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TITLE ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SAMUEL FINE, who an informant advised had been in contact with subject on 5/21/44, interviewed on 5/26 and 5/29/51 at Stamford, Conn., by Agents of New Haven Office. FINE acknowledged acquaintanceship with JACOB B. ARONOFF, associate of subject, and stated ARONOFF drew up certain legal papers for the incorporation of FINE's business, AIREQUIPT MANUFACTURING CORPORATION, in 1943. FINE also advised the name ARTHUR ADAMS was not familiar to him; however, he recalled being introduced by JACOB ARONOFF to an individual by the name of ARTHUR ANDREW or ARTHUR ANDERSON, who was a Consulting Engineer. FINE recalled that ARONOFF and ARTHUR ANDREW were very good friends. FINE unable to recall any instance of ARTHUR ANDREW or ANDERSON asking him for information of any type or any instance where he, FINE, ever furnished any information to him. ALBERT GDANSKY, ELSIE L. RICHEY, and other individuals in NYC area interviewed regarding subject with negative results. Two other possible contacts of subject, GERTRUDE SCHLITZBERGER and Mrs. AREITHER S. JONES, now reported deceased.

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~~DAME~~, of the Motion Picture Services for the United States Army. ~~FINE~~ stated that he demonstrated his photographic enlarger before the Director of the Photographic Laboratory in Dayton, Ohio, at the Wright Patterson Air Base. As a result of his demonstration, he received a development contract from the Army Air Force to improve his production.

~~FINE~~ advised that work on his enlarger was performed in a small woodworking shop located on either 57th or 53rd Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues, New York City. The final results were eventually delivered under the terms of the contract and as a result of the production being delivered, officials at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base advised that they wanted several hundred more.

SAMUEL ~~FINE~~ stated that in order to handle the demand for his photographic enlarger, it was decided to set up a business which was later known as the AIREQUIPT MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Inc., which business was located at 339-41 North High Street, Mt. Vernon, New York.

~~FINE~~ stated that when it was decided to form a business organization he called New York Attorney JACOB BROCHES ~~ARONOFF~~, who in 1943 was then located on Broad Street, New York City, and asked him to draw up the papers for the corporation. SAMUEL ~~FINE~~ pointed out that he had previously met ~~ARONOFF~~ in Stamford, Connecticut, a number of years prior through his brother, Dr. BARNETT ~~FINE~~, who was treating ~~ARONOFF~~ as a patient. ~~FINE~~ stated that his brother, Dr. ~~FINE~~, at the time of the meeting with ~~ARONOFF~~, maintained an office at 49 Grove Street, Stamford, Connecticut. ~~FINE~~ recalled that he was sitting on the porch of his home at 49 Grove Street when Dr. ~~FINE~~ walked out of his office accompanied by ~~ARONOFF~~ and introduced ~~ARONOFF~~ to him.

~~FINE~~ indicated that a Mrs. EVA EFFRON ROBIN, an attorney at 303 Main Street, Stamford, Connecticut, who resides on Old North Stamford Road, had originally secured Dr. ~~FINE~~'s services for JACOB ~~ARONOFF~~ when the latter became ill a number of years prior.

SAMUEL ~~FINE~~ indicated that his brother, Dr. BARNETT ~~FINE~~, still resides in Stamford, Connecticut, and maintains a business office at 70 Grove Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

Concerning Dr. BARNETT ~~FINE~~, Confidential Informant of known reliability, has advised that Dr. ~~FINE~~ has been the

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practicing physician for many Communist Party members in the area of Stamford, Connecticut.

Concerning the attorney, Mrs. EVA EFFRON ROBIN, who originally secured Dr. FINE's services for JACOB ARONOFF, an anonymous communication on July 24, 1950 was addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Stamford, Connecticut, which reported that Mrs. EVA ROBIN, of Old North Stamford Road, "had been a member of the Communist Party" and had visited with them out of town.

SAMUEL FINE advised that as a result of his acquaintance with JACOB B. ARONOFF, as well as with the latter's brother, ISAAC ARONOFF, he, FINE, was successful in getting ISAAC to invest approximately \$20,000.00 in the business known as the AIREQUIPT MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Inc.

At the time the papers were drawn up by JACOB ARONOFF, WILLIAM J. TYRELL was listed as President; SIDNEY J. GREENWALD as Secretary, and ISAAC ARONOFF as Treasurer.

FINE stated he signed a note for the \$20,000.00 which was obtained from ISAAC ARONOFF. FINE indicated he held 45% of the stock, ISAAC held 45% and JACOB ARONOFF held 10%.

FINE advised that he was inducted into the United States Army on October 12, 1943 and was initially assigned to Fort Dix, New Jersey. On February 15, 1944 FINE was transferred to the Headquarters Squadron, Second Army Air Force Base at Bolling Field, Washington, D.C. While stationed at Bolling Field, FINE was assigned to the Motion Picture Branch of the Army Air Force. On March 5, 1945, FINE was transferred to the Fifth Army Air Force Base Unit at 1 Park Avenue, New York City, where he was attached to the Motion Picture Service. He remained in the above-mentioned capacity until his honorable discharge on September 25, 1945, at Mitchel Field, New York.

FINE pointed out that in view of the fact that he was away from his business much of the time, WILLIAM J. TYRELL was made President of the firm and he, FINE, served as Vice-President. SAMUEL FINE stated that ISAAC ARONOFF always held stock in the company and used to visit the plant approximately once a week even though he was not an active officer. JACOB ARONOFF, according to FINE, did not

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visit the plant very frequently and would usually only be consulted on legal and financial matters.

In about June, 1946, ISAAC ARONOFF withdrew from the business and in January, 1947, FINE turned over all of his stock in the company to ARONOFF.

FINE insisted that the only motivating factor which prompted ISAAC to invest \$20,000 in AIREQUIPT MANUFACTURING COMPANY was ISAAC's acquaintanceship with SAMUEL FINE, resulting through JACOB B. ARONOFF.

INFORMATION CONCERNING ARTHUR ANDREW
OR ARTHUR ANDERSON

SAMUEL FINE advised that the name ARTHUR ADAMS was not familiar to him. He stated, however, that he was introduced to an individual by the name of ARTHUR ANDREW or ANDERSON by JACOB ARONOFF at the apartment of ARONOFF, which was located at 29 East 11th Street, New York City. FINE stated that while in military service he frequently returned to Mt. Vernon, New York, and to New York City, especially on Sundays, to meet with JACOB ARONOFF in order to discuss business relating to the AIREQUIPT MANUFACTURING COMPANY. It was FINE's recollection that during one of these Sunday visits at ARONOFF's apartment, 29 East 11th Street, he met ARTHUR ANDREW or ARTHUR ANDERSON.

SAMUEL FINE stated that ANDREW was identified to him by ARONOFF as a consulting engineer; however, upon being asked by FINE with what company he was associated, ARTHUR ANDREW gave a general and vague reply, stating, "several companies."

SAMUEL FINE stated that he recalled one instance when ARTHUR ANDREW became extremely angry with him over a discussion relating to radios. It was indicated that ARTHUR was contemplating buying a radio and inquired as to what brand he should purchase. FINE stated that it was during the period of World War II when radios were scarce and he accordingly informed ARTHUR that "you take what you can get now days." FINE stated that ARTHUR replied that that was a stupid way for Americans to feel and that everyone knew the Hallicrafter set was the best.

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SAMUEL FINE described ARTHUR ANDREW as a very arrogant individual and one who was represented by JACOB ARONOFF to be a Canadian. FINE stated it was his impression that ARTHUR ANDREW was of Scandinavian background.

He recalled that JACOB ARONOFF and ARTHUR were apparently very good friends as they always called each other by their first names. He was unable to explain how ARTHUR ANDREW first became acquainted with JACOB ARONOFF. He also was unable to recall any direct contact he might have had with ARTHUR ANDREW or ANDERSON during May of 1944.

FINE pointed out that he has never had any correspondence with ARTHUR ANDREW. He pointed out that whenever ARTHUR was in the apartment of JACOB ARONOFF, ARTHUR and ARONOFF would always wait until after SAMUEL FINE had left before they would depart. He furnished no information relative to a possible connection between ISAAC ARONOFF, brother of JACOB, and ARTHUR ANDREW. He stated that he could not recall ever having seen ARTHUR in the presence of ISAAC ARONOFF.

FINE was unable to recall any instance of ARTHUR asking him for information of any type or any situation where he, FINE, ever furnished any information to ARTHUR ANDREW. He stated he had no knowledge of any business connection between JACOB ARONOFF and ARTHUR ANDREW under the name Technological Laboratories, Inc.

FINE stated the last time he saw ARTHUR was in 1944 while he was still in the military service and the meeting took place in the apartment of JACOB ARONOFF. He furnished no information relative to any possible espionage activity by ARTHUR ANDREW.

During the interview of SAMUEL FINE by Agents of the New York Office, FINE specifically denied receiving from or furnishing classified information to various acquaintances at any military establishment contacted by him. He also denied membership in any organization cited as subversive by the United States Attorney General.

INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER CONTACTS
OF SUBJECT

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that a telephone call was made from ARTHUR ADAMS' apartment in the Peter Cooper Hotel

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on February 12, 1944 to telephone LUDlow 7-2845, which is listed to A. GDANSKY, 1591 Townsend Avenue, Bronx, New York.

A. GDANSKY
1591 Townsend Avenue
Bronx, New York

A check of the local telephone directories reflects that A. GDANSKY and also one JOE GDANSKY reside at 1591 Townsend Avenue. A. GDANSKY has the telephone number shown above while JOE GDANSKY has telephone CY 4-2487.

Previous investigation in this case disclosed that the records of the Bronx County Board of Elections disclosed that in the 1945 registration ALBERT GDANSKY, age 52, registered on October 10, 1945 in the 36th Election District, 3rd Assembly District. He reported he resided in Apartment 1-C at 1591 Townsend Avenue and that he had been in New York City for 35 years; that he was born in Poland and was naturalized March 26, 1926 in the Bronx Supreme Court.

JOE GDANSKY registered on October 12, 1945, supplying his address as Apartment 9-D, 1591 Townsend Avenue. He stated that he was 50 years of age and resided in New York City for 33 years; that he was born in Russia and was naturalized March 19, 1920 in the Bronx Supreme Court.

Both individuals described themselves as tenants.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and the New York Office indices were negative concerning JOE GDANSKY.

Concerning A. GDANSKY, Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that ALBERT GDANSKY, 1591 Townsend Avenue, Bronx, New York, was a member of Local 905, Painters Union. The Informant advised that this union, which Informant indicated, was Communist dominated, sent a telegram in June, 1948, to members of the local urging them to register to vote for the present union leaders in a forthcoming election. On the list of those who were sent telegrams was A. GDANSKY, 1591 Townsend Avenue, Bronx, New York. Informant could not say whether GDANSKY was a Communist Party member.

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ALBERT G. GDANSKY was interviewed by SA BERT S. TAYLOR and Reporting Agent on September 22, 1951 in the presence of his brother, JOSEPH R. GDANSKY at his brother's apartment, 1591 Townsend Avenue, Apartment 9-D. Both ALBERT and JOSEPH GDANSKY denied knowing anyone by the name of ARTHUR ADAMS or any one by the name of any of ADAMS' aliases.

Photographs of all the subjects in the ADAMS group were then displayed to both ALBERT and JOSEPH GDANSKY with negative results.

ALBERT GDANSKY advised that only he and his wife occupied their apartment, 1-C, telephone LUdlow 7-2845, during the last war. The wife of ALBERT GDANSKY, likewise, failed to identify subject's photograph. ALBERT GDANSKY stated he is still associated with the Acme Notion Company, 134 West 37th Street, in a selling capacity. Prior to the time and during World War II, he was associated with the firm of O'Keefe Painting and Decorating Company, 99 East Fourth Street, New York City.

ELSIE L. RICHEY
7812 35th Avenue
Jackson Heights,
Long Island, New York

Confidential Informant T-2 also advised that a telephone call was made from the apartment of ARTHUR ADAMS at the Peter Cooper Hotel on May 21, 1944 to telephone HA 9-1081, which is listed in the name of ELSIE L. RICHEY, 7812 35th Avenue, Jackson Heights, Long Island.

Relative to Mrs. ELSIE L. RICHEY, Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, produced a report dated October 2, 1946, which was entitled, "RICHEY, Mrs. ELSIE L. (widow of JAMES H. RICHEY), 7812 35th Avenue, Jackson Heights, Long Island." Her business connections were with Lord and Taylor, Fifth Avenue and 38th Street. Mrs. RICHEY was described as being a widow in her forties and employed at Lord and Taylor. She resided in Apartment 3-L and pays a monthly rental of \$85.00. Her husband was reported to be a former President of RICHEY BROUGHALL, Inc., 1350 Broadway, which firm was described as being "large dress shirt manufacturers."

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The New York indices are negative concerning this individual.

Mrs. ELSIE L. RICHEY was interviewed by SA JOSEPH J. PALGUTA and Reporting Agent [redacted] on September 26, 1951. Neither Mrs. RICHEY nor [redacted] had ever heard of the name ARTHUR ADAMS. They both failed to recognize the photograph of ARTHUR ADAMS or the photographs of any of the other ADAMS subjects.

Mrs. RICHEY stated that her husband died on August 4, 1943 and at that time she occupied Apartment 3-M, which was a larger apartment, at the same address. She indicated after the death of her husband it was necessary to take in roomers to help to meet expenses on this apartment. She explained that she, therefore, had roomers from October, 1943 until June, 1944, and since interviewing agents were interested in the period May, 1944, it was entirely possible that subject may have been trying to contact one of her roomers. She explained that as best she could recall she had three Army officers in her apartment during this period. One was named Captain HIRSCH, first name not recalled, who was a photographer and who lived in Hollywood. Another roomer was a Lieutenant CORNELL, first name not recalled, and a third roomer was another captain in the Army, however, Mrs. RICHEY could not recall his name. All of these Army officers worked at the Army Signal Depot in Long Island City during this period. b6 b7C

[redacted] could not recall more definite information concerning these Army officers.

Mrs. ELSIE RICHEY had no records in her possession reflecting the names of these Army officers. She did recall, however, that they were referred to her by a rental agent in Jackson Heights, a Mr. H. C. PRESCOTT, 373 82nd Avenue.

Mrs. ARETHER S. JONES
2816 Eighth Avenue
New York City

Confidential Informant T-2 also advised that a telephone call was made from ARTHUR ADAMS' apartment at the Peter Cooper Hotel to AU 3-2645 on December 11, 1943, which number is listed to Mrs.

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ARIEETHER S. JONES, 2816 Eighth Avenue, New York City.

A check of the current Manhattan telephone directory revealed that AU 3-2645 is still listed to the same individual.

The indices of the New York Office are negative concerning this individual.

WILLIAM R. MIMS was contacted by SA JOSEPH J. PALGUTA and Reporting Agent on September 26, 1951, at Apartment 3-M, 2816 Eighth Avenue. He advised that he has been a resident at this address with Mr. and Mrs. BRAXTON JONES for the past twelve years. He also advised that Mrs. ARIETHER JONES, the wife of BRAXTON JONES, died about two years ago. MIMS also stated he has worked 42 years with the Pullman Company with headquarters in New York City. He did not recognize the name of ARTHUR ADAMS and he failed to identify the photographs of ARTHUR ADAMS and the other ADAMS subjects which were displayed to him by interviewing agents.

He advised that during the past war he, Mrs. ARIETHER JONES and BRAXTON JONES occupied this apartment. He further stated that BRAXTON JONES is, at the present time, confined in the Harlem Hospital in a serious condition.

M. COLVERT made available the records of the Harlem Hospital, 135th Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City, concerning BRAXTON JONES, which record revealed that he was admitted to instant hospital on September 15, 1951 and that he is suffering from a heart condition.

Dr. ARTHUR CUTHBERT, who is the doctor assigned to Ward 3-C where BRAXTON JONES is confined, was contacted. He advised that BRAXTON JONES was not in serious condition at the present time and it would not do him any harm to be interviewed.

BRAXTON JONES was therefore interviewed in Ward 3-C, Harlem Hospital, and he stated that the name of ARTHUR ADAMS was not familiar to him; however, the photograph of ARTHUR ADAMS which was displayed by interviewing agents was slightly familiar. He said he thought he may have seen this individual at one time or another;

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however, he had no specific recollection concerning this fact. He failed to recognize a photograph of any of the other ADAMS subjects. He advised that for over twenty years he ran a freight elevator at 411 Fifth Avenue and it is possible that he may have seen ARTHUR ADAMS in his capacity as an elevator operator. He also stated he had never heard his late wife mention the name ARTHUR ADAMS or the name of any of ADAMS' aliases. He stated that his wife, for the last ten years, has been rather ill and has been home at the apartment for this period prior to her death.

GERTRUDE SCHLITZBERGER
609 West 115th Street
New York City

Confidential Informant T-2 also advised that a telephone call was made from ARTHUR ADAMS' apartment at Peter Cooper Hotel to UN 4-9443 on October 30, 1943 which number was listed to GERTRUDE SCHLITZBERGER, 609 West 115th Street, New York City.

Inquiry at this address failed to reveal any information concerning GERTRUDE SCHLITZBERGER. Likewise, the records of the District Post Office in this area also contained no forwarding address for GERTRUDE SCHLITZBERGER.

The records of the County Clerk's Office, Hall of Records, New York City, revealed that the property at 609 West 115th Street, is owned by the Broadriver Realty Corporation, 129 West 144th Street.

Inquiry at this address revealed that the main office for the Broadriver Realty Corporation is located at 349 East 149th Street, and the rental Agent is DAVID FROMHARTZ.

DAVID FROMHARTZ, Rental Agent for the Broadriver Realty Corporation, 349 East 149th Street, advised that he knew GERTRUDE SCHLITZBERGER when she resided at 609 West 115th Street. He stated she lived at this address for a couple of years covering the period of approximately 1942 through 1944 and that she died in 1944 while living at this address. Mr. FROMHARTZ could produce no records to substantiate these facts.

JEANNE V. FISHER
339 East 58th Street
New York City

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that a telephone call was made from ADAMS' apartment at the Peter Cooper Hotel to PL 3-6168 on July 22, 1944, which number was listed to JEANNE V. FISHER,

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339 East 58th Street.

Inquiry at this address and also at the Grand Central Station Post Office revealed no person who recalled this individual and no forwarding address.

Inquiry at 339 East 58th Street revealed that the building is owned by the B.A.L. Construction Company, 229 East 54th Street, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-2 also advised that a telephone call was made from ARTHUR ADAMS' apartment at the Peter Cooper Hotel to Circle 5-5350, on October 30, 1943, and that this number was listed to WILLIAM WRIGHT CRANDELL at 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. Previous investigation disclosed that WILLIAM WRIGHT CRANDELL was in the service and out of New York City from September, 1943 until 1945. Information was obtained that this number, Circle 5-5350, was used as a telephone answering service during this period of Mr. CRANDELL's absence.

In an effort to substantiate this fact, Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, was contacted regarding the listing for this number. Informant advised that there has been one listing for this number for the past ten years and that has been to WILLIAM WRIGHT CRANDELL, 9 Rockefeller Plaza.

There is enclosed for the New Haven Office, one photograph of subject ARTHUR ADAMS which should be displayed to SAMUEL FINE.

ENCLOSURE (1) TO NEW HAVEN:

One photograph of ARTHUR ADAMS.

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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA CHARLES P. SILVERTHORN, dated **OCT 2 1951** at New York are identified as follows:

- T-1 [redacted] CP functionary and later connected with the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, 1710 Broadway, New York City, who furnished the information to SAS WILLIAM R. CURRAN and HUGHITT H. HINDERAKER.
- T-2 [redacted] NYC, who furnished a list of telephone calls made from the apartment of ARTHUR ADAMS at this hotel, to SA HUGHITT H. HINDERAKER. b7D
- T-3 Former [redacted] who furnished information to SA HAROLD E. MEYER during December, 1945, as set forth in report of SA FRANCIS X. Mc BRIDE, New Haven, [redacted] in the case entitled [redacted]
- T-4 [redacted] who furnished information on 9/8/48 to SA CHARLES F. HEINER. [redacted]
- T-5 Confidential Source [redacted]
- T-6 Confidential Source [redacted] who made available the information to SE RICHARD D. ROGGE on 7/17/51.

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New Haven

At Stamford, Connecticut:

Will display subject's photograph to SAMUEL FINE and determine

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if subject is identical with individual FINE knew as ARTHUR ANDREW or ARTHUR ANDERSON. Will obtain any additional pertinent information. FINE might recall concerning ADAMS after seeing subject's photograph.

New York

At New York City, N.Y.

Will verify the death of GERTRUDE SCHLITZBERGER and Mrs. ARIETHER S. JONES.

Will contact B.A.L. Construction Company, 229 East 54th Street, owners of the property at 339 East 58th Street and determine if their records indicate the whereabouts of JEANNE V. FISHER.

Will thereafter interview JEANNE V. FISHER regarding her association and knowledge of ARTHUR ADAMS.

From appropriate Army records, will attempt to determine the full names of the Army officers who roomed at the apartment of Mrs. ELSIE L. RICHEY, 7812 35th Avenue, Jackson Heights, between October, 1943 and June, 1944, and will thereafter have them interviewed regarding their knowledge of the subject.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA CHARLES P. SILVERTHORN, New York, 5/4/51.
Report of SA FRANCIS X. McBRIDE, New Haven, 6/12/51,
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SAMUEL FINE, Stamford, Connecticut, identified photograph of **ARTHUR ADAMS** as being that of person introduced to him by **JACOB ARONOFF** as **ARTHUR ANDREWS**. **FINE** claimed he saw this individual but two or three times, the last time being in 1944 or 1945. Has not seen nor heard of him since.

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DETAILS:

On October 13, 1951, **SAMUEL FINE** was interviewed by Special Agent **FRANCIS X. MCBRIDE** and the writer at which time he was shown a photograph of **ARTHUR ADAMS**. Mr. **FINE** immediately identified this photograph as being that of the person introduced to him by **JACOB ARONOFF** as **ARTHUR ANDREWS**. Mr. **FINE** explained that he first met this so-called **ARTHUR ANDREWS** at the apartment of **JACOB ARONOFF**. Thereafter he saw this person approximately two or three times always at the apartment of **ARONOFF** and on each occasion he was addressed only as **ARTHUR**. This **ARTHUR** was introduced to Mr. **FINE** as a Consultant Engineer who might be in a position to suggest or promote some post war production for the **AIREQUIPT MANUFACTURING COMPANY** in which **ARONOFF** and **FINE** had an interest. Mr. **FINE** stated that neither **ARTHUR ANDREWS** nor **JACOB ARONOFF** revealed anything concerning the background, activities, associates or residence of the subject. Mr. **FINE** recalled that he once inquired of **ARONOFF** concerning the background of **ARTHUR** and the origin of the accent which he detected in **ARTHUR'S** speech and all he was told by **ARONOFF** was that **ARTHUR** was an engineer and

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that he was of Canadian origin.

Mr. FINE went on to say that ARTHUR was a very critical and most difficult person to get along with. To the best of his recollection he does not remember ARTHUR soliciting any information from him except that once he had asked him, Mr. FINE, what he did in the Army. When FINE told him that he merely went out for coffee and sandwiches for the officers he drew a very critical remark from ARTHUR concerning the inefficiency of the United States Army.

Mr. FINE claimed that he last saw ARTHUR in the apartment of JACOB ARONOFF sometime during 1944. From that time until he terminated his association with ARONOFF in February of 1947 he neither saw nor heard of ARTHUR again. He stated that his association with ARTHUR was limited to the two or three meetings he had with him at ARONOFF'S apartment. Moreover, since these meetings were never overly friendly he formed no attachment for ARTHUR and cultivated no attachment to him which accounts for his not knowing more about him or having had any additional contacts with him. He also stated that he was not aware of ARTHUR'S place of residence, adding that during the few times he met ARTHUR, the latter always remained after the interview.

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DETAILS:

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SAMUEL FINE
CONCERNING JACOB B. ARONOFF

SAMUEL FINE, 70 Grove Street, Stamford, Connecticut, was interviewed at Stamford, Connecticut on May 26 and May 29, 1951 by Special Agents HUGO P. BLANDORI and FRANCIS X. McBRIDE of the New Haven Office.

It is noted that FINE voluntarily appeared at the Stamford Resident Agency and voluntarily furnished his complete personal history, including his knowledge of his acquaintance with JACOB B. ARONOFF.

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, has identified JACOB ARONOFF as a person who was first associated with the Socialist movement, but later changed to the Communist Party. In the early part of 1930, according to Informant T-1, ARONOFF, at his own request, served as an attorney for a group of outcast Communists. In 1936 or 1937 ARONOFF, on his own initiative, proceeded to France where he made a survey of the Communist movement in that country. When ARONOFF returned to the United States he was "an out and out Stalin Communist".

It should be also pointed out that Agents of the New York Office, during the period September, 1944 through January, 1946 often observed JACOB ARONOFF in the company of the subject of this case, ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS was in contact with SAMUEL FINE of 101 West 80th Street, New York City, on May 21, 1944. Informant T-2 furnished no information as to the nature of ADAMS' contact with FINE.

In furnishing information concerning his background, SAMUEL FINE stated that in 1942 he designed a photographic enlarger for the United States Army Air Force. FINE claimed he demonstrated the photographic unit to the U. S. Air Force in Washington, D.C., where it was well received and after which he was sent to the Wright Patterson Air Force Base at Dayton, Ohio. While in Washington, SAMUEL FINE reportedly conferred with a Major MERLE PARKS and also with a Major RAY