advised that he presently believes that JOSEPH BOGORAD is a loyal American, and he has not heard him utter any Communistic statements recently. He stated that he has no reason to believe at the present time that JOSEPH BOGORAD is in any way sympathetic to Communism or to Russia. T-1 states that BOGORAD is a successful businessman running Seaboard Industries, which is a chemical supply house, and that one of his best customers is an individual named GORDON who runs the Colonial Print Works in Paterson. He further advised that JOSEPH BOGORAD is a good-natured individual and a couple of years ago [redacted]

[redacted] He advised that he has discussed BOGORAD's past Communist beliefs with another associate, [redacted] and that both came to the conclusion the BOGORAD presently is a loyal American and if anything would happen, he would come to the assistance of this country.

It was ascertained from the Passaic Chamber of Commerce that Mrs. BETTY MERDACH owns the Gregor Candy Shop at 689 Main Street, Passaic, New Jersey, telephone number is Gregory 3-5945.

Confidential informant T-2 advised that the following mail was received in the home of BOGORAD:

DATE	FROM	TO
1/23/51	[redacted]	J. GEORGE BOGORAD 580 East 28 Street Paterson, New Jersey
1/23/51	PATERSON SAVINGS & TRUST CO. Post Office Box 1560 Paterson, New Jersey	J. GEORGE BOGORAD 580 East 28 Street Paterson, New Jersey
1/27/51	[redacted]	J. GEORGE BOGORAD 580 East 28 Street Paterson, New Jersey

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149 Painter Avenue
West Haven, ConnecticutJ. GEORGE BOGORAD
580 East 28 Street
Paterson, New Jersey

Newark confidential informants T-3, T-4, and T-5, who are acquainted with a number of the members of the Communist Party in New Jersey, contacted that they did not know ALEXANDER or BETTY MERDACH.

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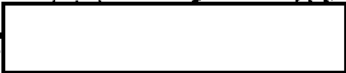
NEWARK OFFICE

At Passaic, New Jersey

Will attempt to ascertain further information regarding ALEXANDER and BETTY MERDACH, 260 Gregory Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey. Will continue mail coverage of the home of JOSEPH G. BOGORAD, 580 East 28 Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

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At Hollywood, Florida

Will attempt to ascertain the activities of 



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T-1 [redacted]
requests that his identity be kept confidential.

T-2 [redacted] Paterson, New Jersey.

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T-3 [redacted] contacted by the writer on March 3, 1951.

T-4 [redacted] contacted by the writer on March 3, 1951.

T-5 [redacted] contacted by the writer on March 6, 1951.

REFERENCE

Report of Special Agent ZANGLE, dated at New York February 8, 1951.
Bureau letter to Newark, dated February 27, 1951.
New York letter to Director, dated February 27, 1951. - 1343

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Date: March 7, 1951

To: [redacted]

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Attention: [redacted]

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ [redacted]

As of April 25, 1949, you were provided with two copies of a memorandum relative to the captioned individual. There are forwarded herewith for your information two copies of another memorandum wherein the background and espionage activities of this subject as developed by investigation to date have been summarized.

As you were informed in our letter of February 16, 1951, [redacted]

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It is requested that the information contained in the attached memorandum not be disseminated outside of your own Agency.

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Date: March 7, 1951

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Intelligence Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation [REDACTED]

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ, was. [REDACTED]

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There is being forwarded herewith for your information a copy of a memorandum which has been prepared on the captioned individual. This memorandum summarizes the background and espionage activities of Joseph Katz, was., who is the subject of a current investigation by this Bureau.

As you will note Katz [REDACTED]

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It will be further observed that Katz renewed his American passport #8383 at New York City on March 15, 1948. The exact date of his departure from the United States following the receipt of that passport has never been determined. He is not known to have been in the United States since 1948.

The information contained in the enclosed memorandum is confidential and should not be disseminated outside your own Agency.

cc - Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

cc - Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 15, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
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Rebulet 2/5/51, Departmental Memorandum 1/3/51, and summary report in instant case, 11/8/50. - 5304

The Departmental Memorandum comments that the investigative summary does not state that material passed to KATZ was intended for transmission to Soviet authorities. Page 63 of the summary report includes a paragraph in which this matter is taken up. It is stated there that KATZ told BENTLEY that the material she turned over to him eventually found its way to the Russian Embassy in Washington.

Rebulet instructs that the NYO review information previously obtained from BENTLEY. It is pointed out that this was done in preparation for the summary report in instant case and in reviewing the information it was noted that BENTLEY had not distinguished very clearly, during previous interviews, the exact material she collected and passed on to JACK (JOSEPH KATZ) and similar material passed to "BILL". Therefore, she was interviewed on this particular point and the results thereof were incorporated in the summary report along with other information she already furnished about KATZ. As mentioned in the summary report, BENTLEY was not certain in all instances as to which information went to KATZ and which went to "BILL".

In accordance with the request of the Department for more detail as to the classified information passed by BENTLEY to KATZ, BENTLEY was reinterviewed on February 20, 1951 by SAS THOMAS G. SPENCER and FRANCIS W. ZANGLE. BENTLEY had just partly recovered from an illness and was preparing to leave for a month's long vacation in Nassau, so the interview was necessarily shortened. However, some additional information was obtained and it is proposed that after the additional investigation requested hereinafter is done, BENTLEY be reinterviewed thoroughly. The results of the final interview could then be substituted where necessary for portions of BENTLEY's section in referenced summary report.

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As far as recalling the dates she turned these reports over to KATZ, BENTLEY said she might recall the dates if she saw and recognized copies of the actual material she handled. Generally, however, she places the dates as from early October to late December, 1944, which is the period of her espionage activities during which KATZ acted as her superior. BENTLEY also said that if copies of the actual reports were obtained the dates of these reports would assist her in recalling if they were turned over to "BILL" or to KATZ.

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BENTLEY said she would recognize the report on the proposal for exchanging NKVD representatives which J. JULIUS JOSEPH gave her and if she recognized it, she might be able to recall definitely whether it was turned over to KATZ. BENTLEY had previously stated that JOSEPH gave her carbon copies of reports and during the interview of February 20, 1951 added that he gave her some information orally. She did not recall anything further about the type of information JOSEPH gave her during the time KATZ was her superior.

Added info on Perlo in 44 Page
BENTLEY said she obtained a continuous stream of WPB information from VICTOR PERLO and is now unable to state definitely what the information was or to which superior she passed it to. PERLO furnished her information concerning airplane production, specifications, and the places the planes were allocated. BENTLEY said PERLO probably extracted the information from WPB files and typed it himself before passing it to her. BENTLEY said she does not think she could recognize any of the PERLO information even if the original data from whence it came was obtained because it contained so many detailed figures.

Concerning [redacted] it was noted that he was not employed at the WPB during the pertinent period of BENTLEY's

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[redacted] association with KATZ. His record of employment as set out in the report of SA [redacted] dated 8/10/49, Washington, D.C., in the case entitled, "EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, wa.; SECURITY MATTER-C", shows he was a principal economist at WPB from March 5, 1942 to September 21, 1944, and from September, 1944 to July 14, 1945, Foreign Affairs Economist and Advisor on organizational statistics in the FEA. When this was mentioned to BENTLEY, she stated she had been confused about FITZGERALD's employment and she must have given the WPB information furnished by FITZGERALD to "BILL" and not to KATZ. The paragraph about FITZGERALD in the summary report will be deleted when a revision is made of BENTLEY's information.

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BENTLEY said she would definitely recognize the prospectus material on Germany which ALLAN ROBERT ~~K~~ROSENBERG furnished her. She said she passed this material both to "BILL" and KATZ but might be able to state what she specifically gave to KATZ if copies were located.

JOSEPH B. ~~X~~GREGG furnished BENTLEY with films of ONI reports and typewritten or dictated notes of material abstracted from ONI reports received by the OCI-AA. BENTLEY said ONI apparently designated copies of some of their reports to OCI-AA and GREGG thereby had access to these. When the material was on film, BENTLEY said it was undeveloped when she handled it so she did not know its contents. She said she would remember some of the typewritten data or oral information dictated to her by GREGG if the reports from which GREGG obtained the information were produced. As far as differentiating between KATZ and "BILL" as the receivers of the information from GREGG, BENTLEY again stated she might recall this from the dates of the actual reports.

BENTLEY recalled the last meeting with PERLO which was held at the apartment of MARY ~~X~~PRICE in New York City, a few days before Christmas, 1944, as the last contact with PERLO. She could not describe specifically the material collected from PERLO at this meeting except to say that it was the same type of material that he had been furnishing in the past and described heretofore.

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In accordance with the requests contained in referenced Departmental Memorandum certain further investigation is being requested. The purpose of the investigation will be first to locate any files, reports, material or sources from which information was obtained by BENTLEY's contacts during the pertinent period. The time to be considered is from September 15, 1944 to December 31, 1944. If BENTLEY is able to recognize any of the material as material she passed to KATZ, then further attempts will be made to determine if the material was classified and related to National Defense at the time it was passed by BENTLEY to KATZ.

Investigation requested of the Washington Field Office is as follows:

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(5) Will ascertain the type of information handled by JOSEPH B. GREGG in the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs during the pertinent period. Will also attempt to locate copies of ONI reports which were sent to the OCI-AA dated during or just prior to the pertinent period and which GREGG may have had access to. According to BENTLEY, reports were concerned with Communist affairs in Latin America.

Will endeavor to ascertain if information on sending

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Washington Field and New York Offices.

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SAC, New York

Director, FBI

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ReBulet 2-5-51 wherein you were advised of investigation which the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, desired to have conducted in this case. You were also informed in that letter that certain questions had been proposed to the Criminal Division concerning the possibility of arresting Katz as an American citizen in Paris and securing his return to the United States.

For your information there are now enclosed herewith for you and the Washington Field Office two photostatic copies each of a memorandum received from the Criminal Division of the Department and dated February 21, 1951. You will observe that the Department has advised that there is no legal procedure by which Katz can be forced to return to the United States outside of deportation by the French government.

In order that you may be kept abreast of developments in this investigation the following information is being set forth:

As of 2-5-51 the Bureau inquired of the State Department as to what steps, if any, could be taken to insure Katz' return to this country.

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Such action by the State Department, as you know, could result in either having Katz return to this country, or leave France illegally for some other country. In view of the latter possibility the State Department has been asked to take no further action with regard to Katz' passport at this time.

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The Bureau has never advised the French authorities regarding Katz because it was always felt that as an American citizen he might return to the United States. Further it was thought that if we did tell the French, or request investigation of Katz by them, that such fact might become known to him and decide him against returning to this country. However, Katz has been absent from the United States almost three years and there does not seem to be any definite possibility that he intends to come back. For this reason the Bureau has now requested its Legal Attache in Paris to give his opinion on the practicability of

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When we have heard from the Legal Attache and the confidential source, and the course of action to be taken has been formulated, you will be advised. In the meantime your attention is called to the last paragraph of the Department's communication wherein they urge that every effort be made to complete the pending additional investigation at as early a date as possible. It is expected that you will do your utmost to comply with this request.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 26, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ was.

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Enclosed herewith for the attention of the Bureau and the New York Office are photostatic copies of Passport Application of JOSEPH KATZ executed March 7, 1939, upon the basis of which Passport #604083 was issued on March 9, 1939. The original application in this matter is maintained in the files of the Passport Division, Department of State, and are made available to this office by Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS.

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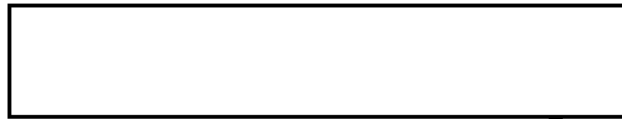
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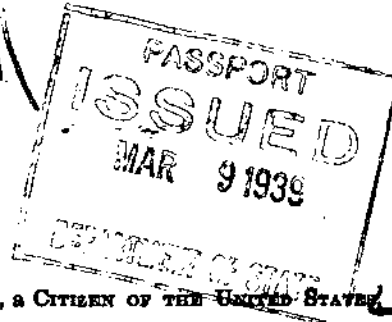
The legal fee for a passport is \$9, in currency or gold, silver, order, and \$1 for issuance of application.
The total fee is \$10. It is necessary to pay any other fee to be paid in connection with the filling out or execution of this application, or for obtaining the passport. All necessary information and guidance will be given by the clerk of court or Passport Agent before whom this application must be executed.

PASSPORT APPLICATION

604083

FORM FOR PERSON CLAIMING CITIZENSHIP THROUGH NATURALIZATION

[EDITION OF 1938]



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

Execute and attach PART TWO if members of family are to be included in passport

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KATZ JOSEPH
(To be printed in full by applicant for passport)

I, Joseph Katz, a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES,
(Name in full)
do hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport. I solemnly swear that I was born
at Suwalka, Vilna, Poland, on March 15, 1912
(Town or city) (Province or county) (State or country) (Date)
that I emigrated to the United States, on or about 1920; that I resided continuously in the United
(Date)
States from 1920 to 1939, at Passaic, N.J., New York City; that I am domiciled in
(City) (State)
the United States, my permanent residence being at 415 West 24th St.
(Street address)
in New York, State of New York
(Town or city)
that my father, Isidor David Hatz Katz, who is an American citizen,
(Name) (is or is not)
was born at Swir, Poland and is now residing at Passaic, N.J.
that he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the Common Pleas
Court of Passaic County, at Paterson, New Jersey
(City and State)
on February 19, 1925 as shown by the Certificate of Naturalization submitted herewith
(Month, day, and year) (previously submitted)

I have been naturalized as a citizen of a foreign State. I have not taken an oath of allegiance to a foreign State.
(If applicant took an oath of allegiance to, or was naturalized in a foreign State, a supplementary statement, under oath, should be attached)

Since my naturalization I have resided outside the United States as follows:

(State name of, and period of residence in, each foreign country)

none since arrival
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A WOMAN APPLICANT MUST FILL IN THIS PORTION

I was never married.
(last married on March 19, 1938)
who was born at Swir, Poland; who is an American citizen,
(Date) (is or is not)
and who is now residing at Passaic, N.J.
(Date)
Our marriage has not been terminated.
(was terminated by (death) (divorce) on April 29, 1938)
(Date of death or divorce)
My maiden name was Isidor David Hatz Katz, and
(Name)
I was not previously married.
(was previously married to Isidor David Hatz Katz)
(Full name of former husband)
on March 19, 1938, at Passaic, N.J., who was born
(Date) (City and State)
at Swir, Poland, and the marriage was terminated by death on April 29, 1938
(Date)
(If married more than twice, set forth facts in a supplemental statement)
My husband emigrated to the United States on March 19, 1938
(former husband)
and his father was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the
(Name of father)
Court of Passaic County at Paterson, New Jersey
(City and State)
on February 19, 1925 as shown by the Certificate of Naturalization submitted herewith
(Month, day, and year) (previously submitted)

I intend to leave the United States from the port of New York
(Port of departure)
on March 15, 1939, sailing on board the Stokholm
(Date of departure) (Name of ship)

NOTE.—Any additional information necessary to clarify the citizenship status of applicant may be incorporated in a supplemental affidavit which will be considered a part of this application.

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My last passport was obtained from none

(Insert Washington or location of office abroad)

on

(Date)

and is submitted herewith for cancellation

(Give disposition of passport if it cannot be submitted)

I intend to visit the following countries for the purposes indicated:

France, England

(Names of countries to be visited)

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(Purposes of visits)

and I intend to return to the United States within six

months.

ADDRESS

I request that my passport be mailed to the following address:

Name Joseph Katz

Number and street 415 West 24th St.

City and State New York City

(NOTE.—A passport will not be mailed to a hotel address unless the hotel is the applicant's place of permanent residence.)

DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPH OF APPLICANT

Height 5 feet, 8 1/2 inches.

Hair Brown

Eyes Blue

Distinguishing marks or features none

(Note any marks or scars on hands or face)

by which applicant may be identified)

Place of birth Wroclaw, Poland

(City and State)

Date of birth March 15, 1912

(Month, day, and year)

Occupation Draftsman

I solemnly swear that the statements made on both sides of this application hereto is a likeness of me.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation, or purpose of evasion: So help me God.

Joseph Katz
(Signature of applicant)

M. J. H.



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Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 19____

Samuel J. Dean
Agent of the Department of State.

AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTIFYING WITNESS

I, the undersigned, solemnly swear that I am a citizen of the United States; that I reside at the address written below my signature hereto affixed; that I know the applicant who executed the affidavit hereinbefore set forth to be a citizen of the United States; that the statements made in the applicant's affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief; further, I solemnly

swear that I have known the applicant personally for six years.

If witness has been issued a passport, give number if known and date or approximate date of issue.

No. _____ Date of issue _____

No lawyer or other person will be accepted as witness to a passport application if he has received or expects to receive a fee for his services in connection with the execution of the application or obtaining the passport.

Miriam Bogorad
(Signature of witness)
318-2nd Ave, NYC
(Residence address of witness)

Sworn to before me this 939 day of _____, 19____

Samuel J. Dean
Agent of the Department of State.

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NOTE.—If applicant was born outside the United States on or after May 24, 1934, of an alien father and an American mother, a supplemental affidavit will be required giving the name and date and place of birth of mother as well as complete data concerning how and on what date she acquired American citizenship.

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Signatures should not be affixed until requested by
an appropriate official of the Passport Agency.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BELMONT *AB*
FROM : MR. HENNRICH *CH*
SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was
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[redacted] Legat, Madrid, advised 8/4/49 as to Katz' identity as Soviet agent. To recommend that attached memorandum summarizing Katz' activities as developed through investigation to date be disseminated to same individuals and agencies, and also to ONI, G-2, OSI, and State Department.

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DETAILS

As of April 25, 1949, a blind memorandum was prepared on captioned subject in which there was briefly set forth the information developed concerning him up to that time. This memorandum was approved for dissemination to the Legats in London and Paris, the Bureau's liaison representative in Ottawa [redacted]

[redacted] Subsequently, bylet 8/4/49, the Legat in Madrid was informed concerning Katz' identity as Soviet agent and was furnished information concerning certain activities of Katz in France.

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Another memorandum has now been prepared wherein the background and espionage activities of Katz, as developed thru investigation to date, has been summarized. It is to be noted that the memorandum does not contain any information on Katz as received from [redacted] Neither does it reflect any of the information recently received from [redacted] and [redacted] having to do with Katz. The fact that this subject has been identified as a Soviet agent by [redacted] has, however, been mentioned in the attached letters to the Legats in London and Paris and Madrid, and to the Bureau's liaison representative in Ottawa.

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RECOMMENDATION

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That an appropriate number of copies of the attached blind memorandum be disseminated to the following: Legats London Paris and Madrid; Bureau's liaison representative, Ottawa [redacted] State; ONI; G-2, OSI and [redacted] In this connection there are attached hereto for your approval letters of transmittal to all of the individuals and agencies mentioned, with the exception of [redacted] In the event of approval, the copy of this memorandum for [redacted] will be personally delivered by Supervisor R. J. Lamphorne [redacted]

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Summary
JOSEPH KATZ, with aliases:
Joseph Hiat, Yeiske Hiat,
Jack, Bob.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

A. Joseph Katz

According to Selective Service records, Joseph Katz was born March 15, 1912, at Swenzani Vilna, Lithuania. As will be pointed out later, Katz' father, in his immigration papers, supplied his son's date of birth as April 20, 1912.

Joseph Katz was born Joseph (Yeiske) Hiat. As of March 21, 1938, he officially changed his name to Joseph Katz. He claims derivative citizenship through the naturalization of his father, Hirsha Hiat, on February 19, 1925, in the Common Pleas Court, Passaic County, Passaic, New Jersey.

According to marriage records at the Hall of Records, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California, Joseph Katz married Bessie Bogorad on September 23, 1935, at Los Angeles. At the time he reported that he was 23, single, born in New York, and an engineer -- aviation by occupation. He named his father as David Katz, born in Lithuania, and his mother as Beatrice Gubersky, likewise born in Lithuania.

According to the same records, Bessie Bogorad reported that she was 23, single, born in New Jersey, and a medical stenographer by occupation. She named her father as Samuel Bogorad, born in Russia, and her mother as Pauline Gorden, also born in Russia.

B. Bessie Katz and

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Bessie Bogorad Katz was born June 19, 1912, in Passaic, New Jersey, according to records of the Passaic High School. Joseph Katz, it is to be observed, in his Selective Service questionnaire gave his wife's date of birth as June 18, 1912.

Records in the New York City Department of Health reflect that

[REDACTED] resided at 602 West 141st Street, New York City, and were listed as Joseph Katz, 28, born Lithuania, and Bessie Bogorad, 28, born New Jersey.

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Bessie Katz attended the Passaic High School, Passaic, New Jersey, from 1925 until 1929. Her earliest known employment was determined to be with the S. Goldberg and Company, Passaic, New Jersey. Joseph Katz, in his Selective Service records, reported that his wife, in 1940, was employed in the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, New York City. In 1945 Bessie Katz was employed by the American-Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York City, on the Overseas Staff. While in the employ of this organization she spent considerable time in Paris, France. She was outside of the United States from February to July, 1946, and from March, 1947, to August, 1949. Upon her return to the United States in August, 1949, she ceased her employment with the aforementioned committee. Since that time she has been employed as a stenographer by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, 71 West 47th Street, New York City. Bessie Katz was last in Europe from July to September, 1950. She now resides at 602 W. 139th Street, New York City.

C. Relatives

1. David and Badono Katz - Parents

David Katz was born December 19, 1871, in Poland. He came to the United States May 10, 1914, and was naturalized on February 19, 1925. He presently resides at 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey. On his Petition for Naturalization he listed his wife as having been born at Szwere, Poland, November 8, 1879, and named his five children as Barney, born September 15, 1902; Max, born June 7, 1906; Blanche, born September 21, 1908; Joseph, born April 20, 1912; and Morris, born April 18, 1921. The Bureau of Vital Statistics, Passaic, New Jersey, reflected that Badono Katz died January 1, 1943.

2. Benjamin Katz - Brother

Selective Service records reflect that as of February 15, 1942, Benjamin Katz was self-employed as a painting contractor and did business from his home, 1510 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. He reported that he was married on January 7, 1928, and had [redacted] With reference to the latter, the records of the New York National Guard reflected that [redacted] As will be pointed out later, Benjamin Katz was associated with Joseph Katz as a partner in the firm of Joseph Katz and Company, 15 Park Row, New York City, at the time the firm was formed on July 30, 1946. It is to be noted that Benjamin Katz was listed on his father's Petition for Naturalization under the name of Barney Katz.

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3. Menke Katz, also known as
Max Katz and Merke Katz - Brother

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Menke Katz, according to Selective Service records, attended the Jewish Workers University from 1931 to 1935 and the Talmudic School from 1911 to 1920. He reported that he was divorced from his wife who, at that time (June 14, 1941) resided at 43 Martha Place, Passaic, New Jersey. He listed [redacted] As of December 5, 1941, Menke Katz was employed at the Jewish Workers School in Brooklyn, New York. On March 17, 1942, he advised his Selective Service Board that he was employed at the National School Committee, Jewish Section, International Workers Order, New York City. His most recent address is 622 West 113th Street, New York City.

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4. Blanche Katz Levy - Sister

Blanche Katz Levy attended Passaic High School, Passaic, New Jersey, and graduated in June, 1928. According to the 1930 Passaic City Directory, she was employed as a stenographer by Victor Greenburg, lawyer, 448 Passaic Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey. She married Edwin H. Levy on August 11, 1934, and has [redacted] Her husband was born June 8, 1908, in Passaic, New Jersey. He was last known to be employed by the Berkshire Color and Chemical Company, 362 Broadway, Passaic, New Jersey.

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A reliable informant reported that Joseph Katz used the Berkshire Color and Chemical Company as a reference. The same informant knew that in 1944 Edwin H. Levy advised that he had known Joseph Katz for 12 years and that Katz was his brother-in-law.

5. Edward Katz - Brother

The New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, Passaic, New Jersey, contained records reflecting that Edward Katz was born April 18, 1921, at General Hospital, Passaic, New Jersey. His parents were listed as David Katz, father, and Badonna Katz, mother. The records of the Passaic School System reflected that Morris Katz, also known as Edward Katz, was graduated from high school in January, 1939. According to a reliable informant, Edward Katz was residing at 417 West 120th Street, New York City, as of April, 1950.

D. Known United
States Residences

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1931-1936, 119 East 17th Street, New York City
210 East 15th Street, New York City
19 East 16th Street, New York City
17 East 16th Street, New York City
319 East 23rd Street, New York City

1935, 1206 Dodds Street, Los Angeles, California

1935, 319 East 23rd Street, New York City

1938, 415 West 24th Street, New York City

1940-1941, 620 West 141st Street, New York City

1942-1948, 603 West 140th Street, Apartment 39A, New York City.

E. Education

According to the records of the Passaic High School, Passaic, New Jersey, Joseph Katz entered in September, 1927, and graduated in June, 1931.

Katz attended the Delehanty Institute, 115 East 15th Street, New York City, for two months around May, June, or July, 1941. He took a course in welding.

F. Employment and
Business Connections

The Passaic City Directory for 1927 reflected that Joseph Katz, 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey, was a clerk at the Albert Warsaw Confectionery, 76 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey. The same directory for 1929 showed that Joseph Katz was employed as a clerk at the Louis Levine Grocery Store, 76 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

Joseph Katz worked for the Work Projects Administration during the period from February 2, 1934, until January 21, 1936. During that time he was assigned to seven different projects. According to his personnel record, he resided at 119 East 17th Street, 210 East 17th Street, 19 East 16th Street, 17 East 16th Street, and 319 East 23rd Street, all New York City. His date of birth was given as March 15, 1910, and it was reflected that his wife was Bessie Katz, born January 18, 1912. According

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to the personnel record, he attended New York University for four years and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1931. He listed previous employment at the Clarence Chamberlain School, Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1934 and the Institute of Aeronautical Science, Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, in 1933. He gave his occupation as teacher. It is observed that the date of birth supplied by Katz on the WPA records does not agree with the date of birth which he supplied in his Selective Service records, nor with the date of birth furnished by his father in the immigration files. Inquiry was made at the New York University, but no record was located of Joseph Katz ever having attended that institution.

A reliable informant reported that in 1939 Joseph Katz and Joseph Wolfson, 5 South Colony Street, Meriden, Connecticut, formed an organization known as the Meriden Dental Laboratories. According to this informant, Katz was the owner of this firm, the business of which was described as the making of dental supplies, false teeth, etc.

Joseph Wolfson was described by the informant as a working partner who devoted his full time to the business. According to the informant, the business was originally financed by Joseph Katz based on an agreement whereby Wolfson contributed the work and time and Katz the money.

In 1944 Katz and Wolfson were no longer associated in this business and Wolfson, with his father, Harry Joseph Wolfson, operated the Meriden Dental Laboratories at 20 Butler Street, Meriden, Connecticut.

Another informant of known reliability advised that the partnership of Joseph Katz and Joseph Wolfson in the Meriden Dental Laboratories was terminated after a four-year period of operation, with Wolfson continuing in the business as the sole proprietor.

As of November 13, 1941, Joseph Katz reported to his Selective Service Board that he owned and was operating a parking and used car lot at 609 - 13 West 130th Street, New York City. Records of the Elmo Realty Corporation, which corporation owned the property at 609-11 West 130th Street, New York City, revealed that this lot was rented to Joseph Katz from November 1, 1941, to October 30, 1942. Investigation in the vicinity of the parking lot has not produced anyone who recalls Joseph Katz.

On March 10, 1943, Joseph Katz advised his Selective Service Board that he was employed as an orientator at the Quartz Products Company, 304 East 45th Street, New York City. He claimed to have started this employment in February, 1943.

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An informant of known reliability reported that Joseph Katz was employed from March through September, 1943, at Baumgold Brothers, Inc., 62 West 47th Street, New York City. With reference to the latter organization, a reliable source stated that the Quartz Products Company is affiliated with Baumgold Brothers, Inc. The latter company was reported to have been founded in 1925 to import and export diamonds and to manufacture diamond tools. The Quartz Products Company was formed in October, 1942, as a manufacturer of crystals.

According to information received from a reliable source, Joseph Katz, following his employment with the Quartz Products Company, opened the Tempus Import Company at 119 West 57th Street, New York City. The latter firm had a capital fund of \$6,000, half of which was reportedly furnished by relatives of Katz. The business, according to the informant, operated as an importer of leather goods, bags, and wallets from South America.

Records in the County Clerk's Office, New York County, New York City, reflected that a Certificate for Trade Name was filed in the name of the Tempus Import Company by Joseph Katz, 603 West 140th Street, New York City, in 1944.

In January, 1945, Katz advised a confidential source that his firm had handled, since August, 1944, a volume of business close to one million dollars, of which his return was about twenty thousand dollars. The same confidential informant learned on May 24, 1945, that Martin Young had purchased the Tempus Import Company from Joseph Katz on May 17, 1945, for an undisclosed consideration. As of the latter date Young registered the trade style of the Tempus Import Company and continued the business under this name. Young reported that he was 41 years of age, married, and had been employed by Joseph Katz on a profit-share basis since June 2, 1944. According to the informant, Young claimed that he had previously acted as a sales agent for watches at 602 West 139th Street, New York City, for some years.

The Tempus Import Company was sold on October 20, 1945, to Samuel Brown, who, with William B. Berg as an employee, operated it until January, 1946. At that time Berg became a partner of Brown and these two continued the operation of the firm from 373 - 4th Avenue, New York City. In April, 1948, Brown suffered a heart attack and in about June, 1948, Berg left the company. According to a reliable source, the operation of the company continued under various individuals in the Communist Party. In September, 1948, Brown ceased operating Tempus Import. A reliable informant identified William B. Berg as a Communist Party member.

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With reference to Martin Young, mentioned above, it is to be noted that he is a brother-in-law of Joseph Katz. According to a reliable informant, he has been active in Communist Party circles in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and New York City for many years up until 1948. The same reliable informant identified Samuel Brown as a paid Communist Party functionary from the early 1930's up until 1945.

On May 8, 1945, Joseph Katz applied for a seaman's certificate in New York City. In his application he gave his date of birth as March 15, 1912, in Poland, and his address as 603 West 140th Street, New York City. He identified his wife as Bessie Katz. He had in his possession at the time United States Passport No. 604083, issued March 9, 1939, at Washington, D.C. Katz was issued Certificate of Identification No. Z-580976, and Certificate of Service as a "wiper" No. E-653183.

According to the records of the Merchant Marine Welfare and Records Division, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C., Joseph Katz saw the following service:

On July 26, 1945, his Certificate of Service was endorsed at New York City for Deck Department as ordinary seaman.

On May 24, 1945, he sailed as a wiper from New York aboard the SS William L. Smith. He signed off this vessel on July 19, 1945, at New York.

He sailed August 16, 1945, from New York as an ordinary seaman and signed off September 22, 1945, at Cherbourg, France. His Certificate of Discharge showed that such was due to "hospitalization."

On October 15, 1945, he sailed from Cherbourg, France, as a messman and signed off November 15, 1945, at New York City.

According to a reliable source, Joseph Katz, when applying for a passport in 1946 communicated with the State Department on stationery of Selka, Inc., exporters and importers, 93 Nassau Street, New York City. The letter was dated May 7, 1946, and therein Katz explained a desire to visit Switzerland to purchase watches and watch movements, and to visit France to establish a general import and export company.

Records in the County Clerk's Office, New York County, New York City, reflected that a Certificate of Incorporation was filed in the name of Selka, Inc., on January 28, 1946. According to the certificate, Joseph Katz, Herman Segall, and Merke Katz were Directors of the corporation. Records in the County Clerk's Office, New York County, also reflected that a Certificate of Dissolution was filed for Selka, Inc., on November 29, 1946.

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It was determined that on July 30, 1946, a business certificate was filed at the County Clerk's Office, New York County, under the name of Joseph Katz and Company. Therein Joseph and Benjamin Katz certified that they intended to do business at 15 Park Row, New York City.

An informant of known reliability reported that the aforementioned firm known as Joseph Katz and Company opened a bank account with the Amalgamated Bank of New York in August, 1946, and retained same until March, 1947. Benjamin Katz was the only person authorized to draw checks on the account. The same confidential source stated that this account was closed when the bank refused accommodation to Joseph Katz because of an incident in which Katz had led officials of another bank to believe that the Amalgamated Bank had extended loan accommodations to him, when, in fact, they had only been discussed and no agreement had been reached.

It was learned through a reliable source that Joseph Katz, in renewing a passport on March 15, 1948, in New York City, forwarded a letter to the State Department wherein he was identified as an officer of the Fournier Glove Company, 18-20 Railroad Avenue, Patchogue, Long Island, New York. The letter further indicated that Katz was desirous of traveling to France on a business trip for this firm. An informant of known reliability stated on June 11, 1947, that the officers and directors of the Fournier Glove Company were Jack Shandel, President, and Joseph Katz, Treasurer. According to this informant, the firm was chartered on October 28, 1946. Joseph Katz, according to this informant, was native-born and was said to have been engaged in this line of business for a number of years, having previously operated his own business under the firm name of Selka, Inc., at 93 Nassau Street, New York City. Katz was further described as having been a partner in the firm of J. Katz and Company, 15 Park Row, New York City. According to the informant, the Fournier Glove Company is engaged in the manufacture of gloves for cadets, police departments, and general industrial purposes.

The records of the Tax Assessor's Office, Town of Brook Haven, Patchogue, Long Island, New York, reflect that the property located at 18-20 Railroad Avenue is held in the name of Joseph Katz.

Through a former owner of the business it was determined that one Gittelsohn had arranged for the purchase of the Fournier Glove Company by Joseph Katz and Jack Shandel sometime in June, 1946. This owner commented that neither Katz nor Shandel had any knowledge of the glove business. It was this individual's further impression that Joseph Katz put up the money to purchase the business, while Shandel supplied only his

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own labor. This person also believed that Gittelsohn, mentioned above, might have put some money into the business. This former owner stated that Katz was atheistic, lacking in morals, and the type of person who impressed one as being a Communist. It was this individual's further impression that Katz had just returned from Europe sometime prior to October, 1946, and that he had spent the entire year of 1948 in Paris.

Another informant of unknown reliability advised that Jack Shandel operates the Fournier Glove Company and apparently has the entire say as to what is done and how the money is spent. Shandel informed this source that Joseph Katz is a partner in the company. Shandel further stated that he did not know exactly why Katz remained in Paris, except that he, Katz, had a business there and undoubtedly liked that country better than the United States. It was this informant's impression that Shandel was desirous of getting Katz out of the Fournier Glove Company. The informant did not know whether any money was being sent to Katz by Shandel or if Katz was putting any further money into the business.

Another informant of known reliability was able to report in July, 1950, that the Fournier Glove Company had paid to David Gittelsohn the sum of \$2500.00. It might be pointed out that David Gittelsohn is known to be a friend of both Joseph and Bessie Katz.

The records of the County Clerk's Office, New York County, reflected a Certificate of Incorporation which was filed on May 10, 1948, in the name of Kaybin, Inc. According to the certificate, the purposes for which the company was formed were so stated as to include doing any kind of lawful business anywhere in the world. It was noted that there was no mention of Joseph Katz in the Certificate of Incorporation.

An informant of known reliability reported that on May 21, 1948, the firm of Kaybin, Inc. opened a bank account at the Manufacturers Trust Company, 513 - 5th Avenue, New York City. At the time of the opening of this account the officers of Kaybin, Inc. were named as Joseph Katz, President, and Saul I. Birnbaum, Secretary-Treasurer.

Through information provided by a reliable informant it was determined that Kaybin, Inc. had an office in Paris, France, during 1949 and Joseph Katz was associated with that office. Attempts were made by a reliable informant in June, 1949, to obtain further information relative to Kaybin, Inc., but such were unsuccessful. This informant could not locate the officers of the company, and messages left for the officers by the informant were unanswered.

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On March 7, 1950, Joseph Katz was issued a new passport at Paris, France. In the application which he executed to secure this passport, Katz reported that he was representing in Paris the firm of Seaboard Industries, Paterson, New Jersey.

A reliable source advised that as of March, 1949, Seaboard Industries was engaged in business as brokers in dyestuffs, and the officers were Meyer Halpren, President, and George Bogorad, Secretary-Treasurer. The correct name of the latter individual is George Bogorad and he is the brother of subject's wife, Bessie Katz.

An informant of known reliability knew that in August, 1949, Joseph Katz and George Bogorad had negotiated relative to the sale by Bogorad in the United States of some scarves and handkerchiefs produced by Katz in France. Another informant, also of known reliability, knew that in August, 1949, George Bogorad was considering expanding his business to include some trade outside the United States, particularly in Mexico. At the time Bogorad was looking for someone to cover the Mexico territory for Seaboard Industries, and the informant knew that Joseph Katz was interested in learning more about this situation.

G. Passport and Travel Data

Through a reliable and confidential source the following information relative to the passports secured by Joseph Katz was obtained.

As of May 8, 1945, Joseph Katz turned over Passport No. 604083 to the United States Coast Guard, Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation. This passport was originally issued to Katz on March 9, 1939, and was surrendered upon the issuance to him of a Seaman's Certificate of Identification.

Passport No. 8383 was issued on June 3, 1946, to Joseph Katz for travel to France and Switzerland for business purposes. In the application for this passport Katz gave his date and place of birth as March 15, 1912, Swenzani, Vilna, Poland. His occupation was given as exporter-importer, and his residence as 603 West 140th Street, New York City.

Under date of May 7, 1946, Katz wrote to the State Department on stationery of Selka, Inc., 93 Nassau Street, New York City. Therein Katz expressed a desire to visit Switzerland and France to purchase watches and watch movements, and to establish a general import-export business. He gave

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as a further reason for going to France a desire to visit his wife, who was then employed with a relief agency there. Passport No. 8383 was amended on August 5, 1947, in Paris to permit travel to Germany. On March 15, 1948, the same passport was renewed in New York City for a period of two years. As indicated previously, at the time of this renewal Katz communicated with the State Department on stationery of the Fournier Glove Company, 18-20 Railroad Street, Patchogue, Long Island, New York.

On March 7, 1950, Katz made application for another passport in Paris, France. Passport No. 1043 was issued to him on the same day. In his application Katz supplied his legal residence as 236 East Hudson Street, Long Beach, New York. His occupation was listed as importer. As previously indicated, Katz advised that he was representing Seaboard Industries, Inc. of Paterson, New Jersey. On this application Katz listed references of David Gittelsohn, 261 - 5th Avenue, New York City, and Jack Shandel. Katz also reported that he had resided outside the United States during the following periods and in the following places:

1944-1945, abroad with United States Merchant Marine;
March 19, 1947, to May 28, 1947, France;
July 10, 1947, to September 1, 1947, France;
June 12, 1948, to date (March 7, 1950), France.

From records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service it was learned that Joseph Katz sailed from the United States on March 19, 1947, and was accompanied by his wife, Bessie, and [REDACTED]. Through the same records it was learned that Katz arrived at New York City from Paris on May 28, 1947. These records also disclosed that Katz again arrived in the United States from Paris on September 1, 1947.

H. Espionage and Suspected
Espionage Activities

Through a reliable and confidential source it was learned that during the Winter of 1939-1940 the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, subpoenaed the records of the World Tourists, Inc., New York City. Such records were subpoenaed in connection with an investigation of passport frauds committed by Earl Browder and other leading Communists. Further, according to this informant, it was learned from questioning witnesses that certain accounts on the books of the World Tourists, Inc. were actually accounts of the Communist Party. This informant provided the names of individuals who appeared on these various

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accounts and also furnished brief summaries of the information reflected in the State Department passport files on a number of individuals referred to in the accounts. Included in the information was material on an individual by the name of Nathan Rosenberg. It was reported that Rosenberg had received Passport No. 410840 on May 12, 1937. The identifying witness on the passport which was issued to Nathan Rosenberg was Joseph Hiat, 19 East 16th Street, New York City.

It is to be observed that Joseph Hiat is the real name of Joseph Katz, and the address of 19 East 16th Street, New York City, was the address of Joseph Katz, according to his employment record at the Works Progress Administration.

According to the same confidential informant, the true name of Nathan Rosenberg was said to be Isaiah Litvackoff. It was reported that the passport had been mailed to Litvackoff under the alias of Nathan Rosenberg in care of a dentist named Elias Shapiro at 286 Ft. Washington Avenue, New York City. Living in the same apartment house with Shapiro was Sonia Dobbs, was., a World Tourists, Inc. employee who, according to the informant, provided Litvackoff with his transportation both under the name of Rosenberg and under his correct name.

On June 13, 1938, an informant, reliability unknown, reported that one Joe Katz was engaged in Communist activities. The informant stated that Joe Katz resided at 415 West 24th Street, New York City, and his, Katz, wife was employed at the New York Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital. According to the informant, Katz was formerly on the WPA. The informant advised that he based his allegation on the fact that Katz' brother-in-law, whom informant identified as one Martin, was State Organizer of the Communist Party for the State of Pennsylvania.

It was the informant's opinion that Katz, if closely watched, could no doubt be caught in some type of activity. The informant observed that Katz had become greatly alarmed and had been on the alert since an espionage case had received publicity in the newspapers. (It is presumed that this informant had reference to the publicity which appeared in the newspapers in 1938 and had to do with Arnold Rubens, was., who was arrested as an American citizen in Moscow and charged with espionage.) In conclusion, this informant reported that he was furnishing the information because he had known Katz when the latter was employed on the WPA and because it was his opinion that Katz seemed to have some type of income other than from governmental sources.

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It might be pointed out that Joseph Katz, instant subject, was employed on the WPA, his wife, Bessie, was employed at the New York Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, New York City, and his brother-in-law, Martin Young, was State Organizer of the Communist Party for the State of Pennsylvania.

On May 27, 1944, Mikhail A. Chaliapin, a clerk at the USSR Consulate in New York City, and Pavel P. Klarin, also a USSR Consulate employee, were observed leaving the Russian Consulate in New York City. These two individuals went to the Oyster Bay Restaurant, 630 Lexington Avenue, New York City, where they remained for little less than an hour. Upon leaving the restaurant they separated and Chaliapin proceeded to the corner of Broadway and 46th Street, where he met a man who has been identified as Joseph Katz, instant subject. Katz and Chaliapin then proceeded to a nearby cafe where they remained together for approximately one and one-half hours. After leaving Chaliapin, Katz went to 64 West 55th Street, New York City. (S)

Mikhail Chaliapin entered the United States February 3, 1939, and became a clerk at the USSR Consulate in New York City on March 21, 1940. He served as a clerk at the Consulate until September 1, 1944. He left the United States September 19, 1944, for the USSR. Chaliapin was known to have met Gaik Ovakinian and to have acted as a courier for him on several occasions. Ovakinian was a former Soviet agent who was deported from the United States in 1941. (S)

An informant, reliability unknown, reported that he had acted as an espionage courier for Chaliapin in 1943. This informant identified Chaliapin as his Soviet principal whom the informant knew only as "Boris." (S)

Elizabeth T. Bentley, an admitted former Soviet agent, has identified Joseph Katz as a Soviet espionage agent whom she knew as "Jack," and for whom she worked from the Fall of 1944 until May, 1945. Information supplied by Miss Bentley indicates that Katz had knowledge of and was supervising a great deal of the espionage activity being engaged in by members of a Soviet network operating in Government agencies in Washington, D.C. Katz told Bentley that 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 the Russians had in this country. Bentley recalled that Katz knew in advance of the arrival in the United States of Anatole B. Gromov, a Soviet diplomatic official assigned to the USSR Embassy in Washington, D. C. Katz also arranged for four meetings between Bentley and Gromov. The latter was Bentley's last Soviet espionage superior prior to her defection.

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An informant, [REDACTED]

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Another informant, [REDACTED]

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I. Information Regarding
Present Whereabouts

In the application which Katz made for the passport which he received on March 7, 1950, he gave his residence address as No. 5 Rue Francois Mouthon, Paris, France.

As of January 16, 1951, a reliable and confidential source

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J. Physical Description

The following is a composite description of Joseph Katz as taken from public records and as furnished by Elizabeth T. Bentley. Descriptions of Katz furnished by others have differed very little from this one.

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Date and Place of Birth	March 15, 1912, Swenzani Vilna, Lithuania.
Height	5' 8"
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Broad shoulders - athletic
Eyes	Bright blue
Hair	Dark blond, kinky, receding slightly at center of forehead.
Complexion	Fair -- gray and haggard, looks as though under strain.
Appearance	Prominent nose; Very heavy eyebrows; Thin lips, narrow mouth; Lines from nose to mouth; Teeth - several missing, partial dentures, when tired takes them out; Typical East Side accent; Usually dresses rather peculiarly, not at all meticulous about his personal appearance, usually wears gray suits and brown shoes; Slight limp -- noticeable when he walks rapidly; Has stomach ulcers.
Skills	Photographer, telephone tapper, safecracker.
Languages	Hebrew, Lithuanian, Russian, Spanish.
Education	High School. Self-educated. Very poor speller of English words.
Citizenship	United States citizen, derivative through father, Hirsha Hiat, in 1925.
Social Security No.	101-18-0892
Marital Status	Married to Bessie Bogorad in 1935 at Los Angeles, California;
Passport No.	0303, issued on June 3, 1946; 1043, issued March 7, 1950.

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cc: Mr. Rank

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 30, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
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Rerep SA JOHN R. LYONS, Newark, 3/18/51.

From a review of this report and in the absence of any record of [redacted] in the files of Newark and NY, no information has been developed to indicate Communist tendencies on the part of [redacted] except of course the association of his wife with RAEY ELSON, PAULINE BOGORAD, and BESSIE KATZ. It is believed at this time that a discreet contact with [redacted] might prove of value in instant investigation from the standpoint of developing additional intelligence about KATZ'S former activities and also of developing a source for KATZ'S current whereabouts or activities.

In the event the Bureau authorizes such an interview, arrangements would first have to be made to see him while his wife is not present. In the event [redacted] appears cooperative some of the matters to be taken up with him are as follows:

1. [redacted] own sympathies and background, bearing in mind [redacted]

2. [redacted], and to [redacted] in instant case.

3. His relationship to KATZ, including any knowledge of KATZ'S activities, KATZ'S family, relatives, and associates.

In determining [redacted] relationship to KATZ information which appears on pages 4, 5, and 6 of the report of SA S. F. DUCIBELLA, New Haven, 2/10/50, should be borne in mind. The conversations and correspondence reported therein indicate a possibility that [redacted] may have obtained or attempted to obtain money from BESSIE KATZ, for reasons unknown but blackmail is a possible reason.

4. The possibility that [redacted] might be in a position to furnish information about KATZ'S current affairs and, if he is, whether he would be willing to do so.

cc: [redacted]

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If [redacted] proves uncooperative at the onset of the interview, it is believed it could be terminated before he learns of the Bureau's interest in the subject. In view of the foregoing, Bureau authority is requested for an interview with [redacted]

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Director, FBI

April 10, 1951

JOSEPH KATZ was

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 5, 1951, enclosing copies of a Departmental memorandum dated January 3, 1951, and to New York letter dated March 15, 1951.

This is to advise that the information contained in the referenced letters and the Departmental memorandum and the facts developed in the Katz investigation should be submitted to the Bureau by separate reports in the cases on the individual subjects.

Twenty copies of each of the above communications are enclosed for the New York and Washington Field Offices in order that two copies of each item may be placed, with two copies of instant letter, in the files on the following individuals:

- (1) Unknown Subject, wa., Bill
- Unknown Subject, wa., Catherine
- (2) Helen Tenney
- (3) Duncan Lee
- (4) J. Julius Joseph
- (5) Victor Perlo
- (6) Edward J. Fitzgerald
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Four copies of each of the above communications are enclosed for the Seattle Office in order that they may be placed in the Katz and Wheeler files with copies of this letter.

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The attention of the Washington Field Office is directed to the Gregory case and the information contained therein which was furnished to Elizabeth T. Bentley by the subjects who were employed by the U. S. Government. It is believed that we should try to trace the information these people furnished to some government record wherever it is possible to do so. Therefore, the Washington Field Office is instructed to review Bentley's statements of November 8 and 30, 1945, the Katz material enclosed herewith and the files on the government employee subjects for the purpose of examining the type of information the employees furnished Bentley. After this has been done, the Washington Field Office should set forth appropriate leads in the employee's case to locate any reports, et cetera, from which the information was taken.

The Washington Field Office should furnish the Bureau and New York Office the results of its review.

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February 5, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

JOSEPH KATZ, was.
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Reference is made to the investigative summary report of Special Agent Francis W. Zangie, dated November 8, 1950, at New York City, in instant case.

For your information, the above-mentioned investigative summary report was submitted to the Department on December 18, 1950. At that time the Department was asked whether they would authorize prosecution of Katz on the basis of the information contained in the report, whether they considered it advisable to obtain a secret complaint and warrant and/or a secret indictment, and certain other questions concerning the possibility of arresting Katz as an American citizen in Paris and securing his return to the United States. [REDACTED]

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The Washington Field Office, while awaiting the results of the reinterview of Miss Bentley, should commence a preliminary investigation to locate, if possible, the individuals (or records) through whom the classified nature of the material which Bentley received can be determined. Upon the receipt of any information developed in the reinterview of Bentley, the Washington Field Office should conduct such investigation necessary to bring the Department's request to a logical conclusion.

This matter should be given expeditious and continuous attention as the Bureau is extremely anxious to bring this case to a logical conclusion. The Bureau should be kept advised as to your progress in this matter.

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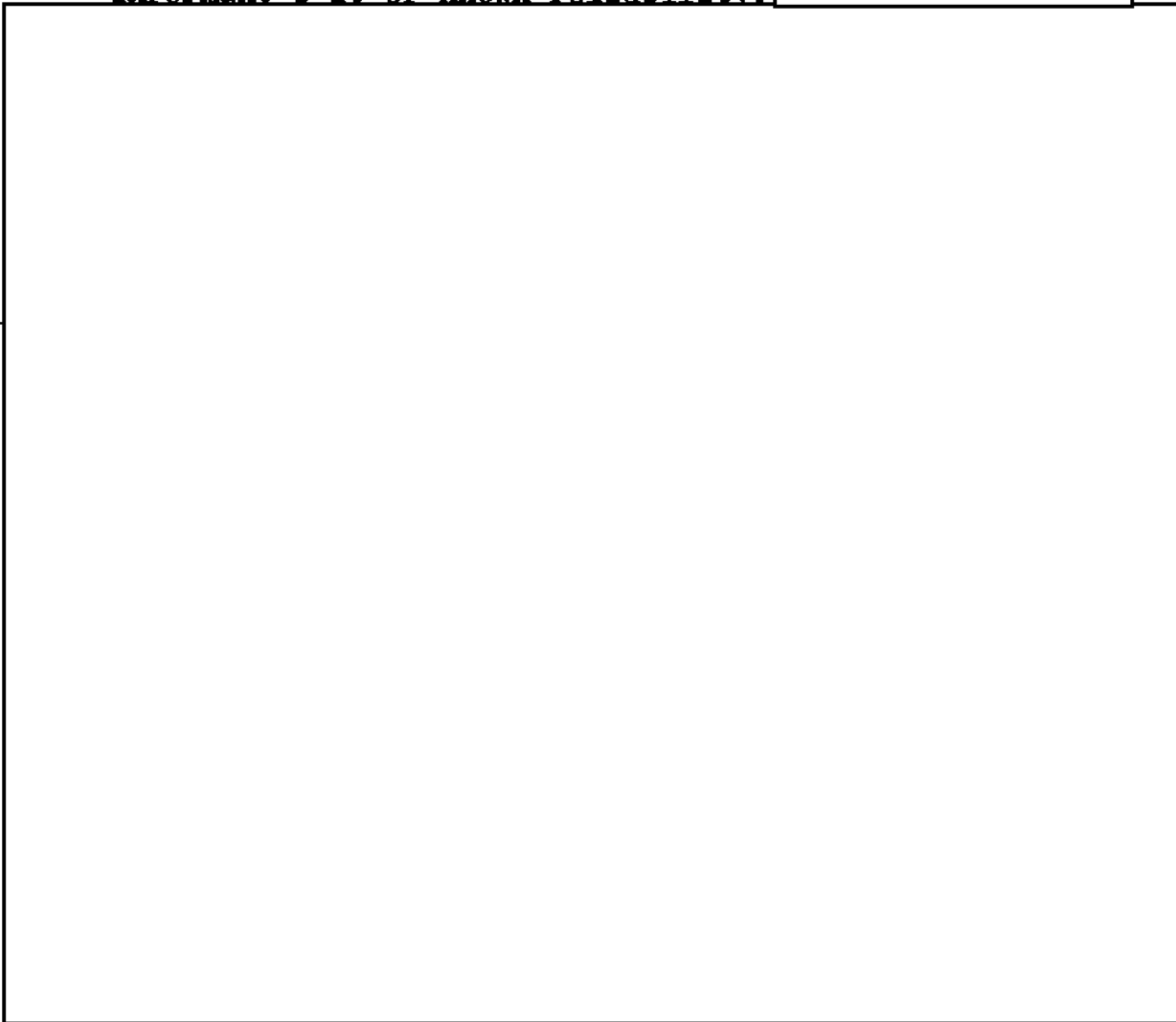
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DETAILS:

The title of this case is marked changed to indicate the additional alias "GORDON", by which name subject was known to Confidential Informant T-3.

Through the cooperation of Confidential Informant T-1. of known reliability. 

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[redacted] The information from this informant is available only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability, has admitted activity in Soviet espionage from about 1936 until 1945. Informant's activity was principally concerned with infiltrating the Trotskyites for the Soviets. Informant joined the Communist Party in about 1935 or 1936 and about a year after that was given the assignment of joining the Socialist Workers Party for the purpose of forming a "United front". The informant first turned over his information concerning the Socialist Workers Party to ~~ISRAEL~~ AMTER, a Communist

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Party functionary, and shortly thereafter began to deal with LOUIS ~~BUDENZ~~. BUDENZ in turn introduced the informant to other contacts who were known only by first names. Informant identified one of his superiors from a photograph as GREGORY L. ~~RABINOVITCH~~. The informant knew ~~RABINOVITCH~~ under the name of "JOE".

The informant identified a picture of JOSEPH KATZ as being identical with a Soviet superior known as "JACK". Informant was hazy as to the exact dates KATZ was his superior. Informant stated that the general nature of his work for the Soviets was infiltration of the Trotskyite Party in order that he might be able to report information of a general and pertinent nature to his Soviet superiors. He has stated that while working for KATZ, he was also contacted by two other individuals whose identity are as yet unknown and for this reason he was very indefinite as to the exact assignments which were given him by KATZ. He said that "JACK" was his principal contact from approximately 1940 until the spring of 1945 and that the latter period was the last time he was ever contacted by a Soviet agent.

The informant was rather hazy about the exact time he met KATZ. Informant recalled ~~one~~ assignment which he believed was given to him by KATZ and which did not pertain to Trotskyite activity as far as he knew. The informant stated that around 1939 or 1940 it occurred and he was told to go to the Paris Hotel on West End Avenue and 97th Street, New York City, for two or three evenings and to become acquainted with the night clerk at the hotel. Informant did not know the purpose of the assignment nor what success he achieved in it as far as his Soviet superiors were concerned. He recalled he reported to "JACK" on some of the activities of the night clerk at the Paris Hotel. Informant believes that it was KATZ who sent him to the [REDACTED] for employment.

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Confidential Informant T-3, of unknown reliability, has admitted activity in Soviet espionage from about the mid-1930's until 1945 and has stated that his last contact with any Soviet espionage agent was in the spring of 1948. This informant similarly to Confidential Informant T-2 was principally engaged in infiltration of the Trotskyite movement for the Soviets. His first superior was introduced to him by Confidential Informant T-2. He knew this man as "JOE" and has also identified him from a photograph as GREGORY L. RABINOVITCH. This was in approximately 1937. He continued contact with Confidential Informant T-2 and "JOE" for a few months before he was introduced to his next contact whom he knew as "GORDON". This was in approximately 1938 and his relationship with "GORDON" continued up until 1945. Informant readily identified a photograph of JOSEPH KATZ as "GORDON".

One of his first assignments after meeting "GORDON" (KATZ) was to help KATZ place a telephone tap on the phone of JOSEPH CANNON and another Trotskyite functionary who resided at 4 Washington Square North, New York City. Informant and his wife obtained an apartment at 3 Washington Square North and set up a monitoring device in the apartment. Informant stated that this monitoring of the tap continued for approximately one year in 1938 or 1939. Informant would turn over the results of the monitoring to KATZ and after the assignment was ended, KATZ gave him another assignment.

Informant stated that KATZ told him that a "renegade Communist" of some importance had arrived in the United States and checked into the Paris Hotel at 96th Street and West End Avenue, New York City. On the instructions of KATZ, the informant registered in the Paris Hotel with the hope of finding the renegade Communist's room and obtaining a room nearby to facilitate a search of the renegade's room by KATZ. Shortly thereafter, informant set up a physical surveillance plant from a room across the street from the hotel where he and another individual were to conduct a surveillance of the

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renegade Communist. The renegade Communist has been identified by informant as DAVID PAUL JOFFO [redacted]

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Informant stated that around 1940, KATZ used another man to contact him in order to pick up reports prepared for the Soviets by the informant. This courier used by KATZ has been identified by the informant from a photograph as IRVING GEORGE SCHUMAN. KATZ had another courier contact the informant for him who was a woman and who has not yet been identified.

Informant's last contact with KATZ was placed by him as in the spring of 1948. At that time he received a telephone call from a person whom he recognized as "GORDON" (KATZ). KATZ wanted to see him and told him that he would come out to his house. About a half-hour later, KATZ appeared at informant's house and they engaged in a conversation in the back yard. Informant said KATZ appeared to be nervous and in a hurry. He requested informant to go to Paris and informant agreed. They arranged a meeting for a week later at a designated place on Broadway in New York and the informant said that he appeared according to arrangements but KATZ did not show up. He also appeared at the same place an hour later and a week later in conformance with original arrangements but still KATZ did not appear.

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Re: JOSEPH ~~X~~HIAT
19 East 16th Street
New York City
Witness on a false passport
application, May 10, 1937

The following information was obtained from a review of the files of the New York Office and information furnished by the Bureau and the Washington Field Office.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability.

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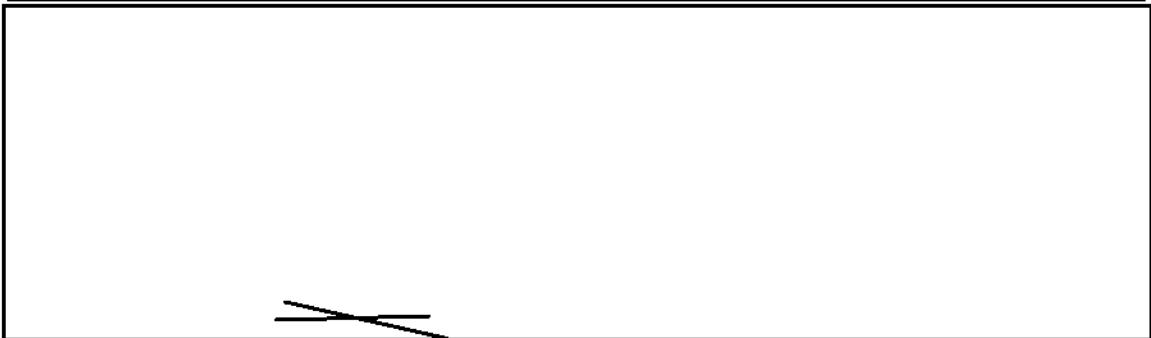
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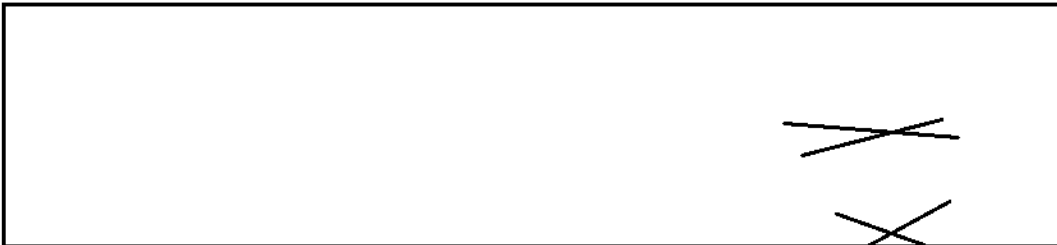
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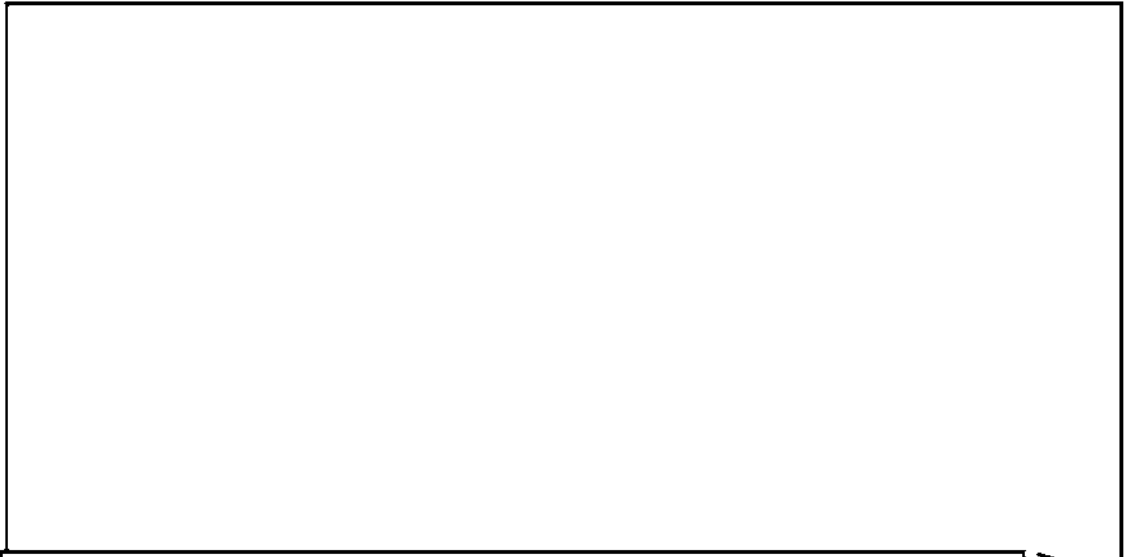
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It was ascertained through the mail boxes at 445 West 34th Street that SONYA DOBRIKIN presently resides at that address. She is listed in the current telephone directory as SONYA J. DOBRIKIN, 161 West 10th Street, CHelsea 2-8082.

Confidential Informant T-19, of known reliability, advised that on February 5, 1951, the telephone listing of SONYA DOBRIKIN was changed to the name of her husband, HENRY SOKOLOW, 445 West 34th Street, New York City, telephone PE 6-2165. HENRY SOKOLOW'S employment was given as sales manager for Hudson County Tobacco Company, 84 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, New Jersey. SONIA DOBRIKIN'S employment was given as a reporter for the United Nations.

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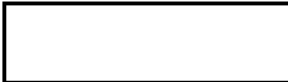
Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised in May, 1944 that SONYA DOBRIKIN, residing at 286 Fort Washington Avenue, was employed at the International Workers Order, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that DOBRIKIN was employed by the United States Army as a stenographer-translator from February 10 to December 31, 1943. She resigned at that time because she said her talents were not being fully utilized. At the time of her employment by the army, she stated she was born in Russia April 24, 1908, and was naturalized in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, March 16, 1931, under Certificate #3416103. She gave her mother's name as GETTEL WORONOVSKY and her father's name as JOSEPH DOBRIKIN. She stated she received her elementary schooling in Russia and Poland and that she attended the College of the City of New York as a non-matriculated student for about five years. She gave previous employment with Amtorg Trading Corporation, the all-Russian textile syndicate, the Bank of the United States, and the Russian-American Section of the International Workers Order.

Concerning Dr. ELIAS SHAPIRO, it was ascertained through the New York Telephone Directory that his current address was listed as 536 Fort Washington Avenue, New York City. He is a dentist. His telephone was listed as WA 7-3666.

IRVING MAYER, postal clerk, 286 Fort Washington Avenue, New York City, Apartment 2F, stated that Dr. ELIAS SHAPIRO had formerly been a tenant at that address and then resided at another residence on Fort Washington Avenue. He stated that SHAPIRO is a member of a group which meets in Washington Park occasionally and that he, MAYER, had also been a member of that group, although not particularly well acquainted with SHAPIRO.

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Mrs. ALBERTA KENDIG, 540 Fort Washington Avenue, New York City, superintendent at 536 Fort Washington Avenue, advised she is acquainted with Dr. SHAPIRO who resides and has an office at the latter address. She advised that SHAPIRO'S daughter resides with him at that address. She said she had heard rumors to the effect that SHAPIRO is a Communist and has observed that he buys various Communist publications, the names of which she did not know at the time of the interview. She described SHAPIRO as approximately 5'6" in height, 175 pounds, gray hair, partially bald, blue or gray eyes, wearing glasses, sallow complexion, and chubby build.

HERBERT I. PALEY, 54 Audubon Avenue, New York City, advised he is the president of a men's civic club which meets on Sundays at Fort Washington Park. He stated that he has been acquainted with Dr. ELIAS SHAPIRO, who is also a member of the club, for about eight years. PALEY could not furnish any further information of pertinence to instant case.

Concerning ISAIAH LITVACKOFF, most recent information known is that in June, 1949 he was residing in Philadelphia.

The files of the Federal Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania reflect that LITVACKOFF was sentenced on March 12, 1940 to serve 15 months. He was sentenced by Judge SAMUEL MANDELBAUM in the Southern District of New York.

The records of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, reflect that LITVACKOFF pleaded guilty on March 4, 1940 for making a false statement in an application for passport on December 19, 1939.

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The statement on file at Lewisburg prepared by the United States State Department concerning LITVACKOFF summarized the action as follows:

"The defendant has traveled extensively abroad since 1931. Since that time he has secured a number of United States passports. Until May of 1937, these passports were always in his own name. Shortly before May of 1937, he was informed that unless he stayed in the United States for a more protracted time than heretofore, a presumption of intention to abandon United States citizenship would arise, and that cancellation of naturalization proceedings would be instituted. To circumvent this ruling, he secured, on May 10, 1937, a passport in the name of NATHAN ROSENBERG. As proof of his citizenship, he used the naturalization certificate of NATHAN ROSENBERG. The answers on the application were descriptive of NATHAN ROSENBERG rather than the applicant. The applicant, however, obtained the passport in the name of NATHAN ROSENBERG. NATHAN ROSENBERG'S present whereabouts unknown. The defendant refused to give any information concerning where or how he obtained ROSENBERG'S naturalization certificate or who financed his extensive traveling. It is believed by officials of the State Department who investigated this case that the defendant traveled in behalf of the Communist Party. It is probable that one of the purposes of the defendant's travels was espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union."

LITVACKOFF was born in Russia on September 10, 1884 and entered the United States August 7, 1900 at Baltimore, Maryland. He was naturalized in Philadelphia on January 28, 1915. LITVACKOFF was conditionally released on March 31, 1941 from the penitentiary.

The records in Philadelphia City Hall reflect that ISIAH LITVACKOFF was divorced from REBECCA C. LITVACKOFF on October 10, 1941. They were married on October 22, 1911 and have one child, NAOMI, born on

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*mrs. Isaac Litvackoff
mrs. Rebecca Litvackoff
mrs. William Litvackoff*

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April 1, 1912. She was married in 1932 to one WILLIAM TUMARKIN.

The Philadelphia Office, as of 1949, advised that LITVACKOFF was married to FLORENCE ~~X~~ COOK.

The Washington Field Office advised that during 1945 and 1946, LITVACKOFF was employed by the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission.

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Re: Surveillance of BESSIE KATZ

Spot surveillances of BESSIE KATZ were conducted on February 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, March 16, 17 and 22, 1951. During this time, it was observed that she went to work each week-day morning at the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, 71 West 47th Street, New York City. She generally had lunch alone or with a companion from her office and returned home to 602 West 139th Street, New York City, where she resides with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. LESTER ~~X~~ GITTELSON. On Saturday she was observed to take [Redacted] shopping or visiting at one of her other sisters' houses. Conducting this surveillance were SAS WALTER P. GAVIN, ROBERT M. KANE, and FRANCIS W. ZANGLE. No contacts of significance were noted during these spot checks.

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*Florence Litvackoff
Mrs. Spach Litvackoff*

Mrs. Lester Gitelson

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Re: LOU RELIN *L.R.*
41-19 41st Street
Long Island City, New York

It will be recalled that BESSIE KATZ received a letter from LOU RELIN, care of Camp Rondax, 46 West 83rd Street, New York City. It is also pointed out that BESSIE KATZ spent some time at Camp Rondax at Old Forge, New York during last summer.

The Criss-cross Telephone Directory in New York lists Camp Rondax at 46 West 83rd Street, New York City, telephone TR 3-7708, but it does not list LOU RELIN.

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that a report dated November 20, 1950 on the Rondax Recreational Corporation was made. The report showed that LEONID KANTOR was president of the corporation, which was incorporated under New York Laws on April 22, 1946. The former New York headquarters of the corporation was Suite 1103, 545 Fifth Avenue, New York City. In 1947 they moved there New York headquarters to 46 West 83rd Street.

The report stated that KANTOR, age approximately 33, was a teacher of music in the New York City high schools from 1940 to 1950 and is presently a music inspector on a part-time basis. He and others purchased Camp Rondax in 1946. It was originally founded in 1922. The report stated the New York headquarters is Apartment 78 of an eight-story residential apartment house at 46 West 83rd Street.

Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised LOUIS RELIN, who is a teacher in a city high school, New York City, was formerly a teacher in the Jefferson School of Social Science. The informant

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stated that RELIN was a member of the Communist Party in 1936 and 1937 but informant did not know whether RELIN is still a member.

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised that the name of LOUIS RELIN, 41-19 41st Street, Long Island City, New York, appears on a mailing list of members of the Sunnyside Section of the Queens County Communist Party in October, 1944. ~~etc~~

Confidential Informant T-11, of unknown reliability, advised that LOUIS RELIN, an English teacher at Abraham Lincoln High School in Brooklyn, New York, was connected with Camp Rondax at Old Forge, New York and was believed by the informant to be pro-Communist in his attitude and viewpoints. RELIN was one of the camp councillors at Rondax, according to the informant.

Re: BARUCH GILLON

It is recalled that during a previous surveillance of BESSIE KATZ, she contacted one B. GILLON who was registered in the Hotel Edison, New York City, on September 17, 1950.

JOSEPH VAN, Assistant Manager, Hotel Edison, 47th Street West of Broadway, New York City, furnished the registration card for GILLON, which showed his full name as BARUCH GILLON and his address as A.D. Gordon, 14 Tel Aviv, Israel. GILLON checked in the hotel at 4:35 p.m., September 14, 1950, and checked out on October 2, 1950.

The hotel files reflect that a letter requesting the reservation for GILLON came from HARRY MARGOLIS and Company, Certified Public Accountants, Union Bank Building, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

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The letter was dated September 8, 1950 and does not further identify GILLON.

There was no record of GILLON in the files of the New York Office.

Re: HERMAN ~~X~~NUNBERG, M.D.
875 Park Avenue
New York City

It is recalled that on September 12, 1950, BESSIE KATZ was observed coming out of 140 West 86th Street, New York City with three women. The three women entered an automobile which was registered to HERMAN NUNBERG, M.D., 875 Park Avenue, New York City. BESSIE KATZ did not enter the auto with the women.

Confidential Informant T-5 advised that

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It was noted that Dr. NUNBERG was listed as a reference for one Dr. SIDNEY GERALD ~~X~~MARGOLIN, alleged by an informant to have been a Soviet agent and Communist Party member, and as having knowledge of a Soviet "suitcase atom bomb". The investigation by the New York Office

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did not substantiate these allegations and revealed that the original informant was not trustworthy, unreliable, and that he had elaborated upon information received from another source regarding MARGOLIN.

Re: SAM GORDON, wa
Zalmond Gordon
115 North Chicago Street
Los Angeles 33, California

*Re: Mrs. Pauline Tuckman
Mrs. Samuel Tuckman
Mrs. Zalmond Gordon*

Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, in June, 1949 advised that one SAM GORDON, also known as ZALMOND GORDON, and his wife DORIS, recently visited Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN in West Haven, Connecticut. The informant stated that this individual was a brother of Mrs. TUCKMAN and was from Los Angeles. The informant said GORDON came East on a trip and while here visited not only Mrs. TUCKMAN but other relatives in New York City, Newburg, New York, and some towns in New Jersey.

Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, advised that on July 28, 1949, S. GORDON of 115 North Chicago Street, Los Angeles 33, California, addressed a letter to Mrs. PAULINE TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut. The informant stated that GORDON is the brother of Mrs. TUCKMAN.

The Los Angeles Office advised as follows concerning GORDON:

At the Registrar of Voters, Los Angeles, it was determined that SAMUEL GORDON, 115 N. Chicago, registered to vote on January 12, 1948. This was his first registration in the State of California. These records reflect that he was born in Russia, date and place not shown, and that he was naturalized on November 25, 1912 at New York City, New York, certificate #323756. His occupation was listed as a painter and he was described as being 5'5½" tall. ✓

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Credit and criminal checks in Los Angeles have been negative and no record can be located at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles. The files of this office do not contain any record identifiable with the GORDONS.

Confidential Informant T-14, of known reliability, advised that the naturalization certificate for SAMUEL GORDON was filed in the records of the Supreme Court of Manhattan, New York City. The records there showed that SAMUEL GORDON was born May 1, 1877 at Witteps, Russia and arrived in the United States at New York City December 24, 1902 aboard the SS MILANO. He filed his Declaration of Intention on December 29, 1906 and gave his address as 404 East 71st Street, New York City. His Petition for Naturalization filed June 25, 1912 was numbered 21370. At that time, he gave his address as 416 East 71st Street, New York City, and stated he was a painter and listed his wife as JIMMY (ZELDE) and three children--BENNY, born December 1, 1905, HARRY, born January 1, 1907, and FRED, born December 1, 1908. The witnesses to his petition were WILLIAM VESELEY, hotel keeper, 1310 First Avenue, New York City, and FRANK XCIZEK, barber, 359 East 71st Street, New York City. Citizenship was granted December 25, 1912.

Attempts to locate the above witnesses through the telephone directories in New York City and at the above addresses were negative.

With the data available concerning GORDON, no identifiable record was located in the files of the New York Office.

HIRSH-DAVID KATZ

An article appearing in the "Morning Freiheit" reflected that HIRSH-DAVID KATZ, father of BERKE, MEINKE YEISKE (JOSEPH), MEISHE, and BLUME, died January 20, 1951

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at Passaic, New Jersey. HIRSH-DAVID KATZ was the father of the subject.

MENKE KATZ
2662 West Street
Brooklyn, New York

Confidential Informant T-15, of known reliability, advised that MENKE KATZ probably was residing at 2662 West Street, Brooklyn, New York.

On March 17, 1951, this was verified as the address of MENKE KATZ through a check with the mail box listings in that building. The building is part of a large apartment house development in Brooklyn, New York, known as Beach Haven.

EDWIN KATZ
1510 Ocean Parkway
Brooklyn, New York

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[REDACTED] it was ascertained through Confidential Informant T-16, of known reliability, that [REDACTED]
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It is recalled that Confidential Informant T-1 advised that [REDACTED]
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Fournier Glove Company
Patchogue, Long Island

Confidential Informant T-17, of known reliability, advised that the account for the Fournier Glove Company [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] showed normal activity for the months of January and February, 1951. Nothing of significance was noted by the informant.

Possible Arrest of
JOSEPH KATZ in 1926

On July 18, 1930, GROVER WHELAN, former Commissioner of Police in New York City, in testifying before a Special Committee to investigate Communist activities in the United States, provided criminal records of members of left-wing unions, included among which was one JOE KATZ, arrested March 29, 1926 in the Bronx, March 14, 1927 in New York City, and March 17, 1927 in Nassau County.

A description of the individual arrested on these dates was obtained from the New York City Police Department. It showed that he was born in Poland, his age was 22, height-5'5", weight-140 lbs., medium build, black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, and red scar on left side of face. Inasmuch as the description varies with the description of the subject as to age, it is not believed that the person arrested is identical with the subject.

WILLIAM DAVID ABRAMS
80 Winthrop Street
Brooklyn, New York
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It is recalled that among toll calls made from the telephone listed to JOSEPH KATZ at 64 Jefferson

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Street, Passaic, New Jersey, in January, 1945, was number WA 9-5127 listed to WILLIAM DAVID ABRAMS of 212 West 22nd Street, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-18, of known reliability, advised in early 1945 that WILLIAM DAVID ABRAMS of 212 West 22nd Street, New York City, had a checking account at the Amalgamated Bank, 11 Union Square, New York City, and that among the checks issued by ABRAMS was one dated December 14, 1944 made out to JOSEPH KATZ for \$1,000. A notation was made in the transaction that the money was for payment of a loan.

Confidential Informant T-9 advised in 1941 that ABRAMS was employed by the "Morning Freiheit" as a writer and was a member in good standing of the Communist Party. According to the informant, ABRAMS best friend and closest associate is one MEINKE KATZ, a left-wing poet, who has had his poems published in the "Morning Freiheit".

It is noted that the "Morning Freiheit" is the Jewish language East Coast Communist daily.

ABRAMS advised Confidential Informant T-14 that on or about February, 1944 he organized the society Mir which publishes a magazine written in Yiddish and called "Mir". In April, 1944, the magazine listed three editors, namely JACOB STODOLSKY, M. KATZ, and ABRAMS.

Confidential Informant T-14 advised that ABRAMS gave a voluntary signed statement in question and answer form to the Immigration and Naturalization Service at 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, on December 6, 1948. ABRAMS stated he resided at 80 Winthrop Street, Brooklyn, New York, and that he had used quite a number of other names including DAVID MARBA, SLIM WILLY, RACHEL WEINER, and DAVID or WILLIAM MAYERSON. He stated he was born in Lithuania February 19, 1894 and that he first arrived in

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Slim Willy ABRAMS

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the United States December 7, 1912 and resided in Atlanta, Georgia until 1915 or 1916 and has resided in New York continuously since then with the exception of 1926 and 1927 when he was in Philadelphia and Chicago, and in 1929 when he went to Russia. He stated he joined the Communist Party in 1919 at its very beginning. He stated that he went to work for the "Morning Freiheit" in 1924. He stayed in the original Communist Party about three years but due to a split in the Party he ceased activity and in 1924 joined the Workers Party, which was also actually the Communist Party. He stated he continued as a member of the Communist Party until about 1938 or 1939 but he continued to work for the "Morning Freiheit" until 1943.

ABRAMS filed a petition to become a citizen of the United States in September, 1943 and he stated he was not a member of the Communist Party at that time. At the time of the statement, ABRAMS stated he was employed by the United Jewish Appeal in the evenings at 250 West 57th Street.

ABRAMS was interviewed on June 7, 1949 by SAS JAMES J. MC CARTHY and DONALD P. ADAMS. During the entire interview, ABRAMS appeared uncooperative and although he answered questions, he would not volunteer information and his answers were brief and in instances evasive.

William David *Communist*
The description of ~~ABRAMS~~ obtained from the files of Confidential Informant T-14 is as follows:

Born:	<u>February 19, 1894</u>
	<u>Lithuania</u>
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	160 lbs.
Complexion:	Fair
Hair:	Black, straight
Eyes:	Brown
Citizenship:	None

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Wife:

ROSE WEINER

Children:

CARL, born 1920

NINA, born May, 1922

Current Address:

all New York City
80 Winthrop Street
Brooklyn, New York
(source--Brooklyn telephone directory)

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A photograph of the subject was exhibited to ELSA BERNAUT and to LOUIS F. BUDENZ, with negative results. A photograph of KATZ had previously been exhibited to BUDENZ and reported on July 7, 1949 but he was shown additional photographs at this time.

Confidential Informant T-19, of known reliability, advised that no mail which appeared to be significant was received by the following individuals:

LESTER and MIRIAM GITTELSON
602 West 139th Street
New York, New York

BENJAMIN KATZ
1510 Ocean Parkway
Brooklyn, New York

ARTHUR and CELIA KATZ
77 West 104th Street
New York, New York

MARTIN and FRANCES YOUNG
616 West 137th Street
New York, New York

DAVE GITTELSON
8369 Daniels Street
Jamaica, New York

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Copies of this report are being sent to Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New Haven, due to their interest in this case and in accordance with Bureau instructions.

Los Angeles is not being requested to conduct further investigation concerning SAM and DORIS GORDON in view of the background information already obtained and since their current address is known.

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NEWARK

At Paterson, New Jersey

Will attempt to develop a source in order to monitor the bank account of Seaboard Industries, Incorporated, 195 Keen Street, Paterson, New Jersey, or to otherwise ascertain if any business connection exists between Seaboard and KATZ.

(It is noted that in KATZ' most recent application for a passport dated March 7, 1950, he stated he was representing Seaboard Industries, Paterson, New Jersey.)

At Passaic, New Jersey

If approved by the Bureau, will interview [REDACTED] Passaic, New Jersey, in accordance with suggestions set out in New York letter to the Bureau dated April 1, 1951.

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PHILADELPHIA

At Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Will attempt to discreetly determine further identifying data concerning BARUCH GILLON through HARRY MARGOLIS and Company, Certified Public Accountants, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

(GILLON was described by the desk clerk on September 17, 1950 at the Hotel Edison as age--45-50 years, height--5'3", weight--140-150 lbs., ruddy complexion, and rotund build.)

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WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D. C.

Will conduct investigation along the lines requested in New York letter to the Bureau dated March 15, 1951.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

*Will arrange to have ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY personally observe Mrs. GEORGE V. NELSON at 64 West 55th Street,

*Will attempt to obtain further identifying data concerning JUDA or JUDY J. SHAPIRO, 119 Rue St. Dominique, Paris, France.

Will continue to follow the activities of subject's wife, BESSIE KATZ.

Will continue to monitor subject [redacted]

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Will maintain contact with Confidential Informant T-1 concerning the stop notice placed with the [redacted].

Will attempt to further identify [redacted]

New York City.

Will ascertain further identifying data concerning EDWARD KATZ, subject's brother, through the [redacted]

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Will further identify Dr. SAMUEL J. INDENBAUM, 955 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York, who addressed a letter dated January 29, 1951 to the Guaranty Trust Company enclosing a \$50.00 check for the account of Mr. JOSEPH KATZ. The check was drawn on the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company, New York City.

Will reinterview Confidential Informants T-2 and T-3 for more detailed information concerning their dealings with the subject.

At Patchogue, New York

*Will, at the [redacted] attempt to ascertain the origin of [redacted]

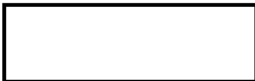
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Will continue to [redacted] Fournier Glove Company, Patchogue, [redacted] for information relative to JOSEPH KATZ' movements and sources [redacted]

Will recontact [redacted] to ascertain the nature of the business BESSIE KATZ may have had with Fournier Glove Company in order to receive the [redacted] each on November 30, 1950 and December 8, 1950.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The ~~Confidential~~ Informants mentioned in the report of SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE, New York, April 9, 1951 are as follows:

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[Redacted] of
"Jewish Daily Forward", 175 East
Broadway, New York City.

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Rondax, who furnished information

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Immigration and Naturalization
Service, New York City.

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Mail cover on BENJAMIN KATZ, 1510
Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

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[Redacted] contacted by SA SPURGEON
J. PETERSON.

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Anonymous.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE,
11/8/50, New York.

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SAC, New York

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April 14, 1951

Director, FBI

JOSEPH KATZ, was.

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Your attention is directed to the report of SA John J. Ward dated 12-14-49 at New York City in instant case. It is stated therein that [REDACTED] Francis I. Du Pont and Company, 1 Wall Street, New York City, confidentially advised that Joseph Katz, 93 Nassau Street, New York City, had opened an account with this firm on 2-14-46. [REDACTED] further stated that the Katz account was introduced by I. J. Szper, a Polish individual, who was formerly connected with the Du Pont firm. It was [REDACTED] understanding that Szper had returned to Poland. Records of the Du Pont company revealed that on 5-20-46, Szper was granted a limited power of attorney on Katz's account. Joseph Katz closed his account with Du Pont on 3-25-48. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] as stated above, was of the opinion that Szper had returned to Poland. However this fact has never been verified and it is therefore suggested that you conduct appropriate investigation to determine Szper's whereabouts and activities. The objective of such investigation will be to ascertain whether we can approach Szper, if he is still in the United States, for information concerning this subject. [REDACTED]

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A review of Bufiles on the name I. J. Szper has revealed the following items of possible interest:

The Office of National Censorship, Washington, D. C., on 8-25-42, provided the Bureau Laboratory with a letter, postmarked 4-1-42, and addressed to Dr. David Major, Gorzyska Street, Ostrowiec, Kielce, Poland, by Ignatius John Szper, 410 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. According to Censorship this letter had been condemned because it contained suspicious wording and a series of names. The letter was examined in the Cryptographic Section of the Laboratory, but no code or cipher message, nor anything of a cryptographic nature, was located. [REDACTED]

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As of 11-22-41 the Visa Division, Department of State, reported that Andrzej Szper was an applicant for an Immigration Visa. Ignacy Jan Szper, 410 Riverside Drive, New York City, was listed as the father and sponsor of this applicant. According to the information provided by the applicant, Ignacy Jan Szper was born in Warsaw, was admitted to the United States in March, 1941, and declared his intention to become a United States citizen on 9-29-41. His occupation was given as Executive, Pyridium Corporation, and his business address as Nepera Park, Yonkers, New York. It was stated that he had no political affiliations. The applicant was born in Warsaw, Poland, on 9-29-15, lived in Poland and France, and since 1940 in the United States. As of 11-22-41 the applicant was residing at 427 Cameron Avenue, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, but indicated that he planned to live in New York City at a later date. The Inter-Departmental Committee unanimously approved, on 5-8-42, the issuance of an immigration visa to this applicant. (40-17685)

As of 10-17-41 the Visa Division, Department of State, advised that Ignacy Jan Szper, born Warsaw, Poland, on 1-7-90, was listed as the father and as a sponsor for Aniela Suzanne Szper Oberlander, an applicant for a Visitor's Visa. According to information received from State, Ignacy Jan Szper was admitted to the United States for permanent residence on 3-28-41 at Miami, Florida. His declaration of intention was filed 9-29-41 in New York City. It was stated that he was a Customer's Broker and previously had been a member of the "Board of Directors - Cement Industry, Poland." His income was given as \$6,000 a year and as evidence of income and resources he presented a letter from the Francis I. Du Pont Company, 1 Wall Street, N. Y. C. This applicant identified her mother as Alisia Szper and her brother as Andrew Szper. On 3-10-43 the Inter-Departmental Committee unanimously approved the issuance of a visa to this applicant. (40-16042)

Johannes Esser, born 10-13-87 in Holland, arrived in the United States on 4-8-40 as a tourist. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] During the course of the investigation of this individual it was determined that he received a letter from Ignatius J. Szper, 265 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. (100-16263-78, 149)

A confidential source [REDACTED]
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Under d date of 4-30-45 the Bureau received a letter from Herbert Wechsler, Assistant Attorney General, War Division, Department of Justice, captioned "Information Supplied by Confidential Informant [REDACTED]" (100-769-2341x2) [REDACTED]

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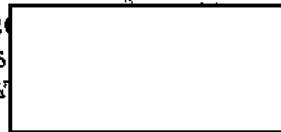
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RE: JOESPH KATZ, was.

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cc - Foreign Service Desk

cc - Mr. Ladd

cc - Mr. Belmont

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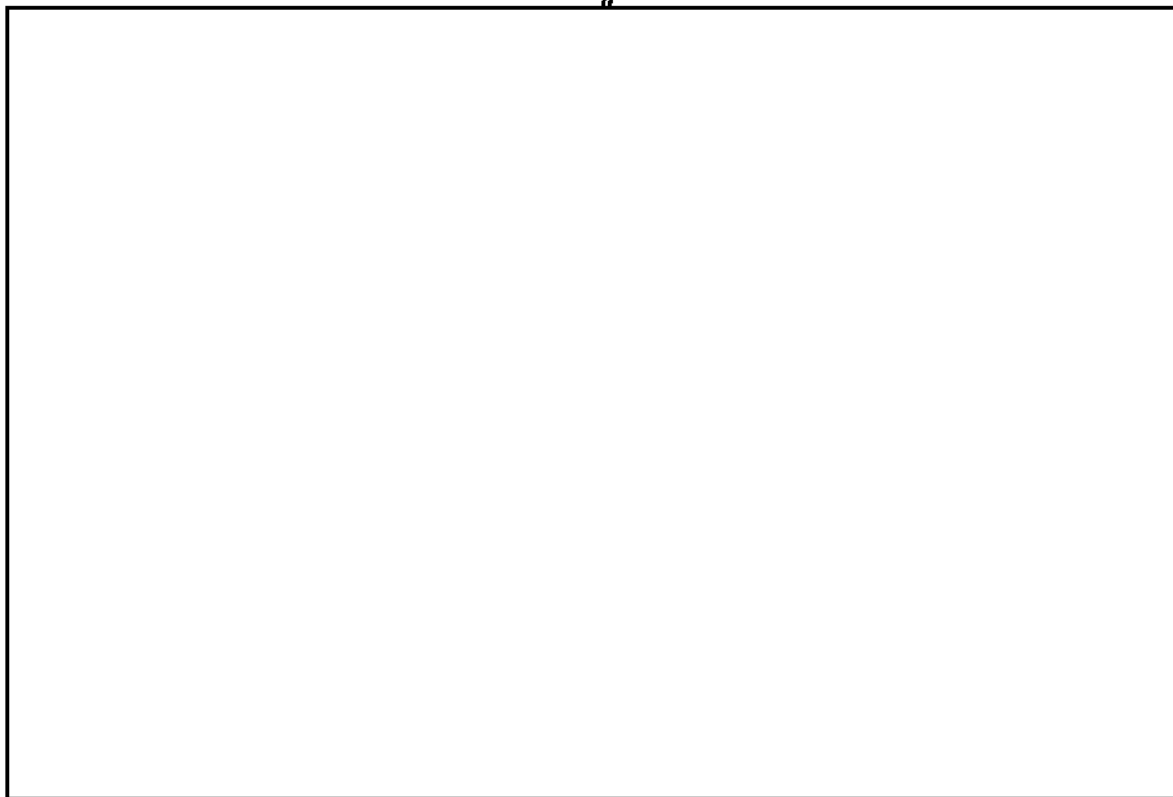
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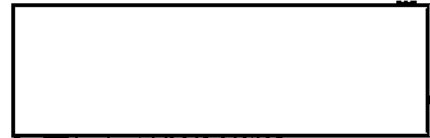
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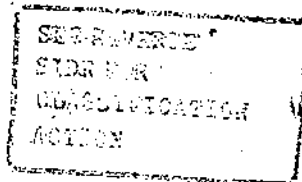
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Date: March 30, 1951
To: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
From: Legal Attache
Paris, France
Subject: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
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Because of the change of Legal Attaches at Paris, it is regretted that the important Bureau letters dated February, 5, 1951 and March 7, 1951 could not be answered sooner. As the Bureau is aware, a grave and delicate problem is posed, and it was deemed expedient to study seriously the situation before venturing an opinion, which this office hopes, is an intelligent one.

The Bureau has requested an opinion as to the 1) practicability of [redacted]

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In order to arrive at an opinion as to what is best to do in this case, it might be well, in the first place, to visualize what could now happen to the KATZ affair. In their order of desirability to the Bureau, here would seem to be the most probable eventualities under given circumstances.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 23, 1951

FROM : SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, WAS.
[REDACTED]Re: Report of SA JOHN R. LYONS dated 3/13/51 at Newark.
Bureau letter to Newark dated 3/20/51. - 1353

Page 5 of reference report which sets out a lead for the Miami Office at Hollywood, Florida, should be corrected to read:

Will attempt to ascertain the address of ALFRED KUTSCHER, 2134 Monroe Street, Hollywood, Florida.

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SAC, Los Angeles

May 4, 1951

Director, FBI

JOSEPH KATZ, was.

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Re Los Angeles letter April 21, 1951, instant case advising that no additional investigation regarding Sam and Doris Gordon necessary in Los Angeles.

By Bulet of November 21, 1950, you were informed that one of the objectives in identifying Sam Gordon was to secure, if possible, information on Joseph and Bessie Katz. To date you have succeeded in obtaining background information on Sam Gordon but you have definitely not used that information as a means of seeking additional data on Joseph and Bessie Katz. It is realized that a further inquiry may be totally unproductive as concerning instant subject and/or his wife. However, we know little of the activities of Katz in the 1930's, and as he and Bessie were married in Los Angeles in 1935 it is entirely possible that they spent some time there. Previous investigation, predicated on data obtained from the marriage record of Joseph and Bessie Katz, failed to produce much of value. Perhaps by going further in the background of Sam Gordon's tenure in Los Angeles we may discover information on the Katz's.

Therefore, with the objective in mind of trying to secure material on instant subject and his wife, it is suggested that you continue the investigation of Sam and Doris Gordon. It is further suggested that through bank, public utility, and rent records, you ascertain when the Gordon's came to Los Angeles, what previous addresses, if any, they had, and where Sam Gordon has been employed. Providing there is no information in your files dictating to the contrary, you should make inquiry at any previous residences to see if Joseph and Bessie Katz ever lived there or were used by Gordon in obtaining residence there; and at any previous places of employment to ascertain if either Katz was used as a reference.

Mr. Tolson

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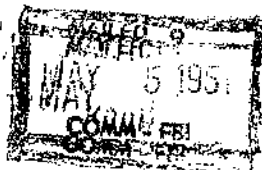
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

DATE: April 21, 1951

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Rebulet dated November 21, 1950; LA letter dated February 10, 1951; and report of SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE dated April 9, 1951, at New York.

Referenced report reflects that no additional investigation concerning SAM and DORIS GORDON is necessary by the Los Angeles Office.

This case is, therefore, considered RUC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :
FROM :
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R. T. HARBO

D. J. Parsons

Joseph Katz, was;
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DATE: 4-13-51

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There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK

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JULUIS ROSENBERG, ETHEL ROSENBERG, WAS., [REDACTED] REBULET DEC.

TWENTYONE, NINETEEN FIFTY TO NYC WITH CCS TO SOUTHERN BORDER OFFICES
RE THIRTY THREE INDIVIDUALS SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED IN SOVIET ESP.
CONCERNING WHOM CRIMINAL DIVISION OF DEPT. OF JUSTICE HAS PLACED
STOPS WITH INS TO PREVENT DEPARTURE FROM U.S. INSPECTOR BORDEN C.
JONES, INS MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ADVISED AT ELEVEN AM TODAY THAT

Mrs JOSEPH ~~KATZ~~, WHITE, MALE, AGE FORTYSEVEN, BORN NY. AUTOMOBILE SALEMAN,

ADDRESS FOUR ONE THREE SIX FIFTY FIRST ST., WOODSIDE LONG ISLAND,
ACCOMPAINED BY WIFE, MAE ~~KATZ~~, AGE FORTYTWO LEFT BY AIR TO HAVANA,
CUBA. HAS RETURN RESERVATIONS FLIGHT FOUR NAUGHT SIX, NATL. AIRLINE
APRIL EIGHTEEN. BULET DEC. TWENTYONE LISTS A JOSEPH KATZ. PRESENT
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SAC, Boston

April 21, 1951

Director, FBI

ALLAN ROBERT ROSENBERG

Joseph KATZ

Inasmuch as Boston is office of origin of the Rosenberg case, there are enclosed herewith for its information two copies of Bureau letter to New York dated April 10, 1951, in the Katz case, two photostatic copies of Bureau letter dated 2-5-51, two copies of Departmental memorandum dated 1-3-51 and two copies of New York letter dated March 13, 1951, which were enclosed with Bureau letter of 4-10-51, in the Katz case.

New York and Washington Field Office are being furnished four copies of instant letter in order that they may place two copies of same in their Joseph Katz files.

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Enclosures

cc - Washington Field
New York

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JOSEPH KATZ, WAS., [REDACTED] RE MIAMI TEL FIFTEENTH
INSTANT ENTITLED QUOTE JULIUS ROSENBERG, ETHEL ROSENBERG, WAS.,
[REDACTED] UNQUOTE. NINETEEN FIFTY DASH FIFTYONE QUEENS NEW
YORK TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS A JOSEPH KATZ AT ADDRESS SHOWN
MIAMI TEL. TO RESOLVE ANY DOUBT MIAMI SHOULD OBSERVE THIS
INDIVIDUAL ON RETURN FROM HAVANA. NYO PROVIDE MIAMI WITH
PHOTOS INSTANT SUBJECT AND WIFE AMSD. SUBJECT KATZ BORN NINETEEN
TWELVE LITHUANIA AND PERMMOST CURRENT DESCRIPTION IS FIVE FOOT
EIGHT, ONE SEVENTY, HAS BROAD SHOULDERS, BRIGHT BLUE EYES, DARK
BLOND KINKY HAIR, FAIR COMPLEXION, PROMINENT NOSE, VERY HEAVY
EYEBROWS, IS NOT METICULOUS IN APPEARANCE AND USUALLY WEARS GRAY
SUITS AND BROWN SHOES, WALKS WITH SLIGHT LIMP PARTICULARLY NOTICEABLE
WHEN WALKING RAPIDLY, SPEAKS HEBREW, LITHUANIAN, RUSSIAN, SPANISH,
IS US CITIZEN HAVING RECEIVED DERIVATIVE CITIZENSHIP THRU FATHER
HIRSHA HIAT, MARRIED BESSIE BOGORAD NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE IN LA,
HAS [REDACTED] WIFE BESSIE
KATZ, NEE BOGORAD, BORN NINETEEN TWELVE PASSAIC NJ. IF MIAMI
UNABLE TO ELIMINATE INDIVIDUAL ARRIVING FROM HAVANA AS SUBJECT
NOTIFY NYO AS TO TIME HIS ARRIVAL THERE SO NYO AGENTS CAN COVER
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DIRECTOR, FBI

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JOSEPH KATZ, WAS., [redacted]

REBUTEL SIXTEENTH INSTANT [redacted]

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KATZ AND WIFE ARRIVED MIAMI EIGHTEENTH INSTANT, WAS DETERMINED NOT
IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT PER DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPH OF
SUBJECT. RUC. MRS. Joseph H. Katz

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TITLE JOSEPH KATZ, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **Results of mail cover set out.**

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DETAILS: Confidential Informant T-1, a representative of another government agency, advised that **JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD** received the following mail:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
January 23, 1951	JOHN GRAHAM Post Office Box 1042 New York 8, New York	GEORGE BOGORAD
January 23, 1951	Paterson Savings and Trust Company Post Office Box 1560 Paterson, New Jersey	GEORGE BOGORAD
January 27, 1951	ALFRED KUTSCHER 2134 Monroe Street Hollywood, Florida	GEORGE BOGORAD 580 West 28th Street Paterson, New Jersey
February 9, 1951	149 Painter Avenue West Haven, Connecticut	GEORGE BOGORAD 580 West 28th Street Paterson, New Jersey

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
March 20, 1951	MAX GAUSY Home Fire and Marine Insurance Company of California 175 Market Street Paterson, New Jersey	GEORGE BOGORAD 580 East 28th Street Paterson, New Jersey
March 24, 1951	New Jersey Manufacturers Casualty Insurance Company 363 West State Street Trenton 8, New Jersey	Mr. J. GEORGE BOGORAD 580 East 28th Street Paterson, New Jersey
	LEO M. CHERNE 292 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York	GEORGE J. BOGORAD 580 East 28th Street 324 East 23rd Street Paterson, New Jersey
April 19, 1951	United States Treasury 1006-8 Newark 2, New Jersey	J. GEORGE BOGORAD 580 East 28th Street Paterson, New Jersey
April 20, 1951	(No name) 152 Van Houten Street Paterson, New Jersey	GEORGE BOGORAD 580 East 28th Street Paterson, New Jersey

The Passaic and Bergen County Credit Bureau, Fabian Building, Paterson, New Jersey, advised that their records reflect that MAX GAUSY, 491 East 25th Street, Paterson, is self-employed in the Insurance Brokerage business with a partner HARRY R. ~~LEA~~ at 57 William Street, New York City. Their records reflect that he is married, wife named RITA, and they formerly resided at 348 Hamilton Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.

The 1950 Paterson City Directory lists ~~MAX GAUSY~~, wife ~~RITA~~ at Apartment 60, Building 2, McLean Boulevard, which is a veterans apartment project. It listed his business as Insurance at 175 Market Street, Paterson.

It was noted by reporting agent that at 136 Washington Street, Paterson, the firm of ~~Olden and Hanson~~, Incorporated is listed as being in the Insurance business.

Passaic and Bergen County Credit Bureau had no record on ~~OLDEN and HANSON~~.

The Paterson City Directory for 1950 listed ~~NATHAN SUMNER~~, wife ~~LILLIAN~~ at 400 19th Avenue, Paterson. He was listed as being a salesman at Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

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The Passaic and Bergen County Credit Bureau had no record on NATHAN or LILLIAN SUMMER, SUMNER, or SOMNER.

The Paterson Police Department had the following record on a NATHAN SOMMERS, 359 Godwin Street, Paterson, New Jersey:

Arrested September 14, 1922 for Assault and Battery, found not guilty September 16, 1922. At that time he was age nineteen, born Poland, and was employed as a weaver.

The Paterson Police Department had no record on MAX GAVSY or an OLDEN or HANSON.

The Newark indices were negative on MAX GAVSY, NATHAN and LILLIAN SUMMER.

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It should be noted that the apartment house where ALEXANDER and BETTY formerly resided recently was gutted by fire and it is not known where they presently reside.

Inquiry at the Passaic Post Office determined that they, as are most residents, are calling for their mail at the Post Office.

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Will attempt to ascertain current address of ALEXANDER and BETTY MERDOCH.

AT PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

Will continue mail cover and report results on JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD 580 East 28th Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

Copies of this report are being designated to Miami and New Haven for information purposes as JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD is still receiving mail from individuals in the area covered by these offices.

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INFORMANTS

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[redacted] and
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Office, Paterson, New Jersey, who were
contacted by SA JOHN R. LYONS on March 7,
1951 and April 30, 1951.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN R. LYONS, 2/3/51, at Newark. *837*

SAS, Newark

May 16, 1951

Director, FBI

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Re report SA John R. Lyons dated 4-30-51, at Newark, instant case. Specific reference made to page three that report where names Alexander and Betty Herdock mentioned. Correct spelling surname these individuals is Herdach. All offices correct report accordingly.

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TO : A. H. Belmont
FROM : C. E. Hennrich
SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
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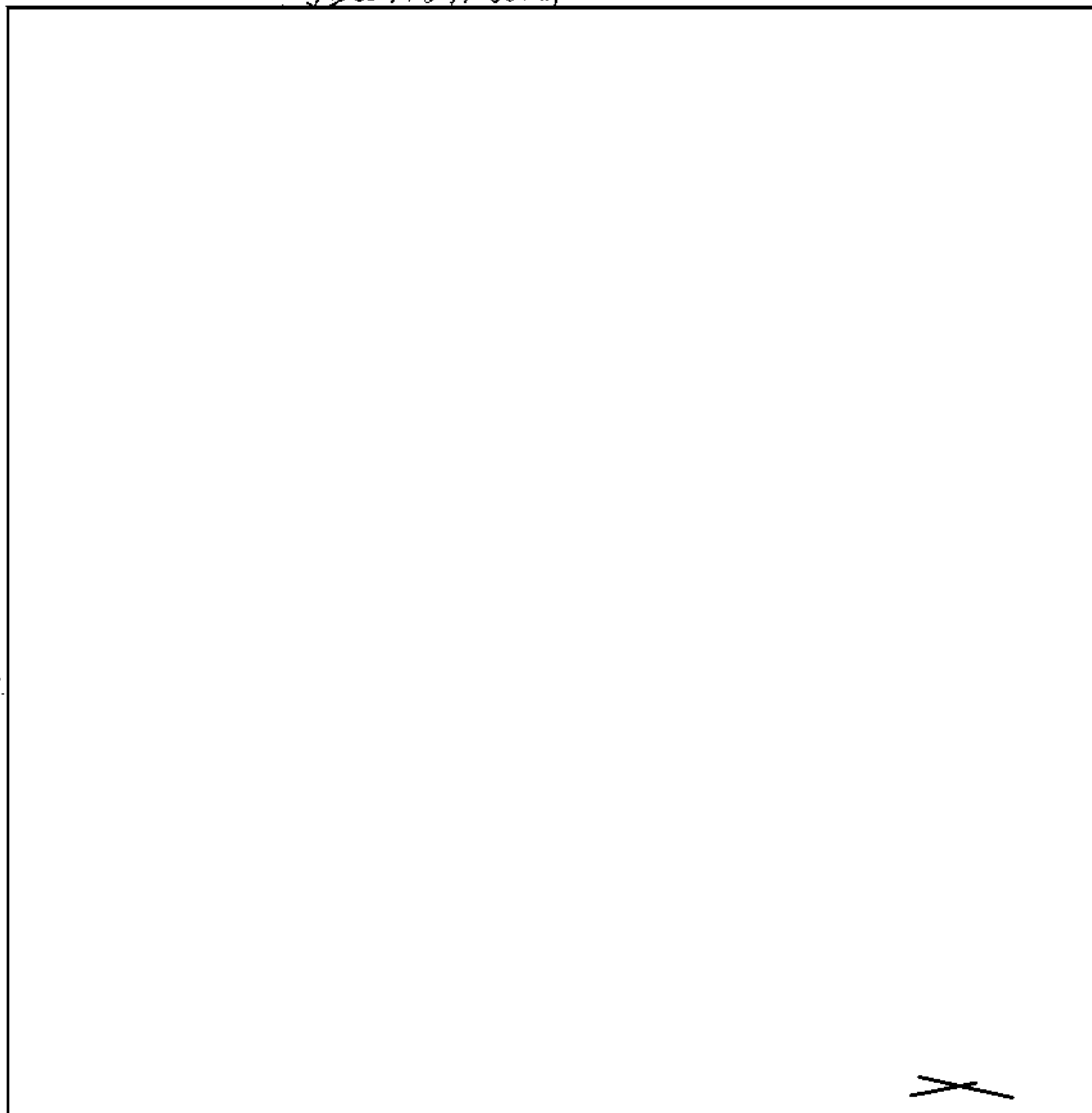
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BACKGROUND

Through previous memoranda you have been informed to the following effect:

Joseph Katz was., a naturalized American, has been identified as a Soviet agent by Elizabeth Bentley. [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] Katz has been out of the U. S. since 1948 and, as far as we can learn, has been in Paris most of the time. He received his most recent American passport there on 3-7-50. [redacted]

The Katz case was presented to the Department on 12-18-50 and at that time these questions were proposed:

- (1) Will you authorize prosecution of Katz on the basis of the information contained in the investigative summary report?
- (2) Do you consider it advisable to obtain a secret complaint and warrant and/or a secret indictment?
- (3) Have you any suggestions with respect to an arrest of Katz if the French Government will deport him -- for example, if he is deported on an American ship?
- (4) Would it be possible to arrest Katz if he enters the United States Embassy in Paris on the theory that the Embassy is United States soil?
- (5) If prosecution is authorized will it be possible to extradite Katz, or can you suggest any means by which he may be forced to return to the United States?

As of 1-3-51 the Department replied and requested that additional investigation be conducted prior to their rendering any prosecutive opinion. Such investigation incidentally is now being conducted by the NYO and WFO. The Department, in their memo of 1-3-51, did not answer the other questions proposed to them in our communication of 12-18-50 and concerning the securing of Katz' return to the U. S. [redacted]

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Information concerning Joseph Katz has been disseminated to the Legats in London, Paris and Madrid; the Bureau's liaison representative in Ottawa [redacted] ONI; G-2; OSI and [redacted]

[redacted] Katz because of a continuing hope that, being an American citizen, he would eventually return to this country. A further deterrent was a fear of the lack of security in the Surete and the possibility that if we advised them of Katz such fact would become known to him and he would not return to the United States. [redacted]

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In view of the extended period Katz has been out of the US (1948-51); the ever diminishing possibility of his returning to this country; our obligation, as an intelligence agency, to do something about Katz; and his very great potential value if he would co-operate by talking, certain recommendations were made in my memo of 2-5-51. In accordance with those recommendations the following approved action was taken:

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1. The NY and WFO were instructed to continue the investigation of Joseph Katz along the lines suggested by the Department.
2. The Department was asked by memo to answer all questions originally proposed in our communication of 12-18-50 because (a) [redacted]

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3. The State Department was informed concerning Katz and their opinion solicited as to the possibility of securing Katz' return to this country.
4. The Legat, Paris, was advised of our desires concerning Katz and his opinion asked on the practicability [redacted]

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As a result of the above action the following were received:

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The requested opinion of the Legat, Paris, was received by letter of 3-30-51 and is being summarized below. The Legat's letter is also attached to instant memorandum.

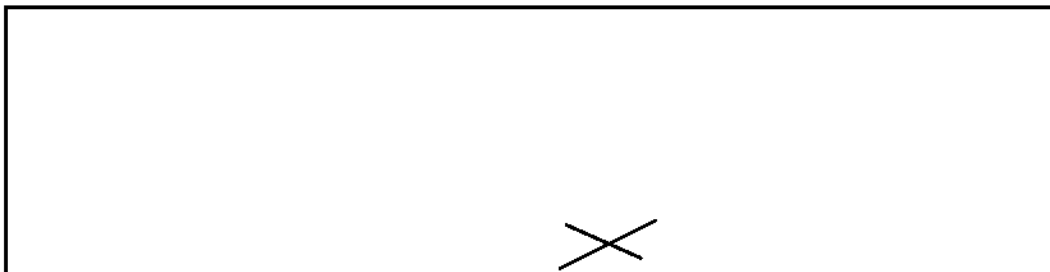
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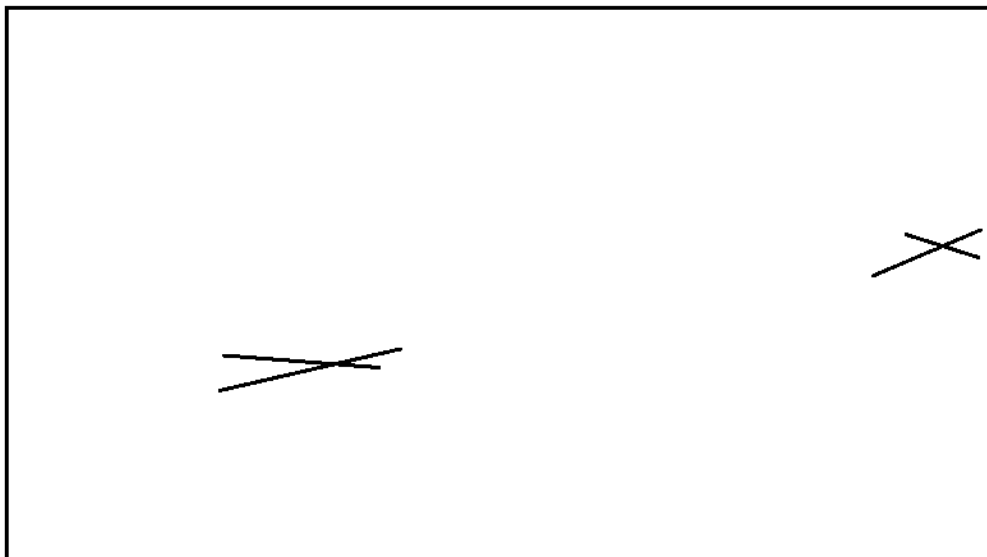
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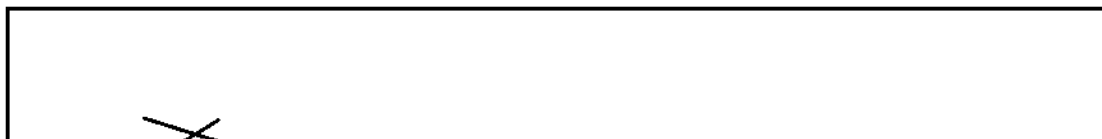
The Legat also makes certain suggestions and recommendations which briefly are as follows:

The Bureau, Justice Department, State and  thoroughly go over any plans prior to any action in Paris. ~~(S)~~

When a plan of action has been formulated a conference should be held at the Embassy in Paris with the following in attendance, and for the reasons given:



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We have known of Katz' identity as a Soviet agent, and of the fact that he has been out of the US and probably in Paris, since 1949. [redacted]

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[redacted] However with the passage of time the possibility of his returning becomes less, [redacted] because of such a hope more untenable. [redacted] Katz and it is not beyond the realm of possibility that [redacted]

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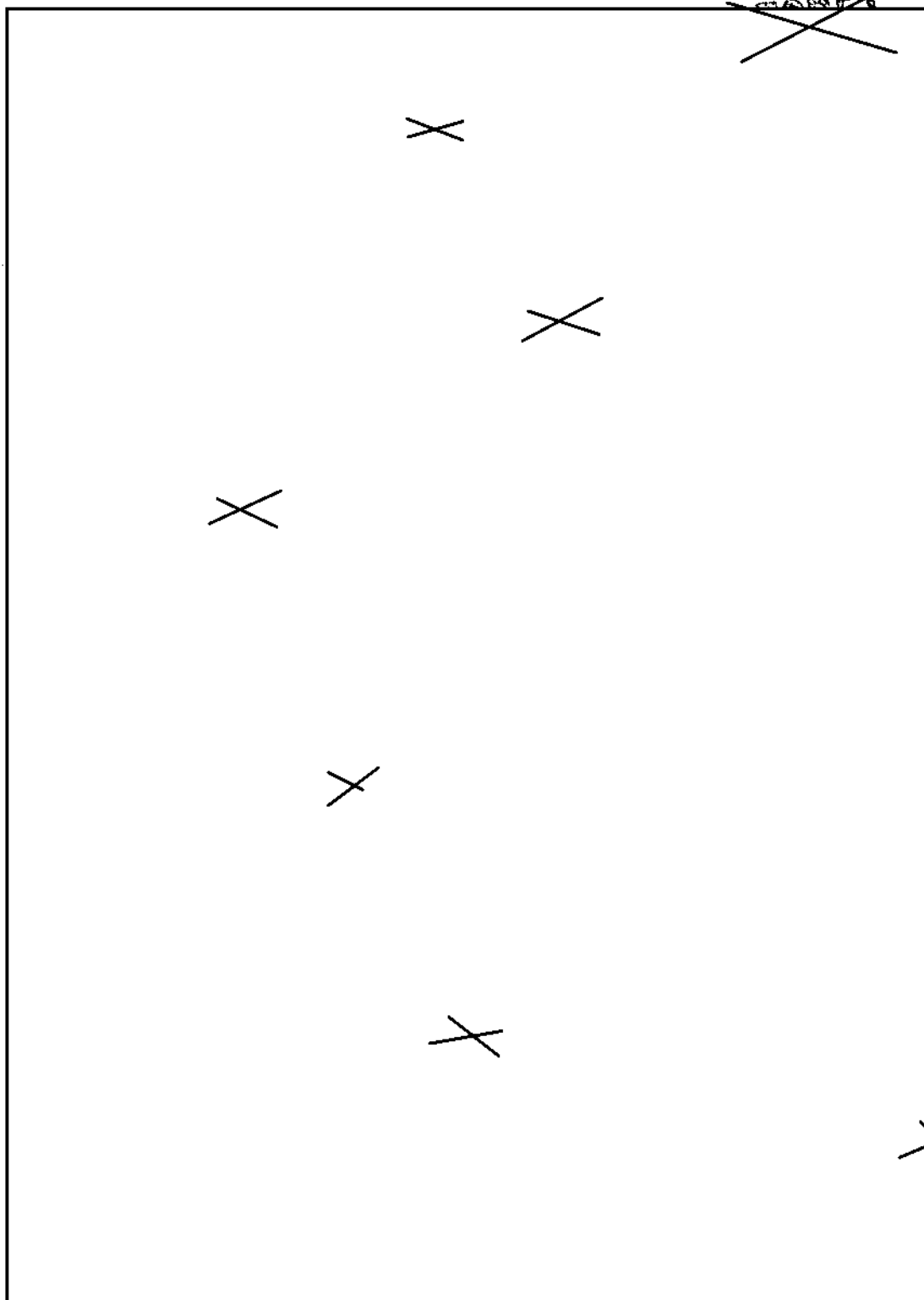
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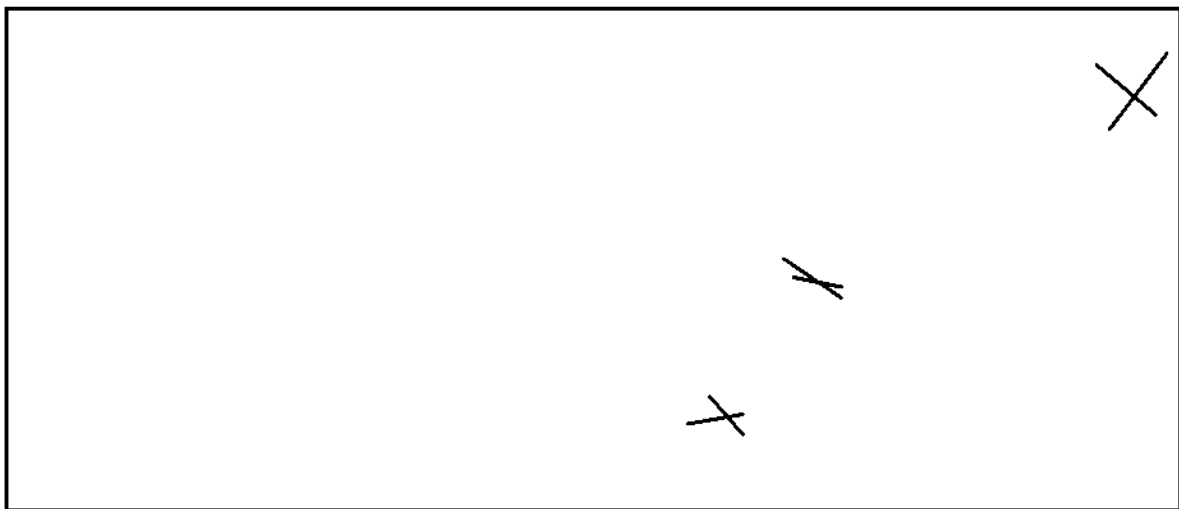
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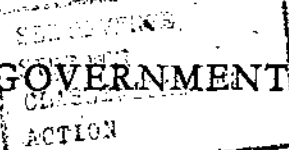
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TO : D. M. Ladd

FROM : A. H. Belmont

DATE: May 1, 1951

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.



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DETAILS

Joseph Katz, was., has been identified as a Soviet agent. He has been out of the United States since 1948, and presumably has been for the most part in Paris. [redacted]

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[redacted] Katz. In view of the length of time that Katz has been out of the United States, the Legat, Paris, was asked about the practicability of [redacted]

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Joseph Katz has been identified as an extremely important Soviet agent in a number of our cases. He could be of great value to us if cooperative. It therefore behooves us to determine if he will cooperate, if he can be used to penetrate Soviet intelligence operations, and if not, to take all steps to prosecute him.

The Legat's recommendation that the French be informed about Katz is sound. Further delay in hope that Katz will return to the United States is not believed practical. [Redacted]

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Reurlet of 5-7-51 advising that instant case would be placed in a pending inactive status until the completion of investigation being conducted on various subjects in the case entitled Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was., et al; [redacted]

The Bureau does not desire that the case on Joseph Katz, was., be placed in a pending inactive status. It is further not desired that the reports in the Katz case be delayed until the completion of all investigation.

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You are therefore instructed to submit, in the Katz case, all information which pertains to material obtained by Bentley, from whatever source, and which is known or believed to have been given by her to Joseph Katz. You should also submit this information in reports on the individual who was the source of the information. For example, if your investigation discloses that material obtained by Duncan Lee was given by him to Elizabeth Bentley and by her to Joseph Katz, the full details should be reported both in the Katz case and in the individual case file on Duncan Lee.

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Inasmuch as this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the Department it should receive thorough and expeditious attention. It is noted that the Bulet of instructions in this matter was dated 2-5-51. By letter of 3-15-51 NYO supplied you with what information they had obtained from Elizabeth Bentley. It is therefore expected that a report in the Katz case will be submitted in the immediate future.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 7, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.

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Reference is made to Bureau Letter dated April 10, 1951 in captioned matter requesting this office to conduct additional investigation on ten individuals, all subjects in the case entitled NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al, [redacted]

Inasmuch as the requested investigation will be conducted in the separate case files on these individual subjects and there are presently no other outstanding leads in this office, the captioned file will be placed in a pending inactive status until completion of the investigation being conducted in these individual case files.

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The files were negative as to Helen Stawsky. The only information located and believed to pertain to Violet Shapiro is set forth hereinafter.

The Report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 73th Congress, entitled "Appendix-Part IX - Communist Front Organizations - With Special Reference to the National Citizens Political Action Committee," refers to the New York Professional Workers Conference on Social Insurance. According to the report the above Conference was held on 12-20-34 in NYC and among the speakers was Harry Lurie. The report discusses the Communist background of Lurie and mentions that he was a speaker for the Joint Committee of Trade Unions in Social Work. The report also lists a number of individuals who were "affiliated with the Joint Committee of Trade Unions in Social Work." One of the individuals listed was Violet Shapiro, not further identified.

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The same report also lists a "Supplemental Group of Communist Fronts." The report states "The exhibits which are included in this section of the report are all Communist fronts." Twelve exhibits are listed with Exhibit #11 being identified as "Social Work Today Cooperators, 1940 (Social Work Today, Jan. 1941, pp 16-18)." The list of cooperators was broken down geographically and included under a heading of "New York City" was "Violet Shapiro" -- \$5."

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An anonymous communication was received by the Bureau postmarked 8-23-40 at Brooklyn, N.Y. Therein the writer alleges that the Social Service Employees Union and the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, are both CIO and "100% Communist controlled." The writer also sets forth, among other things, "Copy of list to Dies Committee and N.Y. Police Red Squad to follow---." This includes a long list of names and short comments concerning some of the individuals listed. One of the names on the list is Violet Shapiro. The letter is partially illegible at this point but it is possible that the writer further identified Violet Shapiro as being connected with the "National Refugee Service."

By letter of 8-4-47 captioned "Briehl's Farm, Communist Party Secret School; Internal Security - C (NY file 100-80691) the NYO provided photographic copies of pages from the cash book of Fred Briehl for the period from 1-42 through 9-46. These pages contained the names of individuals who were guests at Briehl's Farm during the aforementioned period. Pages 21 and 89 of the book reflected the name of Violet Shapiro, not further identified. It might be pointed out that the investigation of Briehl's Farm was initiated in 1947 upon information received from [redacted] This informant alleged that the farm was being operated as a secret CP training school.

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(X) [redacted] reported on 1-9-47 that Florence Wallerstein, was., was a CP member. The same informant later reported, on 3-18-47, that Wallerstein had registered in a CP Club and at that time stated that she had been a CP member for 12 years, was a reader of the Daily and Sunday Worker, and contemplated becoming active in CP work on a greater scale. According to the report of SA James J. Smith, Jr., dated 10-4-49 at NYC and entitled "Florence Wallerstein, was.; Security Matter - C" (NY file 100-84135), Florence Shapiro married John Wallerstein on 9-1-40. Marriage records reflect that her parents were Lester M. Shapiro, born Russia, and Minnie Jacobs, born in the U. S. One of the witnesses to the marriage was Violet Shapiro, not further identified.

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Reference to S. J. Dobb the following information was located:

According to the report of SA J. R. Malley dated 3-16-40 at NYC and entitled "Philip Raymond, was., et al; Enlistment for Spain" (NY file 54-98) the records of the Hotel Broadway Central, 673 Broadway, NYC, were checked through M. M. Goldstein, Manager. According to Mr. Goldstein, through arrangements made by one Sam Bard, guests of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion were sent to his hotel beginning in 12-37 and continuing until 10-39. The bills for these guests were sent to World Tourists, Inc., 175 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C., until 12-38 when the Abraham Lincoln Battalion or the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion took over. Goldstein produced letters directed to the hotel by World Tourists, Inc., and these letters for the most part were signed by J. N. Golos, Manager. However, six of them bore the signature of S. J. Dobb. Goldstein also produced a number of cards of World Tourists, Inc., introducing guests to the hotel. It was noted that some of these cards bore the stamped signature of J. N. Golos while others were signed S. J. Dobb.

As Sonya Josephine Dobrikin (NY file 100-64971) is known to have been employed at World Tourists and to have been known as S. J. Dobbs, it is believed that she is identical with the S. J. Dobb referred to above. The background of J. N. Golos and the World Tourists, Inc. are already well known to you.

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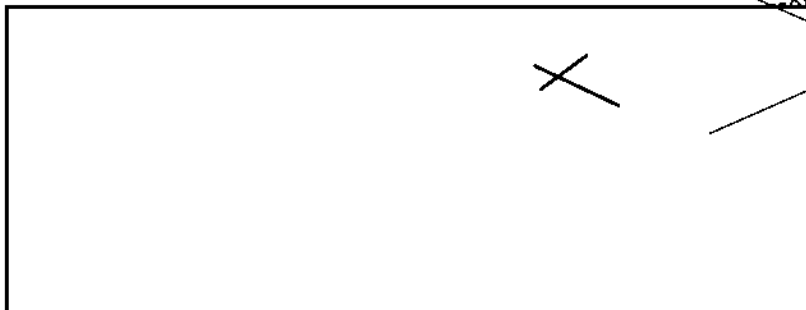
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
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Your attention is invited to our letter of February 16,
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We are still desirous of securing any information in
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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE: APR 14 1951	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/15;4/4,5/51	REPORT MADE BY: FRANCIS W. ZANGLE
TITLE: BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ, wa. Mrs. Joseph Katz			CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

SUMMARY REPORT

BESSIE KATZ born 6/19/12 at Passaic, N. J. Married at Los Angeles, California, on 12/23/35 to **JOSEPH KATZ**.

[REDACTED] Husband of **BESSIE KATZ** has been identified by informants as active Soviet agent from about 1938 to 1948. His last known residence was in Paris, France, in Jan., 1951. Informant has furnished information occasionally since 1949, indicating a possible split-up between **BESSIE** and **JOSEPH KATZ**. **BESSIE KATZ** attended Passaic, N. J., schools until 1929. She was employed by AJJDC from 1945 to 1949, working in Paris from February, 1946 to July, 1946 and March, 1947 to August, 1949. Since her return to the U. S. in 1949, she has been employed at the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, 71 West 47th St., NYC. Her last known visit with **JOSEPH KATZ** was during the summer of 1950, when she and [REDACTED] went to Paris. **BESSIE KATZ** and [REDACTED] presently reside at 602 West 139th St., N.C., with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. **LESTER GITTELSON**.

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DETAILS:

I. JOSEPH KATZ

JOSEPH KATZ, husband of the subject, was born March 15, 1912 in Lithuania. He became a United States citizen through his father, DAVID KATZ, who was naturalized February 19, 1925 at Passaic, New Jersey. His name at birth was JOSEPH (YEISKE) HIAT. He officially changed his name at the City Court of New York on March 21, 1938, effective April 29, 1938.

The Marriage License Records Bureau, Hall of Records, Los Angeles, California, reflect that he was married to BESSIE BOGORAD on December 23, 1935.

KATZ has been identified by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, a self-admitted former Soviet espionage agent, as her former espionage superior from October, 1944 to May, 1945. BENTLEY furnished KATZ with material she received from her contacts in Washington, D. C., from October, 1944 to December, 1944. These contacts employed at various government agencies furnished BENTLEY with miscellaneous data picked up through their employment.

KATZ told BENTLEY that the material she turned over to him eventually found its way to the Russian Embassy and from there the information believed of value was transmitted to Russia by cable or by diplomatic courier. BENTLEY'S contacts were taken away from her at the end of 1944, but she continued to see KATZ until May, 1945. The latter meetings were concerned with discussing problems arising from BENTLEY'S former contacts and with replacing BENTLEY in her employment. KATZ arranged for BENTLEY to meet ANATOLE GROMOV, former First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, whom she continued to see until November, 1945.

Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability.

[redacted] identified KATZ as [redacted]
[redacted] Under KATZ' supervision, this [redacted]
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[redacted] KATZ leased a parking lot in New York City from November, 1941 to October, 1942 as a cover for his and [redacted]

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In 1943, KATZ [redacted] and [redacted] arranged to have [redacted] Under KHEIFETS, former Soviet Vice Consul at San Francisco, California, [redacted] KHEIFETS and [redacted] this [redacted]

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Confidential Informant T-1 [redacted]

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[redacted] At this time, KATZ reactivated him and made arrangements for him to return to New York City to meet another individual, as yet unidentified. This unidentified individual [redacted]

[redacted] identified KATZ as [redacted] with whom he had infrequent contacts [redacted] KATZ had [redacted]

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KATZ then [redacted] important for him to do and [redacted]

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In 1944 at KATZ' direction [redacted]

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In 1948 or possibly earlier, KATZ [redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted] again.

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[redacted] identified KATZ as an alternate espionage superior of [redacted] contact with KATZ [redacted] of [redacted]

Confidential Informants T-2 and T-3, of unknown reliability, have identified KATZ [redacted] in spying on anti-Soviet elements and Trotskyites for the Russians in the late 1930's and early 1940's.

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Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, has advised that in a passport application filed by KATZ on March 7, 1950, he gave his current address as 5 Rue Francois, Mouthon, Paris, France. On the application he gave his legal residence as 236 East Hudson Street, Long Beach, New York, which it was known was the residence address of BESSIE KATZ.

KATZ listed his previous residences outside of the United States as follows:

1944-1945	Abroad with United States Merchant Marine
March 19, 1947 to May 28, 1947	France
July 10, 1947 to September 1, 1947	France
June 12, 1948 to date	France

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, has advised that on January 21, 1951, KATZ [redacted]

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[redacted] Prior to that time, [redacted] had been sending KATZ mail to Paris.

The same informant advised that during January, 1951, BESSIE KATZ [redacted] JOSEPH KATZ [redacted]

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Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that during the fall of 1949 KATZ was connected with [redacted]

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several business enterprises in the United States and in France. In Paris, he was merchandising a line of handpainted silk scarfs, ties and dress goods, and he was connected with the Atelier Rezvoy, 23 Santos Dumont, Paris, France.

In his passport application on March 7, 1950, Confidential Informant T-4 stated KATZ had given his business as a representative for Seaboard Industries in Paterson, New Jersey.

The telephone directory for Bergen-Passaic Counties in New Jersey listed GEORGE BOGORAD as Secretary Treasurer of the Seaboard Industries, 195 Keen Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

GEORGE BOGORAD is the brother of the subject, BESSIE KATZ.

II. PERSONAL HISTORY OF BESSIE KATZ

According to the Passaic High School records, Passaic, New Jersey, BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ was born June 19, 1912 in Passaic, New Jersey. She attended Passaic High School from September 10, 1925 until she graduated in June, 1929.

The Marriage License Records Bureau, Hall of Records, Los Angeles County, California, contains files which reflect that JOSEPH KATZ was married to BESSIE BOGORAD on December 23, 1935, Los Angeles, California.

The files reflect BESSIE BOGORAD'S residence as 3169 Fairmont Street, Los Angeles, California. Her occupation was given as medical stenographer in a hospital. She stated her father was SAMUEL BOGORAD, born in Russia, and her mother was PAULINE GORDEN (GORGES), born in Russia.

A witness to the marriage was Mrs. BESS POLIN, 3016 1/2 Folsom Street, Los Angeles, California. They were married by ISAAC PACHT, Judge in the Superior Court of Los Angeles.

The birth records at the New York City Department of Health. reflect that [REDACTED] Certificate [REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED] to JOSEPH KATZ and BESSIE BOGORAD. The residence of the parents on that date was 602 West 141st Street, New York City.

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The earliest known employment of BESSIE KATZ was reflected in the 1930 Passaic City Directory which listed that she was employed as a bookkeeper for S. Goldberg and Company, 7 Canal Street, Passaic, New Jersey, Slipper Manufacturers. At the time of her marriage in 1935, BESSIE KATZ stated she was a stenographer in a hospital. In Selective Service records in 1940, KATZ stated his wife was employed in the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, 218 Second Avenue, New York City. RUSSELL M. KEMPT, of that hospital, recalled that one BESSIE BOGORAD was formerly employed there as a Medical Stenographer. Her supervisor was listed as BERNADETTA MATHUS, now retired, of 320 East 42nd Street, New York City.

In 1945, BESSIE KATZ was employed by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 270 Madison Avenue, New York City, on the overseas staff. She went to Paris while working for this organization and remained with them until her return to this country in August, 1949. Since then she has been employed as a stenographer by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, 71 West 47th Street, New York City, her present employment.

BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ resided outside the United States from February, 1946, to July, 1946, and from March, 1947 to August, 1949, during which periods she was in Paris, France. (Source: passport application dated April 13, 1950, furnished by Confidential Informant T-4.) This past summer she and [REDACTED] left the United States for Europe on July 26, 1950, and returned on September 11, 1950.

Confidential Informant T-4 advised that Passport #36146 was issued to BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ on January 30, 1946 for travel to France as a representative of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. In an application executed January 4, 1946 at New York City, BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ stated she was born June 19, 1912 at Passaic, New Jersey, her occupation was Secretary and her permanent residence was 603 West 140th Street, New York City. In addition to birth and citizenship information about her parents, her application bore the affidavit of CLARENCE WEINSTOCK, 320 East 50th Street, New York City, dated January 4, 1946 at New York, in which he stated he had known BESSIE KATZ for four years and knew her to be a United States citizen.

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Her passport was amended May 23, 1946 at Paris, France, to include travel to Switzerland and Italy for welfare work. It was again amended June 21, 1946, in Paris, France, to include travel to Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia for welfare work. Her passport was renewed on January 6, 1949 at Paris, France, upon the request of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

An application made April 13, 1950, Passport Number 251944 was issued to BESSIE KATZ on April 24, 1950. At this time, she indicated she planned several months' travel to France, Italy and Israel during June and July, 1950.

An application was also filed at this time by [redacted] born [redacted] at [redacted] as a student. This application indicated that [redacted] had been outside the United States in Paris, France, from March, 1947 to April 18, 1949, and from December, 1949 to January 18, 1950. Accompanying the application, was a letter in the handwriting of and signed by BESSIE KATZ, advising that [redacted] would accompany her on a trip to France, Italy, and Israel sometime in June and July, 1950, and during this trip she would visit her father who is in Paris.

The known residences of BESSIE KATZ in the United States included 120 Howe Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey, where she resided in 1930 according to Passaic City Directory. Prior to her marriage, she resided with her mother at 166 Second Avenue, New York City. At the time of her marriage, she gave her residence as 3169 Fairmont Street, Los Angeles, California. From September, 1949 to June, 1950, BESSIE KATZ and [redacted] resided at 236 East Hudson Street, Long Beach, Long Island. She and [redacted] presently reside at 602 West 139th Street, Apartment 53, New York City, which is the apartment of her sister, MIRIAM GITTELSON.

Concerning MIRIAM BOGORAD GITTELSON, the sister with whom BESSIE KATZ resides, the Immigration and Naturalization Service records reflect that she was born on December 30, 1916 at Passaic, New Jersey. Her husband, LESTER GITTELSON, owns and operates a truck under the name of the Lester Trucking Company, 602 West 139th Street, New York City.

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Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised in 1948 that one LESTER GITTELSON, 603 East 140th Street, New York City, was a member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that LESTER GITTELSON at 602 West 139th Street, New York City, receives mail regularly which mail bears the return address of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

It is to be noted that the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade has been declared by the Attorney General to be coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

Confidential Informant T-9, of unknown reliability, advised that one MIRIAM BOGORAD, of 318 Second Avenue, New York City, was reported to be a Communist member of the Council of the American Youth Congress in 1941.

In 1945, Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised that one MIRIAM BOGORAD was reported to be an employee of the Greater New York Council, CIO, which is alleged to have been at that time Communist dominated.

Concerning BESSIE KATZ' father, SAMUEL BOGORAD, Confidential Informant T-11, of unknown reliability, advised that he had packed up and left his family to return to Russia about 1930 and, according to the informant, has not been heard from since. The informant stated that SAMUEL BOGORAD was a well known Communist in Passaic prior to that time, and that the informant believed that the BOGORAD family were all Communists or Communistically inclined.

It is noted in a passport application in 1946, BESSIE KATZ advised her father, SAMUEL BOGORAD, was deceased.

The mother of BESSIE KATZ, PAULINE TUCKMAN, resides at 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut.

According to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, at New Haven, Connecticut, the subject's mother was married on August 22, 1946 to DAVID TUCKMAN, who resided at 889 Howard Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut.

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Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, reported on August 25, 1949 that a bill for insurance and membership fee for Lodge #117, International Workers Order, had been sent to Mr. and Mrs. DAVID TUCKMAN, 149 Painter Avenue, West Haven, Connecticut.

The International Workers Order has been declared by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

The records of the Secretary of State for the State of Connecticut contained information that in 1934, DAVID TUCKMAN of 34 Arch Street, New Haven, Connecticut, was a signer of a Communist Party Nominating Petition. He was also a signer of a petition in 1942 and 1946.

III. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PRESENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SUBJECT AND JOSEPH KATZ

Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, advised that prior to BESSIE KATZ' return to the United States in August, 1949, she and JOSEPH KATZ took separate quarters in Paris. The reason for this is not known to the informant, but it was known that she continued to see KATZ every day when he was in Paris.

Confidential Informant T-14, of known reliability, advised in February, 1950 that BESSIE KATZ was thinking about getting a divorce from JOSEPH KATZ. According to the informant, BESSIE was fed up with all the lies told to her by JOSEPH KATZ.

Confidential Informant T-13 advised that trouble between BESSIE and JOSEPH KATZ had been brewing for sometime and in December, 1949, BESSIE was embittered, nervous, and broken up over the situation.

On July 26, 1950, BESSIE and [REDACTED] went to Paris on the SS DE GRASSE. They returned on September 11, 1950 on the SS ILE DE FRANCE.

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According to Confidential Informant T-14, BESSIE was thoroughly disillusioned over her marriage and relationship with KATZ and because of his conduct toward her during her visit with him in Paris, BESSIE was through with him.

It is noted that Confidential Informant T-5 advised that KATZ had given BESSIE KATZ \$1,500.00 as recently as January, 1951.

IV. DESCRIPTION OF BESSIE KATZ

The following description was obtained through public records and observation:

Name:	BESSIE BOGORAD KATZ, with alias, Mrs. JOSEPH KATZ
Date of Birth:	June 19, 1912
Place of Birth:	Passaic, New Jersey
Height:	5'6"
Weight:	135 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Dark
Complexion:	Olive
Peculiarities:	Wears black glasses with gold trim; Photograph available
Relatives:	JOSEPH KATZ, husband;

[REDACTED]

PAULINE TUCKMAN, mother, 149
Painter Avenue, West Haven,
Connecticut;
Mrs. MARTIN YOUNG, also known
as FRANCES BOGORAD YOUNG,
sister, 616 West 137th Street,
New York City;
Mrs. ARTHUR KATZ, also known
as CELIA BOGORAD, sister,
77 West 104th Street,
New York City

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JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD,
brother, 324 East 23rd
Street, Paterson, New Jersey;
Mrs. LESTER GITTELSON, also
known as MIRIAM BOGORAD
GITTELSON, sister, 602
West 139th Street, New York
City.

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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report
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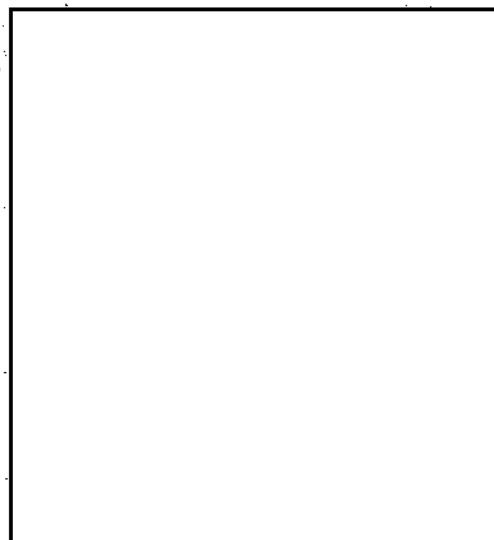
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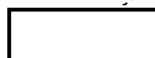
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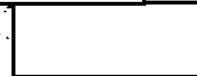
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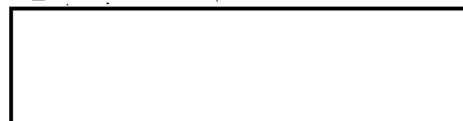
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REFERENCE: ~~SECRET~~ SAC Letter dated 3/3/51.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, San Francisco

DATE: March 10, 1951

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., "Bill";
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., "Catherine"
[REDACTED] GREGORY CASE)

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Joseph KATZ

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In connection with the possible identification of UNSUB BILL, attention is directed to the report of SA WILFRED H. ERWIN dated 12/15/44 at New York captioned ALTO CASE.

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On page 104 of this report it is stated that on October 4, 1944, SAs CLIFFORD P. HARTLEY and JAMES M. McGRATH, while surveilling JOSEPH KATZ, at noon observed him leaving the building at 119 West 57th Street at 12:45 PM with a man who was surveilled to 234 Fifth Avenue. Description of this individual was:

Age	30
Height	5' 10"
Weight	155 lbs.
Carriage	Very good; very rapid walker; leather heels
Appearance	Brown raincoat; thick tie; dapper personality; apparently American; ruddy complexion; collegiate dress.

In this regard it is noted that the above address on Fifth Avenue appears on page 112 of referenced report as the address of the American and Overseas Mercantile Company, with whom KATZ was in telephonic contact. In addition, it is noted that BENTLEY'S last contact with BILL took place approximately September 16, 1944, while her first contact with JOSEPH KATZ was in October 1944. Therefore, the above meeting between KATZ and the unidentified man took place apparently between the last meeting between BENTLEY and BILL and her first meeting with KATZ.

It is further noted that the physical description between the unidentified person above and UNSUB BILL is very similar, particularly the dapper personality and collegiate dress.

The files of this Division do not reflect that this individual has been identified. In the event he was not identified, it is suggested that the surveilling Agents be interviewed, if they are still in New York, and ascertain if they can recall further details and also that the photograph of ANATOLE YAKOVLEV be shown them since BENTLEY said that he resembled UNSUB BILL.

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It is also suggested, if feasible, that investigation be conducted to identify this individual at the American and Overseas Mercantile Company in the event the files of the New York Division contain no information on this company.

SAC, New York

February 19, 1951

Director, FBI

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BERNARD SCHLESTER was.

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The Security Index card maintained at the Bureau on captioned individual is being transferred from the Regular Section to the Special Section. You are instructed to make a like transfer of the card maintained in your office.

Reference is made to the report of SA Donald Walter dated February 3, 1951, at Washington, D. C., reflecting that passport records of the Department of State show that Bessie Bozorad (Bogorad), 318 2nd Avenue, New York City, was the witness on a passport application made by subject on June 16, 1938. Bessie Bozorad is no doubt identical with Bessie Bogorad Katz, wife of Joseph Katz, who at the time resided at 318 2nd Avenue, New York City.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 7, 1951

FROM: SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was. "GORDON", *Katz*

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MENKE KATZ, aka, MEMKE KATZ, MAX KATZ, MERKE KATZ, MEINKE KATZ, is a brother of JOSEPH KATZ, was.

The files of this office reflect that a 30-day mail cover was placed on MOSES BORD, 3628 Georgia Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., in December, 1943. MOSES BORD is also known as MISCHA BORD, MICHA BORD, HYMAN BORD. This mail cover reflected receipt by "M. BORD", at the Georgia Avenue, address of a communication, nature unknown, from "M. KATZ, 858 Lafayette, Brooklyn, New York", postmarked January 6, 1944, at Brooklyn, New York.

Refer report of SA KENNERLY R. CORBETT at Washington, D. C., dated September 2, 1947, entitled: "ISADORE JACKERSON, IS-R", which sets the result of a trash cover on the residence of ISADORE JACKERSON, 4820-7th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., conducted during May and June, 1947. This trash cover reflected, in part,:

Envelope addressed to Mr. JOSEPH KATZ, 603 West 140th Street, New York City;

Envelope addressed to Mr. KATZ, 4820-7th Street, Northwest, from National School and Cultural Center, Jewish People's Fraternal Order of the IWO, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City;

Envelope addressed to Mr. MEMKE KATZ, 4820 7th Street, Northwest.

Investigation by Special Agent MAURICE A. TAYLOR, of this office, in September, 1949, developed information at the Brightwood Branch, USPO, Washington, D. C., that MENKE KATZ had furnished forwarding address under date of June 25, 1947, from 4820-7th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., to 64 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

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100-18230 (ISADORE JACKERSON)

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[redacted] advised this office during 1950 that Mr. and Mrs. ISIDORE JACKERSON are close friends of Mr. and Mrs. MICHA BORD, and that they both had made admissions to him that they are members of the Communist Party.

[redacted] of known reliability, has identified MARCIE BORD as a member of the Communist Party at Washington, D. C., for the years 1946, and 1947. [redacted] MISCHA BORD, as a member of the Communist Party at Washington, D. C., for the years 1944, 1945, and 1946.

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While a review of the file on JOSEPH KATZ, was, fails to reflect 858 Lafayette, Brooklyn, New York, as a former address of MENKE KATZ, aka, it is believed probable from the foregoing information that the M. KATZ who communicated with MOSES BORD, was, in January, 1944, is identical with MENKE KATZ.

The nature of the relationship between MISCHA BORD, was, and MENKE KATZ, was, is unknown to this office. However, in view of BESSIE KATZ'S evaluation of MENKE KATZ'S intelligence, it would appear doubtful that he was engaged in espionage activity while at Washington, D. C. It would seem, especially in view of his known activities, together with the results of the above-mentioned trash cover, that MENKE KATZ may have been engaged in teaching at schools run by the JPFO, IWO, at Washington, D. C., during the unknown period of his residence in the District of Columbia.

The above data is furnished for the information of the Bureau and the New York Office.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 14, 1951

FROM : SAC, WEO

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was, "GORDON"

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Remylet May 7, 1951 to Bureau, cc New York and Newark Offices.

MENKE KATZ, aka

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[redacted] of unknown reliability, who has recently b7D been contacted by this office concerning various former acquaintances in the IWO at Washington, D. C. and has furnished data of a factual rather than of an intelligence nature, which data appears correct, advised SA's SEYMOR FRED PHILLIPS and WILLIAM J. McGRATH, JR. of this office on May 5, 1951, that MENKE KATZ taught in the IWO School at Washington, D. C. for one year about 1943 to 1944. KATZ was previously at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, teaching at the IWO School there.

[redacted] stated that MENKE KATZ is a rather well-known Yiddish poet who has had some of his work published, presumably b7D under his own name. KATZ attended the Jewish Theological Seminary at New York, New York, but was never ordained a Rabbi. His father lived at Patterson, New Jersey. His mother was deceased.

According to [redacted], MENKE KATZ roomed with a member of Lodge #136, JPFO, IWO in the Petworth Section of Washington, D. C. [redacted] remembers visiting this particular residence at the time MENKE KATZ lived there to play a game of chess with him. He cannot remember the address nor the name of the Lodge #136 member. [redacted] is probably referring to either ISADORE JACKERSON, 4820-7th Street, N. W., or to MOSES BORD, was, 3628 Georgia Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.)

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[redacted] to his recollection, did not consider MENKE KATZ to be disloyal or to be engaged in any disloyal activities.

The following background information concerning MENKE KATZ appears in the anthology "HENSHEKH" published in 1945, according to a Mr. MORROWICH (ph), of the Yiddish Department at the Library of Congress, who was contacted in this regard by the Bureau library:

He is known as MENKE KATZ, aka ~~MENKE BADANES KATZ~~. He was born in the Spring of 1906 at Sviencian, near Vilna, Poland. He went to the Orthodox school there and then spent three years in a German-controlled public school there. He came to the United States in 1920 and finished his grammar school and high school education (at Patterson, N. J. ??). He then took a pre-medical course at Columbia University (New York City). He has contributed to various publications, most of which are now out of business. Two publications to which he has contributed and which are still in existence are: "MORNING FREIHEIT", (Jewish language daily newspaper published at NYC), and "YIDDISHE KULTUR". He described himself as a teacher at a school conducted by the International Workers Order.

It was indicated that some of his poetry was published at Patterson, N. J., where it is noted his family lived.

The above data is set forth for the information of the Bureau and the designated offices.

~~Communications Industry~~

MENKE KATZ aka

MENKE BADANES-KATZ

poet, writer

contributor to "MORNING FREIHEIT"

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-16-51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/25; 5/1, 5, 11/51	REPORT MADE BY THOMAS F. HANNIGAN
TITLE JOSEPH KATZ, was			CHARACTER OF CASE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HARRY MARGOLIS, Bethlehem, Pa. stated BARUSH GILLON is his wife's uncle. GILLON resides Israel. He is booking agent for top European concert stars. Occasionally visits U.S. to arrange personal appearances for clients. MARGOLIS described GILLON as highly intelligent, a linguist, but does not know his personal background.

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DETAILS:

AT BETHLEHEM, PA.

The files of the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Credit Bureau and Police Department contain no record for BARUSH GILLON.

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HARRY MARGOLIS, owner of a successful Certified Public Accountant firm in Bethlehem, stated that MARGOLIS is active in civic affairs, politically well-connected, assists in the community fund drives, and is on the Board of Trustees for the St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem. stated that MARGOLIS was married twice. He was unable to recall the name of MARGOLIS' present or former wife and knew nothing concerning their background.

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advised that CHARLES S. SAMES, a former employee of HARRY MARGOLIS, left the latter's employ several years ago when MARGOLIS terminated the services of an old employee with no apparent reason. said that SAMES, who resides at 522 South Bergen Street, Bethlehem, and has an office in the

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Bethlehem Trust Building, objected to this treatment and voluntarily resigned his position with MARGOLIS. [redacted] stated that SAMES was responsible and may be able to assist the writer on any inquiry concerning MARGOLIS or his associates.

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On May 1, 1951 the writer contacted CHARLES S. SAMES, 522 South Bergen Street. Mr. SAMES advised that he has not been associated with the HARRY MARGOLIS, Certified Public Accountants, since 1944 and never heard of BARUSH GILLON during his employ with the MARGOLIS company. SAMES said that HARRY MARGOLIS enjoys a very good reputation in Bethlehem and believed that he was formerly State Auditor General for Pennsylvania. SAMES stated to his knowledge, MARGOLIS was a very loyal American and never caused him the slightest suspicion that MARGOLIS may have been interested in any subversive activities. SAMES said that RALPH M. BRUCH, Assistant to HARRY MARGOLIS, has been with the latter for some time, is responsible, and would be familiar with the clients of the HARRY MARGOLIS company.

On May 5, 1951 RALPH M. BRUCH, 1604 Chelsea Avenue, was interviewed. He appeared mature, cooperative, and expressed a desire to assist the Bureau in any way. He said he has been employed by HARRY MARGOLIS as an Accountant for approximately twelve years. His company occasionally makes reservations for various clients and friends at the Hotel Edison, New York City. BRUCH did not know BARUSH GILLON. He voluntarily offered to discreetly check the office records to determine who made the reservation for GILLON, and, if possible, his association with the MARGOLIS company. BRUCH was advised that this inquiry did not implicate or indicate that GILLON was involved in any investigation being conducted by the Bureau, but that this was merely a routine, confidential check.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on May 11, 1951:

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URBAN O'DONNELL, Postmaster, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Post Office, advised he has known HARRY MARGOLIS for many years. MARGOLIS enjoys a good reputation in the community. He was formerly an Internal Revenue Agent.

HARRY MARGOLIS, Union Bank Building, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, advised as follows:

[REDACTED]

BARUSH GILLON is his wife's uncle and a brother to his mother-in-law. Mr. MARGOLIS explained that his first wife is dead and that approximately four years ago, he married JUDITH L. MEYERWITZ from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He has not become acquainted with many of his wife's relations and only recently was introduced to BARUSH GILLON. According to MARGOLIS, BARUSH GILLON is a booking agent who arranges personal appearances and tours in the United States for top European concert artists. GILLON lives in Israel and makes occasional trips to the United States to take care of his booking agency business. MARGOLIS stated that he observed a postcard at the home of his mother-in-law at Harrisburg, which GILLON sent from London, England, stating that he will soon arrive in New York. MARGOLIS believed that it was very possible that GILLON is now in this country. MARGOLIS described GILLON as a highly intelligent man who speaks five languages, Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian, English, and French. MARGOLIS has met GILLON on only two occasions and has conversed with him for a total of approximately six hours.

MARGOLIS knows of no background information concerning GILLON and cannot recall the identities of the concert stars he represents. MARGOLIS was unable to add any additional physical characteristics to the description already obtained concerning GILLON.

The indices of the Philadelphia Office show no record for the name of BARUCH or BARUSH GILLON.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE dated 4-9-51 at New York.

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As you know, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been identified as the individual who came to the NYO
and reported information concerning the instant subject.

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During the continuing investigation of Joseph Katz, it has
been learned that Betty Merdach, wife of Alexander, has been in contact
with Pae Elson, who was the individual that replaced Elizabeth Bentley
in the U. S. Service and Shipping Company through arrangements made by
Katz. It has also been ascertained that Alexander Merdach has gotten or
has tried to get money from Bessie Katz and, on one occasion, threatened
to commit suicide if Bessie did not come to see him. From comments made
to Bessie Katz by Betty Merdach, it is obvious that she is friendly
towards Bessie and the latter's mother, Pauline Tuckman, and not in
sympathy with any attempts by Alexander to secure funds from Bessie.

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In view of the threat which Alexander Merdach made to Bessie
Katz that he would commit suicide, it is believed that he is probably
emotionally unstable; however, it is also believed that he has some
knowledge of the activities of Joseph Katz, at least his activities in the
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It is believed that we should take steps towards preparing for
an interview with Alexander Merdach in the future. It is not desired
that this interview be conducted now. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] In view of this situation, it is not desired that we do
anything at this point which might [REDACTED]

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For the purpose of [REDACTED] Newark [REDACTED] should conduct discreet
spot checks of Alexander Merdach in order to determine the course of
his daily activities. The objective of these surveillances will be for
the Newark office to become fully acquainted with Merdach's daily routine
so that when the appropriate time comes he may be approached and inter-
viewed away from his wife. The Newark office should give this matter

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By letter of 3-29-50, captioned "International Workers Order; Newark Division; Internal Security - C," the NYO reported information secured from [redacted] on 3-17-50. According to this informant, Alexander Merdach, born 1890, and Betty Merdach, born 1891, were members of IWO Lodge #113, Passaic, New Jersey, as of 3-1-50.

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(61-7341-31-101, p. 6)

According to the report of SA Salvatore F. Ducibella dated 12-20-49 at New Haven and entitled "Mrs. Pauline Tuckman, was; Security Matter - C," a reliable source reported that Betty Merdach, 260 Gregory Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey, corresponded with this subject. No dates were provided in connection with this correspondence.

(100-361801-12, p. 11)

The above represents all of the information in Bufiles on Alexander and Betty Merdach, with the exception of that information already contained in the case file on Joseph Katz and already in the possession of the New York and Newark offices.

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Re report SA John P. McGuire dated May 22, 1951,
at Miami. instant case. Bufiles negative on Alfred Kutscher.

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NOTE

(On yellow only) J. George Bogorad, aka George Bogorad, Joseph Bogorad, Joseph George Bogorad, J. G. Bogorad, G. Bogorad, is brother-in-law of subject Joseph Katz, a known Soviet espionage agent. He is also brother of subject's wife Bessie, nee Bogorad. He has been in close contact with Bessie Katz and was once interested in securing outlets in US for ties and scarves being manufactured in Paris, France, by subject. In 3-50 Joseph Katz secured new US passport in Paris. At that time he identified self as representative of Seaboard Industries, 195 Keen St, Paterson, N. J. Bogorad is an officer of this company. He and Bessie Katz are children of Sam and Pauline Gordon, both born Russia. Informant of Newark Office, reliability unknown, has known Bogorad for number of years and reported that latter's father was well-known Communist. This informant of opinion that entire Bogorad family were Communists or Communistically inclined. Stated that Bogorad's father packed up and left family to return to Russia in about 1930; to informant's knowledge has never been heard of since. This informant of further opinion that Bogorad is now loyal American and informant had not heard him make any Communistic statements recently. Informant at this time has no reason to believe that Joseph Bogorad is in any way sympathetic to Communism or Russia. Due to relationship between Bessie Katz and Bogorad, the latter's association with Joseph Katz, a known Soviet agent, and his Communist background, a mail cover has been maintained on Bogorad at his place of residence, 324 E. 23rd Street, Paterson, N. J. This mail cover revealed that he has received mail from Alfred Kutscher, employee of US Post Office, Miami Fla.

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TITLE JOSEPH KATZ, was.,			CHARACTER OF CASE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ALFRED KUTSCHER, Hollywood, Fla., is a postal employee at the Main P. O., Miami, Fla. Background information and description set forth.

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DETAILS:

AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

The City of Hollywood Directory lists an **ALFRED KUTSCHER**, 2134 Monroe Street, as a Post Office employee.

Postmaster **CHARLES W. TEN EICK** advised there is no one by the name of **ALFRED KUTSCHER** employed at this Post Office. He stated that it is possible that he might be employed at the Miami, Florida Post Office.

No identification record was located on **ALFRED KUTSCHER** in the files of the Hollywood Police Department. There is no credit bureau in Hollywood, and this area is covered by the Credit Bureau at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Files of the Broward County Credit Bureau reflect that **ALFRED KUTSCHER**, 2134 Monroe Street, Hollywood, Florida, resides at that address with his parents, **MORTON** and **IDA KUTSCHER**, and that **ALBERT KUTSCHER** is a veteran of World War II. His father, **MORTON KUTSCHER**, is a repairman who in 1949 operated a radiator shop in the Little River Section of Miami, Florida.

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

The files of the Personnel Division, United States Post Office, located in the Federal Building, were examined and the following information was obtained on ALFRED KUTSCHER:

Residences: 1936-1942, 2135 West Norweigan Street,
Pottsville, Pennsylvania.
12/42 to 10/45 - United States Army.
10/45 to 6/47 - 1308 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Miami Beach, Florida.
6/47 to 12/47 - YMCA, Broad Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
12/47 to 5/1/51 - 2134 Monroe Street, Hollywood,
Florida.
5/1/51 to present - 2128 SW 3rd Avenue, Miami,
Florida.

Employment: 6/36 to 11/42 - Morton's Radiator Shop, 331 North
Central St., Pottsville, Pennsylvania.
12/42 to 10/45 - United States Army.
10/45 to 6/47 - unemployed.
6/47 to 12/47 - American Optical Company, Market
Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
12/47 to 3/48 - Student, Walsh School of Business,
Miami, Florida.
3/48 to present - U. S. Post Office, Miami, Florida,
Incoming Mail Section, Federal Building,
Miami, Florida.

Education: Pottsville High School, Pottsville, Pennsylvania.
Also, the National Farm School, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

These files further reflect that ALBERT KUTSCHER has Army Service Connected Disability of 40%, which is arthritis of the lower spine.

The following description of KUTSCHER was obtained from the files of the Personnel Section of the United States Post Office:

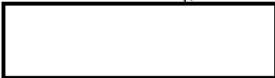
Name	ALFRED (NMN) KUTSCHER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	36
Date and place of birth	6/8/14, at Chicago, Illinois

[REDACTED]

Height	5'8 1/2"
Weight	192
Marital Status	Single
Social Security #	266-38-3908
ASN	33 483 426
Army grade	Private
Period of military service	12/12/42 to 10/20/45
Military occupation	Clerk in Army Post Office

No identification record or credit information was located on ALFRED KUTSCHER in the files of the Miami Beach Police Department, Miami Police Department, Dade County Sheriff's Office, or the Miami Credit Bureau.

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The credit and criminal checks at Miami, Florida were conducted
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REFERENCE: Newark letter to Miami dated 4/19/51.
Report of SA JOHN R. LYONS dated 4/30/51, at Newark. - 1378

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NYO INSTITUTE IMMEDIATELY AND CONTINUE FOR AT
LEAST ONE WEEK DAILY SPOT CHECK OF HESSIE KATZ' ACTIVITIES. NYO ALSO CONTACT
INFORMANTS AT [redacted] AND [redacted] TO DETERMINE IF
THEY HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE SUBJECT HAVING RETURNED US. CONSIDERING SUBJECT'S
ATTACHMENT FOR [redacted] SUGGEST NY ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF SHE IS
STILL WITH HESSIE AND IF POSSIBLE KEEP COGNIZANT OF [redacted] WHEREABOUTS. IF
SUPERINTENDENT AT HESSIE KATZ' PRESENT RESIDENCE RELIABLE CONTACT HIM TO
DETERMINE IF SUBJECT OBSERVED RECENTLY. NEWARK IF POSSIBLE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO
ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT HAS BEEN SEEN AT RESIDENCE OF HIS FATHER IN PASSAIC, NJ.
IMPORTANCE THIS CASE AND OF DETERMINING IF SUBJECT NOW IN US IS OBVIOUS AND
ACTION REQUESTED INSTANT TEL SHOULD BE HANDLED EXPEDITE AND THOROUGH MANNER.
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THAT INQUIRIES BE MADE RESIDENCE OF DAVID GITTELSON TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT
HAS BEEN THERE. PLACE MAIL COVERS ON BENJAMIN, MENKE AND EDWARD KATZ,
BLANCHE KATZ LEVY, DAVID GITTELSON, MARTIN YOUNG. FOLLOW CLOSELY. CONTACT
CUSTOMS TO INSURE STOP ON SUBJECT'S REENTRY STILL IN EFFECT AND DETERMINE IF
CUSTOMS HAS ANY INFO RE SUBJECT REENTERING US. NK VERIFY DEATH DAVID KATZ,
SECURE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION RE ESTATE DAVID KATZ, DETERMINE IF SUBJECT
HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE OR HAS BEEN CONTACTED IN
CONNECTION THEREWITH. FOR INFO [REDACTED]

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IF POSSIBLE DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT HAS BEEN AT HOME MRS. DAVID TUCKMAN.

PLACE MAIL COVER THIS INDIVIDUAL. BUREAU SHOULD BE KEPT ADVISED. LETTER

FOLLOWS RE INTERVIEW OF ALEXANDER MERDACH AS SUGGESTED IN NYO TEL.

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NOTE: Benjamin, Menke, Edward Katz and Blanche Katz Levy are brothers and
sister respectively of subject. David Gittelsohn is brother of Lester Gittelsohn
with whom subject's wife Bessie now lives and is former associate of subject.
Martin Young married to Bessie Katz, sister and is former business associate of
subject. Mrs. David Tuckman is Bessie Katz' mother and subject has previously
corresponded with her. [REDACTED] being typed and permission to interview
him being refused on grounds [REDACTED] he would be cognizant of subject's
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JOSEPH KATZ, WA, [REDACTED] REBUTEL MAY TWENTY SIX

LAST. INQUIRY VICINITY SIX FOUR JEFFERSON STREET, PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, DISCLOSED DAVID KATZ, FATHER IF SUBJECT, DIED APPROXIMATELY FIVE MONTHS AGO. ACCORDING MR. AND MRS. PATRICK SHERIDAN, FOUR THREE JEFFERSON STREET, MAISE OR MENKE KATZ APPARENTLY RUNNING ESTATE OF DAVID KATZ. THEY ADVISED THAT NONE OF KATZ FAMILY IN VICINITY IN LAST FEW MONTHS. HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH AFTER DEATH OF DAVID KATZ ONE SONS, HIS WIFE AND CHILD STAYED AT HOUSE FOR A SHORT TIME, APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH. HOWEVER, HOUSE IS NOW RENTED AS FURNISHED ROOMS, AND ICE HOUSES AND SMALL GAS STATION IN BACK ARE SUBLETTERED TO INDIVIDUAL NAMED SMITH. MR. AND MRS. SHERIDAN ADVISED THEY HAD NOT SEEN JOSEPH KATZ IN A NUMBER OF YEARS, BUT STATED THAT THEY WOULD RECOGNIZE HIM AS THEY HAVE KNOWN THE KATZ FAMILY A LONG TIME AND LIVED IN VICINITY ABOUT TWENTY YEARS [REDACTED]

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Note:

re Joseph Katz

Investigation has revealed Mordach's wife, Betty, very friendly with subject's wife, Bessie; that Alexander has possibly obtained money from Bessie for unknown reasons; that Alexander, in 1950, threatened suicide if Bessie didn't come to see him. NYO has previously expressed desire to interview Alexander, but such deferred on Bureau instructions because of possibility interview might become known to Katz and jeopardize our attempts to take successful action against Katz in Paris.

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JOSEPH KATZ, WAS. [redacted] REBUTEL TWENTYEIGHTH INSTANT. INFORMANT

[redacted] ADVISED THAT DAVID GITTELSON RECENTLY WAS ASKED BY JACK SHANDEL IF HE HAD ANY WORD FROM KATZ AND GITTELSON REPLIED THAT IN THE LAST LETTER FROM SUBJECT HE STATED HE WAS GOING TO A COUNTRY REST HOME. GITTELSON SAID SUBJECT WAS APPARENTLY STILL IN BUSINESS IN PARIS AND TO THIS JACK SHANDEL REPLIED THAT HE MAY BE IN JAIL FOR ALL THEY KNEW. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER ACTIVITY IN KATZ- [redacted] AS FAR AS IS KNOWN [redacted] STILL RESIDES WITH BESSIE AT SIX NAUGHT TWO W. ONE THREE NINE ST. SHE WAS SEEN ON MAY NINETEEN LAST GOING TO THE DENTIST WITH BESSIE. SUPERINTENDENT AT SIX NAUGHT TWO W. ONE THREE NINE ST. HAS BEEN OBSERVED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS DURING COURSE OF SPOT CHECKS ON BESSIE KATZ. HE FREQUENTLY APPEARS TO BE INTOXICATED AND AT OTHER TIMES SEEMS TO BE GOSSIPING WITH TENANTS. IN VIEW OF THIS HE IS NOT CONSIDERED RELIABLE AND NO CONTACT WITH HIM WILL BE MADE. AS SUBJECT APPARENTLY NEVER RESIDED AT SIX NAUGHT TWO W. ONE THREE NINE ST. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT SUPT. WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE HIM FROM PHOTOS. SPOT CHECK YESTERDAY NEGATIVE. BESSIE MAY HAVE BEEN [redacted]

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VISITING MOTHER-S HOME IN CONN. RECENT SPOT CHECKS OF BESSIE KATZ
HAVE NOT INDICATED ANY CHANGE IN HER USUAL ROUTINE ACTIVITIES AND EM-
PLOYMENT. DAILY SPOT CHECKS BEING CONDUCTED AND INFORMATS BEING
CONTACTED, BUT IN VIEW OF [REDACTED] AND GITTELSON-S COMMENTS IT
IS UNLIKELY THAT KATZ IS IN CONTACT WITH BESSIE KATZ. REBULET
NINTH INSTANT. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BUREAU DECISION NOT TO INTERVIEW
ALEXANDER MERDACH BE RECONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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RE: JOSEPH KATZ, WAS. [REDACTED]

DAILY SPOT CHECKS BESSIE KATZ MAY BE DISCONTINUED. MAIL COVERS
REQUESTED OF NEW YORK AND NEW HAVEN BY BUTEL MAY TWENTY NINE LAST
SHOULD BE INSTITUTED IN EVENT KATZ'S WHEREABOUTS AGAIN BECOME
UNKNOWN. NEWARK SHOULD OBTAIN INFO RE ESTATE OF DAVID KATZ AS
REQUESTED BY BUTEL MAY TWENTY NINE LAST. RE NEW HAVEN TEL MAY
THIRTY ONE LAST RE USE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT. AUTHORITY DENIED
IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S LOCATION IN PARIS.

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JOSEPH KATZ, WAS [redacted] SURVEILLANCE OF BESSIE KATZ INDICATES NO UNUSUAL CONTACTS. BESSIE AND [redacted] STILL RESIDE WITH LESTER AND MIRIAM GITTELSON AT SIX ZERO TWO WEST ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINTH ST. MAIL COVERS ON BENJAMIN KATZ, MARTIN YOUNG, DAVID GITTELSON HAVE NOT INDICATED ANY FOREIGN MAIL SINCE JAN. AND NO MAIL WHICH COULD BE IDENTIFIED WITH SUBJECT. INFORMANT [redacted] ADVISED THAT LARRY SHANDEL WITHIN PAST FEW MONTHS WENT TO PARIS AND WHILE THERE LOOKED UP KATZ AND FOUND HE WAS NOT THERE. INFORMANT STATES THAT FOURNIER GLOVE COMPANY IS PLANNING TO ENLARGE AND BUILD THEIR OWN NEW BUILDING. JACK SHANDEL AND DAVID GITTELSON HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE DIFFICULTY OF COMMUNICATING WITH KATZ AND GETTING HIS SIGNATURE ON NECESSARY PAPERS IN EVENT LOAN FOR BUILDING IS APPROVED AND THEY DECIDE TO GO AHEAD WITH THEIR BUILDING PROGRAM. IN VIEW OF THIS IT APPEARS THAT DAVID GITTELSON DOES NOT KNOW KATZ-S WHEREABOUTS, BUT SPOT CHECK WILL BE MADE AT GITTELSON-S RESIDENCE. SPOT SURVEILLANCE CONTINUING THROUGH SAT. NEWARK REQUESTED TO PLACE MAIL COVER ON BLANCHE KATZ LEVY, THREE EIGHTEEN PATERSON AVE., PETERSON, NJ.

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JOSEPH KATZ., WAS. [redacted]

REUR CABLE MAY TWENTYNINTH LAST. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM [redacted]

THAT KATZ OPERATED AS SOVIET AGENT IN U.S. FOR NUMBER YEARS UP TO FORTYEIGHT,

THAT WE DEFINITELY BELIEVE KATZ COULD, IF COOPERATIVE, AID US IMMEASURABLY IN

NUMBER ESPIONAGE CASES NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION, THAT HE WILL, IF RETURNED TO U.S.,

IN ALL PROBABILITY BE PROSECUTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ESPIONAGE AND WE ARE

EXTREMELY ANXIOUS FOR HIM TO RETURN OR BE RETURNED. REQUEST [redacted] OPINION

AS TO WHETHER HE COULD EFFECT SUCH RETURN, WHAT PROCEDURE HE WOULD FOLLOW, AND IF

EXPULSION OF KATZ FROM FRANCE COULD POSSIBLY BE PREMISED ON VIOLATION FRENCH LAW

OR REGULATIONS INASMUCH AS WE ARE UNABLE TO CHARGE KATZ WITH ANY EXTRADITABLES

OFFENSE. RESULTS YOUR CONVERSATION WITH [redacted] SHOULD BE PROVIDED BUREAU BY CABLE.

PRIOR CONTACTING [redacted] (INFORM AMBASSADOR RE KATZ) OF INFO RECEIVED FROM [redacted]

AND WHAT YOU INTEND ADVISING HIM. FURTHER, INFORM AMBASSADOR THAT STATE DEPT

ALREADY AWARE KATZ CASE, HAVE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS CANCEL HIS PASSPORT

TO PRECLUDE TRAVEL OTHER THAN FOR RETURN TO U.S., AND THEY ARE BEING INFORMED OF

YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH [redacted] SUGGEST YOU GIVE [redacted]

AS YOU RECOMMEND [redacted]

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cc: Foreign Service Desk

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MR. BELMONT

May 18, 1951

MR. HENNRICH

MOSES BORD, was:
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PURPOSE

To recommend that the Internal Security Section review the above-captioned case to determine whether further investigation should be conducted therein.

DETAILS

The Washington Field Office, by letter of 5/7/51, entitled "Joseph Katz, was [redacted] submitted information which is being briefly set forth hereinafter.

Referenced letter advised that a mail cover had been placed on Moses Bord, 3623 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C., in December, 1943. The mail cover reflected receipt by "M. Bord," at the Georgia Avenue address, of a communication from one "M. Katz, 858 Lafayette, Brooklyn, New York." This communication was postmarked 1/6/44 at Brooklyn, New York.

Reflet drew attention to the report of Special Agent Kenneth H. Corbett, dated 9/2/47, at Washington, D. C., entitled "Isidore Jackson; Internal Security - R," wherein there was listed results of a trash cover on the residence of Isidore Jackson, 4820 7th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. It was pointed out that this trash cover revealed an envelope addressed to Mr. Joseph Katz, 603 West 140th Street, New York City; an envelope addressed to Mr. Katz, 4820 - 7th Street, N. W., from the National School and Cultural Center, Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the IWO, 85th Avenue, New York City; and an envelope addressed to Mr. Masha Katz, 4820 - 7th Street, N. W.

Reflet pointed out the possibility that the M. Katz of 858 Lafayette, Brooklyn, New York, was identical with Masha Katz, the brother of Joseph/Katz, a known Soviet agent presently believed to be in Paris, France. Masha Katz never has been the subject of a separate Bureau investigation. Inquiry has been made into his background and activities during the course of the investigation of Joseph Katz, was. These inquiries have not revealed that Masha Katz lived at 858 Lafayette, Brooklyn, New York.

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cc [redacted] (Joseph Katz)

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The Washington Field Office letter of 5/7/51 also advised that information had been received from [redacted] of unknown reliability. This information was to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Jackerson are close friends of Mr. and Mrs. Micha Bord, and that they both had made admissions to [redacted] that they are members of the Communist Party. This information was submitted to the Washington Field Office by [redacted] in 1950. The reflet did not clarify the word "both" so as to indicate whether [redacted] had stated that both Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Jackerson had admitted being members of the Communist Party or whether he had meant that both Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Jackerson and Mr. and Mrs. Micha Bord had admitted being members of the Communist Party.

The reflet pointed out that [redacted] mentioned above, [redacted] subject, Micha Bord. It was further stated that Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, had identified Marcella Bord as a member of the Communist Party at Washington, D. C., for the years 1946 and 1947. The same informant also identified Micha Bord, her father, as a Communist Party member in Washington, D. C. for the years 1944, 1945, and 1946.

A review of instant case file reflects that it was opened in September, 1941, on the basis of a report that Moses Bord was a member of the Communist Party. By report of Special Agent Stephen A. Smith, dated 3/5/47 at Washington, D. C., the case was closed. It was pointed out in the closing report that although Bord was a registered member of the Communist Party and attended numerous meetings his activities were not enough to warrant characterizing him as a key figure. For this reason the case was closed and the Security Index card was placed in the investigative case file in the Washington Field Office.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the information set forth in the Washington Field Office letter of 5/7/51 attached, it is recommended that this case be referred to the Internal Security Section to determine whether further investigation should be conducted therein.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ was [redacted]

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The American Ambassador in Paris has been informed of the situation [redacted] We will continue to [redacted]

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May 28, 1951

SAC, Washington Field

Director, FBI

MOSES BORD, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
Your file 100-4262
Bureau file 100-44602

The Washington Field Office by letter dated May 17, 1951, entitled "Joseph Katz, was.;" [redacted] advised that information had been received from [redacted] of unknown reliability to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Jackerson are close friends of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Bord, and that they both had made admission to [redacted] that they are members of the Communist Party. This information was furnished to you by [redacted] in 1950. The referenced letter did not clarify the word "both" so as to indicate why [redacted] had stated that both Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Jackerson had admitted being members of the Communist Party or whether he had mentioned that both Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Jackerson and Mr. and Mrs. Moses Bord had admitted being members of the Communist Party.

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Referenced letter pointed out that [redacted] mentioned above [redacted] Marcella Bord, the daughter of instant subject, Mr. Bord. It was further stated that Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, had identified Mr. Bord as a member of the Communist Party at Washington, D. C., for the years 1946 and 1947. The same informant also identified Micha Bord, her father, as a Communist Party member in Washington, D. C., for the years 1944, 1945, and 1946.

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A review of subject's case file at the Bureau reflects that it was opened in September, 1941, on the basis of a report that Moses Bord was a member of the Communist Party. By report of Special Agent Stephen A. Smith, dated May 5, 1947, at Washington, D. C., the case was closed. It was pointed out in the closing report that although Bord was a registered member of the Communist Party and attended numerous meetings his activities were not enough to warrant characterizing him as a key figure. For this reason, the case was closed and the Security Index card was placed in the investigative case file in your office.

You are requested to conduct a security type investigation to determine subject's present Communist activities and sympathies and then give consideration as to whether subject should be listed in the Security Index.

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Date: June 16, 1951

To: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson
Chief
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Washington, D. C.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
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Reference is made to my letter of June 4, 1951, relative to the above-mentioned subject. [redacted]

For your further information, [redacted]

informed concerning our progress in this matter. [redacted]

This information is confidential and should not be disseminated outside of your own agency.

Bulet to State 6/4/51 advised [redacted] that
EXP:hc Katz operated as Soviet agent in US for number of years up to '48; that we
65-57913 believe he could if cooperative aid us in espionage cases now under investi-
gation; that he will in all probability be prosecuted for conspiracy to commit espionage
in event he returns US; that FBI anxious effect his return; that [redacted]
it is could effect his expulsion & if so, how; that he would point out [redacted] desirability
effecting expulsion on basis Katz' violation Fr. law as we can't charge w/extraditable

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WFO IMMEDIATELY CHECK STATE DEPARTMENT PASSPORT RECORDS TO FURTHER
IDENTIFY SEIDEMAN, KIRSTEN AND ZENKOV. BUFILES NEGATIVE ON SEIDEMAN AND ZENKOV.
CONSIDERING FACT THAT ZENKOV DESCRIBED AS AMERICAN PAINTER FOR INLA EMP IS
IDENTICAL WITH UNKNOWN SUBJECT OF CASE QUOTE UNKNOWN AMERICAN WOMAN NUMBER ONE,

UNQUOTE. INFORMATION RE THIS UNKNOWN SUBJECT

SET FORTH REPORT SA R. E. BRENNAN DATED MAY TWENTY TWO LAST AT NEW AND CAPTIONED
AS IMMEDIATELY ABOVE. WFO HAS COPY THIS REPORT. BUFILES INDICATE MARY KIRSTEN MAY
BE IDENTICAL WITH MARY KIRSTEN, AKA MARY KIRSTEN OR KIRSTEN, BORN [redacted]
TWENTY THREE NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHT TOMAZON -- MAZOWIECKI, POLAND, WHO ENTERED US
MARCH NINETEEN FORTY TWO STATE ISLAND NY AND WAS NATURALIZED CIRCUIT COURT
WASHINGTON COUNTY MARYLAND, CERTIFICATE NUMBER FIVE EIGHT TWO NINE [redacted]
EIGHT ONE. [redacted]

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NOTE:

Unk. Amer. Woman #1 used by Katz late 1943 or early 1944
In NYC to pick up data from [redacted] latter advised this
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modernism. [redacted] mentioned in Otto Verber case
was [redacted] dropped when [redacted] (contin
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IN VIEW OF LATTER POSSIBILITY WHO LIMIT INQUIRIES

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AND INS AND CHECK RECORDS SAME AGENCIES ON

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IF AVAILABLE. NYC REVIEW FILES FOR ANY IDENTIFIABLE INFO ALL THESE INDIVIDUALS.

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couldn't verify background; last known to be studying at Sorbonne, Paris;
[REDACTED] matter will be discussed with
G-2 with whom close liaison being maintained in Verber case.

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