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TO : Director, FBI (100-331280)

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-29280)

DATE: 6/10/57

SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.
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Re New York letter 4/29/57, and report SA NORMAN E. BLISS, 4/29/57, at New York.

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS F. LEWIS:

On 5/8/57, Miss MARY OLIVER, Supervisor, Voters Registration Commission, Delaware County Court House Annex, Media, Pa., advised that her records reflected that ROBERT LORD MAYNARD born 9/14/18, at Brooklyn, N. Y., resided as of 11/56 at 2500 Chestnut Street, Chester, Pa. His former residence was listed as 333 Ovington Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

On 5/15/57, Mr. JOSEPH HIGIER, Supervisor, Marine Personnel Office, Sun Oil Company, Marcus Hook, Pa., advised that ROBERT LORD MAYNARD was employed as a first and second class mate from 5/15/53 to 2/12/56 at which time he quit because due to a reduction in force he was to be down-graded to the classification of quartermaster.

HIGIER stated that his records contain the following information concerning MAYNARD: Born 9/14/18, Brooklyn, N. Y., Merchant Marine Identification No. Z57318D1, Social Security Number 052-01-0646, Education Erasmus Hall High School, Brooklyn, N. Y. (3½ years), Residence, 2500 Chestnut Street, Chester, Pa., Marital Status - married to DOROTHY MAYNARD (as of 5/53 he had four children), Previous employment 10/23/52 to 5/12/53 Second Mate, Moran Transportation Company, NYC., 10/23/50 to 9/21/52 Military Service, U. S. Navy, 2/5/48 to 10/23/50 Second Mate, Spenton Bush Transportation Company, NYC.

HIGIER stated that he was acquainted with MAYNARD when he was employed by that company and since then has seen him occasionally on various vessels in the Chester, Pa., area. He said that in his opinion MAYNARD appeared to be a very capable Master and Mate but he had the reputation among

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his own crewmembers of being a tough master because he was egotistical, loud, and boisterous and continually driving his men hard. Concerning MAYNARD's loyalty to this country, HIGLER stated that MAYNARD never did or say anything that would give him reason to question his loyalty to the United States. HILGER recalled that when MAYNARD left Sun Oil Company he sought employment with the Graham Barge Transportation, Gladwyne, Pa.

On 5/16/57, Mr. LEWIS H. SHACKENFORD, Graham Barge Transportation Company, Gladwyne, Pa., advised that his records showed that ROBERT LORD MAYNARD had applied for a position as a first mate with that company in 2/56, but was not hired because there was no vacancy at that time.

On 5/22/57, Mr. HIGLER advised that he had seen ROBERT LORD MAYNARD on the previous week end (5/19/57) and ascertained from him that he was at that time employed by Spenton Bus Company, NYC, and was sailing as a first mate aboard the "SS WHITLOCK."

On 5/17/57, Miss MARIE FOLKS, Chester Credit Bureau, Inc., Chester, Pa., advised that her records reflected that as of 10/16/56, ROBERT LORD and DOROTHY MAYNARD resided at 2500 Chestnut Street, Chester, Pa. ROBERT LORD MAYNARD was listed as a diesel vessel operator employed by the Diesel Company, 764 Court Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., and both maintained a favorable credit rating in Chester, Pa., and they were at that time negotiating to purchase the home in which they lived from Heffron Realtors, Chester, Pa.

On 5/24/57, Detective JOSEPH DEVLIN, Chester Police Department, Chester, Pa., advised that records of that Department contained no information identifiable with ROBERT LORD MAYNARD.

On 5/24/57, FRED EVANS, Identification Officer, Bureau of Criminal Identification, Delaware County Court House, Media, Pa., advised that the records of that Bureau contained no information identifiable with ROBERT LORD MAYNARD.

On 5/17/57, [REDACTED] (former [REDACTED] presently being developed as a PSI), conceal identity, advised that he is [REDACTED] and is familiar with many of the masters and mates who sail out of Chester, Pa. He stated that he did not know MAYNARD personally but through friends on the Chester Waterfront had heard that MAYNARD appears to be honest and trustworthy and loyal to the United States.

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On 5/23/57, Mr. JOSEPH RYAN, 24 West 8th Street, Chester, Pa.,

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former Detective Sergeant, Chester Police Department, advised that he had known ROBERT LORD MAYNARD as a resident of 2500 Chestnut Street, Chester, Pa., for approximately three years. RYAN stated that MAYNARD appeared to spend practically all of his time at sea and to the best of RYAN's knowledge was never involved in any trouble in Chester, Pa. RYAN stated that he had no information to question MAYNARD's loyalty to the United States.

On 5/27/57, a telephone call was made to MAYNARD's residence utilizing a pretext of a radio and TV survey. At that time Mrs. ROBERT LORD MAYNARD advised that she and her husband and four children have resided at 2500 Chestnut Street, Chester, Pa., for about five years. *Don't know MAYNARD*

On 5/29/57, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is acquainted with some CP activity in the Chester, Pa., area, advised that ROBERT LORD MAYNARD is not known to him. b7D

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: 6/10/57

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-11568)

SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICHADAMS, was.

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OO: New York

Re report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, 4/29/57 at New York, and New York letter, 4/29/57, which set out information concerning the escape of ADAMS from the United States.

This report listed PETER CHARLES MILLER (deceased) as the Master of S. S. Leader Loop, Sword Line, 1946.

There is no record of MILLER in the files of the Credit Bureau of Baltimore as checked by SE JAMES R. COCHRAN on 5/27/57.

A review of the current telephone directory for Baltimore and Polk's City Directory, does not list an ESTHER MILLER, spouse of PETER CHARLES MILLER. *md*

The files of the Baltimore Division contained no references to PETER CHARLES MILLER.

In absence of further request by the office of origin, no additional investigation will be conducted Baltimore in this case. RUC

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TITLE OF CASE ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.		REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM C. PATTERSON	TYPED BY cey
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

SYNOPSIS:

Captain DOUGLAS WEBSTER ASQUITH, 13138 East Judith Avenue, Baldwin Park, California, presently employed in electrical division, Aero-Jet Corporation, Azusa, California, Records, Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, reflect ASQUITH received U. S. citizenship 4/22/33, Seattle, Washington. Records, Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles Police Department, and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office checked, NO record found concerning Captain DONALD WEBSTER ASQUITH. Mrs. THOMAS D. MC FARLAND, 2376 Lacust Avenue, Long Beach, California, on 5/23/57 advised that Captain THOMAS D. MC FARLAND died approximately eight years ago.

No dissemination. Nothing derog. re subject. JJJ

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE 6-7-78

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DETAILS

SA RAYMOND P. WIRTH in November, 1956, from the Federal Records Center, 641 Washington Street, New York, New York, obtained the names of the masters of the ships that cleared New York City for Naples, Italy, during the period January 23, 1946 to April 1, 1946, two of whom are mentioned below.

On March 12 and 15, 1957 SA W. DANA CARSON was furnished the records of the following masters by Lieutenant Commander FREDERICK J. LESSING, Intelligence Division, U. S. Coast Guard, 1300 "E" Street Northwest, Washington, D. C. This information revealed that DOUGLAS WEBSTER ASQUITH was master of the "SS Joe C. S. Blackburn" of the Black Diamond Line in 1946. ASQUITH was born March 2, 1907, London, England, naturalized April 22, 1933, Seattle, Washington, receiving certificate number 365654B (or number 3656548). His address as of 1954 was 276 Ohio Street, Pasadena, California. His spouse was indicated as MYRTLE C. ASQUITH.

THOMAS D. MC FARLAND was master of the "SS St. Johns Victory" of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company in 1946. MC FARLAND was born October 29, 1873, Thomaston, Maine. His address as of 1948 was 1228 Banning Boulevard, Wilmington, California.

Captain DOUGLAS WEBSTER ASQUITH

On May 16, 1957 SE EARL F. DUDLEY checked the records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and these records revealed that DOUGLAS W. ASQUITH had the address 13138 Judith Avenue, Baldwin Park, California. His previous address was shown as 276 Ohio Street, Pasadena, California. It was indicated that he was born in England and received his citizenship by decree of court, April 22, 1933, at Seattle, Washington. His occupation was shown as draftsman when he registered on September 10, 1956 as a voter affiliated with a major political party.

On June 17, 1957 a Special Agent of the FBI by appropriate pretext interview ascertained that Captain DOUGLAS WEBSTER ASQUITH resides 13138 East Judith Avenue, Baldwin Park, California, and is employed at the Aero-Jet Corporation in Azusa, California.

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SA JAMES E. HOFFER on June 19, 1957 was advised by S. ROY BARNES, Assistant Security Director, Aero-Jet Corporation, Azusa, California, that DOUGLAS WEBSTER ASQUITH is presently employed in the electrical division of Aero-Jet Corporation, Azusa, California.

SE JAMES L. MAHAN on May 20, 1957 checked the records of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association and found no record concerning ASQUITH.

SE LLOYD H. DUDLEY on May 20, 1957 checked the records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and found no record concerning ASQUITH.

Captain THOMAS D. MC FARLAND

Mrs. THOMAS D. MC FARLAND, 2376 Locust Avenue, Long Beach, California, advised SA MARK LAFE THOMPSON that she formerly resided 1228 Banning Avenue, Wilmington, California, and that her husband, Captain THOMAS D. MC FARLAND, died approximately eight years ago. Mrs. MC FARLAND stated that Captain MC FARLAND stopped sailing either right before or after World War II, to the best of her recollection. His last ship was the "SS St. John's Victory", which was an American-Hawaiian ship and he sailed out of Long Beach to Manila and China on his last trip. Mrs. MC FARLAND stated she could not recall the exact dates of this trip and does not know any of Captain MC FARLAND's business associates.

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SA WILLIAM C. PATTERSON, on 6/17/57, by a pretext interview with FRANK STEPHENS, 13139 East Judith Avenue, Baldwin Park, California, verified ASQUITH's residence and obtained his place of employment. The pretext was that of a fugitive investigation.

The Los Angeles files contain no information of a derogatory nature concerning DOUGLAS WEBSTER ASQUITH; however, one DOUGLAS WEBSTER ASQUITH, the First Mate of the "Cape Florida", was interviewed in August, 1944 at San Pedro, California, during the investigation of damage to fire fighting equipment aboard the "Cape Florida". The files did not indicate that ASQUITH was in any way involved; however, as a member of the crew of the vessel, he was interviewed during the course of the investigation. He revealed during the interview that he was born in England, 3/7/07, and came to the United States when he was seven weeks of age and was naturalized in Seattle, Washington, in 1933.

REFERENCES: Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, New York, 4/29/57.
New York letter to the Director, 4/29/57.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: 6/27/57

FROM : *VJK*
ans SAC, NEW YORK (100-63983)SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.
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ReNYrep of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, captioned and dated as above, five copies of which are enclosed.

Rerep sets out a lead for WFO to attempt to obtain Coast Guard information useful in locating three ship's officers who served on board the "SS Hubert Howe Bancroft" under Captain ALBERT KEERSON in 1946. KEERSON is the only Captain checked thus far whose record contained information of such nature as to indicate the possibility that he could have been involved in the escape of ARTHUR ADAMS in 1946. It is noted that Coast Guard records at Washington, D. C. reflect that KEERSON, in 1944, was admonished for violation of naval instructions regarding secret publications (1/7/44) and violation of security regulations (5/8/44). In 1939, he falsified his place of birth as Brooklyn, instead of Russia, in obtaining his chief mates license.

NYO intends to interview the three officers mentioned above, if they can be located through Coast Guard records, in an effort to determine if it was possible that KEERSON's ship was the one on which ADAMS fled.

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TITLE OF CASE ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.		REPORT MADE BY NORMAN E. BLISS	TYPED BY ysl
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

SYNOPSIS:

Names of three ship's officers serving under command of Captain ALBERT KEERSON on "SS Hubert Howe Bancroft", 3/31/46, located. Capt. TERENCE BOND to be available for interview after July 23, 1957.

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DETAILS: RE: CAPTAIN ALBERT KEERSON

On June 6, 1957, ANTON LAURITZEN, Tax Department, Tri-Coast Steamship Company, 71 Broadway, New York City, advised SA NORMAN E. BLISS that any records concerning Captain ALBERT KEERSON's employment with the Isthmian Steamship Line in 1946 would have to be secured through the United States Maritime Commission, 45 Broadway, New York City. He stated that Isthmian is being liquidated and has turned over its old records to the United States Government.

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On June 6, 1957, DANIEL DOW, Records Supervisor, United States Maritime Commission, 45 Broadway, advised that the shipping record for the "SS Hubert Howe Bancroft" for the trip beginning March 31, 1946, could be found in storage box number 292, Federal Records Center, Washington and Christopher Street, New York City.

On June 7, 1957, JOSEPH FRATANGELO, Federal Records Center, located the above mentioned shipping record which showed that the captain on the "Hubert Howe Bancroft" when it sailed from New York to Naples, Italy, on March 31, 1946, was ALBERT KEERSON. His Chief Mate was EARL E. SCHOW, Social Security Number 460-14-8467, his Second Officer was TOMAY BENIG, Social Security number 552-34-5275, and his Third Officer was RICHARD D. FITZGIBBON, Social Security number 489-20-4092. All of the above men were United States Citizens, but no further information which would assist in locating them at this time was included.

The record for the above mentioned sailing of March 31, 1946, indicated that the ship proceeded to Naples, Italy, Genoa, Italy and Baltimore, Maryland.

On June 7, 1957, Captain JOSEPH PARRILLA, Manager, Marine Department, Tri-Coast Steamship Company, 71 Broadway, New York City, advised that he was in charge of crew personnel of the Isthmian Steamship Line during World War II, and knew Captain ALBERT KEERSON who was in charge of the "SS Hubert Howe Bancroft" and other Isthmian Line ships. PARRILLA stated that he never regarded KEERSON as a good captain, but this was based on such things as difficulties with crew members, and other relatively minor things which seemed to happen frequently in connection with KEERSON.

PARRILLA stated that he never knew of any disloyalty on the part of KEERSON. He recalled that KEERSON applied to him for a job as Captain sometime in 1956, but PARRILLA refused to hire him.

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PARRILLA stated that one person who might be able to furnish information concerning Captain KEERSON's background was Captain FRED GEORGE IBSEN, 2462 Glebe Avenue, Bronx, New York. PARRILLA stated that IBSEN is a New York Harbor pilot, and has an excellent reputation as far as he knows. A review of the indices of the New York Office disclosed no derogatory information concerning FRED GEORGE IBSEN.

RE: CAPTAIN TERENCE BOND

On June 6, 1957, Captain DAVID BAER, Crew Superintendent, Ocean Transport Company, Incorporated, 61 Broadway, New York City, advised that Captain TERENCE BOND is in command of the "SS Ocean Deborah" which will dock at San Francisco on or about July 23, 1957, at which time BOND will take a leave of several months duration. Captain BAER stated that Captain BOND is a man of fine reputation and there is nothing known to BAER which would reflect in any way on his loyalty or character. Captain BAER stated that if he is recontacted on or about July 23, 1957, he will be glad to advise exactly when Captain BOND will be planning to arrive back at his home, 144 Old Bergen Road, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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LEADS

WASHINGTON

At Washington, D. C.

Will check records of United States Coast Guard, 1300 East Street, N.W., for information of possible assistance in locating the following seamen, including most recent address, name of last ship on which employed and name of company owning ship, and name and address of spouse or nearest relative. Will also make note of any derogatory loyalty or character information available on these men in Coast Guard records.

1. EARL E. SCHOW, Social Security number 460-14-8467
2. TOMA BINIG, Social Security number 552-34-5275
3. RICHARD D. FITZGIBBON, Social Security number 489-20-4092

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will contact Capt. DAVID BAER on July 23, 1957, to determine if Captain TERENCE BOND has returned to his home in Jersey City, New Jersey, and will then instruct Newark Office re conducting appropriate interview of BOND.

2. Will determine if Captain ALFRED LOUIS CASE resides at 137-27 174th Street, Springfield Gardens, Long Island, and determine CASE's reputation through logical sources.

3. Will interview Captain FRED GEORGE IBSEN, 2462 Glebe Avenue, Bronx, New York, for background information concerning Captain ALBERT KEERSON.

REFERENCE: New York report SA NORMAN E. BLISS, 4/29/57.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: 7/21/57

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FROM : SAC, WFO (100-16821)

SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.
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Rerep of SA NORMAN E. BLISS dated 6/27/57, at New York.

Referenced report requested WFO to check records of the U.S. Coast Guard for information of possible assistance in locating EARL E. SCHOW, TOMA BINIG and RICHARD D. FITZGIBBON including:

1. Most recent address
2. Name of last ship on which employed
3. Name of company owning ship
4. Name and address of spouse or nearest relative
5. Any derogatory, loyalty or character information available.

SE NERI A. CLARK on 7/9/57, caused the records of the U. S. Coast Guard, Intelligence, to be searched and no record concerning SCHOW, BINIG and FITZGIBBON was located.

On 7/16/57, the records of the Merchant Marine maintained by the Federal Records Center, Alexandria, Virginia, concerning the three seamen mentioned above were reviewed by SA JAMES C. MOORE, JR. and the following information was noted:

EARL EDWARD SCHOW

SCHOW Z #135-202-D1 had Continuous Discharge Book #88570 issued Boston, Massachusetts, 1/13/37. He was born 4/5/10, at Clifton, Texas.

SCHOW's most recent address was listed as 2511 Rio Grande, Austin, Texas (1937). According to the records, his

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last ship was "SS Enid Victory" as Chief Officer which he signed on at New York 8/26/48, and was discharged 9/9/48, at New York. The company owning the ship was not listed. His nearest relative was his mother, Mrs. MYRTLE SCHOW, same address as above.

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SCHOW also signed on the "Hubert Howe Bancroft" 3/23/46 to 5/21/46, as Chief Officer. He was discharged in Baltimore, Maryland.

A letter appeared in the file from Republic Aviation Corporation, Farmingdale, Long Island, New York, dated 4/6/54, requesting background information concerning SCHOW. The reply number to be referred to was 78777-23ic.

TOMA BINIG

TOMA BINIG Z #420-300. This Z number was issued to BINIG at San Francisco, California, on 10/27/43. He was born 10/18/24, at St. Louis, Missouri.

BINIG's most recent address was 6602 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. According to the records, his last ship was "Hubert Howe Bancroft" as Acting Second Mate which he signed on 3/23/46, at New York and was discharged 5/21/46, at Baltimore, Maryland. The owner of the ship was not listed. His nearest relative was Mrs. ANISCA BINIG, same address as above.

RICHARD DILLON FITZGIBBON

FITZGIBBON had Continuous Discharge Book #043-962, issued at New Orleans, Louisiana, 11/23/43. He was born 5/9/25, at St. Louis, Missouri.

FITZGIBBON's most recent address was 5615 Bartmer Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri (2/4/44). According to the records, his last ship was "SS Ensley City" as Third Mate which he signed on 5/29/46, at Baltimore, Maryland, and was discharged 8/30/46, at New York. The company owning the ship was not listed. His nearest relative was Mrs. R. D. FITZGIBBON, same address as above.

FITZGIBBON also served on the "Hubert Howe Bancroft" 3/23/46 to 5/21/46, as Third Mate. He was discharged at Baltimore, Maryland.

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No character or loyalty information of a derogatory nature concerning the above three seaman in the Merchant Marine file was noted.

On 7/17/57, the records of the Maritime Service concerning the three above individuals were reviewed and the only information available not reported above is set out as follows:

EARL EDWARD SCHOW was designated a Lieutenant in the U. S. Maritime Service at New York, New York, on 11/30/43. His address as of 5/29/47, was 360 Central Park, West, New York, New York.

TOMA BINIG was designated an Ensign - Deck (inactive) in the U. S. Maritime Service at Kings Point, New York, on 4/23/45.

RICHARD DILLON FITZGIBBON was designated an Ensign - Deck (inactive) in the U. S. Maritime Service at Kings Point, New York, on 11/23/45.

Reference is made to New York letter to Bureau dated 2/15/57, in captioned matter where it was noted and listed certain ships that cleared the port of New York for Naples, Italy, in the period 1/23/46, to 4/1/46. New York was attempting to get identifying information regarding the captains of each of the above-mentioned ships.

WFO has ascertained that Merchant Vessel Personnel Division, Merchant Marine, U. S. Coast Guard Building, Washington, D. C., maintains shipping records on all American ships that clear U. S. ports and these records include the names of all crew members, identification number or Z number and next of kin (name and address). If necessary from these records further reference can be made to the locator file which will give additional information as to the last ship a seaman sailed on and other identifying information.

In the event the New York Office finds it necessary to extend investigation along this line to ascertain other than the addresses of the captains of the ships mentioned in New York letter of 2/15/57, the above is reported for New York's consideration. It is pointed out while an actual survey was not made, it is believed by WFO that this line of investigation mentioned would entail a great deal of record reviewing as can readily be seen if each ship's crew mentioned in referenced letter was of any size. What action there is to be taken regarding this information is being left to the discretion of the office of origin. RUC.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 8/30/57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/19, 21, 22/57
TITLE OF CASE ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.		REPORT MADE BY NORMAN E. BLISS	TYPED BY jn
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

SYNOPSIS:

Coast Guard information set out re three ships' officers who served under Captain ALBERT KEERSON on the "SS Hubert Howe Bancroft" on its trip from NY to Naples, Italy, 3/31/46, and also re six captains who commanded ships, NY to Naples, during first three months of 1946, approximate time of ADAMS escape to Russia. Captain FRED IBSEN, associate of Captain ALBERT KEERSON knew of no derogatory information concerning his loyalty or integrity.

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DETAILS:

On July 16, 1957, the records of the Merchant Marine, Federal Records Center, Alexandria, Virginia, were checked by SA JAMES C. MOORE, JR., concerning the three seamen mentioned below. These men were Chief Mate, Second Officer, and Third Officer, respectively, serving under Captain ALBERT KEERSON on board the "Hubert Howe Bancroft" when it sailed from New York to Naples, Italy, on March 31, 1946.

EARL EDWARD SCHOW

SCHOW, Z# 135-202-D1, was born April 5, 1910, at Clifton, Texas. His most recent address shown was 2511 Rio Grande, Austin, Texas, in 1937. His last ship was the "Enid Victory," as Chief Officer, from which he was discharged on September 9, 1948, at New York. SCHOW signed on the "Hubert Howe Bancroft" March 23, 1946, to May 21, 1946, as Chief Officer, and was discharged at Baltimore, Maryland.

A letter appeared in the file from the Republic Aviation Corporation, Farmingdale, Long Island, New York, dated April 6, 1954, requesting background information concerning SCHOW, the reply number to be referred to was 78777-231c.

TOMA BINIG

BINIG, born October 18, 1924, at St. Louis, Missouri, has Z# 420-300, issued at San Francisco, California, on October 27, 1943. His most recent address, date not shown, was 6602 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. His nearest relative was Mrs. ANISCA BINIG, same address as above.

RICHARD DILLON FITZGIBBON

FITZGIBBON was born at St. Louis, Missouri, on May 9, 1925. His most recent address (1944) was 5615

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Bartmer Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. His nearest relative was Mrs. R. D. FITZGIBBON, of the same address. The last ship shown for FITZGIBBON was the "Ensley City," on which he served until August 30, 1946, and was discharged at New York City.

No character or loyalty information of derogatory nature concerning the above mentioned three seamen noted in the Merchant Marine file.

In April, 1957, SA W. DANA CARSON obtained records on the following captains from Intelligence Division, United States Coast Guard, 1300 E. Street, Washington, D.C. These men were in command of ships leaving New York for Naples, Italy, in the period from January 23, 1946, to April 1, 1946, the period during which ADAMS is presumed to have fled the country. Review of files in New York Office disclosed no derogatory information concerning any of the following six captains:

Captain NILS CHRISTIANSEN
(SS WEBSTER VICTORY)

There were two individuals in Coast Guard records by this name, and it is not known which one was the master of the "Webster Victory" in 1946. One of these men was born in Norway, July 12, 1888, and was naturalized in Brooklyn, New York., on September 20, 1932. His address in 1947 was 4113 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

The other man by this name was born February 19, 1886, at Stavenger, Norway, and was naturalized at Chicago, Illinois, on September 22, 1915. His last address shown (1956) was 814 52nd Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Captain SVEN O. FERNSTROM
(SS DOUBLE LOOP)

FERNSTROM was born in Stockholm, Sweden, July 23, 1877, and naturalized in San Francisco, California, June 13, 1912. When he last renewed his license on July 7, 1949, his address was 18 Overpeck Avenue, Ridgely Park, New Jersey.

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Captain BERNT ANDREAS JACOBSEN
(SS EXBROOK)

JACOBSEN, born in Norway July 3, 1890, was naturalized in New York City February 24, 1920. His last address shown was (1956) 222 Guyon Avenue, Staten Island, New York. In 1956, he was sailing on the "Constitution," American Export Lines, New York, New York.

Captain HENRY ANDREW LEE
(SS NOAH WEBSTER)

LEE was born May 19, 1906, at Hartford, Connecticut. He last renewed his license on March 14, 1956, at which time he was residing at RFD #2, Bridgton, Maine. On February 7, 1955, he was sailing on the "SS Sea Come II," operated by Seatraders, Incorporated, 17 Battery Place, New York City.

Captain DAHL PEDERSEN
(SS STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS)

PEDERSEN was born in 1895 in Denmark and was naturalized in Brooklyn, New York, on April 7, 1921. He renewed his license on April 5, 1954, at which time he was living at 1017 Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana. His wife's name was MAMIE.

Captain GRANT HICKS RAWDING
(SS GALEN L. STONE)

RAWDING was born in Nova Scotia, May 20, 1896, and naturalized in Boston May 31, 1904. He renewed his license in 1952, at which time he resided at 215 Coney Street, East Walpole, Massachusetts.

On August 19, 1957, Captain FRED GEORGE IBSEN, Coastal Pilot, on board the SS GEORGE GOETHALS, Pier 4, Brooklyn Army Base, Brooklyn, New York, stated that he met Captain ALBERT KEERSON in approximately 1944, at which time both men were captains for the Isthmian Steamship Line. IBSEN said that KEERSON and he became quite good friends through this association, and have continued this friendship to the present time.

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According to IBSEN, KEERSON is a man of excellent reputation and excellent personal standards. IBSEN stated that he has never had reason to doubt KEERSON's loyalty to this country, or his integrity in any way. He stated that he never heard of KEERSON, or any other captain, carrying messages from this country to persons in Europe, and he has never heard of any captain assisting in the illegal departure from the United States by any person whatsoever. He stated that it would be unthinkable to him that KEERSON would participate in any such activity, both because of his loyalty to the United States, and the fact that any such conduct could jeopardize his Masters License and deprive him of his means of livelihood.

Captain IBSEN said that KEERSON is separated from his second wife, who is living in Houston, Texas. He could not recall her first name. He stated that he knows nothing of any suspensions of KEERSON's license in the past. He said that KEERSON told him he was born in Russia, but there had been no further discussion of the matter, and no indication on KEERSON's part that he presently feels any ties to Russia in any way.

IBSEN pointed out that in the past several years he has not seen much of KEERSON who rarely gets into New York now that he is working with the Isbrandtsen Line. He stated that in his opinion KEERSON would be thoroughly cooperative with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in any official matter in which he might be of assistance.

On August 20, 1957, Mr. H. STEWART CLARRY, Ocean Transport Company, 61 Broadway, New York, New York, advised that Captain TERENCE BOND, who resides at 144 Old Bergen Road, Jersey City, New Jersey, is presently on leave and is not scheduled to go back to sea until after the middle of September. He added that it is possible that BOND and his wife are spending a week or two on a vacation away from home, but was unable to say where this would be, or when the BONDS would return to their home if they are away.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280) DATE: 8/30/57

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-63983)

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Re NY report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated and captioned as above, five copies of which are enclosed.

The following background information concerning the reported method used by ARTHUR ADAMS in escaping from the US is set out below for the assistance of offices conducting interviews as requested in leads set out below.

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TIM BUCK, Head of the Canadian CP visited Moscow in 1956, and has told NY 694-S* that he talked to ARTHUR ADAMS there.

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ADAMS, describing his escape, said that at that time (late January, 1946) he found himself in a building surrounded by FBI cars. He finally located a way out of this building over a roof into a nearby building which was a fire house. Walking out through the firehouse he went to "the girl's house" where he spent two days. There was a boat in NY Harbor at that time, the captain of which had been transmitting messages from ADAMS to Moscow. He sent the following message to the captain of the ship: "This time the cargo will be myself."

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ADAMS then received from the captain a pass indicating that he was a crew member of the ship, which he boarded without the knowledge of anyone aboard except the captain.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE 6-7-78 *Boye*

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The captain hid ADAMS in the hold of the ship with a supply of food and water, but after five days he became so seasick that he abandoned caution and went to the captain's cabin, where for the balance of the trip he lay on a bunk and stayed concealed. Whenever a crew member came to the cabin, the captain explained that ADAMS was a member of the crew who was drunk. X

When the ship arrived at Naples, the captain gave ADAMS a crew pass. He then left the ship and made his way to Russia through Yugoslavia. X

The NYO, after receiving the above information, determined that it would have been physically impossible for ADAMS to have left the building at 522 Fifth Avenue, NYC, from which he evaded the Special Agents to the fire house which is nearby on 43rd Street. In view of this known discrepancy in ADAMS' story, consideration has been given to the strong possibility that his entire story concerning his escape may be exaggerated and incorrect in many ways.

Nevertheless, it was concluded that ADAMS is undoubtedly in Moscow and probably did get out of NY by ship, though whether in the colorful manner described by him is impossible to say. L

It was, therefore, decided to attempt to locate and interview captains of ships clearing NY for Naples, in the arbitrarily selected period of 1/23/46 to 4/1/46, in an effort to get any possible leads concerning ADAMS escape. It was realized that ADAMS ship could have cleared NY for some other port, and subsequently visited Naples. Of course, if this was the case, there could be no way to identify the ship involved at this time due to the great numbers of ships making departures in those pertinent months. L

Leads are set out below requesting interview of five captains by various field offices. Each office

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receiving leads is being supplied a copy of a photograph of ARTHUR ADAMS for display to the captain interviewed. For the same purpose, following is the description of ARTHUR ADAMS: L

Born	1885 or 1890
Height	5'7"
Hair	Dark brown, bald on top
Eyes	Dark brown, bifocal spectacles
Build	Slender
Scars and marks	One inch scar, left side chin; left thumb appears to have broken knuckle and nail is half size; scar center of left thumb from center of nail to top of thumb
Peculiarities	Wears shoes with built up arches, additional leather on soles; walks with very quick step; top of ears have no roll, slight protrusion.

It should be noted that there is no reason to suspect any particular one of the captains being interviewed as being involved in the escape of ARTHUR ADAMS, and care should be taken that they are not given the impression that they are suspected of such activity. L

Coast Guard records on these various captains disclosed no derogatory information concerning them except for one ALBERT KEERSON, interview of whom is being delayed until attempts have been made to interview his first, second, and third mates who served under him on the "Hubert Howe Bancroft" when it sailed from NY to Naples, 3/30/46.

KEERSON, presently a master for the Isbrandtsen Line, was admonished by the Coast Guard on 1/7/44, for

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"Misconduct-violation of Naval instructions regarding secret publications," and on 5/8/44, for "violation of security regulations." He was recommended for a suspension of license in 1940 for having falsely stated that he was born in Brooklyn, NY, when applying for a Chief Mate's license, whereas he was actually born in Russia. Also, he received a Continuous Discharge Book after falsifying his birthplace under oath. Thirdly, upon receiving a second Continuous Discharge Book, he falsified under oath that he had never previously held a Continuous Discharge Book. U

The following suggested questions are set forth only as being of possible help in interviewing the various captains listed in the leads below: U

1. Was he ever asked by anyone to carry messages between Europe and the US in either direction? U
2. Was he ever asked to assist in helping any man, either known or unknown to him, in leaving the US in a secret manner? U
3. Did he ever hear of any other ship or a ship's captain handling such messages or transporting any person to Europe in an undercover surreptitious manner? U
4. Did he have any stowaway on his ship in 1946, and if so, what were the details? U
5. Does he know Captain ALBERT KEERSON, and if so, does he know anything concerning KEERSON that might indicate that he might have been involved in activities such as are involved in this case? U

LEADS

BOSTON

At East Walpole, Massachusetts

Will interview Captain GRANT HICKS RAWDING, 215 Coney Street, for any possible leads concerning identity of ship on which ARTHUR ADAMS fled the US, unless Boston files indicate he should not be contacted. (He commanded the "SS Galen L. Stone" which departed NY for Naples on or about 3/22/46.) Will display photo of subject to RAWDING. U

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LOS ANGELES

At Baldwin Park, California

Will interview Captain DOUGLAS WEBSTER ASQUITH, 13138 East Judith Avenue, for any possible leads re escape of ADAMS. (He was in command of the "SS Joe C. S. Blackburn" which departed NY for Naples, 1/24/46.) Will display photo of subject to ASQUITH.

NEWARK

At Jersey City, New Jersey

Will interview Captain TERENCE BOND, 144 Old Bergen Road, for any information of possible assistance in determining how ADAMS left the US. (His ship, "SS NYU Victory" departed NY for Naples, 2/6/46.) Will display photo of ADAMS to BOND.

At Ridgefield Park, New Jersey

Will interview Captain SVEN O. FERNSTROM, 18 Overpeck Avenue, for any information of interest in this case, in the event that Newark files disclose no reason that such interview would be inadvisable. (FERNSTROM was captain of the "SS Double Loop" sailing from NY to Naples, 2/1/46.) Will display photo of subject.

NEW ORLEANS

At New Orleans, Louisiana

Will interview Captain DAHL PEDERSEN, 1017 Orleans, for any information concerning departure of ARTHUR ADAMS, and display subject's picture, unless files of New Orleans disclose information making interview inadvisable. (PEDERSEN was in charge of the "SS Stephen A. Douglas" departing NY for Naples, 3/29/46.)

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PHILADELPHIA

At Chester, Pennsylvania

Will interview Captain ROBERT LORD MAYNARD, 2500 Chestnut Street, for any information he might provide concerning subject's trip to Europe, and will display photo of subject to him. (MAYNARD was captain of the "SS Ferdinando Gorges" which sailed from NY to Naples, 3/2/46.)

ST. LOUIS

At St. Louis, Missouri

Will if St. Louis files contain no information indicating interview to be unwise, locate and interview TOMA BINIG, 6602 Oakland Avenue, concerning the trip of the "SS Hubert Howe Bancroft," which sailed from NY to Naples on or about 3/30/46, on which he was second officer to Captain ALBERT KEERSON. Will determine if BINIG was aware of any unlisted or unusual passenger aboard who might have been the subject, and will display photograph of subject.

Will locate and interview RICHARD DILLON FITZGIBBON, after reviewing St. Louis files for derogatory information, concerning the trip mentioned in the above lead, on which FITZGIBBON was third officer.

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will attempt to locate two captains by the name of NILS CHRISTIANSEN, at 4113 7th Avenue, and 814 52nd Street, in an effort to develop information concerning this case.

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At Farmingdale, Long Island, New York

Will attempt to locate and interview EARL SCHOW, Chief Officer to Captain ALBERT KEEPERSON in 1946, through a check of employment records at Republic Aircraft Inc.

At New York, New York

1. Will interview Captain BERNT JACOBSEN, American Export Lines, for possible leads concerning departure of ARTHUR ADAMS.

2. Will attempt to locate and interview Captain HENRY ANDREW LEE through Seatraders, Inc., 17 Battery Place, in effort to develop information in this case.

REFERENCES

Report of SA WILLIAM C. PATTERSON, 6/26/57, Los Angeles.
Philadelphia letter, 6/10/57.
Report of SA JOHN P. WILGUS, 5/16/57, Newark.
Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, 6/27/57, New York.

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Reporting Office NEWARK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 10/3/57	Investigative Period 9/12, 18, 23, 24, 26, 27/57
TITLE OF CASE ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.		Report made by JOHN P. WILGUS	Typed By: maj
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

Synopsis:
 Captain TERENCE BOND and Captain SVEN O. FERNSTROM interviewed 9/18/57 and 9/26/57 respectively. Neither could identify subject's photograph nor furnish any information concerning him.

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DETAILS:

On September 18, 1957, Captain TERENCE BOND, 144 Old Bergen Road, Jersey City, New Jersey, was interviewed by SAs ROBERT E. MANGAN and JOHN P. WILGUS. BOND stated that he was master of the "SS NYU Victory", and recalled that he made one trip from New York to Naples in the early months of 1946.

BOND observed a photograph of the subject and noted that he bore a resemblance to a German Chief Steward aboard the "NYU Victory." He said the steward was known as "FRITZ", but recalled that FRITZ returned to the United States with the ship.

BOND stated that he has never been asked to carry messages or persons between the United States and Europe in a secret manner, nor has he heard of any other ship or ship's captain engaging in such activity. He said that during 1946, there was a stowaway on his ship. This was a young Italian boy who had been brought aboard by returning United States soldiers.

BOND said he does not know a Captain ALBERT KEERSON.

On September 26, 1957, retired Captain SVEN O. FERNSTROM, 1484 Bellinger Street, Lakewood, New Jersey, was interviewed by SAs FREDERICK C. ZINCK and WILGUS. FERNSTROM observed a photograph of the subject and stated that he could furnish no information concerning ADAMS.

FERNSTROM stated that most of his voyages were to the Orient, but that he recalled making a trip between New York and Naples in early 1946. He stated that he had never been asked to carry messages or persons between the United States and Europe in a secret manner, nor has he heard of any other ship or ship's captain engaging in such activity. He said that he recalls having only one stowaway aboard and that was out of Calcutta.

FERNSTROM said he does not know a Captain ALBERT KEERSON.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: 10/3/57

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-30089)

SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.
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Rerep of SA JOHN P. WILGUS dated and captioned as above at Newark, five copies of which are enclosed for the Bureau and three copies of which are enclosed for New York.

REFERENCE

Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS dated 8/30/57 at New York

- 2 Bureau (Encls. 5) (REG. MAIL)
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Reporting Office NEW ORLEANS	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 10-10-57	Investigative Period 10/8,9/57
TITLE OF CASE ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was		Report made by MILTON R. KAACK	Typed By: eo
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

Synopsis:

Captain DAHL PEDERSON does not recognize subject's photograph, knows of no messages being carried between Europe and United States, and does not know of any ship's Master assisting anyone to leave the United States surreptitiously.

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DETAILS:

Captain DAHL PEDERSON, 700 North Rampart Street, Third Floor, advised on October 9, 1957, that he had been the Master of the SS STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS in March of 1946. He observed a photograph of the subject and advised that he did not recognize him as anyone that he knew or may have seen.

Captain PEDERSON stated that he had never been asked by anyone to carry messages between Europe and the United States, nor had he been requested to assist anyone to leave the United States in a secret manner.

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Captain PEDERSON advised that he did not have any information indicating that a Master of a ship had handled special messages between Europe and the United States, or transported any person to Europe surreptitiously.

Captain PEDERSON recalled that he had one stowaway on his vessel, the SS ~~STERN~~ A. DOUGLAS, during 1946, the exact date not recalled by him. He stated that the stowaway was a German national who boarded the ship at Spinoza, Italy, and was discovered on board the ship while at sea.

Captain PEDERSON was unable to recall the name of this individual but did recall that this was the third time that he had stowed away on a ship. He stated he brought the German national into the port of Baltimore, Maryland, and turned him over to the authorities there. He stated he later learned that this individual was reported via an Export Lines ship which took the stowaway back to Germany.

Captain PEDERSON stated he does not know Captain ALBERT KEERSON, nor has he ever heard of him.

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TO : Director, FBI DATE: 10-10-57

✓ FROM : SAC, New Orleans

SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was
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ReRep SA MILTON R. KAACK, New Orleans, 10-10-57,
attached.

The interview with Captain PEDERSON was conducted
by Special Agents ERNEST C. WALL, JR., and MILTON R. KAACK.

REFERENCES:

Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, New York, 8-30-57
New York letter to Bureau 8-30-57

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TO : Director, FBI (100-331280)

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-29280)

SUBJECT: 0
ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.
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DATE: 10/18/57

Re New York letter, 8/30/57.

Unsuccessful attempts were made to contact Captain ROBERT LORD MAYNARD at his residence on 9/10,23; 10/8,11/57.

On 10/11/57, Mr. EMIL F. BAIOTTO, Superintendent of Mails, U.S. Post Office, Chester, Pa., advised his records reflect MAYNARD and his family moved on 9/17/57, from 2500 Chestnut Street, Chester, Pa., to 8 Potter Court, Noank, New London County, Conn.

Following background information concerning MAYNARD developed at Chester, Pa., and previously furnished New York is set out for assistance of New Haven.

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Name	MR + MRS. <u>ROBERT LORD MAYNARD</u>
DOB	<u>9/14/18, Brooklyn, N. Y.</u>
Merchant Marine	
ID Number	<u>Z57318D1</u>
SSN	<u>052-01-0646</u>
Marital status	<u>Married to DOROTHY MAYNARD and they have four children</u>
Residences	<u>2500 Chestnut Street, Chester, Pa., 1952-57</u> <u>formerly lived 333 Ovington Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.</u>
Employments	<u>2/5/48 - 10/23/50, Spenton Bush Transport Company, NYC.</u>

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U. S. Navy

10/23/52 - 5/12/53, Moran Transportation
Company, NYC.

As of 5/19/57 Spenton Bush Company, NYC,
as first mate aboard "SS Whitlock."

Investigation reveals MAYNARD had favorable credit record and no criminal record at Chester, Pa. Acquaintances described him as honest, trustworthy and a loyal individual who had reputation among his fellow crew men as being a tough master, egotistical, loud and boisterous and continually driving his men.

For additional assistance of New Haven referenced letter is enclosed together with the following communications. Report SA NORMAN E. BLISS, 4/29/57 at New York and cover letter to same report.

New Haven handle lead set out for Philadelphia in relet if your files contain no information indicating such interview should be conducted.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT ST. LOUIS	DATE WHEN MADE 10-21-57	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-8, 9-57	REPORT MADE BY RICHARD T. HRADSKY mvs
TITLE ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

RICHARD D. FITZ GIBBONS, Jr., Attorney, 408 Olive St., St. Louis, Missouri, advised he recalled no stowaway on trip from New York to Naples, Italy on 3-31-46. Failed to identify photograph of subject. Had no knowledge of anyone carrying messages between U. S. and Europe, or transporting persons in a surreptitious manner. Claims no indication of sympathy for Soviet Russia or for Communism of ship's captain. Advised that "SS Hubert Howe Bancroft" made another trip to Europe just prior to March, 1946, sailing from New York.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On October 9, 1957, RICHARD D. FITZ GIBBONS, Jr., Attorney, 408 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that he was the Third Officer on the "SS Hubert Howe Bancroft" which sailed from New York City to Naples, Italy on March 31, 1946, and that to the best of his knowledge and recollection, there was no stowaway found aboard who disembarked at Naples, but that there was a family of parents and daughter. FITZ GIBBONS examined the photograph of ARTHUR ADAMS and stated that this was not the man who was aboard. He stated that the "Bancroft" was an old liberty ship and that it would have been easy for

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anyone to have been spirited aboard and hidden until it sailed, but that he did not believe that the presence of a stowaway on this voyage would have been unknown to him inasmuch as he was frequently in Captain KEERSON's cabin during this trip and would have seen anyone other than the crew and listed passengers. FITZ GIBBON stated that no one had ever approached him in New York City to assist in helping anyone to board the ship in an unauthorized manner or capacity or to carry any messages between the U. S. and Europe, nor did he know of anyone else who was approached. He stated that he knew of no ship's captain who was handling any messages between the United States and Europe or transporting any persons in a surreptitious manner. FITZ GIBBON stated that he could recall nothing in the conversations that he had with Captain ~~ALEERT~~ KEERSON which would indicate any sympathy for Soviet Russia or Communism by KEERSON, and could recall nothing ever having been said about Captain KEERSON's personal background. He described KEERSON as a "screwball," explaining that KEERSON was a small man with a complex of wanting to be a big man and that he consequently alienated his crew personnel. FITZ GIBBON did not believe from his association with KEERSON that he would be involved in an undertaking of smuggling a man out of the United States for Russia, but thought KEERSON might do it if it were a woman, as he fancied himself quite a ladies' man in foreign ports. He advised that the March 31, 1946 sailing on the "Hubert Howe Bancroft" was the only trip that he made on this ship, but recalled that the "Bancroft" had made a trip to Europe just prior to the March, 1946 sailing, which, if it left New York City, would more approximate subject's estimated departure period. FITZ GIBBON recalled that KEERSON had alienated all the crew's members of that trip, because when FITZ GIBBON reported to the "Bancroft" for duty which was about two weeks before its March, 1946 sailing, he was met by the Third Officer who asked him who he was. FITZ GIBBON identified himself as new Third Officer and the other individual handed FITZ GIBBON the ship's rough log book, saying that he was through with Captain KEERSON and would never sail under him again. FITZ GIBBON said that the rough log book notations were written by him in the ship's smooth log book, but that he does not recall anything concerning a stowaway being in these notes.

FITZ GIBBON stated that the Second Officer on the "Bancroft" was a personal friend of his, named TOM BINIG, who is now a practicing attorney in Houston, Texas, and that he might

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be contacted about the "Bancroft's" March, 1946 voyage. He supplied BINIC's location as follows:

TOM BINIC
5719 Northridge
Houston 21, Texas

ENCLOSURE TO HOUSTON:

One photograph of subject.

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RA TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: October 21, 1957

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-6901)

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SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE 6-1-18 1976

Rerep of SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY dated 10-21-57 at St. Louis, five copies of which are enclosed.

For the information of the Houston Office, the following background concerning the reported method used by ARTHUR ADAMS in escaping from the United States is set out below for assistance in conducting the interview of TOM BINIG:

TIM BUCK, Head of the Canadian CP, visited Moscow in 1956, and has told NY 694-S* that he talked to ARTHUR ADAMS there.

ADAMS, describing his escape, said that at that time (late January, 1946) he found himself in a building surrounded by FBI cars. He finally located a way out of this building over a roof into a nearby building which was a fire house. Walking out through the firehouse he went to "the girl's house" where he spent two days. There was a boat in NY Harbor at that time, the captain of which had been transmitting messages from ADAMS to Moscow. He sent the following message to the captain of the ship: "This time the cargo will be myself."

ADAMS then received from the captain a pass indicating that he was a crew member of the ship, which he boarded without the knowledge of anyone aboard except the captain.

The captain hid ADAMS in the hold of the ship with a supply of food and water, but after five days he became so seasick that he abandoned caution and went to the captain's cabin, where for the balance of the trip he lay on a bunk and stayed concealed. Whenever a crew member came to the cabin, the captain explained that ADAMS was a member of the crew who was drunk.

When the ship arrived at Naples, the captain gave ADAMS a crew pass. He then left the ship and made his way to Russia through Yugoslavia.

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The NYO, after receiving the above information, determined that it would have been physically impossible for ADAMS to have left the building at 522 Fifth Avenue, NYC, from which he evaded the Special Agents to the fire house which is nearby on 43rd Street. In view of this known discrepancy in ADAMS' story, consideration has been given to the strong possibility that his entire story concerning his escape may be exaggerated and incorrect in many ways. X

Nevertheless, it was concluded that ADAMS is undoubtedly in Moscow and probably did get out of NY by ship, though whether in the colorful manner described by him is impossible to say. X

It was, therefore, decided to attempt to locate and interview captains of ships clearing NY for Naples, in the arbitrarily selected period of January 23, 1946 to April 1, 1946, in an effort to get any possible leads concerning ADAMS' escape. It was realized that ADAMS' ship could have cleared NY for some other port, and subsequently visited Naples. Of course, if this was the case, there could be no way to identify the ship involved at this time due to the great numbers of ships making departures in those pertinent months. X

Following is description of ARTHUR ADAMS: X

Born	1885 or 1890
Height	5' 7"
Hair	Dark brown, bald on top
Eyes	Dark brown, bifocal spectacles
Build	Slender
Scars and Marks	One inch scar, left side chin; left thumb appears to have broken knuckle and nail is half size; scar center of left thumb from center of nail to top of thumb
Peculiarities	Wears shoes with built up arches, additional leather on soles; walks with very quick step; top of ears have no roll, slight protrusion

It should be noted that there is no reason to suspect any particular one of the captains being interviewed as being involved in the escape of ARTHUR ADAMS, and care should be taken that they are not given the impression that they are suspected of such activity. U

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Coast Guard records on these various captains disclosed no derogatory information concerning them except for one ALBERT KEERSON, interview of whom is being delayed until attempts have been made to interview his first, second, and third mates who served under him on the "Hubert Howe Bancroft" when it sailed from NY to Naples, March 30, 1946.

KEERSON, presently a master for the Isbrandtsen Line, was admonished by the Coast Guard on January 7, 1944, for "Misconduct-violation of Naval instructions regarding secret publications," and on May 8, 1944, for "violation of security regulations." He was recommended for a suspension of license in 1940 for having falsely stated that he was born in Brooklyn, NY, when applying for a Chief Mate's license, whereas he was actually born in Russia. Also, he received a Continuous Discharge Book after falsifying his birthplace under oath. Thirdly, upon receiving a second Continuous Discharge Book he falsified under oath that he had never previously held a Continuous Discharge Book.

The following suggested questions are set forth only as being of possible help in interviewing the various captains listed in the leads below:

1. Was he ever asked by anyone to carry messages between Europe and the US in either direction?
2. Was he ever asked to assist in helping any man, either known or unknown to him, in leaving the US in a secret manner?
3. Did he ever hear of any other ship or a ship's captain handling such messages or transporting any person to Europe in an undercover surreptitious manner?
4. Did he have any stowaway on his ship in 1946, and if so, what were the details?
5. Does he know Captain ALBERT KEERSON, and if so, does he know anything concerning KEERSON that might indicate that he might have been involved in activities such as are involved in this case?

BINIG was born October 18, 1924 at St. Louis, Missouri; has "Z" number 420-300 issued at San Francisco, California on October 27, 1943. His most recent address, date not shown, was 6603 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. His nearest relative

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was Mrs. ANISCA BINIG, same address as above.

LEAD

THE HOUSTON DIVISION

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

1. Will interview TOM BINIG, Attorney, residing 5719 Northridge, Houston 21, Texas, concerning the trip from New York to Naples, Italy on or about March 31, 1946 on the "SS Hubert Howe Bancroft" on which he was Second Officer to Captain ALBERT KEERSON.

2. Determine if BINIG was aware of any unlisted or unusual passenger aboard who might have been the subject, and will display photograph of subject.

3. Will, after termination of interview, return photograph of subject enclosed herewith to St. Louis.

REFERENCE: Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS dated 8-20-57 at New York.

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Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 10/21/57	Investigative Period 10/2, 10/57
TITLE OF CASE: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.		Report made by WILLIAM C. PATTERSON	Typed By: dw.
		CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

Synopsis:

Captain DOUGLAS WEBSTER ASQUITH, 13138 East Judith Avenue, Baldwin Park, California on 10/2/57 advised did not recognize name ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS or aliases of ADAMS and was unable to identify photograph of ADAMS. Captain ASQUITH's records reflect he was Master of "SS Joe C.S. Blackburn" of the Black Diamond Line which departed Baltimore, Maryland approximately 12/10/45 and made a distress stop in New York City for propeller repairs, then proceeded Genova, Italy and Athens, Greece and returned to Norfolk, Virginia, 3/13/46. Captain ASQUITH advised he was never requested to carry any messages between the United States and Europe and had never been asked to assist any person to leave the United States in a secret manner. He stated he had never heard of other ships or ships captain handling messages or transporting persons to Europe in surreptitious manner. Captain ASQUITH advised had never heard name Captain ALBERT KEERSON.

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DETAILS:

Captain DOUGLAS WEBSTER ASQUITH, 13138 East Judith Avenue, Baldwin Park, California on October 2, 1957 was interviewed by SAs THOMAS H. MOORE and WILLIAM C. PATTERSON. Captain ASQUITH advised he did not recognize the name of ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS or any of the aliases of ADAMS. Captain ASQUITH was exhibited the photograph of ADAMS and stated he could not identify the photograph as being of any person he had ever known.

During the period 1945 and 1946, according to Captain ASQUITH, he was the Master of the "SS Joe C.S. Blackburn" of the Black Diamond Line. Captain ASQUITH advised he had sailed primarily in the Pacific Ocean, however, he had made one trip to Europe from the East Coast.

Captain ASQUITH's records reflect that he was Captain of the "SS Joe C.S. Blackburn" which departed Baltimore, Maryland approximately December 10, 1945. These records also revealed that this ship had made a distress stop in New York City for repairs. Captain ASQUITH recalled that the ship's propeller had been damaged when it collided with a submerged object after leaving Baltimore and they had gone to New York City for repairs. Captain ASQUITH said he could not recall the length of time the ship was in New York City Harbor, however, Captain ASQUITH stated his records reflected that the ship returned to Norfolk, Virginia on March 13, 1946 after having made stops at Genova, Italy and Athens, Greece.

Captain ASQUITH advised he had never been asked by anyone to carry messages between Europe and the United States in either direction and had never been asked to help any person leave the United States in a secret manner. He also stated he could not recall ever having a stowaway on his ship. Captain ASQUITH said he had never heard of any other ships or ships captain handling messages or transporting any persons to Europe in an undercover surreptitious manner.

Captain ASQUITH advised he had never heard of Captain ALBERT KEERSON.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

FROM : *Ke*
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SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.
IS - R
OO: New York

DATE: 10/21/57

Reference report of SA WILLIAM C. PATTERSON dated 10/21/57 at Los Angeles, 5 copies of which are enclosed.

REFERENCES

Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS dated 8/30/57 at New York.
New York letter to Bureau dated 8/30/57.
Report of SA WILLIAM C. PATTERSON dated 6/26/57 at Los Angeles. *w*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: October 31, 1957

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FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-10482)

SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(OO: New York)

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Re New York letter August 30, 1957, and Philadelphia letter October 18, 1957.

Mr. ROBERT MAYNARD, SR., 8 Potter Place, Noank, Connecticut, on October 24, 1957, advised SA THOMAS M. MURPHY that his son, ROBERT MAYNARD, is at sea as second mate on the SS Cantigny, a Cities Service tanker. He left on September 29, 1957, and is not due to return to his home until January 1, 1958.

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New York, at Cities Service Building, Pine Street, New York City, determine sailing schedule of SS Cantigny and set out lead to have MAYNARD interviewed when this vessel docks at United States port.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: October 31, 1957

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-16007)

SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

OO: New York

Reference New York letter to Director dated August 30, 1957, with lead for Boston to interview Captain GRANT HICKS RAWDING, 215 Coney Street, East Walpole, Massachusetts.

Investigation reflects that RAWDING left Walpole, Massachusetts, in August 1952 and took up residence in Easton, Massachusetts.

Investigation further indicates that RAWDING had resided in a trailer camp in South Easton, Massachusetts, but left there in the spring of 1955 and went to West Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Efforts are being made to locate and interview RAWDING in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: November 26, 1957

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-16007)

SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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OO: New York

Re: New York letter to Director, dated August 30, 1957, with lead for Boston to interview Captain GRANT HICKS RAWDING, 215 Coney Street, East Walpole, Massachusetts.
Boston letter to Director, dated October 31, 1957.

On November 19, 1957, Captain GRANT HICKS RAWDING was interviewed at his present residence, The Beacon Trailer Park, 855 North Main Street, West Bridgewater, Massachusetts, by SA JOHN F. TOOMEY, Jr.

Captain RAWDING stated that from 1942 through 1953, he was employed by the Eastern Steamship Lines as a Master of various ships, mostly freighters, and during the year 1946, he was master of the SS GALEN L. STONE.

Captain RAWDING stated that he had never been asked by anyone to carry messages between Europe and the United States in either direction and further that he had never been asked to assist in helping any man, either known or unknown to him, in leaving the United States in a secret manner.

Captain RAWDING further stated that he never had heard of any other ship or a ship's captain handling such messages or transporting any person to Europe in an undercover, surreptitious manner nor did he have any stowaways on his ship during the year 1946.

It was stated by Captain RAWDING that he did not know Captain ALBERT KEERSON, although he stated that he might have met him at one time but that at the present, the name of Captain KEERSON meant nothing to him nor had he ever heard anything concerning that captain.

The photograph of the subject, ARTHUR A. ADAMS, was exhibited to Captain RAWDING. However, he stated he never recalled ever having seen this individual.

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 11/29/57	Investigative Period 9/6; 10/3; 24, 28; 11/21, 22/57
TITLE OF CASE ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.		Report made by NORMAN E. BLISS	Typed By: jn
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

Synopsis:

Captain NILS CHRISTIANSEN, 814 52nd Street, Brooklyn, advised he is not identical with captain of same name who sailed from NY on SS WEBSTER VICTORY, 1946. Present location of certain sea captains set forth.

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DETAILS:

At Farmingdale, New York

On September 6, 1957, DONALD E. SHANNON, Assistant Director of Security, Republic Aviation Corporation, advised SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR that EDMUND EARL SCHOW is now in the employ of Republic where he has been working since December, 1953, as a maintenance man. He is currently

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on the six p.m. to 2:42 a.m. shift and currently resides at 154 4th Street, Hicksville, New York. The file on SCHOW, which contains no unfavorable information concerning him, showed that he was born at Clifton, Texas, on April 5, 1910, and was formerly a seaman.

At New York, New York

On October 3, 1957, Captain JOSEPH LANE, Port Captain, Seatraders, Incorporated, 17 Battery Place, advised SA NORMAN E. BLISS that Captain HENRY A. LEE was employed by this firm until late Summer of 1957. According to Captain LANE, LEE is now residing at Mariposa Farm, South Bridgeton, Maine, and his telephone number is Midway 7-3654. Captain LANE stated that he is well acquainted personally with Captain LEE with whom he sailed for a period of four years in the past. He stated that LEE is a person who was unquestionably a loyal citizen who could be interviewed in any confidential matter.

On October 28, 1957, Captain NILS CHRISTIANSEN, 814 52nd Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he is not identical with the Captain NILS CHRISTIANSEN who sailed from New York City on the SS WEBSTER VICTORY in 1946, and he further stated he did not sail to Naples from any port in that year. He was unable to furnish any information concerning any other Captain NILS CHRISTIANSEN.

On November 21, 1957, Mr. GERRIKE, Passenger Department, American Export Lines, 39 Broadway, advised that Captain BERNT JACOBSEN is recently retired from this company and is residing at 222 Guyon Avenue, Oakwood Heights, Staten Island, New York. His phone number is ELgin 1-4185.

At Noank, Connecticut

On October 24, 1957, ROBERT MAYNARD, SR., 8 Potter Place, advised SA THOMAS N. MURPHY that his son,

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ROBERT MAYNARD, is at sea as second mate on the SS CANTIGNY, a cities service tanker. He departed in September, 1957, and is due home January 1, 1958.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: 11/29/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63983)

SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS
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ReNYrep of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated and captioned as above, five copies of which are enclosed.

For the assistance of the Boston Office in covering the lead set out below, it is noted that NYlet in this case dated 8/30/57, copy of which was sent to Boston, set out background information and enclosed a photograph of ARTHUR ADAMS for display to persons to be interviewed.

LEADS

BOSTON

At South Bridgeton, Maine

Will interview Captain HENRY ANDREW LEE, Mariposa Farm (phone Midway 7-3654), for any possible leads re identity of ship on which ARTHUR ADAMS fled the US. (LEE was in command of the SS NOAH WEBSTER sailing from NYC to Naples, Italy, on 3/20/46.)

NEW YORK

At Hicksville, New York

Will interview EDMUND EARL SCHOW, 154 4th Street, along same lines as in lead to Boston. (SCHOW was chief officer to Captain ALBERT KEERSON on SS HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT when it sailed from NYC to Naples 3/30/46.)

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LEADS CONT'D

At New York, New York

Cof. 5-9-26
1. Will interview Captain BERNT JACOBSEN, 222 Guyon Avenue, along same lines as set out in lead for Boston. (JACOBSEN was captain of the SS. EXBROOK sailing from NYC to Naples on 3/21/46.)

Cof. 5-9-26
2. Will at 26 Broadway, determine the present itinerary of Captain ALBERT KEERSON, Isbrandtsen Lines, and set out lead to have him interviewed on next arrival in US.

3. Will at Cities Service Building, Pine Street, determine the schedule of ROBERT MAYNARD and set out lead to have him interviewed upon return to US.

REFERENCES

Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated 8/30/57, at NY. New Haven letter to Bureau, 8/31/57.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office HOUSTON	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date DEC 17 1957	Investigative Period 12/3/57
TITLE OF CASE ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.		Report made by EDWIN DALRYMPLE	Typed By: YS
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

Synopsis:

THOMAS J. BINIG, Attorney, Houston, Texas, served as acting second officer on "SS HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT" between March, 1946 and June, 1946. BINIG identified ALBERT KEERSON as captain of ship during voyage from New York to Naples, Italy, and described KEERSON as a "hard captain" who was "tough on his men" but exhibited no interest in nor sympathy for Soviet Union or Communism. BINIG unable to recognize photograph of subject and learned of no stowaway on voyage to Naples, and knew of no unusual activities surrounding this ship.

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DETAILS: AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

THOMAS J. BINIG, 5719 Northridge, Houston, Texas, was interviewed on December 3, 1957, at his office in the First City National Bank Building, where he is employed as an attorney for the Warren Petroleum Company. BINIG stated that he served as acting second officer on the "SS HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT" during the approximate period of March, 1946.

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until June, 1946, when this vessel made a trip from Brooklyn, New York, to Naples, Italy. This vessel also visited Genoa, Italy, before returning to Baltimore, Maryland.

BINIG related that the captain of this vessel was ALBERT KEERSON, the first officer was EARL SCOW, and the third officer was RICHARD D. FITZGIBBON, presently an attorney at St. Louis, Missouri. BINIG has no information concerning the present whereabouts of EARL SCOW. The crew of this vessel consisted of approximately twelve officers and thirty men.

According to BINIG, ALBERT KEERSON was a "hard captain" who was "tough on his men". BINIG had not seen KEERSON before but understood he was married and resided at Brooklyn, New York. KEERSON never discussed political matters with BINIG and expressed no interest nor sympathy for the Soviet Union or Communism. *Foreign Tex.*

BINIG recalled that KEERSON had two small rooms as his quarters consisting of a small office and a very small bedroom containing one bed. KEERSON always remained in his cabin and only came out about once a day, not more than 15 minutes at a time, which was considered very unusual by the crew. BINIG pointed out that ship captains usually ate at least once a day with the other officers but KEERSON always ate alone. BINIG reported to KEERSON at least once a day and sometimes more often and he and other officers were always required to knock before entering KEERSON's cabin. The only other thing which he considered unusual about KEERSON was the fact that KEERSON upon arrival at a foreign port always seemed to have transportation waiting for him, whereas most ship captains and other officers had difficulty in obtaining transportation.

BINIG examined a photograph of subject and stated he could not recall having seen subject and recalled no one on board the "SS HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT" who resembled subject. BINIG knew of no stowaways having been aboard this vessel and stated that the vessel only carried a few passengers. He recalled that there was a rather heavy young man and his wife who were aboard, this man being a doctor who was going to Italy. BINIG recalled there was also a young woman and her mother accompanied by a man who was apparently not married to

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the woman. It was his recollection that these individuals were Italian nationals who were being deported from the U. S. to Italy. BINIG observed no stranger or unusual persons aboard this ship and saw no one other than these passengers and the crew members who were well known to him at that time. BINIG stated that he neither observed nor heard anything in connection with the voyage which would indicate that there was anything irregular going on. BINIG specifically stated that he knew of no instances in which any crew member was requested to transport messages to a foreign port, he knew of no attempts to transport persons secretly into or out of the U. S., and he could furnish no information indicating that crew members of this or any other ship might have been doing such under cover work.

BINIG advised that radio communications on board the "SS HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT" were handled by two radio operators. He could furnish no information as to whether Captain KEERSON was capable of transmitting or receiving radio messages, although he considered this a fairly simple procedure. BINIG stated that the physical layout of Captain KEERSON's cabin was such that a man could possibly have been concealed in this cabin although he doubted that such a person could escape notice of the crew members and he had no information that any person had been so concealed.

BINIG further advised that he happened to see Captain KEERSON on the street in Houston, Texas, approximately three years ago at which time KEERSON stated he was employed by the Bloomfield Ship Company. BINIG has no information concerning KEERSON's present whereabouts.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: DEC 17 1957

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SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of the report of SA EDWIN DALRYMPLE, dated DEC 17 1957 at Houston.

REFERENCE

St. Louis letter to the Bureau dated 10/21/57.

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Keelson is a good subject according to report. He is Russian-born.

Keelson interviewed see serial 926.

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Reporting Office BOSTON	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 1/17/58	Investigative Period 12/19/57
TITLE OF CASE ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.		Report made by JAMES V. GIBBONS	Typed By: cds
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

Synopsis:
 Captain HENRY ANDREW LEE, South Bridgton, Me., has no recollection of suspicious activity in connection with his employment in 1946. Neither name nor photograph of subject recognized.

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DETAILS:

Captain HENRY ANDREW LEE was located and interviewed at his residence, Mariposa Farm, South Bridgton, Maine, on December 19, 1957. Captain LEE advised that he was unable to recall any suspicious activity in connection with his employment as Captain of a vessel during 1946. He stated that he had never been asked to carry messages between Europe and the United States in either direction nor was he requested to assist any individual leave the United States in a secret manner.

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Captain LEE advised that if any such approach had been made to him or he had any knowledge of such activity, he would have immediately brought it to the attention of the proper authorities.

① After having examined the photograph of ARTHUR ADAMS, Captain LEE stated that neither the photograph nor the name was familiar to him.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: January 17, 1958

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FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-16007)

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SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.
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Enclosed herewith are five copies of report of SA JAMES V. GIBBONS, dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCES

Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS dated November 29, 1957, at New York.

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- 2 - New York (Encl. 3) (100-63983) (RM)
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Reporting Office: NEW YORK	Office of Origin: NEW YORK	Date: JAN 28 1958	Investigative Period: 1/6,8,14,16/58
TITLE OF CASE: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.		Report made by: NORMAN E. BLISS	Typed By: jar
		CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

Synopsis: *new*

Three ship's masters and one former seaman unable to furnish information re escape of ARTHUR ADAMS to Russia.

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DETAILS: *jar*

At West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

On November 19, 1957, Captain GRANT HICKS RAWDING was interviewed at his present residence, The Beacon Trailer Park, 855 North Main Street, West Bridgewater, Massachusetts, by SA JOHN F. TOOMEY, Jr.

Captain RAWDING stated that from 1942 through 1953, he was employed by the Eastern Steamship Lines as a master of various ships, mostly freighters, and during the year

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1946, he was master of the "SS GALEN L. STONE".

Captain RAWDING stated that he had never been asked by anyone to carry messages between Europe and the United States in either direction and further that he had never been asked to assist in helping any man, either known or unknown to him, in leaving the United States in a secret manner.

Captain RAWDING further stated that he never had heard of any other ship or ship's captain handling such messages or transporting any person to Europe in an undercover, surreptitious manner, nor did he have any stowaways on his ship during the year 1946.

It was stated by Captain RAWDING that he did not know Captain ALBERT KEERSON, although he stated that he might have met him at one time but that at the present, the name of Captain KEERSON meant nothing to him nor had he ever heard anything concerning that captain.

The photograph of the subject, ARTHUR A. ADAMS, was exhibited to Captain RAWDING. However, he stated he never recalled ever having seen this individual.

At Hicksville, New York

On January 6, 1958, EDMUND EARLE SCHOW, 154 Fourth Street, was interviewed by SAS JOHN V. GRIFFIN and LEO H. FRUTKIN. A photograph of ARTHUR ADAMS was shown to

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Mr. SCHOW and he was not able to recognize it. He stated that he has never met the subject and the subject was not on the "SS HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT" when it sailed from New York to Naples in March, 1946. He advised that as first mate, his cabin was next to that of Captain ALBERT KEERSON and the subject was not in the captain's cabin during the trip. He further advised that he did not recall any stowaway aboard the vessel during this trip. SCHOW expressed the opinion that Captain KEERSON was reliable in every way.

At Staten Island, New York

On January 8, 1958, Captain BERNT A. JACOBSEN, 222 Guyon Avenue, was interviewed by SA VINCENT J. SAVADEL. Captain JACOBSEN was able to recall his trip from New York to Naples in March, 1946, on board the "SS EXBROOK". He stated that no illegal cargo or stowaways were found on this trip.

JACOBSEN stated that during his career as a captain, he had never been requested by anyone either known or unknown to him to carry messages between Europe and the United States, or to assist in helping any person leave the United States in a secret manner.

Captain JACOBSEN stated that he had never heard of any other ship's captain or executive officer handling messages or transporting persons to Europe in a surreptitious manner. He stated that he does not know Captain ALBERT KEERSON.

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At New York, New York

On January 14, 1958, SA NORMAN E. BLISS interviewed Captain ALBERT KEERSON at the Crew Personnel Office, Isbrandtsen Lines, 26 Broadway, New York City. Captain KEERSON was able to recall his trip from New York to Naples in March, 1946, on the "SS HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT". He stated that there was no stowaway on board the ship, and no irregular passengers or crewmen that he knew of. KEERSON was unable to identify either the name or the photograph of ARTHUR ADAMS. He stated that he had never heard of any ship's officer either carrying illegal passengers or messages between the United States and Europe and added that if any such proposition had been made to him, he would have informed both his company and the United States authorities immediately. NY

Captain KEERSON stated that he has never been contacted in his life by either Russian officials or persons representing the Communist Party (CP). He stated that he himself, although born in Russia, came to the United States when he was two years old, and has never had contact with Russian nationals for any reason. He stated that his personal feelings against Russia have always been strong, and recalled that a number of years ago he foolishly put down New York as a birthplace when applying for official documents. He stated that he has been very sorry that he did this inasmuch as it went into the official records, and as a result he was punished by the Coast Guard with a 30 day suspension of his license.

KEERSON stated that he has never done anything in his life against the best interests of the United States, and can think of no reason why he or any other American

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ship's master would jeopardize his reputation and a good income by cooperating in carrying illegal passengers.

When the alleged method of escape by ARTHUR ADAMS was discussed with Captain KEERSON, he pointed out that it would be next to impossible for a ship's captain to smuggle a strange person to Europe in his own cabin. He stated that the captain's quarters are thoroughly cleaned daily by a steward who would be aware of any unusual situation in these quarters. In addition, other ship's personnel go to the captain's cabin on business and the presence of a stranger in the captain's bunk, would cause comment and speculation throughout the ship. Along this line, KEERSON pointed out that for any captain to tell the crew that he was allowing a sick crewman to occupy the captain's berth would be so unusual that it would be bound to be known throughout the ship.

Captain KEERSON expressed the opinion that if the subject did, in fact, leave the United States with the assistance of a ship's captain, it would be much more likely to have been a foreign ship inasmuch as personnel of such a ship would not be as afraid of becoming involved with the United States Government as would the men on a United States ship.

Captain KEERSON was asked if he had ever been accused of violating rules concerning secret information, and he advised that on one or two occasions, he had mentioned in a letter home, the location of his ship during the recent world war. The censors noted that he had mentioned the ship's

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location, and as a result of this, he was admonished by the United States Coast Guard.

On January 6, 1958, Mrs. STAPLETON, Clerk, Marine Division, Cities Service Company, 17 State Street, New York City, advised SA NORMAN E. BLISS that Captain ROBERT MAYNARD is no longer with that firm, having last sailed for them in November, 1957. MAYNARD was master of the "SS FERDINANDO GORGEUS" which sailed from New York to Naples, March 2, 1946.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: JAN 28 1958

FROM : [redacted] (100-63983)

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SLIP(S) OF [redacted]
DATE 6-1-78 [redacted]

SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.
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Re NY report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated and captioned as above, five copies of which are enclosed.

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Exempt from GDS, date 7-2-83
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Since early 1956 when ARTHUR ADAMS' story of his escape to Russia became available through NY 694-S, a considerable amount of investigation has been conducted in an effort to substantiate or disprove ADAMS' story, and identify the ship on which he departed. Along this line, a list was obtained of a number of US vessels leaving NYC for Naples in the first three months of 1946. Subsequently, the masters of a number of these ships were interviewed, but no leads were developed concerning ADAMS' escape.

NYO was aware that to identify the particular ship in this fashion would be difficult inasmuch as there was no way to determine how many ships left NY during the same period for other parts, but included Naples as a second or third stop. In addition, there was no way to determine how many foreign vessels departed NY and put in at Naples during their trip.

Investigation in NYC definitely established that the portion of ARTHUR ADAMS' story concerning his flight over rooftops into a firehouse (on 43rd Street), was false inasmuch

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as there was no route available across those roofs. It is therefore logical to believe that any other phase of his account of the escape is either false or highly exaggerated. It would appear that his account of being smuggled into the captain's cabin and remaining there for the duration of the trip to Naples, is highly questionable although possible. ~~X~~

NYO believes that additional exhaustive investigation based upon ADAMS' story is not justified at this time, and NYO is placing this case in a closed status.

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NY report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated 11/29/57.

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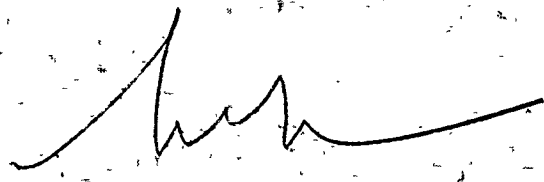
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Reurlet dated July 13, 1959, concerning the possible dismissal of the outstanding indictment and warrant against subject.

The Bureau does not desire that you initiate action along those lines at this time. In the event you are contacted by representatives of the U.S. Attorney's Office regarding the dismissal of the warrant and indictment, you are authorized to state that our operations do not require that the indictment remain outstanding and dismissal will not adversely affect the outcome of this case.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: 7/13/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63983)

SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, aka.
IS-R

A review of the captioned case file reflects that the sealed indictment and warrant obtained in March, 1945, charging the subject with a violation of Title 18, Section 80, US Code, are still outstanding. This was verified by contact with the office of the USA, SDNY.

It appears that the indictment and warrant were obtained primarily for the purpose of having some means for detaining the subject at a time when there was a good possibility that he might depart from the US. Even at that time there was apparently considerable doubt as to whether a successful prosecution could be entertained. ADAMS surreptitiously returned to Russia in January, 1946. He reportedly was still alive in 1956 but no information has been received indicating any intention on his part to return to the US. He is now believed to be over seventy years of age.

The NYO contemplates contacting the office of the USA, SDNY, to obtain an opinion concerning the desirability of maintaining or dismissing the indictment and warrant. In view of the considerations set forth in paragraph two of this letter, the NYO requests Bureau authority, in the event the question is raised, to advise the USA that insofar as the Bureau is concerned there would be no objection to a dismissal of the indictment and warrant.

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TO: W. A. Branigan *[Signature]*

Date 1-12-59

FROM: F. L. Jones *[Signature]*

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Captioned case has been reviewed and careful consideration given to the advisability of any reinterviews, interviews or other action which may now appear warranted. In the event such now appears desirable, necessary action is being initiated.

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DATE: 8/14/59

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

FROM : *7/108* SAC, NEW YORK (100-63983)

SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS aka:
INTERNAL SECURITY-R

Re Bulet, 7/22/59, concerning the outstanding indictment and warrant against the subject.

Mr. SILVIO J. MOLLO, AUSA, SDNY, contacted this office on 8/10/59, concerning the indictment and warrant. He was advised in accordance with the instructions set forth in referenced Bulet. Mr. MOLLO stated that he would advise the NYO of the action taken in this matter.

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Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

August 20, 1959

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to the inquiry from
Mr. Thomas F. Hall of your Division to Inspector Joseph A.
Sizoo of this Bureau 8-19-59 relative to the possibility of
opening the sealed indictment against the subject and
as to action which should be taken under the indictment.

For your information, this Bureau's operations
do not require the indictment to be sealed and dismissal
will not adversely affect the outcome of this case.

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NOTE: Mr. Thomas F. Hall of the Department telephoned
Inspector Sizoo 8-19-59 and advised that he (Hall) received
a letter from US Attorney, Southern District
of NY, which advised that the US Attorney's office had
received instructions to review certain sealed
indictments presently outstanding in that Division with
the view toward deciding which, if any, of them could be
opened and as to the action which should be taken under the
indictment. Instant reply sets out the Bureau's policy
with respect to the indictment outstanding against the
subject, who mysteriously fled the U.S. on 1-23-46.
He was last reported to be residing in the Soviet Union.
The position taken here is in line with advice we gave
our NYO under date of 7-22-59.

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NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 9/10/59	Investigative Period 9/1- 4/59
TITLE OF CASE ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS aka		Report made by WALTER C. ROLTTING, JR.	Typed By: csp
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

Synopsis

REFERENCES:

NY letter to Bureau dated 8/14/59.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report has been classified "Confidential" since it refers to the sealed indictment.

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Report of: WALTER C. ROETTING, JR. Office: New York, New York
Date: 9/10/59

File Number: New York 100-63983 Bureau 100-331280

Title: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Synopsis: Nolle prosequi of sealed indictment against subject obtained in March, 1945, approved by Judge DIMOCK, USDC, SDNY, on 9/3/59, and filed as of that date.

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DETAILS:

Mr. ROBERT E. SCHER, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, telephonically advised on September 1, 1959, that the entering of a nolle prosequi against the sealed indictment obtained in March, 1945, charging the subject with a violation of Title 18, Section 80, United States Code, had been approved by the Department of Justice and would be filed within a few days.

Mr. SCHER telephonically advised on September 4, 1959, that the nolle prosequi had been approved by United States District Court Judge EDWARD J. DIMOCK, Southern District of New York, on September 3, 1959, and had been filed as of that date.



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
The American Embassy
Rome, Italy

Date: July 28, 1960
To: Director, FBI
From: Legat, Rome (105-405)
Subject: DOROTHY ADAMS
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Reference Bulet dated June 23, 1960, captioned
THOMAS SGOVIO, aka; IS - R.

Page 10 of referenced letter sets forth information to the effect that one DOROTHEA KEENE was the wife of ARTHUR ADAMS, Soviet agent who was active on behalf of Soviet military intelligence in the United States in the 1930's and 1940's.

THOMAS SGOVIO, who was born in the USA and who lived in Russia from 1935 until January, 1960, was interviewed in Rome, Italy, on May 23, 1960, and at that time stated that DOROTHY ADAMS, an elderly American woman, resides in Moscow, Russia. She is married to a Russian Army general and prior to the war made a number of trips back to the United States with her husband. He stated that both she and her husband were believed to have had intelligence-type assignments while in the United States.

SGOVIO was reinterviewed in connection with this individual on July 5, 1960, and he stated that DOROTHY ADAMS is employed as a translator by the Soviet Government in Moscow. He advised that her husband is a high military specialist in the Russian Army. He stated that she and her husband travelled often to the United States prior to World War II.

DOROTHY ADAMS had a sister who died five or six years ago. SGOVIO stated that he had never met DOROTHY ADAMS' husband but that he met her on numerous occasions. SGOVIO's mother used to knit sweaters and DOROTHY ADAMS came to their house for fittings.

SGOVIO did speak to DOROTHY ADAMS' husband over the telephone on one occasion. ADAMS spoke fluent English with a slight accent. ADAMS is presently very, very sick.

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Letter to Bureau
Rome 105-405

July 28, 1960

DOROTHY ADAMS and her husband have a beautiful apartment and a maid in Moscow. They have a lot of money. The sister who died had been residing in the USA. SGOVIO related that on one occasion DOROTHY ADAMS was at his home and he was playing a Mario Lanza record which caused DOROTHY ADAMS to break down and cry when she heard it. She told SGOVIO that the last time she had heard the record she was with her sister in the USA, who had since died.

The above is being furnished for the Bureau's information.

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TO : MR. MCGUIRE
FROM : L. E. SHORT
SUBJECT: ARTHUR A. ADAMS
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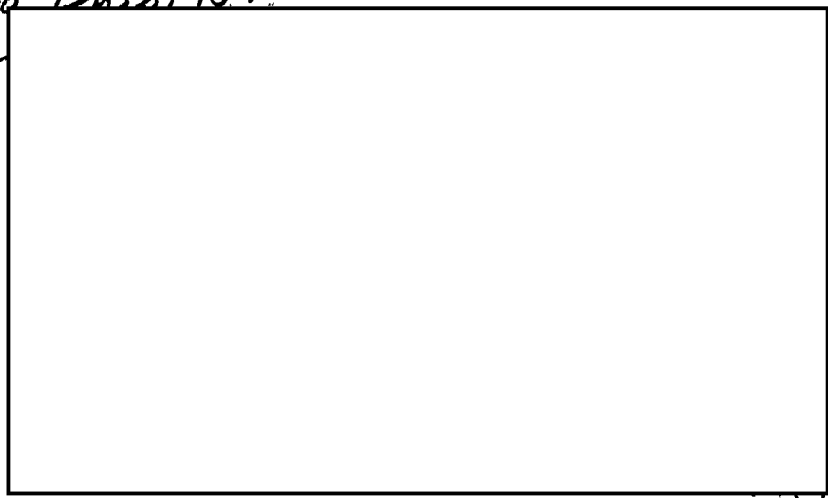
We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1113, Identification Building, for filing in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : W. A. Branigan *WAB/gf*

DATE: 12-4-59

FROM : F. L. Jones *gf*

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E. M. Gregg
Room 1501

SUBJECT: ⁰ Arthur A. Adams
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Captioned case has been reviewed and careful consideration given to the advisability of any reinterviews, interviews or other action which may now appear warranted. In the event such now appears desirable, necessary action is being initiated.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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The American Embassy
Rome, Italy

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Date: August 26, 1960
To: Director, FBI (105-87115)
From: Legat, Rome (105-405)
Subject: DOROTHY ADAMS
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Dorothy Keen Adams

Reference Rome letter dated July 28, 1960.

THOMAS SGOVIO, referred to in reference Rome letter, was reinterviewed at Rome, Italy, on August 15, 1960, and furnished the following additional information concerning DOROTHY ADAMS:

SGOVIO stated that he first became acquainted with DOROTHY ADAMS when he returned from exile in 1954. He advised that he did not know her and had never heard of her before that period. He stated that in 1954 she was between 55 and 60 years of age. SGOVIO advised that DOROTHY ADAMS was brought to the home where his mother lived by ESTHER GERALSKY. SGOVIO stated that his mother knitted sweaters and that DOROTHY ADAMS came to the house for fittings on a number of occasions. On one occasion she brought phonograph records to loan to SGOVIO. From the records he knew that she had been abroad many times not only in America, but in England. Many of the records were of recent vintage.

SGOVIO stated that DOROTHY ADAMS had telephone number D18853 in Moscow. He advised that he had never met DOROTHY ADAMS but that he did speak to him on the telephone on one occasion. SGOVIO did not know his name. He stated, however, that he is sure this individual was Russian, who spoke perfect English with only a slight accent.

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SGOVIO advised that DOROTHY ADAMS is very, very bitter. He stated that she spoke to him a number of times concerning political matters. He advised that she is disillusioned over Communism in Russia, but she is also bitter against what she calls imperialism in the United States. She told SGOVIO that the ROSENBERGS, who were executed for espionage in the United States, were innocent and were framed by the U. S. Government.

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SGOVIO was questioned at length concerning this subject and her husband and was unable to furnish any information other than as set out above.

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STC : MR. TAVEL

FROM : L. E. SHORR

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DATE: 3-13-64

Arthur Adams

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There is attached the result of a serial by serial review of the first 2,149 serials in this case. This review was made for the purpose of identifying serials wherein each subject is mentioned. No attempt has been made to eliminate duplicate information.

A yellow index card will be prepared for the general index indicating the serial assigned this memorandum and the attached listing of serials. An original and one copy will be filed in this case file. A copy of the listing for each subject will be filed in his main file as an enclosure to a not recorded copy of this memorandum, and a yellow index card will be prepared on each subject.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That this memorandum be approved for filing as a serial of the Corby Case.
- (2) That a copy of this memorandum be filed not recorded in each subject's main file with a copy of that subject's listing attached.

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