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TO : W. A. Branigan

DATE: November 5, 1953

/from : J. W. Lewis

SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was

INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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New York letter, 9-15-53, captioned (Bureau file 105-22869) states that, among others, the photographs of the following individuals were exhibited to Alexander Orlow with negative results:

Arthur Adams
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Serge Bassoff
Leo Feinstein
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RECOMMENDATION:

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has stated that an individual who was in contact with Smerneos at Fort Monmouth in 1943, was subsequently identified by her through a photograph and a newspaper article as a Russian spy named Adams. The files of Newark office, G-2, and the Bureau reflect no subversive information concerning Smerneos.

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Although appears to be unreliable and is probably her allegation regarding Adams should be checked. Arthur Adams was an espionage agent for Soviet Military Intelligence at NYC from 1938 to 1946. He became the subject of considerable newspaper publicity on 12-3-45 and disappeared from NYC on 1-23-46. He was in the USSR in 1947.

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fice Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT : W. A. Branigan DATE: November 24, 1953 : J. W. Lewis () SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was. INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Attached are Photostats pertaining to the subject, which were extracted from WF01et 10-27-53. entitled "Ismail Akhmedov, aka., Internal Security - R,"

Bufile 100-351199-187, which reports the results of an interview with Akhmedov by Agents of the WFO on 10-24-53 and 10-25-53.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For record purposes.

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RITY INFORMATIÔN : Decen - The Attorney General Classificaby Director, FBI Reent from T.C. 18-3lato of Deal read ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAIS, with aliases INTERNAL SECURITY - R RECORDED - 10 100-331280-854 The following is set forth in accordance with your request to be furnished with information regarding the Arthur Adams case. The captioned subject has been under investigation by this Bureau since July, 1944, on the basis of allegations to the effect that Adams was a Soviet espionage agent. The complete results of our investigation have been furnished previously to the Criminal Division of the Department. The investigation of Adams reflected that during 1944 and 1945 he was in contact with three atomic scientists in the United States for the purpose of obtaining information regarding atomic energy At that tire the United States Army authorities desired that the atomic bomb project be given absolutely no rublicity and also that Adams not be permitted to leave the United States with the information he had probably been able to obtain regarding ON stricter of the fact of the designation A secret indictment was returned by a Figeral Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York om Larch 13, 1945, charging Adams with furnishing false birth data in his registration under the Selective DE0-1-Training and Service Act of 1940 and the Alien Registration Act of 1940. This indictment was obtained for the sole purpose of enabling our agents to arrest Adams Addis was the subject of premature widespread newspaper publicity in December, 1945. The "New York Journal 1953 American published a story concerning Adams, alleged esplonage, activities on December 3, 1945. Thereafter, Adams was constantly sought by newspaper reporters and it became extremely difficult to keep him under observation. He disappeared on January 23, 1346, and Clegg we have developed credible information to the effect Harbo that he subsequently returned to Russia. Tracy SECURITY INFOMMETON - COCHÉT (See Note on page E BETTAL CONFUENTIAL

As the result of the publicity afforded Adams As the possibility of his imminent departure from the United States was called to the attention of the Attorney General by memoranda on December 6, 1945, and December 10, 1945, for the purpose of determining whether further prosecutive, In the latter action should be taken against Adams. memorandum, the Attorney General was advised that we intended to arrest Adams on the basis of the outstanding indictment in the event he should attempt to leave the United States, unless we were advised to the contrary by the Department of Justice. On December 11, 1945, Bureau Supervisor Lish Thitson conferred with Assistant Attorney General T. L. Caudle regarding this matter. At that time Mr. Caudle advised there was insufficient evidence available to prosecute Adams under either the Espionage or Foreign Agents Registration Act. Hr. Caudle stated that in the event Adams attempted to leave the country he should be arrested on the outstanding warrant. By memorandum dated December 20, 1945, Mr. Caudle advised that there was insufficient admissible evidence to justify prosecution of Adams for espionage. On December 29, 1945, Assistant Director D. N. Ladd discussed this matter with Mr. Caudle. Mr. Caudle stated that the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York desired to dismiss the outstanding indictment against Adams because of insufficient evidence. Mr. Caudle stated he had declined to authorize dismissal of the indictment because Adams should be arrested if he attempted to leave the United States. Mr. Ladd advised Mr. Caudle that we intended to use the outstanding indictment only if Adams should attempt to leave the United States. LBy memorandum dated we advised the Attorney General that the appropriate

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On May 1, 1946, Bureau Supervisors Lish Whitson and R. G. Fletcher conferred with Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney of the Criminal Division to determine what action should be taken against Adams in the event Adams should be located. Mr. McInerney stated that Adams should be arrested on the basis of the outstanding indictment and that prosecution would proceed on the basis of a Selective Service violation if no further evidence of espionage or other stronger federal violations should be developed.

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The Grand Jury concluded that

Clarence Francis Hiskey is one of the atomic scientists with whom Adams had been in contact in the United States. The complete results of our investigation of Hiskey have been previously furnished to the Criminal Division of the Department.

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The premature newspaper publicity concerning Adams resulted from unauthorized disclosures made by ex-TBI great Larry F. Kerley to voward Rushmore, a reporter of the "New York Journal American."

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TO

Mr. Brownell

DATE: November 12, 1953

FROM:

H. G. McCarthy

SUBJECT:

Father Cronin called today with the suggestion that when the White case is disposed of that you ask for the FBI's full report on the ARTHUR ADAMS case. is one of the Soviet Agents who was trying to gather information on the atomic bomb, who evaded the FBI and

I do not know Father Cronin but talked with him on the telephone in connection with a speech you made some months ago.

is reported to have left the country.

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/10-33/280 -853 ENCLOSURE

W. A. BRANIGAN

DATE: November 30, 1953

J. E. WALLACE FROM

SUBJECT:

ISMAIL AKHMEDOV, with aliases

INTERNAL SECURITY - R

ARTHUR DADING

The attached Photostats of WFO memorandum to the Bureau, dated October 27, 1953, captioned "Ismail Akhmedov, aka Ismail Ege; Internal Security - R" should be placed in the following Bureau files:

> 61-5381 61-7728 65-57857 65-57859 65-57876 65-58363 65-60588 65-60953 65-60954 65-61685 65-62198 74-1333 100-11146 100-183386 1.00-287685 100-341549 100-331280 100**-3**54086 ·

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-351199)

DATE: October 27, 1953

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ISMAIL AKHMEDOV aka Ismail Ege INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Remyairtel dated October 25, 1953.

During the interviews of the subject on October 2h and 25, 1953, efforts were made to clarify the discrepancies in the information as contained in the files of the Washington Field Office to the information attributed to the subject by ROBERT MORRIS, Counsel for the Jenner Committee.

The following information was obtained from the subject during the course of these interviews.

DEFECTION

The subject on October 24, 1953, advised he had been questioned by Mr. MORRIS as to the steps undertaken by him when he defected from the Soviets in 1982. AKMMEDOV furnished the following information regarding this defection:

He stated at the outbreak of hostilities between Germany and Russia in June, 1941, he was interned in Germany by the Germans where he was serving as Assistant President of TASS, under the assumed name of GEORGI NIKOLAJEFF. Shortly thereafter he became part of a group being repatriated to Russia via Turkey, and upon his arrival in Turkey he was informed by the legal resident of Red Army Intelligence in that country that he was to remain in Turkey as a Press Attache attached to the Soviet Embassy; however, his primary function was to conduct intelligence activities directed against Germany from that country. In the early part of 1942 he was advised by Red Army Headquarters in Russia that his wife had died, and shortly thereafter he was notified that he was to return to Russia. At this time he decided to break with the Russians; however, according to the subject, this was not a decision which he had arrived at because of his recall, but was the culmination of a decision he had made many years ago to break with Russia at the first possible opportunity. Accordingly, through an American Correspondent

With whom he was friendly; namely, a FRANK O'BRIEN, who was married to a Turkish girl named SERTEL (this individual believed identical with the husband of SEVIN O'BRIEN, Bufile 100-392930), an appointment was arranged with the American Consul General. O'BRIEN did not know the real reason for this interview as the subject advised him it was for a news ators. During this interview with the American Consul General, whose name AKHMEDOV does not now recall, he advised him that although he, the subject, was assigned to the Soviet Embassy as Press Attache he was a member of Red Army Intelligence, and his primary function in Turkey was Mintelligence activities directed against Carmany. No action was taken by the Consul General subsequent to this interview either officially or unofficially in an effort to facilitate AKHMEDOV's defection to the U. S. Thereafter, in 1942 he approached the Turkish Government and defected to the Turks. He added that he was sure the individual he talked to was the American Consul General inasmuch as in his position as Press Attache of the Soviet Embassy in Turkey he had occasion to know this individual officially.

In 1945 AKHMEDOV advised he directed a letter to Ambassador WILSON in Turkey in which he set forth his background and his activities as an intelligence officer for the Red Army, and requested the Ambassador's assistance in obtaining a visa for him to come to the United States so he could furnish personally vital information pertaining to Soviet Espionage activities in the United States to appropriate intelligence agencies. Ambassador WILSON replied to this letter and advised the subject that visa matters came within the jurisdiction of the American Consul and, therefore, he should proceed to the American Consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, to apply for this visa. Accordingly, in the latter part of 1965 he went to the American Consulate, and

was introduced to American officials in the Consulate. He first talked to a young Vice Consul, and then an individual named CURTIS, whose first name or position the subject does not now recall; was introduced to him, and this latter individual thereafter took him upstairs in the Consulate where AKHMEDOV briefly related his background and the reason he desired a visa. CURTIS advised him to wait in Istanbul and they would notify him if his visa application was accepted. The subject stated he waited for approximately two weeks and then was notified by the U. S. Consulate that his application was turned Thereafter, he made no further efforts to contact American authorities.

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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS

AKHMEDOV advised that while serving as Chief, Section IV, he recalls on three specific occasions during the period from January to March. 1941. receiving documents from Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. These documents were in the form of blueprints, photostats, and photographs of tanks, guns, and electronic devices as applied to United States tanks and guns. On each occasion this information was received by Section IV there were approximately one hundred separate documents pertaining to tanks and guns, he further advised that this information arrived in Section IV via diplomatic pouch, and upon receipt of these documents General FILIP WOLLKOV, Head of Red Army Intelligence, was very elated. The subject stated the usual procedure followed upon receipt of information from the U.S. or any other country was to send this information to a section of Red Army Intelligence where it was evaluated and then disseminated to the appropriate section of Red Army Intelligence where it would be of most value; however, when the information from Aberdeen was received in General GCLIKOV's Office he took these documents directly to the Chief General Staff of the Red Army. He recalled General GOLIKOV stating this information was of prime importance as it dealt with the latest American model tanks and guns. The subject added that in 1941 Russia had been trying to obtain the blueprints for the latest model German tanks but was unsuccessful in this attempt and, therefore, Red Army Intelligence was especially interested in the receipt of the blueprints for the American late model tanks.

He stated that Russia had previously obtained the models for the German Tiger tank and that a comparison was made by the Chiefs of Staff with this tank and the American tank.

AKHMEDOV advised he distinctly recalls the blueprints, photostats, and photographs referred to above were from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds as this information was contained in the packages with these documents along with the name of the source who had obtained them.

with reference to this source at Aberdeen, the subject stated that although he has seen this source's dossier while serving as Chief.
Section IV, he cannot at this time recall whether this source was operating under his true name, assumed name, or code name. Further, that although he has seen the sources name he does not believe he would recall

it even if the sources identity was known to American Intelligence Agencies and this name furnished to him. He also advised that although he has seen a photograph of this source, he would not be able to identify him through photographs.

From his recollection of the information contained in this source's dossier, AKHMEDOV also recalls that it was a well established source operating under the direction of ZORIN (NIKOLAI EZ KONOVIN. Who will be identified later). ARSHAK A. VARTANIAN. ZORIN's predecessor in the United States, who in 1941 was serving under the subject in Section IV, also advised him that he knew of this source while he was in the United States. The subject stated that he does not recall if VARTANIAN utilized this source while he was in the country, but he distinctly recalls VARTANIAN having knowledge of this source.

He stated that he knows this source was not ADAMS (who will be identified later) or MICHAEL (who will be identified later) although both these individuals were operating in the United States in 1941 under the direction of ZORIN.

The source at Aberdeen had his own sub-sources and network similar to the one operating by ADAVS in this country. In 1941 the subject recalls ZORIN was instructed to contact this source and obtain the sources network, but he was unsuccessful in this regard. Subject states that this was one of the headaches of Red Army Intelligence in that their sources would not furnish to Red Army Intelligence the identity of their own individual natwork, presumably because of fear that they would be replaced.

The Aberdeen source, according to the subject, was not sent to the United States by Russia, but was recruited in this country. The subject did not know who effected this recruitment or when or where it occurred. He does recall the source was an American citizen, but does not recall if he was a native born or naturalized citizen. He does not recall if the source had a Russian name or what nationality this source was, or if he had ever been to Russia. He has no idea of the source's approximate age in 1941 or physical description. He does recall this source was employed at Aberdeen during this period, but does not recall in what capacity. From the type of information furnished the subject stated it was his opinion the source must have been employed in a technical

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The subject was questioned as to his knowledge of BORIS BYKOV (Bufile 100-287685), who WHITTAKER CHAMBERS advised was his Soviet principal in the U. S. during the late 1930's. The subject stated that this individual was unknown to him, but believed that due to the nature of his activities in the United States that he would have been operating under an assumed name.

Whittaker Chambers

The subject advised that he had no knowledge of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS' espionage activities on behalf of Russia in the United States. He added he has read WHITTAKER CHAMBERS! book and was favorably impressed with the information contained therein. He added that none of the information, or the individuals mentioned, in WHITTAKER CHAMBERS! book was familiar to him.

INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION FROM U. S. 1940-1941

The subject advised that during the period he served in Section IV, in addition to the information which he states came from Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Section IV received a voluminous amount of other information of a technical nature in the form of printed material, photostated material, blueprints, and photographs. He advised this information would be classified according to Soviet standards of security; however, he does not know if this material would have been classified in the United States during this period. All of these documents arrived at Section IV via diplomatic pouch, and were from sources other than the source operating at Aberdeen. He added that he could furnish no specific details as to the sources of this information, how this information was obtained, or where.

FORT MONMOUTH

The subject advised that he did not recall Section IV receiving information emanating from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, or from the Evans Signal Laboratory at Fort Monmouth.

ATOMIC ENERGY

The subject stated that he cannot recall Section IV ever receiving information pertaining to Atomic Energy, and added that in his epinion during 1940 to 1941 that no Atomic Energy was known of except in theory; nothing had been done towards the development of Atomic Energy. He stated that the S.T.O. (Council for Labor and Defense) of the Soviet Union yearly issued a directive to the Heads of the various sections setting forth their intelligence targets for the forthcoming year. He added that he recalls in 1941 this directive received from S.T.O. contained no reference to Atomic Energy matters.

In addition the subject stated that while he was in attendance at the Soviet War College he gave a dissertation on the theory of Atomic Energy as it would be applied to the developments of weapons to be used in future wars between countries, and it was his opinion that as a result of this dissertation by him before the Marshals of the Red Army ultimately obtained for him the position as Chief, Section IV. Therefore, due to his early interest in Atomic Energy he advised he would have taken note of any information regarding this matter which would have passed through Section IV, and would now recall this information.

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SEVEN BROTHERS

This was a code name given to an illegal operation contemplated by the Russians in 1940 to 1941. The subject advised he had knowledge of this operation as it came under the jurisdiction of Section 4 of Red Army Intelligence of which he was chief in 1941. The subject added that this operation was already in effect when he joined Section 4 in the latter part of 1940 and the young army officers who had been selected had already started their training for their eventual departure to the United States.

He stated that a plan had been proposed in 1940 to General GOLIKOV whereby seven young army officers would be selected and trained in intelligence matters and upon completion of this training, be sent to the United States as students under the Student Exchange Program. They were to enter various United States colleges where they would study for a number of years and then ostensibly break with Russia and remain in the United States, obtaining American citizenship if possible. Years later, ten or fifteen, each of these individuals would become heads of illegal espionage operations in this country.

This plan was approved by General GOLIKOV and he in turn sought and received the approval of MALENKOV. The seven were to be dispatched to the United States under the sanction of the Minister of Education. The subject stated he had no knowledge that this operation was ever put into effect and that at the time he departed Russia in May of 1941 the seven individuals selected were still in Russia.

He stated he knew for a fact that a memorandum had been prepared by MARINAX POLYAKOVA, one of his assistants in Section 4, and dispatched to the American Embassy. This memorandum, which the subject saw, was written on stationery containing the letterhead of the Ministry of Education and signed by the Minister of Education. It contained the seven assumed names of the individuals involved in this operation. He added he knows it was not a memorandum containing the names of a large group of students including the seven, but a memorandum which contained only the names of the seven.

At the time the subject saw this memorandum it was accompanied by a "Top Secret" memorandum from General GOLIKOV explaining these individuals were being sent to the United States on instructions of

MALENKOV. The subject stated this memorandum was sent to the United States Embassy, but he has no knowledge that the seven ever received visas to come to the United States as they had not received the visas prior to his departure from Russia for Germany and he did not return to Russia subsequent to this departure.

TASS

The subject stated his association with Tass was brief and his knowledge of the operation of this agency is based on this association and his knowledge of the operations of Russian Intelligence regarding individuals who leave Russia for foreign countries.

He advised that all of Tass personnel are cleared prior to their departure for assignment outside Soviet Russia. In 1940 to 1941 this clearance was obtained through the following procedure:

- (1) The name of an individual selected to be sent abroad was forwarded to the Communist Party organization for their approval. It was not necessary that an individual being sent abroad either as a journalist, scientist or technician be qualified in his field. This individual could be proposed by either Red Army Intelligence or the NKVD and the Director of the organization which these intelligence agencies decided would be their agents cover had no alternative other that to accept them.
- (2) Upon approval of the Communist Party organization, the name of the individual leaving Soviet Russia would then be sent to the Counter Intelligence Section of the NKVD and an extensive investigation would be conducted on his background. This applied to everyone leaving Russia.
- (3) If clearance is obtained, the individual departing Russia personally appears before the Foreign Section of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, where he undergoes an examination regarding the strength of his indoctrination to Communist Party principles and his adherence to these principles. At this time his Communist Party documents are taken away from him. This Committee has an equal representation from the Red Army Intelligence and the NKVD.
- (4) After an appearance before this Committee, the representatives of the Red Army Intelligence and the NKVD discuss the individual as to

which branch of the intelligence field would benefit most through the operation of this individual in a foreign country. The final selection is based upon qualifications and background and at this point the individual leaving Russia is designated either for service in the Red Army Intelligence or the NKVD.

chief of the section to which he has been designated, by either Red Army Intelligence or NKVD representatives, at which time he is informed of his obligation to engage in intelligence activities. If the individual going abroad is actually qualified for the position which he will fulfill in a foreign country, this is usually the first knowledge he has that he will have to engage in intelligence activities for Russia while abroad. Thereafter his primary responsibility is to the intelligence organization to which he is assigned and his secondary function will be to maintain an appearance as a legitimate representative of the agency which he represents in a foreign country.

The subject stated that in the case of Tass, wherein a correspondent for a foreign country was proposed by either the Red Army Intelligence or the NKVD and had no journalistic ability, he would, after the above-listed procedure, be presented to the Tass Director and thereafter taught the basic concepts of journalism and furnished a journalistic background. He added that although in many instances this was detrimental to Tass and other agencies in their efforts to perform their ostensible job, there was nothing the directors of these agencies could do to prevent intelligence agents from utilizing them for cover in foreign countries.

The subject estimated that in his opinion 90 per cent of Tass' representatives abroad were designated by the Red Army Intelligence or the NKVD and specifically selected for assignment in intelligence capacities in the countries to which they were assigned. Of this 90 per cent he stated that it was his belief 65 to 70 per cent of all Tass correspondents actually were Red Army Intelligence or NKVD representatives using Tass cover and from examination of their backgrounds it could be shown that they were not correspondents either by training or profession. The remaining 10 per cent sent abroad could be recruited by the legal representative of either Red Army Intelligence or the NKVD in the country to which they were assigned.

With respect to non-Soviet personnel attached to Tass and other official Russian agencies, these individuals could be drawn into intelligence activity if possible or feasible and contacts with other correspondents by Tass representatives are utilized for intelligence purposes.

Before departure from the Soviet Union, each representative going abroad is given a specific intelligence objective which is of primary importance and his other functions are subordinated to this assignment.

The subject added that a bona fide correspondent seldom travelled under an assumed name and it was only when a representative of either Red Army Intelligence or the NKVD using Tass or other Soviet agencies as cover that assumed names were used. With respect to Red Army Intelligence, he stated that their representatives almost always travelled under assumed names on the assumption that sometime in the past the individual's name had appeared in some Russian newspaper, either as being the recipient of a medal in connection with some battle where he was wounded or in some other manner, and that intelligence agencies in other countries read these Russian newspapers and kept lists of names appearing therein. It was the belief of Red Army Intelligence, therefore, their representative would be exposed immediately upon arrival in a foreign country.

AKHMEDOV stated his own Tass experience lasted from May to June, 1941, and was brought about in the following manner:

A message was received by Section 4 from a source who was an executive in the Skoda Plant in Czechoslovakia which advised that Germany contemplated declaring war on Russia in the latter part of June, 1941, and was massing their troups along the German Border. General GOLIKOV instructed the subject to proceed to Germany to verify this report and told him to utilize Tass cover in this mission.

Therefore, in May, 1941, the subject left Russia for Germany, travelling under the assumed name of GEORGI NIKOLAJEFF. Prior to his departure, he had to perfect his own journalistic background, but the necessary papers such as passport, travel permit, tickets, etc., were taken care of by Red Army Intelligence.

Upon arrival in Germany he assumed the position as Assistant President of Tass, but only served in this capacity for about two weeks

when war was declared by Germany and he was interned. He was repatriated shortly thereafter and was to proceed to Russia via Turkey; however, pon arrival in Turkey he was instructed to remain in that country as Press Attache attached to the Soviet Embassy.

He advised the above was his only personal contact with Tass.

AMTORG

The subject advised that representatives of Amtorg travelling abroad were cleared in the same procedure as set forth under the section entitled "TASS" and were given the same type assignment. He further advised he had no specific information regarding espionage activities for Amtorg in the United States during the period 1940 to 1941; however, he does know that this organization was utilized for intelligence activities as it was a good source of information for Section 4. He further advised that Amtorg was also utilized by Section 3 and Section 6 of Red Army Intelligence in intelligence activities in this country.

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The subject advised the same procedure would be followed in clearance of representatives of this agency travelling abroad and the representatives would be utilized in the same manner as is set forth under the section entitled "TASS." He added that he had no personal knowledge of specific intelligence activities engaged in by this agency, but does know that it was utilized by both Red Army Intelligence and the NKVD for intelligence activities during 1940 to 1941.

FARADAY

The subject has previously furnished information regarding Unknown Subject - FARADAY and during the interview was questioned regarding his alleged statement that FARADAY was identical with SAMUEL WECMAN. He advised that he considered FARADAY and WECMAN to be possibly identical and this identification was made at the time he read "The Shameful Years, 30 Years Of Soviet Espionage in the United States" published by HCUA in December, 1951.

He advised that under the section devoted to ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, on page 33, there was contained a brief

biography of SAMUER WEGMAN. It was on this information pertaining to WEGMAN that this possible identification was made by the subject; however, he could make no positive statement that WEGMAN and FARADAY are identical.

With reference to FARADAY, the subject made the following statements which, he advised, he knows were factual regarding FARADAY's background and were obtained by him from a review of FARADAY's file:

FARADAY was born somewhere in the Ukraine in the 1880's and entered the United States sometime during the years 1905 to 1907 and later obtained United States citizenship in 1910 to 1912. Furthermore, in 1940 to 1941 FARADAY was the owner of a large electrical appliance store in New York City. The name FARADAY was a code name used by this individual and he was in charge of the financial matters in the Soviet espionage apparatus in the United States. In 1941, due to FARADAY's advanced years, it was decided to replace him with an individual whose true name was ARSHANSKY. (This individual will be further identified in this memorandum.) The subject added that he has no information that FARADAY was replaced by ARSHANSKY and has no knowledge as to FARADAY's present whereabouts or if he is still alive.

He stated that funds were made available to FARADAY by the legal residents of Red Army Intelligence in the United States and FARADAY put these funds in various banks under his own name. These funds were transmitted to the United States in diplomatic pouches by couriers and they were always sent in cash. The bills were usually in small denominations, 10's, 20's, 50's, and the amounts transmitted to FARADAY ranged from five to ten thousand dollars at a time. The subject stated that he has seen money be prepared in Russia for transmittal to the United States and it was prepared in the above manner. Furthermore, it was his knowledge this transmittal of funds was always effected in the same procedure.

SAMUEL WEGMAN

On page 33 of "The Shameful Years, 30 Years Of Soviet Espionage in the United States" there appears information to the effect that SAMUEL J. WEGMAN operated a business in Hollywood, California, and New York City and that sometime in 1941 or 1942 ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS gave \$1,875.00 to SAMUEL J. WEGMAN. From this amount ADAMS requested WEGMAN to pay him,

ADAMS, \$75.00 per week and forward this sum by check to ADAMS at the Peter Cooper Hotel in New York City. It also reflected that WEGMAN is presently deceased.

During the investigation conducted on ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, information was developed reflecting that one SAMUEL JULIAN WEGMAN was born October 20, 1891 or 1888, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and operated a cosmetic and supporter firm in Hollywood, California, during 1940 - 1941. Prior to that time, in 1918, WEGMAN had operated the Zenda Vesta Publishing Company until 1932, at which time he founded the Gargoyle Press and remained active in this business, which was a mail order business, until 1937. In 1939 he founded the Samuel J. Wegman Company in New York City, which retailed men's abdominal supporters by mail.

The known information on SAMUEL WEGMAN is completely in variance with the information the subject stated he knows to be a fact concerning Unknown Subject - FARADAY's background.

<u>ADAMS</u>

The subject has previously furnished information to the effect that in 1940 to 1941 Unknown Subject - ADAMS was operating as an illegal espionage agent in the United States. He advised that from his reading of the aforementioned "The Shameful Years, 30 Years Of Soviet Espionage in the United States" he is convinced that the ADAMS he previously reported is identical with ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS.

During the interviews he stated he knows positively that ADAMS was the real name of this individual and not an assumed or code name. Furthermore, that from a review of his dossier he has ascertained that ADAMS first came to the United States legally around 1927 as a Soviet official with Amtorg and thereafter made several official trips to this country from Russia working for Russian Army Intelligence.

Also, while in Russia, ADAMS served as director of an auto plant in Moscow in the early 1930's and married an American woman who lived with him in Moscow. This woman gave English lessons to Soviet intelligence officers and in 1941 he took English lessons twice a week for a period of three months from this woman.

In 1937 ADAMS entered the United States illegally from Canada after obtaining Canadian citizenship fraudulently and thereafter did an excellent job for Red Army Intelligence in this country. As a result of ADAMS' work, he was commended by Russia.

In 1941 the subject was instructed by General GOLIKOV to contact ZORIN, the legal representative of Red Army Intelligence in the United States, and instruct him to have ADAMS returned to Russia. The subject stated that ADAMS' return was brought about by the various purges in the Red Army Intelligence field during the late 1930's and early 1940's and the new officials suspected anyone connected with the former director of Red Army Intelligence; therefore, they wanted them to be returned to Russia and replaced by men of their own choosing. ZORIN reported back to the subject he contacted ADAMS on three occasions and on each occasion ADAMS diplomatically, but firmly, refused to return.

The subject stated that the above information which he had obtained from ADAMS' file in Russia so closely paralleled the information regarding the background and activities of ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICU ADAMS () as set forth in the aforementioned HCUA publication that he is reasonably sure they were one and the same individual; however, he has no positive information reflecting they are identical and has no information as to the present whereabouts of ADAMS. He further advised that his only contact with ADAMS was through ZORIN and, therefore, having never seen him, would not be able to effect an identification through photographs.

Photographs of DOROTHEW KEEN RAMS, wife of ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH DAMS, which were taken in 1925, 1927, 1929, 1933 and 1937, were shown to the subject and he advised that the 1937 photograph of DOROTHEA KEEN ADAMS greatly resembles the Mrs. ADAMS he received English instructions from in Moscow in 1941.

In connection with ADAMS' recall in 1941 by Red Army Intelligence, it was proposed to General GOLIKOV that he be liquidated in the United States inasmuch as he refused to return to Russia. This proposal was forwarded to Section 5 of Red Army Intelligence, which section was in charge of liquidations, and they declined to undertake liquidation of ADAMS in the United States at that time inasmuch as their organization here was weak during 1940 to 1941. The reason that this proposal was made was that General GOLIKOV was afraid in 1940 or 1941 that ADAMS would go to the FBI and furnish that agency all the information he had regarding Soviet espionage activities in the United States.

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MICHAEL

The subject stated in reference to the information he furnished regarding unknown subject MICHAEL that this individual was also utilized as a source of information by Section IV during 1940 to 1941 and was under the direction of The subject advised that ZORIN had difficulty controlling MICHAEL and also contacting him and that it was his belief that the contact with MICHAEL was made by utilizing the services of an Amtorg engineer in the United States, whose identity he does not recall, as a cutout. MICHAEL landed on the West Coast of North America secretly from a ship around The subject stated he does not now recall whether this initial entry was made into Mexico, Canada, or the United States; however, he does recall from reading MICHAEL's dossier that he was operating in the United States during the 1930's and had traveled to both Marioc and Canada. MICHAEL was difficult to control inasmuch as he did a lot of traveling and was not anxious to work. The subject characterized him as being a "bum" and that he was poorly fixed financially, that he was single, and was considered by Red Army Intelligence to be completely demoralized. He recalls in 1941 he instructed ZORIN to contact MICHAEL and advise him his return to Russia was desired by Red Army Intelligence. This contact was made by ZORIN; however, MICHAEL refused to return and advised ZORIN that in the event he was not left alone by representatives of Red Army Intelligence in the United States, he would furnish the information he had regarding Russian espionage activities in the United States to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He further advised that the name MICHAEL was a code name for this individual and that he does not recall his true name or the assumed name he used while in this country; furthermore that ZORIN's predecessor, VARTANIAN, also utilized MICHAEL while in this country. He also advised that at this time he does not recall what type information MICHAEL furnished.

ZORIN

The subject stated that ZORIN was the true name of an individual whom he knows to have been operating in the U. S.

under the assumed name of NIKOLAI KOROVIN, Chief Engineer, Amtorg, and that he was the legal resident of Red Army Intelligence in the United States during 1940 and 1941. It was through ZORIN that contact was maintained by Section IV with FARADAY, MICHAEL, and ADAMS. The subject further advised that he never personally met ZORIN and, therefore, would be unable to identify him as NIKOLAI KOROVIN from a photograph. However, inasmuch as ZORIN was the contact of Section IV in the United States at this time, he knows for a fact that ZORIN and NIKOLAI KOROVIN are one and the same individual.

ARSHANSKY

The subject advised he first became aware of ARSHANSKY, the true name of this individual, in Riga, Latvia, In 1941. He advised that Colonel BOLSHAKOV, Chief of Section VI, had headed a commission to Latvia in the latter part of 1940 in an effort to locate individuals who could be sent to this country by Red Army Intelligence for espionage purposes. One of the requisites was that these individuals have relatives in the United States and Jews were considered especially good sources as they had funds and the majority of them had relations in this country. After BOLSHAKOV left Latvia and returned to Russia, the subject was directed to proceed to Latvia to check on the work of BOLSHAKOV and his commission. It was while in Latvia that he first met ARSHANSKY, who at that time was then preparing a cover story about his background and relatives. Insofar as the subject personally knows, ARSHANSKY never left Russia for the United States and he has no knowledge that ARSHANSKY had approached the American Embassy to Woscow in an enfort to obtain a visa for travel to this country.

TWO JEWISH GIRLS RECRUITED IN LATVIA BY SOVIETS

With reference to the information he has previously furnished reflecting that two Jewish girls were recruited in Latvia for espionage activities on behalf of the Soviets and that they were eventually destined for Canada through the assistance of FARADAY, the subject during the interview stated that one of these girls married When questioned

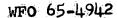
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as to how he knew this to be a fact, the subject advised that he did not know this to be a fact but assumed that it was true inasmuch as he heard that one of the girls recruited in Latvia would attempt, after reaching Canada, to marry a member of the Canadian Parliament. Recently while reading the testimony of the Royal Commission regarding the Soviet espionage ring uncovered in Canada, he noted that FRED ROSE, a member of the Canadian Parliament, was involved in Soviet espionage and he assumed that this was the member of Farliament that the Soviet agent from Latvia was to marry.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The subject advised that each legal resident of Red Army Intelligence had at his disposition in the country to which he was assigned a two-way radio for the purpose of contacting Red Army Headquarters in Russia. He advised that these two-way radios were brought into the country in suitcases under diplomatic immunity by couriers. VARTANIAN advised him that while he was in the United States as legal resident of Red Army Intelligence, he had such a two-way radio which he utilized. He was positive that ZORIN, VARTANIAN'S successor, also used a two-way radio for communication with Russia; however, he could not recall any specific message from ZORIN which he could ascribe to radio communication. He advised that this was due to the procedure of channeling messages in Russia. Subject stated that based on his experience, these radios would be located in the Soviet Embassies, Consulates, or some other Soviet diplomatic establishment and this equipment would always be kept in a room with steel doors. Radio communications between the legal resident of Red Army Intelligence and Russia were not used frequently because of their conspiratorial nature and when used messages were limited to 200 words. This precaution was taken so the location of the radio could not be ascertained through monitoring devices in the countries where they were used. With respect to radio communications between the United States and Russia, the subject stated they were unsatisfactory in that the legal residents found difficulty in obtaining suitable frequencies and arranging time schedules. Furthermore, due to the great



distance between Russia and the United States, it was found these messages became garbled and, therefore, were not considered too reliable. The subject stated that in October 1941, General GOLIKOV issued a circular order to all legal residents of Rad Army Intelligence Instructing them to conceal two-way radios which were to be hidden for emergency purposes. These radios were to be hidden by digging holes in fields, forests, et cetera, and burying these radios so they could be obtained at some future date by Soviet agents. After the two-way radios were buried, maps and photographs of each hiding place were to be forwarded to Moscow. He advised that fifteen two-way radios were dispatched in this manner to Turkey and he personally had specific knowledge as to the location of one of these buried units

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NKVD OPERATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

The subject advised that he had no personal knowledge of NKVD espionage activities in the United States during 1940 and 1941. The only information he had regarding this was obtained in a discussion with VARTANIAN in which the subject was told that the United States resident of the "neighbors" had been arrested in the United States by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He advised that in Red Army Intelligence circles the NKVD was referred to as the "neighbors." Red Army Intelligence was pleased by this arrest masmuch as the NKVD agent had been making serious trouble for the Red Army Intelligence agents in the United States by submission of derogatory reports regarding their activities. further advised that during the discussion with VARTANIAN he furnished him the name of the arrested NKVD agent which he has previously only been able to recall as being Armenian and ending in "ian." While reading "The Shameful Years, Thirty Years of Soviet Espionage in the United States," his memory was refreshed and this individual VARTANIAN talked to him about was actually GAIK OVAKIMIAN.

KATYN FOREST

The subject advised that he has no information regarding the happenings in the Katyn Forest massacre other than he has obtained through reading newspapers and books regarding this incident.

WALTER/WAIVITSKY

The subject advised he had no personal knowledge regarding WALTER KRIVITSKY but assumes from what he has read that KRIVITSKY's liquidation was ordered by Moscow.

The subject advised during this interview that generally speaking the intelligence activities of the legal residents and the illegal residents of Section IV were considered to be very poor during the time he functioned as Chief of this section. During this time the United States was not the prime target for penetration by soviet agents although Red Army Headquarters was vitally interested in obtaining information from this country. The prime target of intelligence during that period was Germany. Generally speaking Russian intelligence was at a low ebb in the late 1930's and early 1940's due to the purges of Red Army officers that took place in Russia. The high ranking officers who assumed positions of importance in Red Army Intelligence after these purges mistrusted the agents who had been affiliated with their predecessors and in many instances ordered them returned to Russia so they could replace them with agents of their own choosing.

The subject advised on October 26, 1953, that subsequent to his return from New York he will contact the Washington Field Office and make himself available for reinterview.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)(RM) TO

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SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS

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Mr. WILLIAM K. SWIGERT, Vectoral American Company 18, Room 383, 4100 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio, Over Mr. WILLIAM K. SWIGERT, Veterans Administration Center, advised that after reading the attached article entitled, 25 Soviet Spy Units Seen Active in the U.S.," which appeared in the Dayton Journal Herald on October 29, 1953, that he is of the opinion that the ARTHUR ADAMS referred to in instant article is KUSSIZ-ARTHUR A MCADAMS.

subject was Mr. SWIGERT stated that he first met ARTHUR A. McADAMS in 1933 at Patterson, New Jersey, at which time he, SWIGERT, was lat wright then-see employed in the Foreign License Branch, Wright Aeronautical < Corporation. He advised that he remained in this capacity from 1932 to 1936. He explained that his job was to make the necessary contacts with manufacturers of parts which were not made by Wright Serz68 Aeronautical Corporation, and as a result of these contacts the 030 products would be made available to foreign purchasers. connection with this work he became closely associated with ARTHUR A. McADAMS and stated that they were together on the average of three or four times each year. He stated that McADAMS was a liaison representative for U.S.S.R. and that he made his headquarters at Amtorg Corporation in New York, New York. He advised that McADAMS had been employed by the Ford Motor Company in Detroit, Michigan, as a tool designer. He further stated that in connection with his job, he had introduced McADAMS to the following companies: Bohn Aluminium and Brass Casting Company, E. Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan; Packard Motor Company,

ENCL. Mr. SWIGERT further advised that McADAMS had told him In one of their confidential talks that he was using the name of ARTHUR A. FADAMS but that his true name is ARTHUR A. McADAMS. He stated that McADAMS was born of a Scotch father and a Swedish mother

Detroit, Michigan; and the Excello Container Corporation, Detroit,

Michigan. He has not seen or heard from McADAMS since 1936.

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but that he had been raised and educated in Russia. MCADAMS! father was employed by VICKERS of England, and this company had moved McADAMS! father from Sweden to St. Petersburg, which is now known as Leningrad. He could not furnish the names of McADAMS! parents nor could be furnish their former addresses.

Mr. SWIGERT stated that McADAMS had married a Boston girl in 1931 or 1932 but that he never met McADAMS! wife. He advised that McADAMS lived in New York, but he could not furnish the address of his residence.

Mr. SWIGERT further advised that McADAMS made numerous Ptrips to Russia during the years of 1933-1936 and that it appeared 400 that he, McADAMS, got his orders directly from Moscow. He is of 10,268 the opinion that McADAMS was the boss of the following persons: \$\frac{P_2}{7},2\beta\$ EUGENE RODZEVICH Chief Engineer of Aviation; JOHN MICHAILOV, President of Aviation; GEORGE AKIMOV, Metallurgist and Chemist; CEORGE STARCHENKO, Vice President; ANDRUE OMEL, Metallurgist and T Chemist; and NICOLAS PAZILER, Metallurgist. He stated that all of the above were employed at AMTORG, New York, New York, and that this organization was the bargaining agency for the U.S.S.R.

A photograph of ADAMS was exhibited to Mr. SWIGERT, who identified ADAMS as the person he knew as McADAMS.

Mr. SWIGERT stated that his only reason for bringing this to the FBI's attention is that changing the name from ARTHUR A. ADAMS to ARTHUR A. McADAMS might aid in locating him.

Mr. SWIGERT furnished the following description of the subject:

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ARTHUR A. MCALAMS 45-50 in 1932 51811

160-175 Unknown None

Graduate from University of

Toronto, Canada

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Dressed very neat, nice approach, spoke good English with slight accent

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He graduated from this institute in 1929 and was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Red Army. He was subsequently sent to Tbilisi to serve in the radio battalion of the Red Army, and after three or four months there he was appointed to the Intelligence Section of the Headquarters of the Caucasian Red Army where he served until 1932 in operations intelligence on the frontier against Turkey and Iran. In 1932 he entered the Military Electrotechnical College from which he graduated in 1936. From 1936 to 1938 he attended Moscow Scientific Research Institute for Communications of the Red Army. In 1938 he attended the War College of the General Staff of the Red Army, graduating in 1940. While a student at the War College he participated in the campaign against Finland in 1939.

He testified that in 1940 he was appointed to the Military Intelligence Department of the General Staff of the Red Army as Chief of the Fourth or Technical Intelligence He served in this position until May, 1941, when he was sent to Germany with a cover as correspondent for Tass News Agency using the name Georgi Petrovich Nikolayeff. He stated that this assignment came about upon the receipt in Moscow of a cablegram from intelligence sources in Germany on April 17, 1941, to the effect that a Soviet agent, Shkoor, had furnished information indicating that Germany planned to declare war against Russia. He identified Shkvor as Vice President of the Skoda Munition's Plant in Czechoslovakia. This cable gram was called to Stalin's attention. interpreted it as English provocation and ordered that an intelligence agent be sent to Germany to punish the originator of the message. Akhmedov was dispatched to Germany to determine whether the information was true or not. Shortly after his arrival in Germany the Germans declared war against Russia on June 22, 1941, and Akhmedov was interned, but after approximately three weeks was repatriated to Russia via Turkey. Upon his arrival in Turkey in July or August, 1941, he said he was ordered to remain as a Red Army intelligence officer with the cover of Press Attache at the Turkish Embassy. He remained in this position until June 3, 1942, at which time he broke with the Soviet Government. He stated that while in Turkey in the Fall of 1941 he received notification that his wife had died in Russia.

REASONS LEADING TO HIS DEFECTION:

Akhmedov read into the record a statement as to the ideological reasons for his defection. This was to the effect

that on June 3, 1942; he requested asylum from the Turkish authorities. This was based on a disillusionment which had been growing upon him over a period of many years. he realized the evils of the Soviet military hierarchy and the horrors of the purges, forced labor camps, and collective farms. In his philosophy he had renounced Soviet godlesness for belief in God. While in Turkey he stated he had disagreed with his superiors and had failed to comply with orders to carry out espionage against the Turks and that in May, 1942, he had been recalled to Russia to give an account of his behavior and rather than return he sought asylum in Turkey. He testified that he had known hundreds of officers in the Soviet army and scores of members of the Russian Communist Party. He was granted asylum in Turkey and remained there until 1950. In 1950 he obtained Turkish citizenship and at that time adopted the name Ismail Ege, which was the name of the district in Turkey in which he resided. He left Turkey in 1950 and proceeded to Italy and Germany as an employee of the International Envoy Company, a subsidiary of General Electric Corporation. He remained in Germany until 1953, and from there proceeded to the V. S., entering the V. S. February 29, 1953.

STEPS TAKENTO COMMUNICATE WITH AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS:

He testified that in February or March, 1942, he paid his respects to American Consular officials at Istanbul, Turkey, whom he told of his intended break with the Soviet Union and his willingness to enter the U.S. Army. He stated his proposal was turned down. He said that in 1945 he wrote a letter to the Ambassador in Turkey stating he had information concerning the U.S. He received a reply instructing him to go to the Consulate at Istanbul. He was interviewed again at Istanbul in 1945, at which time he furnished information. He testified that in 1948 he had been interviewed at length by the FBI and had been contacted by the FBI several times since that date.

RED ARMY INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE U. S. FROM 1941-1942:

He was questioned concerning espionage rings operating against the U.S. and he used a chart which he stated was prepared by him in May, 1941, to illustrate the over-all control of the NKVD and Red Army intelligence by the Central Committee of the Communist Party. He stated that espionage networks consisted of legal and illegal representatives. He defined a legal repre-

sentative as being a Soviet citizen working in some Soviet foreign office or Soviet establishment such as Tass, Amtorg, foreign sections of the Soviet State Bank and so on. He defined an illegal resident as being a foreigner, American citizen, British citizen, Turkish citizen, traveling on their own passports who do not need a cover of a Government position in order to operate.

Akhmedov testified that in either February or March, 1941, that there came to his attention a list of materials forwarded from the U. S. through Amtorg via diplomatic channels. Included in the material were hundreds of pages of technical data, photographs, blueprints, photostats of the latest American tanks, artillery guns and electronic devices which had been developed and tested at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. He stated this material had been procured by illegal agents of the Technical Section of the Red Army intelligence who had transferred it to the legal agents operating under cover of Amtorg of New York.

Akhmedov was asked to estimate the number of espionage networks operating in the U.S. and he fixed his estimate at a minimum of 25, which included the then NKVD and all sections of Red Army intelligence.

He was questioned as to his knowledge of the Institute of Pacific Relations, and he replied that the question of the Institute of Pacific Relations came to his attention during the late Autumn of 1941. At that time Red Army intelligence was working out plans for further activities and a suggestion was made that the IPR should be included in the plans being drawn by the Technical Section of Red Army intelligence. The use of the IPR was suggested by his associate, Vartanyan, but subsequently he stated he learned from Golikov that the IPR was already being utilized by another section (the Third) of Soviet military intelligence.

USE OF COVERS BY SOVIET INTELLIGENCE:

Akhmedov was questioned as to the use of cover organizations in foreign countries. He cited as an example the name Rogov of Tass. He was questioned as to whether he meant Vladimir Rogov and he stated he did. He testified that Rogov was employed by the Third Section of Red Army intelligence in Moscow in January and February, 1941, and on occasions had unexplained absences from the Department. At this point Robert Morris, Subcommittee Counsel, introduced into the record the text of Letters bearing on Vladimir Rogov. One was dated

January 17, 1944, from Edward C. Carter to Alger Hiss in Washington, D. C., and suggested that Alger Hiss would be interested in meeting Vladimir Rogoff, a Tass correspondent en Toute from Moscow to London. Other correspondence indicated that Carter also communicated with Rose Yardumian, Secretary of the Washington Office of the Institute of Pacific Relations, urging that Rogov be introduced to Hornbeck, Laughlin Currie and Hiss. When asked if this referred to the Rogov known to him, Akhmedov replied that he did not know.

Akhmedov testified that Tass had often been used as a cover by Soviet intelligence officers. He identified one Tarasov, whose real name was Uden, as having been with the NKVD in Germany as the Tass President. In addition, a Sergi Kudryavtsev was a Tass officer in Berlin. Tass correspondent Yehosef Verchoupsev, Berlin, but stated he did not know exactly whether he was working for the NKVD but that he was not working for Red Army intelligence. He named Levrov, Tass organization in Berlin, as a representative of NKVD; Vishnyakov, President of Tass in Ankara, Turkey, as NKVD; Mikhailov, Tass correspondent in Istanbul, as a Red Army intelligence agent; Morozov, Tass correspondent in Intanbul, as a Red Army intelligence agent; and Lakayeva, Tass correspondent in Istanbul as working for Red Naval intelligence. In reply to a specific question as to whether Constantin Oumansky had been an intelligence officer he stated he did not know.

He also stated that Amtorg in the U. S. had been used as an intelligence channel. He named Vartanyan, Chief Engineer of Amtorg in New York, as having used Amtorg for a cover for Red Army intelligence activities. Vartanyan was replaced by Korovin, Chief Engineer of Amtorg, as a legal resident for the Technical Section of Red Army intelligence. Also, he named Baranov, a Naval intelligence officer, who utilized Tass as a cover and worked with Yartanyan.

INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY:

Akhmedov testified that in 1941 and 1942 the First, Second and Third Secretaries of the Soviet Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, were engaged in espionage activities. The First Secretary being assigned to the NKVD, the Second and Third Secretaries, to Red Army intelligence. He named Akimov, Soviet Consul General in Istanbul, as a Red Army intelligence agent who was assistant to the Soviet Military Attache, Tokol Lyachterov. Akhmedov named Kudravtsev, a Tass correspondent in Turkey, who was transferred to Moscow in 1941, and later sent to Canada, as having been active in the illegal network

of the Soviet Military Attache in Turkey. He stated that this same Kudravtsev was later appointed to the Soviet Delegation at the United Nations. He stated that Kudravtsev had been an agent in the Technical Section of Red Army intelligence and had worked for him (Akhmedov) at one time.

INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE U. S. :

Akhmedov was questioned as to whether he had known an agent named Adams. He stated Adams was an illegal resident (in the U. S.) of the Technical Section of Red Army intelligence; that according to Adams' file he had been born in some Scandinavian country, Sweden or Norway; had been a Bolshevik working for the Comintern; had been a friend of Lenin and was appointed in the early 1920's as Director of the First Soviet automobile plant in Moscow. He was an engineer. In the late 1920's Adams was sent to the U.S. as a Soviet agent working for Amtorg to purchase automobile parts and machine tools for automobile plants. At that time Akhmedov stated he would have been in the category of a legal agent of the Military intelligence because he was a Soviet citizen. Akhmedov said that in the late 1930's, Adams, according to his file, was sent illegally to the U. S., according to Maria Polykova, by way of Canada with a false passport. Akhmedov said when he was Chief of the Fourth (Technical) Section of the Russian Military Intelligence, Adams was operating in the U. Si as a contact of Korovin. Amtorg engineer. Akhmedov stated that General Golikov, Chief of the Intelligence Department, recalled Adams from the U.S. and Adams refused to return. Akhmedov stated that at the time he left Red Army intelligence in Moscow en route to Germany in 1941, Adams was still working for Red Army intelligence. Akhmedov said he did not know Adams first name. Akhmedov stated he had never met Adams since Adams was in the U. S. and he was in Moscow but that he did meet Adams! wife, who gave him English lessons at Moscow.

Robert Morris, Counsel for the Subcommittee, offered in testimony certain biographical data concerning Arthur Alexandrovich Adams, whom Morris stated had been under surveillance of security authorities at that time and he pointed out a strong similarity between Arthur Alexandrovich Adams and the Adams described by Akhmedov.

Akhmedov was asked whether he knew an individual named Mikhailov. He stated he did and that his real name was Mel Shinikov, and that prior to his admission to the U. S. he had been Chief of the European Section of the Fourth Section, with

the rank of Engineer in the Intelligence Department. He stated he was a graduate of the Military Academy for the Air Force in Moscow. Akhmedov was temporarily excused as a witness on October 28.

Akhmedov was recalled as a witness before the Committee on October 29, 1953, at which time he continued his testimony concerning Soviet operations against the U.S. Questioned further concerning Mikhailov, Akhmedov said that Pavel Mikhailov was, during December, 1940, or February or March, 1941, Chief of the European Section of the Fourth Section, and had been a Soviet intelligence officer during 1938, 1939, 1940, and 1941. Akhmedov was questioned as to whether he knew Dimitri Manuilski. He stated he did not know him personally but that Manuilski was well known since he had been head of the delegation of the All Union Communist Party at the Comintern, and he described him as having been on a high level but that he would not have been an intelligence agent. He stated Manuilski would have helped intelligence activities in directing, but that he would not have been an agent.

Robert Morris, Counsel for the Committee, then read into the record a memorandum indicating that Dimitri Manuilski had been entertained in San Francisco in the Spring of 1945, during the United Nations Conference on International Organization, by Louise Bransten. The memorandum identified Bransten as having been a contact of Pavel Mikhailov, then acting Soviet Consul General in New York, described by Igor Guzenko as having been head of Red Army intelligence in the New York area.

Akhmedov was questioned as to whether he knew a man named Malikov. He stated he did and that Malikov had been Military Attache to Tran in 1929 and that Malikov had been in contact at that time with the Intelligence Section of the Headquarters of the Caucasian Red Army. He said Malikov in 1932 was appointed Chief of the Intelligence Section of this Headquarters and later at the time Akhmedov attended the Military Electrotechnical Collège in Leningrad, Malikov had been appointed to the Intelligence Headquarters of the General Staff but that after that he did not know what had happened to him.

Akhmedov was asked whether he knew Vassili Zubilin and he stated he did not.

Akhmedov testified that prior to 1942 Soviet Ambassadors having the diplomatic position as Chief of Embassies were removed from intelligence activities, inasmuch as they

personally did not take part in it. He said that in January; 1941, a Top Secret order, which he had read, was issued by the Central Committee of the Communist Party and the Bi-Council of Peoples Commissars, signed by Stalin and Molotov, to the effect that from that point on the Ambassadors were to take complete charge of things and therefore under this order they would have to coordinate the intelligence activities of the various changels, i.e., Red Army, Red Navy, and NKVD.

Akhmedov testified that he was sure Oumansky, the American Ambassador, received that order.

Robert Morris then read into the record a document indicating that Vassili Zubilin, Third Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., and Gregori Markovich Kheifets, Soviet Vice-Consul at San Francisco, had been identified in 1943 and 1944 as Soviet espionage agents and that Kheifets had been associated with VOKS, the Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries. Akhmedov was questioned concerning VOKS and replied that it was established by the Soviet dovernment to promote cultural relations and in so doing was a propaganda agency and that Soviet intelligence agencies had used it as a cover for their intelligence of ficers.

Akhmedov was questioned as to whether he had known an American agent who had been a U.S. Reserve Army officer. He stated that he did and that this reserve officer worked in China during the 1930's, having come to China as a civilian and entered the Chinese Army. He stated he obtained this information from the Chief of his Subsection, Maria Polyakova. Akhmedov stated that during the late 1930's, possibly 1935, 1936, 1937, this officer had been recruited for Red Army intelligence and that during 1941 he resided in Moscow employed as an Intourist guide, writing articles for the Moscow News in English. He stated that at that time, 1941, the officer was 28-30 years of age, and was assigned to the Fifth Section of Red Army intelligence. According to Akhmedov, this officer's address was on Gorki Street, near the restaurant Aragvi. He stated this person was known to the American Ambassador in Moscow because he had acted as an Intourist guide with foreigners, especially the Americans and British.

Akhmedov was questioned concerning the Seven Brother's project. He stated this was a project to send legal Soviet citizens abroad for use in intelligence activities, the plan being to send seven young officers who had been trained in an intelligence school in Moscow to American colleges and universities to be trained as engineers. He stated a memorandum had

Embassy asking that visas be granted permitting these seven to enter the U. S. to attend school. He stated that at the time he left Moscow en route to Germany the question of getting their visas had not been finished and he did not know whether they had been sent or not. Akhmedov stated that he had seen all of the seven and that the memorandum for their visas had been prepared about March or April, 1941, was first transmitted to the Commissariat of Education for the signature of the Minister, and it was his understanding that after it was signed it was transmitted to the American Embassy in Moscow. He repeated that it was one memorandum including all seven names.

He was asked whether he knew a Soviet agent named Tirron or Tirov. He stated he knew a man named Tairov who had been Deputy Chief of Red Army intelligence in 1929 and 1930 and that he had been Stalin's right-hand man and his assignment in military intelligence was to supervise Berzine, who was the Chief. He described Tairov as a troubleshooter who he believed had been purged. He was questioned concerning an agent named Faraday. He stated Faraday was a code name and he had been an illegal resident for the Fourth Section in the U. S. He said that Faraday came to the U. S. from Czarist Russia about 1906 or 1907. He was a Jew who had been forced to flee and later became a U. S. citizen. he was about 56 or 58 years old, having been born in the Ukraine, perhaps Kiev or Kharkov. During the 1930's he had been recruited by Soviet intelligence working for Amtorg. He had an electrical appliance shop in New York. he did not recall his real name. He stated this person was in contact with Adams twice during 1941.

He was questioned concerning Arshansky. He stated Arshansky had not been a classmate but had graduated one year later than he from the Military Electrotechnical College in Leningrad and was later attached to military intelligence where he graduated from a secret intelligence corps with plans to be sent to the U.S. illegally. Arshanaky was ordered to prepare a cover story and was sent to Tallin, Estonia, and Riga, Latvia, to assume the life history of some deceased or imaginary person. False documents were prepared for him so he might be sent to the U.S.

THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF VON PAPEN:

Akhmedov was questioned concerning the attempted assassination of Von Papen and he stated that in 1942 when Von Papen was German Ambassador to Turkey an attempt was made upon his life but that he escaped and that two NKVD agents, Paulov and Kornilov, were arrested by the Turkish authorities in connection with this. Akhmedov stated he felt the attempted assassination plot had originated with Soviet intelligence authorities in Moscow.

Ismail Akhmedov is the subject of Bureau file

The only new pertinent data disclosed by Akhmedov in his testimony was his identifying Vladimir Rogov as a Tass representative and his testimony that the American agent, who had been a U. S. Reserve of ficer was known to the American Ambassador in Moscow in 1941.

The Washington Field Office has been instructed by separate communications to interview Akhmedov concerning the new data and to conduct appropriate investigation based on the results.

Photostats of Akhmedov's testimony, Volume 21, dated october 28, 1953, Volume 22, dated october 29, 1953, and Volume 32, dated october 28, 1953, have been placed in Bufile 62-88217 (Jenner Committee) and the originals returned to the Jenner Committee.

The testimony of Clarence F. Hiskey, Leon Josephson, Mrs. Louise R. Berman, Lement Upham Harris, and Philip Levy, Volume 21, and the testimony of Phillip Levy, Leon Josephson, Mrs. Louise R. Berman, Arthur Gerald Steinberg, Clarence F. Hiskey and Lement Upham Harris, Volume 32, are being reviewed in the Special Memoranda Unit of the Liaison Section and will be the subject of a separate memorandum.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

Over 25 Soviet Spy Units Seen Active In U.S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28—(UP)—A former top Russian intelligence officer told senate investigators today that 20 to 25 Soviet espio nage rings operated in the United States in 1941 and more than that are probably working here

Lt. Col. Ismail G. Akhmedov, who once headed the Russian general staff's fourth intelligence department, said the chief of the Soviet spy network in the United States in the 1930's and early 1940's was a man named Adams— a personal friend of Communist party founder Lenin.

The senate internal security subcommittee, which took testimony from the former Red intelligence chief, identified Adams as Arthur Adams, a key member of the Soviet underground now believed to be in Russia.

Scientist Testifies

In a dramatic move, subcom-mittee Chairman William Jenner (R-Ind) then called to the witness stand Clarence Hiskey, scientist who helped develop the atomic bomb. Subcommittee counsel Robert Morris read a top secret security memorandum issued in 1945 which linked Adams to Hiskey.

Hiskey refused on constitutional frounds to say whether he was ever a Communist or whether he net Adams in Chicago after re-eiving notice in 1944 that he was being recalled to active duty in the Army,

He also refused to say whether he then new to Cleveland, O., to persuade a "Mr. X" to take over his duties in the Manhattan atomic project at the University of Chicago.

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DATE: February 15, 1954

FROM

SAC, Detroit (100-12961)

SUBJECT:

ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.

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Re Bureau letter to New York, January 15, 1954.

The records of the Ford Motor Company, Detroit, Michigan, were made available to SE JAMES C. KRAUS on February 1, 1954 by Mr. PETE WOERTINK, Supervisor, Investigative Section.

These records were again checked against the Subject's true name and his aliases, ARTHUR A. MCADAMS and MAC ADAMS, with negative results. The only record located was on one ARNOLD J. MC ADAMS who was employed at the Ford Motor Company, Detroit, from August 27, 1936 to November 13, 1936.

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cc: New York (100-63983)

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NOTE: Adams is an alleged Soviet espionage agent who entered the US illegally in 1938. In 1944 and 1945 Adams attempted to obtain info re atomic bomb research. Stone was his paramour at that time. Adams disappeared in January, 1946, and is

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Chairman Velde (R., Ill.) said Thursday the house unamerican activities committee will repen next Tuesday a nine-year-old inquiry into an alleged atom spy, ring. He said the committee has called as a witness Mrs. Victoria Stone, described by the house unit as a member of an "outer grard" that helped a Soviet esponage agent, Arthur

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DATE: 3/16/54 ŤΟ : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280) from : SAC, WFO (100-16821) SUBJECT: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was. INTERNAL SECURITY - R ReBuairtel dated February 19, 1954, which advised WFO the House Committee on Un-American Activities was reopening inquiries into the case on the above-captioned subject on February 23, 1954, and that VICTORIA STONE was being called as a witness. WFO was requested to furnish copies of the transcript of the testimony of STONE and any other witnesses before the HCUA. On March 10, 1954, SA JOSEPH A. CONNORS, JR. obtained a transcript of VICTORIA STONE's testimony before the Executive Session of the HCUA. This information was received from HCUA on a highly confidential basis and if it is to be utilized in subsequent reports, the information should be paraphrased and a T symbol used to conceal the source. SA CONNORS ascertained that VICTORIA STONE was the only witness called to testify in the ADAMS case and that hearings regarding this matter have been discontinued at the present time. He further ascertained that on April 5, 1954, BERNARD FINE will testify in an Executive Session before the HCUA with respect to the ADAMS investigation. Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, WFO will, subsequent to FINE's appearance before the HCUA, obtain copies of his testimony and forward them to the Bureau. Attached herewith is a photostatic copy of VICTORIA STONE's testimony before an Executive Session of the HCUA on February 18, 1954. A copy of this testimony is also being made available to the New York Office inasmuch as New York is office of origin in instant case. INRECORDED COPY FILED IN enclo appalled ENCLOSURE - 1 JJM: BT 2 - New York (100-63983) (Encl.-1)

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Washington, D.C.

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HEARING

Thursday, Fabruary 18, 1954

MRS. VICTORIA STOLE

COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Dolores Anderson - Reporter

Thursday, Pebruary 18, 1954

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE OF UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,

Washington, D.C.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities met, pursuant to call, at 1:35 p.m., in Room 225, of the Old House Office Building, Chairman Haroli H. Velde presiding.

Committee Members present: Chairman Harold H. Velde, Representative Gordon H. Scherer, Representative James E. Frazier, Jr.

Staff members present: Mr. Frank S. Tavenner, Jr., Committee Counsel for this hearing; Mrs. Julie Joray, Acting Clerk; Mr. Larry Kerley, Committee Investigator; and Dolores Anderson, Reporter.

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Witness: Mrs. Victoria Stone, accompanied by Counsel,
Mr. David M. Markowitz, of Markowitz &
Shapiro, New York City.

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Mr. VELDE. Will the witness stand and raise her right hand to be sworn, please?

In the testimony you are about to give, do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mrs. STONE. I do.

Mr. VELDE. Let the record show, Miss Reporter, that I have appointed a subcommittee for the purposes of this hearing, consisting of Mr. Scherer, Mr. Frazier, and myself, Mr.

Velde as Chairman of this subcommittee. Proceed with your questions, please, Mr. Counsel.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you state your name, please?
Mrs. STONE. Victoria Stone.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you accompanied by counsel? Mrs. STONE. Yes, I am.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will counsel please identify himself for the record?

Mr. MARKOWITZ. Yes. David M. Markowitz, of the firm of Markowitz and Shapiro, 261 Broadway, Manhattan, New York City.

Mr. TAVANNER. When and where were you born, Mrs. Stone?
Mrs. STONE. In Montreal, Canada, and I am over twenty

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you a naturalized American citizen? Mrs. STONE. I am.

Mrs. STONE. When did you become naturalized?

Mrs. STONE. From here on out may I make a statement,
please?

Mrs. STONE. I am not going to answer any questions.

I have answered them time and time again. I have been before remaitures and grand juries. It seems that with all these questions, this particular thing has gotten way beyond me and beyond all reason. It is affecting my health and busines, so from here on out I am not going to answer any questions about anything.

Mr. VELDE. Are you just declining to answer that question?

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Mrs. STONE. Yes sir, on the grounds that it may incriminate me and it is degrading me.

Mr. VELDE. The fact that it might tend to degrade you is not in any way a material reason why you should refuse to answer the questions.

Mr. SCHERER. Mr. Chairman, I ask that you direct the witness to answer the questions whether she is naturalized because I can't see where that would incriminate her.

Mrs. STONE. I have answered that already, but I don't intend to answer any questions at all from here on.

Mr. VELDE. Obviously there is no possible way that last question could incriminate you, so I do direct you to answer the question.

Mrs. STONE. I have answered the questions time and time again. If you are considering asking me any more questions.

I am not going to answer any of them -- any questions.

Mr. VELDE. You may consult with your client at any time, Mr. Markowitz, but you may not address the Chair or in any way argue points of law for any reason. Proceed, Mr. Counsel.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mrs. Stone, you appeared as a witness before this Committee on September 14, 1948, at which time certain questions were asked you regarding a person by the name of Arthur Adams, and some of his close friends and associates. I want now to ask you certain other questions relating to associates and Mr. Adams.

My first question is first in the nature of a statement, which will be the basis for a question.

On November 8, 1949, Doctor William Gregory Burtan

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testified before this Committee regarding certain activities of his which resulted in a criminal prosecution......

Mrs. STONE. Pardon me for interrupting.

Mr. VELDE. Just a minute.

Mr. TAVENNER. in Federal Court. This prosecution related to a transaction regarding counterfeit money which he testified that part of the proceeds from which went to the Lovestone group of the Communist Party.

My first question is --- we're you acquainted with Doctor William Gregory Burtan?

Mrs. STONE. I refuse to answer on the same grounds.

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Mr. VELDE. By the same grounds you mean to refuse to answer on the grounds it might tend to incrimate you and degrade you? That will be understood in the future in ascertaining or answering the questions that may be propounded that may result in your refusing to answer the questions.

Mrs. STONE. Yes, thank you.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you become acquainted with an attorney on the west coast? A Mr. Aaron Sapiro?

Mrs. STONE. I am not going to answer any questions. I refuse to answer on the same grounds.

Mr. SCHERER. Mr. Chairman, the witness has said she is not going to answer any of the questions we ask her. How can she tell in advance whether the questions can incriminate her? That kind of answer places her in contempt of the Committee. I cannot possibly see how she can say or know what questions she is going to be asked.

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Mr. VELDE. The Chair concurs with you, Mr. Scherer.

I can see no reason why she shouldn't answer that simple question regarding her acquaintance with this man. I can't see ----

Mr. SCHERER. The point I make is that the witness said "I am not going to answer any questions." I don't see how she can possibly know the questions which are going to be asked of her and whether those questions would tend to incriminate her or her answers would incriminate her.

Mr. VELDE. You know, Mr. Scherer, that the witness has advice of counsel, and I take it, capable counsel. However, I think probably it would be the duty of the subcommittee to advise you of the danger of possible contempt for your statements that you have made to the effect that you would not answer any questions, regardless of what they were if they are submitted to you. It is my own individual opinion that in showing contempt for a Committee of Congress, a committee duly elected by the people and set up by Congress to do a certain job involving subversive activities reporting to the Congress for remedial legislation, you are making a mistake. I had hoped that you would cooperate with us to the fullest extent and help us to do the duty imposed upon us by the people.

Mrs. STONE. I have refused because I have answered countless questions and have been before committees many many times and have never used the Fifth Amendment. Now it is beyond physical endurance and mental endurance. I am not going through all of it again.

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There have been some pulp magazines writing stories about me -- my personal life -- and a thousand things have been said by innuendo -- columnists making statements about me. People coming and annoying me at my work -- and I get telephone calls and letters ---.

Mr. VELDE. Mrs. Stone, that might be interesting to talk about outside the hearing, but it has no bearing on this particular hearing whatsoever. We are meeting here in Executive session, to get some information which we think might possibly be within your knowledge. I want to say that I am certain our Counsel would ask you questions concerning your activities that hadn't been asked of you before, and I again must tell you I feel it is very bad taste and very poor judgment to say you are not going to answer those questions when you don't know what the questions are going to be.

Mrs. STONE. They all follow a certain pattern. Time and time again — they are on record. I have had them rehashed time and time again and explained my personal life and exposed myself to all sorts of distortions.

Mr. VELDE. Let us proceed. We are not interested excepting in those matters before our committee. We want to get the facts concerning subversive activities you know about. We will appreciate your courtesy in answering.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you discuss at any time with Mr. Aaron Sapiro or any other person a plan for the raising of money for the defense of a William Gregory Burtan in the criminal proceeding which was pending against him in the United States Federal Courts?

Mrs. STONE. On the same grounds, I refuse to answer.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that you direct that an answer should be made.

Mr. VELDE. Yes, the Chair can see no way that can possibly incriminate you, and you are directed to answer the question.

Mrs. STONE. I still refuse.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you have any knowledge of the existence of a plan to raise funds to defend Doctor William Gregory
Burtan in the Criminal proceeding against him in the Federal
Courts during the year 1934?

Mrs. STONE. Same statement.

Mr. VELDE. You refuse to answer?

Mrs. STONE. If you please.

Mr. VELDE. I direct you to answer that question again, Mrs. Stone.

Mrs. STONE. I still refuse.

Mr. VELDE. Have you ever been asked that question before?

Mrs. STONE. I refuse to answer any question about that.

Mr. SCHERER. Now Mr. Chairman, I ask that you direct the witness to answer your question as to whether she has been asked that question before.

Mr. VELDE. I direct you to answer.

Mrs. STONE. I refuse to answer, same grounds.

Mr. VELDE. Have you ever been asked whether you were acquainted with Doctor William Burtan before?

Mrs. STONE. I refuse to answer.

Mr. SCHERER. I ask that you direct the witness to answer

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that question.

Mr. VELDE. Yes, you are directed to answer that question Mrs. STONE. Same answer.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mrs. Stone, during the early part of December, 1953 the House Committee on Un-American Activities was holding hearings in San Francisco. At that time Roy Hudson was called as a witness and he was presented a letter over the signature of a person by the name of Hudson, and bearing the date of February 8, 1934, addressed to H. Jackson. This letter was very critical of H. Jackson for his opposition to the Politburo's action in giving a person by the name of George Mink a temporary leave of absence from his duties and assigning him to a particular mission.

(At this point Representative Frazier entered the hearing room.)

Were you acquainted with Roy Hudson?

Mrs. STONE. I refuse to answer.

Mr. SCHERER. Mr. Chairman, I ask that you direct the witness to answer the question as to whether she is acquainted with this man Hudson.

Mr. VELDE. I direct the witness to answer the question.

I can see no way a mere acquaintanceship with a person can

possibly incriminate you.

Mrs. STONE. I refuse to answer.

Mr. VELDE. Let the record show at this point that a third member of the subcommittee is present at the hearing.

(Representative Frazier had entered the hearing room.)

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you acquainted with George Mink?

Mrs. STONE. I refuse to answer -- same grounds.

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Mr. TAVENNER. Were you acquainted with a person by the name of Leon Josephson?

Mrs. STONE. I refuse to answer, same grounds.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you aware at any time that Leon Josephson and George Mink went to Denmark in 1934 or the early part of 1935?

Mrs. STONE. I refuse to answer on the same grounds.

Mr. VELDE. Again you are directed to answer the question

Mrs. STONE. Again I refuse to answer on the same grounds

Mr. TAVENNER. Mr. Chairman, I do not think the witness has been directed to answer the question as to whether she was acquainted with the name of Leon Josephson.

Mr. VELDE. Yes, you are directed to answer that question too.

Mrs. STONE. I refuse to answer the question -- same grounds.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you acquainted with an attorney in New York City by the name of Jacob B. Aranoff?

Mrs. STONE. I refuse to answer on the same grounds.

Mr. VELDE. Again you are directed to answer the question.

Mrs. STONE. Again I refuse to answer for the same reason.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you at any time in the home of

Jacob B. Aranoff at a time when Arthur Adams was present?

Mrs. STONE. I refuse to answer -- the same grounds.

Mr. VELDE. Again you are directed to answer the question.

Mrs. STONE. I refuse to answer on the same grounds.

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Mr. VELDE. I want to have about a five-minute recess and ask the Members and the Counsel to come in the next room with me.

(Whereupon the Committee adjourned for a five-minute recess at 2:05 p.m.).

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(The Subcommittee reconvened at 2:10 p.m.)

Mr. VELDE. The Subcommittee, Mrs. Stone and Mr. Counsel, have decided to continue the subpena until next Tuesday at 10 o'clock a.m., February 23, 1954, to the regular hearing room, the Caucus Room on the third floor of this building. Until that time the subcommittee will stand adjourned.

(Whereupon at 2:12, the Subcommittee adjourned its Executive session, Thursday, February 18, 1954.)





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Remylet dated 3-16-54, which stated BERNARD FINE was to testify in Executive Session before the HCUA on 4-5-54 regarding the above-captioned subject.

This is to advise that SA JOSEPH A. CONNORS, JR., through liaison with HCUA, has ascertained FINE did not appear on 4-5-54 and that the hearings on this matter have been indefinitely postponed.

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Mr. STLVIO J: MOLLO, AUSA, SDIY, advised on 4/5/56, that the secret indictment against ADAMS is still outstanding.

While Mr. MOLLO was not asked for any information other than the above, nor for any opinion, he stated that at his earliest convenience, he wished to review his records on the ADAMS case relative to a possible recommendation to the Department to retain the indictment or to have it dismissed. He said that if his office should take any action in this matter, he would advise the New York Office.

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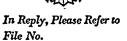
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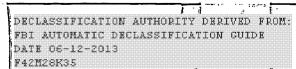
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Through liaison maintained between WFO and the HCUA, it has been ascertained that the hearings regarding the above captioned subject will not be reconvened in the imminent future.

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Reference is made to the reports and memoranda which have been furnished to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice in the past concerning the espionage activities of Arthur Alexandrovich Adams and his contacts and associates.

As you know, several persons involved in Adams* activities in the United States have refused to cooperate with the Government in investigation of this matter. It is suggested you may wish to consider the contacts and associates of Adams in your consideration of the provisions of Senate Bill 16.

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SYNOPSIS:

A review has been made of the Adams case and related cases with regard to the provisions of Senate Bill 16. While no specific recommendations relating to granting of immunity are being made to the Internal Security Division of the Department, the Adams case is called to its rattention by attached letter. Adams is a known Soviet agent who is believed to have obtained information regarding Atomic Energy research in the United States during World War II. Adams disappeared 1-23-46 while under Bureau surveillance and is believed to have returned to the USSR. Certain persons believed involved in Adams' espionage activities have refused to cooperate or have denied knowledge of Adams' espionage activities, some of whom are: John Hitchcock Chapin, Clarence F. Hiskey, Miriam Sherwood Hiskey, Julius Heiman, Irene Miller, Dr. Louis Miller, Samuel J. Novick and Victoria Stone.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Attached for your approval is a letter to the Internal Security Division of the Department suggesting it may desire to consider the contacts and associates of Arthur Alexandrovich Adams in its consideration of Senate Bill 16.

(2) Attached is a letter to New York, office of origin in this case, advising of action being taken at the Bureau in this matter.

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DETAILS:

The Adams case and related cases have been reviewed with the provisions of Senate Bill 16 in mind. While it is not felt the Bureau should make specific recommendations to the Department relative to which persons, if any, should be offered immunity, it is felt that the Adams case should be called to the attention of the Internal Security Division of the Department and a letter to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins is attached.

Investigation of Adams was instituted in July, 1944, on receipt of information that he was in contact with Clarence F. Hiskey, a scientist employed by the Manhattan Engineers District. Adams disappeared on January 23, 1946, while under Bureau surveillance and is believed to have returned to the USSR. Investigation reflects that during World War II Clarence Hiskey was closely associated with Adams and introduced John Hitchcock Chapin and Edward Tiers Manning to Adams. According to Chapin's statement to agents, Hiskey requested Chapin to furnish information to Adams concerning his work at the Metlab (Atomic Energy research at Chicago). Chapin claims he never furnished information to Adams in this regard. According to Manning, Adams requested Manning to furnish Adams with information received while employed with Hiskey at Metlab. Ismail Akhmedov, a confessed Soviet agent, while employed at the headquarters of Soviet Military Intelligence at Moscow, Russia, about 1941, learned through the records there that Adams was an agent of Soviet Military Intelligence in the United States. b3

The Department declined prosecution of Adams and Hiskey on grounds of insufficient evidence on December 20. 1945. and October 15. 1946.

It is probable that prosecution in this case would result in adverse publicity to the Bureau because of the circumstances surrounding the escape of Adams. To prevent Adams, departure from the U.S.,

a secret indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York on March 13, 1945, charging Adams with furnishing false birth data in his registration under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, and the Alien Registration Act of 1940. Adams was to be arrested in that connection only if he attempted to leave the United States. Adams disappearance on 1-23-46 after eluding a Bureau surveillance at New York City was probably caused by premature widespread newspaper publicity which had been afforded Adams a short time The first newspaper story published concerning Adams previously. alleged espionage activities appeared in the "New York Journal American" on December 3, 1945. That story was written by Howard Rushmore on the basis of unauthorized disclosures made to him by ex-FBI agent Larry E. Kerley. Physical surveillance of Adams had been maintained with difficulty for more than a years After 12-3-45 physical surveillance became extremely difficult and at times almost impossible because Adams was sought by reporters and curiousity seekers almost constantly. Adams! disappearance has been mentioned in the press on numerous occasions but the above-mentioned indictment has never been publicized.

Another potential source of embarrassment in the event of a prosecution in this case is the possibility that it might become known that the Bureau utilized technical surveillances, microphone surveillances and highly confidential techniques during the investigation of this case and such disclosures might result in a defeat for the Government as in the Judith Coplon case. That such techniques were used by the Bureau is hinted at by a 1952 publication of the House Committee on Un-American Activities entitled "The Shameful Years," which, in discussing the Adams case, states on page 38: "No prosecution was had of those ass Defaites who assisted him, because, as in almost all other similar instances, the evidence concerning their activities is considered inadmissible under present statutes."

University, New York City, in September, 1942, where he engaged in

research concerning the atomic bomb. Soon after his employment there he met Clarence Hiskey. In May, 1943, Chapin transferred to the Metlab at the University of Chicago doing similar research. In the Spring of 1944, Clarence Hiskey informed Chapin of his association with Adams and suggested that Chapin meet Adams at a later date. Chapin agreed and furnished a key to Hiskey to turn over to Adams for use as a means of recognition between Chapin and Adams. Adams contacted Chapin during the Fall of 1944 in Chicago, and inquired whether Chapin desired to obtain employment in Russia. Adams also requested Chapin to furnish him with information concerning the work in which Chapin was engaged and suggested 3 possible methods in this regard: (1) that Adams would provide Chapin with a camera and Chapin would photograph documents and bring the photographs to Adams; (2) that Chapin would secure the documents and bring them to Adams for photographing and (3) that Chapin would dictate from the documents and bring the results to Adams. Chapin claims he gave no definite answer to Adams as to whether he would comply with this request and that he never saw Adams again and never furnished him any information.

Edward Tiers Manning advised Bureau Agents that he was employed as a research assistant at SAM Laboratory in 1942, and was transferred to the Metlab mentioned above in October, 1943. Manning became associated with Arthur Adams through Clarence Hiskey. Manning visited Adams several times in New York City and Chicago, and the usual topics of conversation between them was concerning conditions and employment opportunities in Russia. Manning claims he never furnished any information to Adams concerning his work at the SAM Laboratory and Metlab, but surmised that Adams was an espionage agent and was sure of this after meeting Adams in his hotel room in New York City during 1945. At that last meeting Adams requested Manning to furnish information pertaining to his employment at the above-mentioned laboratories. Manning emphatically denies that he furnished any information to Adams.

Ismail Akhmedov learned through his employment at the headquarters of the Soviet Military Intelligence at Moscow, Russia, about 1941, that one of the espionage agents of that organization in the United States was using the name Adams. Akhmedov never met this Adams personally but recalls enough of Addms&cbdskground as it appeared in the Dossier in Moscow concerning this agent to leave little room for doubt that it referred to Arthur Alexandrovich Adams.

On the basis of the foregoing it appears that the only good prospect for obtaining testimony under the Immunity Bill in this case would be John Hitchcockachapin. In the event Chapin should agree to testify, it appears there would be some possibility of a prosecution of Clarence Hiskey for conspiring with Adams to commit espionage. WHAT

September 20, 1954 SAC, New York (100-63983) 50037 (100-331280) Director, FBI ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was., Et ale INTERNAL SECURITY - R Reference is made to your five letters dated 9-I-54 captioned as follows: (1) Wictoria Stone, Internal Security - R, Internal Security Act of 1950, urfile 100-68393. "Julius Heiman, Internal Security - R," urfile 100-61647. (3) "Mrs. Clarence Francis Hiskey, nee Miriam Rebecca Sherwood, Internal Security - R. " urfile 100-69057. (4) Dr. Clarence Francis Hiskey, was., Internal Scourity - R, wurfile 100-14092. (5) "Dr. Louis Willer, Security Matter - C," urfile 100-70396. Relets were submitted so that those individuals would be considered under the Immenity Bill. As you know, all of the above-mentioned individuals are contacts or associates of Arthur Alexandrovich Adams. For your information, the Bureau is bringing the Adams case to the attention of the Internal Security Division of the Department so that it may consider any, or all, of Adams contacts and associates under Senate Bill 16. RECORDED - 84 1/00 -33 Extra copies of this memorandum are fismished siou so that copies may be placed in case falks of the above mentioned includings. JWL: elk elk cc - 100-334606 (Viatoria Stone) cc = 61-10540 (Julius Heiman) cc = 100-335065 (Miriam Sherwood Hiskey) par ec - 101-2118 (Clarence F. Hiskey) cc - 100-339703 (Dr. Louis Miller) COMM - FBI SEP 2 0 1954 MAILED 31

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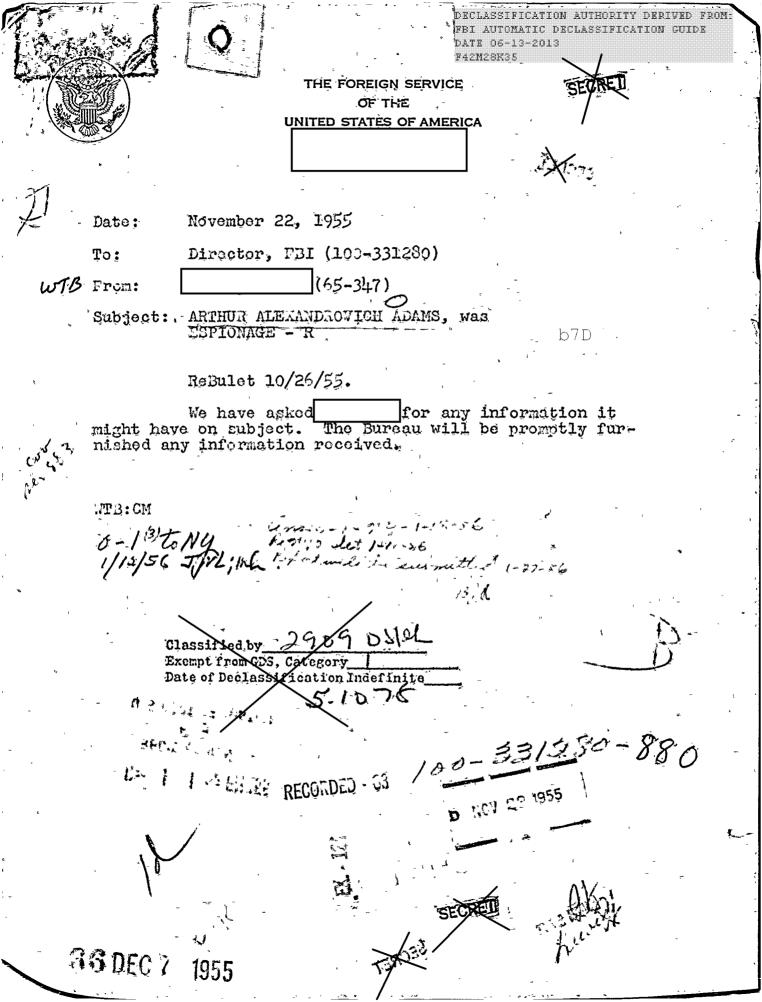
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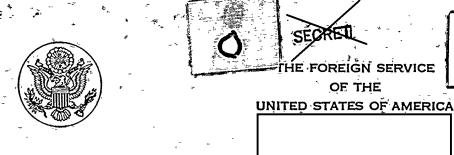
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An appointment was made with BARANOVSKI for Friday, January 20, 1956. Friday is the only day of the week when BARANOVSKI is available from his hospital employment. However, on the day of the appointment a snowfall made automobile travel difficult and dangerous to Sea Cliff, Long Island. The appointment was postponed to avoid risk to Bureau personnel and property. It is expected this interview will be accomplished on January 27, 1956.

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Prior to closing this case, it is desired you contact the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, to determine if the secret indictment against subject has been dismissed.

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On May 15, 1956, NY 694-S furnished to SAS JOHN J. O'TOOLE, JOSEPH DIFFLEY and ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON, information obtained by him on a trip to Toronto, Canada, between

Arriving in Toronto on Saturday, 5/5/56, NY 694-S, immediately after registering at the King Edward Hotel, telephonically contacted TIM BUCK, head of the Canadian CP, and was invited by the latter to come to BUCK'S home at 18 Ravenna, Crescent. At BUCK'S home, the informant told the Canadian CP Leader that CG 5824-S was in Chicago, awaiting instructions to proceed to Toronto, to confer with BUCK concerning the latter's interpretation of the recent 20th Russian Congress, and concerning a CP, USA Report on a recent National Committee meeting in NYC. BUCK agreed to set aside the following Monday evening-and more time if needed - for a conference with CG 5824-S.

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Inasmuch as NY 694-S was aware that CG 5824-S, on the following Monday, would interview BUCK for many hours regarding the 20th Russian Congress, and BUCK'S interpretation thereof, he decided it would not be wise to ask BUCK to discuss this matter twice. The informant referred to the subject only generally, telling BUCK that for the past six weeks, the CP, USA had been anxiously awaiting BUCK'S return from abroad to learn the latter's interpretation of the 20th Russian Congress. The informant told BUCK that all the American Party knew about the said Congress was what they read in the "New York Times". BUCK stated that his return to Canada had been delayed for eleven days by reason of the fact that Russians doctors had insisted that he have another physical exam before leaving Moscow. Another reason for his delayed return was that he had been assigned as an honorary pallbearer, together with KHRUSHCHEV and other CP officials, to escort to Warsaw the body of BERUIT (ph), Secretary of the Polish CP, who died 2 days after the adjournment of the Russian Congress.

According to BUCK, when he received the assignment to accompany BERUIT'S body to Warsaw, he packed his belongings with the intention of going from Poland to Rumania, Czechoslovakia, England, and then home to Canada. While packing, however, he received a telephone call from NICOLAI MATKOVSKI (ph), member of the International Department of the CPSU, "in charge of the British Empire". MATKOVSKI told BUCK that it would be best that BUCK leave his personal belongings in Moscow and return for them after the BERUIT funeral. BUCK told MATKOVSKI that he could not understand why he should do that since he felt his business in Moscow was completed, and that he was anxious to go in the direction of home.

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MATKOVSKI was enigmatic in his reply, stating only, "I have good reason to advise you to leave your belongings here and to return for them after the funeral." BUCK then stated that the funeral party went to Warsaw by plane, and buried BERUIT. He referred to BERUIT as "a very close friend" of his, with whom he had spent many hours during his recent trip to Moscow. He remarked that during his many conversations with BERUIT, the latter, at no time, gave any indication that he was aware that STALIN was to be denounced at the Russian Congress.

At BERUIT'S funeral, BUCK said, the Poles were "mad as hell" because the Russians had not told them how seriously ill BERUIT was. The Poles, BUCK further stated, had been informed by the Russians that BERUIT was suffering from a cold, whereas, in fact, he had pneumonia, of which he died.

In Warsaw, BUCK received a telephone call from STANLEY RYERSON, Canadán CP functionary assigned to the Cominform, who called BUCK from Bucharest. RYERSON had attended the 20th Russian Congress as a Canadian CP Delegate, but already had returned to Bucharest. RYERSON told BUCK that the latter should come immediately to Bucharest by plane, because it was imperative BUCK hear what RYERSON had to tell him - that RYERSON was hearing all kinds of stories concerning something that happened at a secret meeting of the Russian Congress.

BUCK went to Bucharest by plane, and upon meeting RYERSON there, learned for the first time that KHRUSHCHEV, at a secret session of the Russian Congress, had denounced STALIN. RYERSON reported that he had received his information from various individuals in Bucharest and also from Reuters dispatches and from the "New York Times" stories. After conferring with RYERSON, BUCK went to Moscow immediately by plane.

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At this point of BUCK'S story, NY 694-S interrupted EUGKlaguagying, "Tim, do you mean that an important comrade like you, Socretary of a Party, and a Delegate to the 20th Congress, did not know of and was not invited to, a secret session like that?" BUCK replied, "We of the Foreign Delegation had been told that that particular night session was to be the occasion of CPSU nominations and elections - and that it was of no concern to Foreign Delegates. Nobody from a Foreign Delegation was at that session - in fact, no one of us knew about it. A number of Foreign Delegates already had left for their respective countries. I learned later that HARRY POLLITT (General Secretary of the British CP) had no information about this secret meeting, even at the time he was delivering a report on the Congress to the British Party. He was 'in a hell The only way he got any details about the of a mess. KHRUSHCHEV story was to run out during sessions of the British Convention and call Moscow by phone. He spoke to the British 'Daily Worker' correspondent in Moscow."

Continuing his story about returning to Moscow after conferring with RYERSON in Bucharest, BUCK stated he was "mad as hell" and immediately contacted MATKOVSKI, mentioned above. He demanded that MATKOVSKI explain the "why's and wherefore's" of the secret session where KHRUSHCHEV had denounced STALIN. MATKOVSKI told BUCK that KHRUSHCHEV had made his report only to members of the CPSU - that this was their internal problem - and that no one besides the Russian Delegates had been present. In fact, MATKOVSKI said, no Russian - no matter how high his position - was admitted to the session unless he was a member of the CPSU. MATKOVSKI further stated that even people of his own rank had not been invited to the said session.

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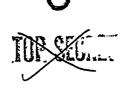
BUCK asked MATKOVSKI how the latter could explain "the leak" to the foreign press and the rumors that were spread throughout the world. MATKOVSKI replied, "This was not a leak." He made no further explanation, but gave BUCK, from a notebook, quotations from KHRUSHCHEV'S secret speech.

(NY 694-S advises that CG 5824-S obtained from BUCK a transcript of the quotations from KHRUSHCHEV'S speech, which the Chicago informant will furnish to the Bureau.)

BUCK stated that he would furnish all information to CG 5824-S concerning the quotations from KHRUSHCHEV'S speech, as well as all other information concerning the Russian Congress, and matters of political interest to the CP, USA. It was agreed by BUCK 2000 NY 694-S that it would be duplication of effort for BUCK to discuss these matters at length with NY 694-S and subsequently with CG 5824-S, who, as a CP, USA political functionary, was coming to Toronto specifically to obtain this information from BuCK for the CP, USA. BUCK indicated that CG 5824-S later could brief NY 694-S regarding matters which BUCK and the Chicago informant would discuss.

NY 694-S then directed the conversation to the SEBORES brothers, asking BUCK whether he had obtained any information about them. BUCK said, "I lost no time when I got there (Russia) to get in touch with them (Russians). I asked them about the SEBORERS and the other people I was interested in locating. They (Russians) made so note of their names, and told me to some back for an answer in 2 days. When I returned for the answer, I was told that they knew of no such people, and that there was nothing they could do to help me. (According to NY 694-S, BUCK frequently referred to the people to whom he talked about the SEBORERS as 'the Intelligence'). Later, I made the same inquiry at the Foreign Ministry, but I got the same answer, 'We don't know'."

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BUCK then shook his head, and addressing NY 694-S* by name, said, "I was asking them to trace not only your people but also two other people. The last two times I was there, I inquired about these two other people, and I got a similar answer. The most interesting thing happened on this trip, but let me tell you a story. A friend of mine and I were buddies in the old days of the movement. It goes back to 1921. He first came to us in 1921 - a very fine guy - and we helped him through his schooling. Originally he was a machinist - a skilled worker. He went through the University of Toronto, where he learned engineering. He was around for a while and then went back to the other side. He returned to Canada in 1938. He came back here for his assignment, which was not in Canada, but in your country.

"Well, one night in Moscow, during my recent trip, and a few days after I had made the inquiries, the phone in my hotel room rang. A woman on the other end of the line said, Hello, TIM. How are you? This is DOROTHY. Its been a long time. Don't you recognize my voice?' I replied, 'I am sorry. I don't recognize your voice. Should I?' She said, 'Yes, we are old friends.' We continued to 'chit-chat' for a while, but I still could not recognize her voice. Finally, I gave up and said, 'I am sorry - please forgive me - I don't recall your voice or your name.'

"She replied, 'That's too bad. ARTHUR will be sorry to hear that I was not able to talk to you and give you his regards.' It suddenly dawned on me what it was all about. I screamed over the phone, 'Oh, my gosh! How could I be so stupid - especially when he (ARTHUR) is the very person I have had on my mind for the past two days! Tell me quickly - is he alive? Can I see him? Where is he? I'll be there right away! It is no trouble. My chauffeur is downstairs.'







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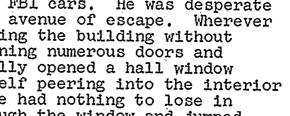
"She replied, 'I can't give you the address but I will come to you. Wait, and I'll be there in a few minutes. "

At this point, NY 694-S* said to BUCK, "You don't mean to say that it was ARTHUR ADAMS! wife!" BUCK said, "Yes, I do."

'According to BUCK, DOROTHY arrived at his hotel shortly thereafter and informed him that ARTHUR ADAMS had been in a hospital for several months, convalescing after major surgery. A fibroid tumor had been removed from a kidney. ADAMS had read in "Pravda" of BUCK's arrival in Moscow and he was most anxious to see BUCK. (According to BUCK, the names of the 55"Fraternal Delegates" to the Russian Congress had been published in "Pravda." Such publication indicated that it would be permissable for friends of these delegates to contact them.)

BUCK asked DOROTHY whether he could visit ARTHUR ADAMS at the hospital and she stated that BUCK would be permitted to see ADAMS on the following day. When BUCK saw ADAMS, the latter told him the following story concerning his escape from the United States:

Toward the end of his stay in the United States, ADAMS observed that FBI Agents were surveilling him in radio cars. On the day when he escaped from the FBI he was trapped in a building surrounded by seven FBI cars. He was desperate inasmuch as there seemed to be no avenue of escape. Wherever he turned he found no way of leaving the building without being seen by the FBI. After opening numerous doors and finding his exit blocked, he finally opened a hall window and, to his amazement, found himself peering into the interior of a fire house. Thinking that he had nothing to lose in such a situation, he climbed through the window and jumped to the floor of the fire house. Five firemen were sitting







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in the fire house but apparently none of them had seen him come in through the window. When they did notice him they apparently believed that he had walked into the fire house from the street. Taking advantage of the situation, ADAMS, pointing to the fire engine, asked whether the firemen would object to his looking at it. He did not wait for their reply, however, but after a quick glance at the fire engine he walked into the street, looking neither to the right nor to the left. He went directly to "the girl's" house, where he spent the next two days. (BUCK made no reference to the identity of "the girl.")

At the time, there was a boat in NY harbor, the captain of which had been transmitting information from ADAMS to Moscow. ADAMS decided it would be dangerous for him to make contact with "The Colonel" (not otherwise identified by BUCK) and that it would be best for him to make his escape from the United States via the aforementioned ship. He sent the following message to the captain of the ship:

"This time the cargo will be myself."

A pass reflecting he was replacing another crew member was sent to ADAMS and he boarded the ship unseen by anyone aboard except the captain. The captain hid him in the hold of the ship, giving him a supply of food and a bucket of water.

ADAMS stayed in the hold for five days after the ship sailed and "almost died of seasickness." He became so sick, however, that he threw precaution to the winds and went to the captain's cabin where, for the balance of the trip, he lay on the captain's bunk, keeping himself well concealed. Whenever a crew member came to the captain's cabin, he was told by the captain that ADAMS was a member of the crew who was drunk.



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When the ship arrived at Naples, the captain gave EDAMS a pass reflecting he was a crew member. In Naples, he was "on my own, with only the clothes on my back.: Studying the situation at this time, ADAMS concluded that the only way for him to go to Moscow was via Yugoslavia. From Naples he contrived to go to Split (phonetic), a Yugoslavian port. In Split he managed to send a message to TITO, informing the latter of his identity, of his desperate circumstances, and of the urgency of his going to Moscow. TITO was informed in this message that unless ADAMS should receive assistance from TITO the latter and his government might be embarrassed as a result of an international scandal. As ADAMS said, according to BUCK, "TITO had no other choice." TITO finally sent ADAMS by plane to Moscow.

According to BUCK, in ADAMS' words, the latter's arrival in Moscow "threw the intelligence off their feet - they were flabbergasted and did not know what to do." He was taken to a Dacha (country house), where he was the sole occupant, attended by a guard and a cook. Until 10/55, ADAMS was kept at the aforesaid Dacha under what was virtually "house-arrest." (BUCK commented that ADAMS' story reminded him of the SAM CARR story.)

When BUCK asked ADAMS what the latter's current situation is, ADAMS said, "Things are different now - everything is satisfactory." In 10/55, ADAMS was awarded the Order of Lenin, promoted to the rank of Colonel in the Red Army, and was given a pension in the sum of 3,500 rubles per month. In addition, he lives - rent free - in a luxurious large apartment in a new apartment house in the center of Moscow, and is provided - without charge - with servants. ADAMS is nearly 70 years of age according to BUCK and in the latter's opinion ADAMS will enjoy life from now on.

NY 694-S* asked BUCK whether ADAMS remembered any of his former comrades in the USA. BUCK said ADAMS had inquired about WILLIAM WEINER (deceased CP functionary formerly in charge of the CP, USA, Reserve Fund). He also inquired about SAM CARR and about PHIL and OLGA FIELD.

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BUCK stated that his interview with ADAMS finally was terminated by the doctors in the hospital, who insisted that BUCK's visit, which was of three hours duration, was too long for a man in ADAMS' condition.

Commenting on ADAMS' story, BUCK said, "Here is an example for you. As I told you before, I have been trying to trace ARTHUR for years. Whenever I tried to trace him, I was told such a person was unknown. So you see, that if ARTHUR and DOROTHY had not taken the initiative to find me, I still should not know whether he was alive or dead.

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"When I finished my visit to ARTHUR, I went to MAKOVSKI and said, 'How can you explain such a thing? Here you fellows kept telling me you knew nothing of such people and always gave me a categorical "no" when I inquired. Why can't you put your foot down with the others (intelligence) and help me to trace "JOE" and the brothers (the SEBORERS)? (BUCK did not identify "JOE.") I don't mind telling you that the request concerning the brothers comes from the American Central Committee and that it is not only a question of learning whether they are alive. If their family does not learn about them soon, some member of the family will call the matter to the attention of American authorities and then the situation will get out of hand. What we are trying to do is to avoid trouble and notoriety.'

"MAKOVSKI replied, 'As for us, we cannot give you any answer about people who are not on the rolls or on record. You must understand that these people do not exist.'"

MAKOVSKI that the American Central Committee was interested in the SEBORERS. BUCK said he had told this story to MAKOVSKI because he "knew the Russians and wanted to make a point." He then said, "Let me make the following suggestion which will get results. I am sure we will eventually hear from the brothers. When you get back, don't give or tell NEEDLEMAN any names and don't tell him of my mentioning the American Central Committee. He may misunderstand. Tell him I am positive that if the brother MAX (MAX SEBORER) will write a letter using only their first names and giving only intimate family information and asking that they answer in a letter to him, MAX will get an answer. I will see to it that this letter goes through the proper channels and he will get a reply. Do not use their last names. I have them (the names) with me and I will take care of it in my own way."

NY 694-S believes that MAKOVSKI may have made this suggestion to BUCK after the latter's talk with him. If this were BUCK's idea, the informant believed BUCK would have suggested it before.

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BUCK then mentioned IRVING POTASH and JOHN WILLIAMSON, deported CP, USA, functionaries. He stated both of these men had been fraternal delegates to the Twentieth Russian Congress but that "For obvious reasons, their names had not been published in the list of fraternal delegates." (BUCK described a fraternal delegate as a delegate without voting privileges.) According to BUCK, he, POTASH, and WILLIAMSON attended a discussion of Anglo-American problems, one KUUSENIN (ph), a former member of "ECCI," (Executive Committee of Communist International) having presided at the said meeting.

(It was agreed between BUCK and the informant that BUCK would furnish to CG 5824-S a report of his political discussions with POTASH. The Chicago informant will furnish a report thereof to the Bureau.)

BUCK mentioned he had spent much more time with POTASH than with WILLIAMSON. He said POTASH is a "warmer and friendlier person" than WILLIAMSON. BUCK stated that, when he delivered a message to POTASH from the latter's wife, GITA, to the effect that she could not join him abroad for various reasons (previously reported), POTASH said, "I understand." BUCK said that, although POTASH lacks nothing, he apparently is a very unhappy man. His address abroad is Postovne, Prehradka 205, Hlavin Posta, Praha, Czechoslovakia. He lives and maintains an office in the "highest type" hotel in Prague. BUCK indicated POTASH is associated with the World Federation of Trade Unions, that he corresponds with the CP, USA, regarding trade union matters, and that he does considerable traveling in the satellite countries.

BUCK stated that POTASH desires to return to the USA but that this must be told only to EUGENE DENNIS and to no one else -- not even to POTASH's wife. POTASH has made a study of his USA legal status, as a result of which he is positive that, if once he could return to the USA, the government would be powerless to deport him and that the worst that could happen to him would be imprisonment for only several years. He feels he could be more useful to the CP, USA, were he in the USA. He will abide by DENNIS's decision in this matter, however.

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When BUCK asked POTASH whether he was sure about the law, POTASH replied that he was certain of his position. He said he already had made arrangements to get to Canada in such a manner as not to embarrass anybody. He stated, "In fact, the route already has been laid out for me. I already have spoken to the captain of the ship."

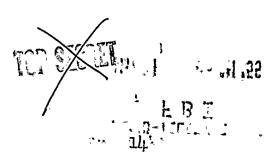
POTASH then said to BUCK, "What I am asking you is whether you will agree to hide me out when I arrive in Canada." BUCK said he replied, "By all means -- that's no problem." According to EUCK, in the event DENNIS should approve POTASH's return to the USA, POTASH will leave for Canada sometime in August.

According to NY 694-S, CG 5824-S already has informed DENNIS with respect to POTASH's request. DENNIS, as NY 694-S was informed by CG 5824-S, gave no indication of what his decision will be.

The informant advised he has further information regarding his Canadian trip which he will furnish in the immediate future. The Bureau will be furnished with same as soon as possible.

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On 5/5/56 NY 694-S conversed with Tim Buck, Chnadian Communist Party leader who recently returned from the Twentieth Gandy. Russian Congress in Moscow. Buck said that for years he has unsuccessfully tried to locate Adams and that on his recent trip he talked with Adams and his wife, Dorothy, in Moscow. Buck indicate he and Adams had been in the "movement" together in Canada since 1921; that Adams had left Canada for the "other side" returning to Buck indicated Canada in 1938 for an "assignment" in the US. Buck said that during

his conversation with Adams, Adams related the following events surrounding his escape from the US. On the day Adams escaped (1/23/46) he found himself trapped in a building surrounded by 7 FBI cars.

Since all exits of escape were blocked, Adams desperately opened a hall window and to his amazement found that this window led to the interior of a firehouse. Adams jumped to the firehouse floor

unnoticed and then made his way to the street. He then went to "the girl's house" where he spent the next two days. During this period, he contacted the captain of a ship in the NY harbor and arranged to board this ship as a crew member. Adams disembarked at Naples, Italy. On his own Adams made his way to a Yugloslavian port where he contacted Tito and induced Tito to arrange passage for him to Moscow. arrival in Moscow was unexpected and he was placed in a country house

virtually under "house arrest." It was not until 1955 that Adams was given any recognition at which time he was awarded the Order of Lenin, promoted to Colonel in the Red Army and was given a pension. Buck told the informant that Adams will enjoy life from now on but noted that Adams is 70 years old and is convalescing from a

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serious operation.>

In order to evaluate the veracity of the data furnished to NY 6948S, NY in the attached teletype is instructed to examine its files and carefully review each item against the information developed during our investigation of the subject. NY also instructed to expeditiously handle any leads developing from this review.

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2. That no dissemination be made of this information since at this point it is academic and if divulged could possibly compromise NY 694-S who is a highly placed and valuable informant.

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Reur notation on 0-1 form 8-2-56, advising analysis of Adams' departure from U. S. being made and will be submitted to Bureau by 8-29-56, since Agent handling instant analysis assigned to Weinap case.

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On 5-5-56, NY 694-S learned from Tim Buck, Canadian C. P. leader who had returned from Russia, that Buck talked to Adams in Moscow; that Adams told him details of his escape from FBI when left U. S. 1-23-46, NY instructed to review information furnished by NY 694-S re Adams escape and to cover any suggested leads.

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The ADAMS file for the period during and after ADAMS' disappearance has been reviewed in the light of the story transmitted to New York Office by NY 694-S which story the informant heard from TIM/BUCK relative to his meeting in Moscow with ADAMS. Certain conclusions, opinions and observations present themselves which are set forth.

It should be noted that the story as received finally by New York Office and the Bureau is now third hand, from ADAMS to BUCK, to NY 694-S and thence to the Bureau. Thus, intentionally or accidentally, it is capable of including omissions and exaggerations. Therefore, the question could arise as to the completeness or accuracy of the story at the present time, and builds up the question of desirability of dissemination of all or any part of the story. BUCK may have told other people the same story and whether he did or not cannot be known. However, it would appear that he is the only channel by which this story could have come from its point of origin in Moscow and there is no way to know whether he may have repeated it.

There is believed no reason to doubt that TIM BUCK actually did see and talk with ARTHUR ADAMS in Moscow. It has been previously known from the investigation of ANNA LOUISE STRONG in January, 1948 on her return from Russia that ADAMS was in Moscow. It was learned then that she had paid a subscription renewal in the name of ARTHUR ADAMS to the Society of Automotive Engineers at that time.

With respect to the entire story, it is conceivable Athat ADAMS could have been exaggerating to make the story of his escape more impressive and dramatic. For example, he is

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reported as saying the building was surrounded by seven (7) FBI cars. This could either be an exaggeration by ADAMS or BUCK or ADAMS! honest mistake from panic. It is now ten years since his departure and any fright or excitement would since have left him and now as an old man he could understandably embellish his story to make it sound better.

BUCK's story seems to indicate on ADAMS' part a spur of the moment departure on the day in question. This, of course, is not very likely as it is more probable that his escape was planned to use the assistance of others.

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Tt is known that he had suits and clothing at VICTORIA STONE's apartment and luggage at IRENE MILLER's .じ

ADAMS mentioned "the girl's house", and a stay of two days there. A continuous surveillance was maintained both at VICTORIA STONE's and TRENE MILLER's for more than the two days that were specified. There was of course, no indication which one ADAMS meant or whether there was yet some other person not known to this office. Neither of the above ever admitted any knowledge of ADAMS' disappearance. However, it is noted that the files show no record of a surveillance of MARIA HISKEY's residence after ADAMS' disappearance.

With regard to the part of ADAMS' story concerning the fire house, he states "After opening numerous doors found himself peering into the interior of a fire house." In this connection Lieutenant RICHARD NOONAN, Engine House 5, New York City Fire Department, West 43rd Street, was interviewed and demonstrated that it was physically possible to come across the roof over the first floor of the fire house, from the back of the building to the rear of the fire house, which is 30 West 44th Street. To the east there is a sheer brick wall which runs across the entire block from 43rd to 44th Streets and up to a height of about fourteen stories. The only possibility to enter the fire house other than from the front entrance is by coming from the window of 30 West 44th Street across the first floor roof of the fire house. However, it was demonstrated there was no way even traveling over roofs of intervening buildings to go

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from 522 Fifth Avenue where ADAMS had his office. There are about five buildings intervening between 522 Fifth Avenue and the fire house and a distance of about six hundred feet. These buildings in height vary all the way from two to twelve or fourteen stortes. It. NOONAN said he has personally inspected every building in that particular block as it is a necessity for the fire department to know of the existence of underground or connecting passages in the event of a fire in the district. that it is not possible to go from 522 Fifth Avenue, which is essentially a 44th Street building, more than half way down the block emerging from the fire house which is a 43rd Street building, without coming out to the street and re-entering. Even to make part of this trip over roofs one would encounter such obstacles as ten foot high iron picket fences and tremen-W dous differences in heights from one roof to another.

Investigation and observation was then conducted from the other end or the point of origin of ADAMS! escape (1) namely, 522 Fifth Avenue.

CHARLES FROST, maintenance engineer of the building at 10 West 44th Street, stated that he had been employed there for eighteen years. He said that 10 West 44th Street, while a separate address, actually is an addition which was later built to supplement 522 Fifth Avenue, and they are essentially one and the same building. There are no upper floor connections but a cellar passageway runs from the 522 Fifth Avenue lobby, north, under the building to 44th Street, then west to 10 West 44th Street, which is about 250 to 300 The only egress from this passagefeet west of Fifth Avenue. way is to the freight lobby of 10 West 44th Street. noted that at the point the door from the passageway It was connected with the 522 Fifth Avenue lobby it was bolted with a heavy barrel bolt from the inside. FROST said that this bolt has been closed, in his memory, the entire time that he has been employed in the building. When the bolt is closed there is no possibility of getting into the passageway from the 522 Fifth Avenue lobby. However, he admitted that there might have been times when this bolt could have been open:

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It would appear therefore, that to use this underground passageway, ADAMS would have met first the coincidence of the bolt being open, second, tithe going through the passageway and boiler room of the buildings without being detected by employees, third, getting past the 10 West 44th Street freight lobby from the basement. In view of the fact that it cannot be seen how he could have gone to the fire house without having come on the street it would seem that he would have had to come out on 44th Street either by use of the above described passageway or by using the more obvious exit namely on the side of the bank in the 522 Fifth Avenue building which side entrance opens about 200 feet west of Fifth Avenue on 44th Street. Then, assuming ADAMS was out on 44th Street, he would have had to proceed 250 to 300 feet, enter the 30 West 44th Street building and cross the roof to get into the second floor of the fire house. This merely would have given him an exit on 43rd Street in the same relative position as he had been in on 44th Street.

Since it appears conclusive that ADAMS could have only entered the fire house from one other building, namely 30 West 44th Street, it appears that some essential, facts must have been omitted at this point of the story. The fire house has engines on the first floor and the second floor, third floor and fourth floor are dormitories. is hard to say why ADAMS would have gone through such an involved maneuver when he could have headed directly down 44th Street to Sixth Avenue or if he wished to go to 43rd Street, why he would have gone over the roof and through the fire house risking observation and certain suspicion as opposed to walking boldly and openly through the next. building on the ground floor. This building which is 26-28 West 44th Street, is the same building as 25 West 43rd Street and a broad lobby runs entirely through from V street to street.

ADAMS story states "There was a boat in the harbor, the captain of which had been transmitting in-

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Review of the file indicated no record of any waterfront activity on ADAMS' part or contact with shipping people. Admittedly this is not in any way conclusive as ADAMS could have sent material by an intermediary or mail and thus never would have had contact with a ship's captain.

As to identifying the ship, it is noted that Mr. RIFKIND, United States Customs Marine Division, New York, advised from his records that in the immediate post-war time of 1945-46, there were 18 to 25 daily departures of ships for foreign ports. In fact, in January, 1946, there were 521 such ship clearances.

The facts of the story as related would seem to indicate that the ship would have been non-Russian. If Russian and entering the Black Sea port as Russian ships did, there would have been no need for ADAMS to debark at Naples and go over land to Russia. Likewise, while the ship was on the high seas there should have been no need on a Russian vessel to conceal ADAMS! presence from the crew, at least to the extent which his story indicated.

To identify all ships clearing New York and touching at Naples after a lapse of ten years, is manifestly a task which does not seem warranted particularly because of the lack of firm knowledge of the time element in ADAMS' actual sailing. The story mentions that ADAMS stayed two days at "the girl's house", then boarded the ship. However, ADAMS' boarding the ship might have been at any time from the actual date of his disappearance to a week or even a month later. Each day then would add greatly to the number of possibilities as to the identity of the ship. In a period up to a week when ADAMS could have been aboard a ship might involve 125 to 150 ships.

It is noted that when ADAMS disappeared immediate surveillances were placed on trains, busses, airports and Russian ships. However no complete coverage was placed on non-Russian ships. Likewise, the coverage on Russian ships was limited to checking only on the piers. While considerable man

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power and time were expended on the immediate search there admittedly were loopholes that could not be covered nor could any of the coverage be continued indefinitely.

However, with regard to the ship angle, there would appear to be a possibility that might still be pursued. It will be recalled that VICTORIA STONE received a letter from ADAMS postmarked January 26, 1946, and dated the previous day. It came through Station 0, 217 West 18th Street, New York City. This station, according to GEORGE DUKES, Superintendent of Mails, is now Old Chelsea Station with an area similar to that of Station 0 in 1946. Its pickup area was Fifth Avenue to the Hudson River, 23rd Street south to Houston Street. This would indicate the letter most likely was mailed within this area. Li

The Cunard Line, Grace Line and United States Lines all have piers on the Hudson River in the area covered by Station O at that time. Of these lines the most likely to have ships in the Mediterranean trade is United States Lines. The possibility exists that the identity of the United States Lines ships which were in New York at the time could be ascertained from the offices of the company, Customs, Immigration and Naturalization Service, or Coast Guard. Records should exist as to the itineraries of these ships that might have included Naples. Such identification, if successful, would closely narrow down the possibilities that would have to be explored. Without such limitation it is not believed warranted to try to check out all the ships that were in New York Harbor at the pertinent time. UACB, this investigation will be conducted.

It would appear that the Bureau's interest would likely be, first to find out actually, for the record, what happened in connection with ADAMS' disappearance, and second to identify any persons who had anything to do with it. The latter might raise some possibility of prosecutive action even at this late date, particularly concerning the transmittal of information from ADAMS to persons abroad.

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From the review of the file and TIM BUCK's story several conclusions seem justified:

- 1. ADAMS undoubtedly is in Moscow
- 2. There are probably inaccuracies and omissions regarding the fire house story or at least items that could not be explained.
 - 3. ADAMS probably departed by ship.
 - 4. The ship was most likely not Russian.
- 5. The ship could have been one from the pier nearest the Post Office processing ADAMS letter to VICTORIA STONE most likely a United States Lines Freighter.
- 6. There is no possibility to check ADAMS! story that he proceeded to Moscow via Yugoslavia and thence by

Further action in this regard is believed useress without more usable facts with which to confront them. U

ADAMS! physical disappearance from 522 Fifth Avenue, and the part dealing with the fire house do not appear to offer further possibilities for investigation. The only immediate possibility left is, therefore, investigation dealing with the identity of the ships captain who was alleged to have been used to transmit information from ADAMS.

As mentioned above further research and inquiry will be undertaken in this regard and the results will be furnished the Bureau.

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Renylet of 8/20/56, which advised that a check would be made of various records to attempt to identify the ship on which ADAMS may have fled the United States in January 1946.

Inquiry at the offices of the United States Lines, I Broadway, disclosed that the Operating Department would be the custodian of records of ship movements. Mrs. Murray, in this department, advised that all the company's records pertaining to ships were filed according to the name of the ship. Records of each of the company's piers which would have logged the presence of the various ships are destroyed after seven years. Therefore, those records for the time of ADAM'S disappearance were destroyed about three years ago. To refer to the voyage record by names of ships and work backwards to ascertain which ships tied up at the U.S. Lines North River piers would be a tedious job and tremendous in scope, and was considered not warranted at this time. This was particularly so since Mrs. Murray admitted that the ships' voyage records of ten years ago were not maintained with the accuracy of today.

Records of the Marine Division, U.S. Customs, in charge of Samuel Rifkind, were examined. As ships clear for foreign ports they are required to file an outgoing manifest. A record of this manifest is maintained by Mr. Rifkind in the Record of Vessels in Foreign Trade. The manifest declares the port or ports for which the ship is cleared.

From this record for the period January 23, 1946, to April 1, 1946, the following list of ships was assembled which had declared Naples:

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-	Date	Ship	Manifest No.	Line
	1/24/46	Joe C.S. Blackburn	2811	Black Diamond
,	1/29/46	St. John's Victory	2888	American Hawaiian Steamship Co.
	1/29/46	Santa Marta	2904	United Fruit Co.
	1/31/46	Andrea Gritti	2928	Norton Lilly
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Date	Ship	Manifest No.	Line
2/1/46	Double Loop	2938	Isbrandtsen
2/1/46	Ocean Rider	2953	Kerr
2/6/46	NYU Victory	3018	WSA-Shepard
2/26/46	Leader Loop	3283	Sword
3/2/46	Ferdinando Gorges	3346	Moore-McCormack
3/18/46	Webster Victory	3571	WSA-U.S. Navigation
3/20/46	Noah Webster	3603	Sprague
3/21/46	Exbrook	3614	American Export
3/22/46	Galen L. Stone	3649	Eastern Lines
3/28/46	Alfred Victory	3752	Simpson Spence & Young
3/29/46	Vulcania	3734	American Export
3/29/46	Stephen A. Douglas	3737	WSA-Isthmian
3/30/46	Hubert Howe Bancroft	3766	WSA Isthmian

It was ascertained from Mr. J. J. Walsh, Deputy Collector, in charge of Customs records at the Customs House that manifests and other ships papers for the 1946 period had been transferred in bulk to the Federal Records Center, 641 Washington Street.

Mr. Walsh arranged by letter to Mr. Joseph Fratangelo at the Federal Records Center for a search of Customs records for the above numbered manifests. When Mr. Fratangelo locates the above manifests he is to advise the New York Office so they can be checked to secure the names of the masters of the listed ships. It is then contemplated that NYO indices will be checked on these names as a first step.

It is realized that no action to be taken can be regarded as conclusive inasmuch as it all is predicated on the accuracy of the story quoted from ADAMS. There is no sure indication of the time element as to when the ship sailed. It is also possible that a ship would clear New York for another U.S. port for loading. In this event its clearance for Naples would not be on record at New York but at the port of departure for the foreign port. Also, a ship given clearance for Marseilles, Gibraltar or any Mediterranean or other foreign port could pick up a new cargo there and a new

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clearance for Naples that would not be reflected at New York.

When further information is available as to the identities of the ships captains and the result of their indices search, the Bureau will be advised further.

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TO : SAC, NYC (Your file/00-63983) DATE: 8-2-56

FROM: Director, FBI (Bufile and serial 100-33/280-887)

a subject: Arthur Alexandrovich Adams Office of Origin: NYC

1. () The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you

should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room, No. 27/0

Report submitted _____

Report will be submitted _____

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2. (W Advise Bureau re status of this case. See Bureau Status of this case. See Bureau Status of this case.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-342424) Date:10/17/56 OT

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80005) From

SOVIET INTELLIGENCE ALBUM Subject:

ReBulet, 7/20/56, captioned "ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was; IS-R," directing revision of Soviet Intelligence Album insert on ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was. X

Eleven copies of revised insert are enclosed for the Bureau. Also with copy of this letter, one copy of the insert is submitted to each of the offices listed below. Inasmuch as photographs have previously been submitted no additional copies are furnished. \vee

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Marital Status

Married

Former wife, SABINA ROTHKOPF ADAMS, 1245 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn.

Present wife, DOROTHEA KEEN ADAMS, Moscow 16,5

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Relatives

and sister-in-law, 143 W. 73rd Street,

New York City

Last US

Residence

Peter Cooper Hotel - New York City

Present

Whereabouts

Moscow, USSR

Social Security

102-20-0160

Number

Occupation

Toolmaker - engineer, Radio designer, Last known employment - Keynote Recordings,

Incorporated; New York City

Intelligence Activity

Has made numerous entries into US beginning in 1910. Was member of Ludwig Martens Mission in 1921. Was in US as member Soviet Purchasing Commission in 1928-32. Reputed to be able technical man. Entered US in 1938 from Canada with fictitious Canadian birth record and citizenship. In this was aided by SAMUEL MOVICK and JACOB B. ARONOFF both known for CP activities in NY. Between 1938 and 1941 became associated with four employees of the wartime atomic bomb project and was known to have knowledge of secret phases of the project. He was identified as a "legal resident" agent of the Fourth Section of Soviet Military Intelligence with the assignment to secure military information. Principal associates were VICTORIA STONE, JACOB ARONOFF, SAMUEL NOVICK. ERIC BERNAY, JULIUS MEIMAN, Dr. LOUIS MILLER, IRENE MILLER, ADAMS disappeared from New York in January, 1946 and as of 1956, was known to be living in Moscow.

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New York, New York October 17, 1956 (Revised)

Name Aliases

ADAMS, ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH A.A. Adams, Arthur Adams, Arthur Adams, Alfred Adamson

Nationality

(not verified) Has variously claimed Canadian, Swedish

Description

Russian nationality (Photograph - available)

Sex Race

White

Age Birth

Height

Peculiarities

Probably over 70 in 1956 (Variously shown and not verified)

Stockholm. Sweden - no date

, Russia - no date Eskiltuna, Sweden, 10/5/88 Eskiltuna, Sweden, 1885

Toronto, Canada, 5/4/90 5!7"

Weight 150 pounds Build Slender

Hair Dark brown - bald on top

Male

Eyes Dark brown - allegedly blind or nearly so

in left eye. Wears steel rimmed bifocals Complexion Fair Languages English, Russian, Yiddish - Russian accent

 $1\frac{1}{2}$ V shaped scar on right side near top Scars forehead; 1" scar on left side of chin; broken knuckle on left thumb; left thumb

nail half size with scar in center of thumb from center of nail to top of thumb

Wears shoes with built up arches orthopedic type with additional leather on soles. Walks with quick step.

Deeth - Wears extractable partial upper plate.

Ears - Tops of ears have no roll but -have slight protrusion. Dress - Neat and conservative business clothes.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

11/28/56 DATE:

SAC, NEW YORK (100-63983)

ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was IS-R

ReNYlet, 10/12/56.

Through the cooperation of Mr. the Federal Records Center, 641 Washington St., NY; manifests for the ships listed in relet were located. Perusal of these manifests reflected the identities of the ship's captains as follows:

Date	Ships	Manifest No.	Line
1/24/46	Joe C. S. Blackburn Capt. D. W. ASQUITH	2811	Black Diamond
1/29/46	St. John's Victory Capt. T. MC FARLAND	2888 ,	American Hawaiian Steamship Co.
1/29/46	Santa Marta Capt. A. L. CASE	290կ.	United Fruit Co.
1/31/46	Andrea Gritti Capt. NICOLO CAGLIONE	2928	Norton Lilly
2/1/46	Double Loop, Capt. SVEN FERNSTROM	2938	Isbrandtsen
2/1/46	Ocean Rider Capt. W STUBBS	2953	Kerr
2/6/46	NYU Victory Capt. TERENCE BOND	3018	WSA-Shepard
2/26/46	Leader Loop Capt. PETER C. MILLER	_3283	Sword
3/2/46	Ferdinando Gorges Capt. R. LinaYNARD	3346	Moore-McCormack
3/18/46	Webster Victory Capt. NILS CHRISTIANSI		WSA-US Navigation
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Date	Ships	Manifest No.	<u>Linés</u>
3/20/46	Noah Webster Capt. HENRY A. LEE	3603	Sprague
3/21/46	Exbrook Capt. B. JACOBSEN	3614	American Export
3/22/46	Galen L. Stone Capt. G. H. RAWDINGS	3649	Eastern Lines
3/28/46	Alfred Victory Capt. A. J. MC CARTHY	3752	Simpson Spence & Young
3/29/46	Vulcania Capt. NESTORE MARTINOLI	3734	American Export
3/29/46	Stephen A. Douglas Capt. D. PEDERSEN	3737	WSA-Isthmiah
3/30/46	Hubert How Bancroft Capt. A. KEERSON	37.66	WSA-Isthmian

NYO indices were checked on these names within the limitations indicated by lack of first names in some cases. It was noted that the record of Coast Guard passes has been destroyed at NYO. Therefore this basic record which would have been expected to produce identifications was not available. On ten names there were no references whatsoever. Only A. L. CASE was identified as a ships master however with no essential additional information but an old address 137-27 174 St., Springfield Gardens, Long Island, NY. The other names had references which were not identical or identifiable. NILS CHRISTIANSEN was noted to be an alias of a German espionage agent in Brazil covicted there in 1943-true name of JOSEF STARZECZNY.

It was pointed out to the Bureau in relet that further pursuit of this project offers increasing possibilities of inconclusive results for a variety of reasons. Important among these are a reliance upon an arbitrary time element for the supposed departure of the ship and the necessity to limit the number of ships to only those clearing for Naples. To go farther along this line it appears necessary to try to secure full identifications of the captains by seeking their employment

records at the companies listed in the above table. Further identification is obviously necessary before more detailed and accurate indices check is done at NYO and requested of the Bureau.

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UACB the NY offices of the various ship companies will be contacted for further identification of the captains of the listed ships.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-63983)

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STANDÄRD FORM NO. 64

Re New York letter to Director, 11/28/56.

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It is noted that certain ships cleared the Port of New York for Naples, Italy, in the period January 23, 1946 to April 1, 1946. This is the period during which it would appear most likely that ARTHUR ADAMS fled the United States, if his version of his departure is true.

New York Office is attempting to get identifying information regarding the captain of each of the above mentioned ships.

The main objectives of this line of investigation are:

- To make possible an indices check on each captain by NYO. and
- To obtain sufficient information concerning each captain to make locating and interviewing possible, if such becomes necessary.

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ALBERT NATHANSON, Chief Deputy Shipping Commissioner, United States Coast Guard, 80 Lafayette Street, New York City, has advised that the only practicable way to obtain the desired information regarding the following captains is to contact the Commandant, United States Coast Guard, 1300 E Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

It is requested that Washington Field Office attempt to obtain from the Commandant's Office the following information regarding each captain listed below:

- 1. Full name (for those where only initial is now available.)
 - 2. Last known address
 - 3. Name and address of nearest relative
- 4. Last (or present) ship under his command and name of company owning same.
- 5. Any other information which might assist in locating these men.

The following is a list of these captain's names including their ship and company as of the period January 23, 1946 to April 1, 1946:

Ships and Masters

Line

Joe C. S. Blackburn Capt. D. W. ASQUITH Black Diamond

St. John's Victory Capt. T. MC FARLAND

American Hawaiian Steamship Co.

Santa Marta Capt. A. L. CASE United Fruit Co.

Ships and Masters

Andrea Gritti Capt. NICOLO SCAGLIONE

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NYU Victory Capt. TERENCE BOND

Leader Loop Capt. PETER C. MILLER

Ferdinando Gorges Capt. R. L. MAYNARD

Webster Victory Capt. NILS CHRISTIANSEN

Noah Webster Capt. HENRY A. LEE

Exbrook Capt. B. JACOBSEN

Galen L. Stone Capt. G. H. RAWDINGS

Alfred Victory Carthy

Vulcania Capt. NESTORE MARTINOLI

Line

Norton Lilly

Isbrandtsen

Kerr

WSA-Shepard

Sword

Moore-McCormack

WSA-US Navigation

Sprague

American Export

Eastern Lines

Simpson Spence & Young

American Export

Ships and Masters

Line

Stephen A. Douglas Capt. D. PEDERSEN

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Hubert Howe Bancroft Capt. A. KEERSON

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It is desired you immediately locate and interview. Hicks to determine the circumstances surrounding her association with Jack and Lyra Soble. As will be recalled, Hicks was used as intermediary in the transmittal of funds between Jack Soble in France and his wife in the U.S. It will also be recalled that during interview of Norbert Kartens 1-25-57, he stated he sent money to his former wife in Faris. At her request money transmitted through Jack and Lyra Boble, Fred Eroverman and Hicks.

Jpon completion of Htoks' interview. Bureau will conelder advisability | Larteng' former wife to establish details of money transactions

In addition to questioning Hicks re her association with Logase subjects, also interview her re her association with Arthur Adams in October, 1944. Expedite.

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: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: 3/22/57

SAC, WFO (100-16821)

subject: ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, Was., IS-R (OO:NY)

ReNYlet to the Bureau dated 2/15/57, copy to the WFO, which requested the WFO to obtain background information from the U.S. Coast Guard concerning captains of ships that cleared the port of New York for Naples, Italy, between 1/23/46 and 4/1/46.

Lt. Commander FREDERICK J. LESSING, Intelligence Division, U.S. Coast Guard, 1300 E Street N.W., made available the records of the Merchant Marine for review by SA W. DANA CARSON on 3/12,15/57.

Set out below under separate headings is the information obtained regarding ASQUITH, BOND, CASE, KEERSON, MAYNARD. McFARLAND, and MILLER.

In each case the individuals full name was obtained.

The addresses for the person which appeared in the file were obtained. These men are required to renew their license every five years, and, therefore, the most recent address was the address when the license was last renewed. It was not possible to obtain a continuous chronological listing for the addresses since an address could only be obtained when some new document appeared in the file.

The name and address of the nearest relative was obtained when available. This information was very limited and when obtained no specific date, as a rule, could be obtained.

The name of the last ship on which the person sailed was obtained when available as well as the name of the company owning same. As a rule, the latest information appearing in the file was as of the date the license was last renewed.2

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The remainder of the files for the names furnished in NYlet dated 2/15/57, will be reviewed at Coast Guard when the files are made available, and the results will be submitted promptly. What action there is to be taken regarding this information is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

DOUGLAS WEBSTER ASQUITH

Information furnished by NYlet dated 2/15/57:

JOE C. S. BLACKBURN Capt. D. W. ASQUITH

Black Diamond

Information obtained from records of the U.S. Coast Guard regarding ASQUITH:

Name:	AR AND DOUGLAS WEBSTER ASQUITH
Date and place of birth:	3/2/1907, London, England
Citizenship:	Naturalized 4/22/33,
	Seattle, Washington,
	Certificate #365654B (or #3656548)
Continuous dischange hook	(OF #3030340)
Continuous discharge book number:	BK-127282
Addresses:	727 C.W. Colman Charat
1938	1315 S.W. Salmon Street, Portland, <u>Oregon</u>
1941	709 Geary Street, San
E74E	Francisco, California
1943	525 Leavenworth Street,
	San Francisco, California
1948	1650 C-1 Young Street,
•	Honolulu, T.H.
1954	276 Ohio Street, Pasadena,
	California
Spouse:	MYRTLE C.A.SQUITH, wife No Los
Photograph:	One available taken between
	1935 - 1937.

ASQUITH renewed his Master's license in 1954, at which time he indicated he was employed with the U.S. Navy.

TERENCE BOND

Information furnished by NYlet dated 2/15/57:

NYU Victory

WSA-Shepard

Capt. TERENCE BOND

Information obtained from the records of the U.S. Coast Guard regarding BOND:

Name:		MR +1185	TERENCE BOND
Date and	place of birth:		1/18/02, Hamilton, Scotland
Merchant	Seaman's Document	***************************************	BK-72591-D1
Citizensh:	ip:		Naturalized 11/11/29,
	-		New York, New York,
			Certificate #3219763.
Spouse:	,	μ	RHODA M. BOND, wife
Photograph	h:	-	One ayailable taken
, ·	3	1	between 1949 - 1951.
Addresses	:	~ _	•
2	1930		26 Boylston Street,
			Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts
	1938		94 Park Avenue, Portland,
,/		•	Maine
	1943		144 Old Bergen Road,
			Jersey City, N.J.
	1953		144 Old Bergen Road,
			Jersey City, N.J.

BOND renewed his license on 1/22/55.

During February, 1957, BOND was sailing on the vessel "Ocean Deborah" owned by the Ocean Transportation Co., Inc., 61 Broadway, N.Y., N.Y.

ALFRED LOUIS CASE

Information furnished by NYlet dated 2/15/57:

Santa Marta Capt. A. L. CASE United Fruit Co.

Information obtained from records of the U.S. Coast Guard regarding CASE:

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Name:	•		ATA + MES	ALFRED LOUIS CASE.
	place of	birth:		3/2/95, Escondido,
-	The second secon	N. Carrier	-	California_
Merchant Addresses	Seaman's	Document	;;	BK-982-D-1
1144105501	1920			938 Maine Street, Baton Rouge, <u>La</u> .
	1924			80 Montague Street,
	1929			Brooklyn, N.Y. 514 16th Street,
	; ,			Brooklyn, N.Y.
	1934 -			217 Terrace Place,
-		-		Brooklyn, N.Y.
	1939		r	672 Vanderbilt Place,
~ , -				Brooklyn, N.Y.
	1944		1 -	137-27 174th Street,
	d ₁	ų.	· r	Springfield Gardens,
	= _	-		Long Island, N.Y.
•	1953	1		137-27 174th Street,
*		, + +	•	Springfield Gardens,
				Long Island, N.Y.
Spouse:		•	*	LORETTA CASE, Wife
Passport	number:	 →	~	15912
Photogra		.		One available taken
		, .	-	between 1949 - 1951.

CASE renewed his license on 12/15/53.

Nothing appears in this file since 1953.

ALBERT KEERSON aka ABRAHAM EPSTEIN

Information furnished by NYlet dated 2/15/57:

Hubert Howe Bancroft Capt. A. KEERSON

WSA-Isthmian

Information obtained from records of the U.S. Coast Guard regarding KEERSON:

Name:

Date and place of birth:

Merchant Seaman's Document: Citizenship:

Addresses:

1921

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1929

1934

1939

1939

1943

1948

1953

1954

Photograph:

Family:

Physical characteristics as of 1940:

ALBERTAKEERSON, aka Abraham Epstein 10/22/99, Brooklyn,

New York 10/22/99, Kiev, Russia

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Naturalized 5/25/16, New York, New York, Certificate #749253

through father b. through step-father

329 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

437 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

5710 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

148-09 Northern Blvd.,

Flushing, N.Y.

75 Manhattan Avenue,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

164 Meserole Street,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

274 Stagg Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

165 Meserold Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

6511 Brookside, Houston,

Texas

67 Beach Avenue,

Larchmont, N.Y.

one available taken in

1940

ALEXANDER KEERSON, Father GEORGE KEERSON, Brother. JOE FALKIN, Step-father.

5' 7"; Brown Hair; Brown Eyes; Ruddy Complexion.

KEERSON renewed his license on 2/20/53. On 3/4/57 he was sailing on the "William Bevan" owned by the Isbrandtsen Steamship Co., 26 Broadway, N.Y.

File indicates KEERSON was admonished by the U.S. Coast Guard as follows:

1/7/44

Misconduct--violation of naval instructions regarding secret publications

5/8/44

Violation of security regulations

No official document appears in the file reflecting change of the name from ABRAHAM EPSTEIN to ALBERT KEERSON. The name KEERSON first appears on the records in the year 1934.

KEERSON ordered to appear before the "C" Marine Investigation Board, New York, N.Y. on 11/15/40.

CHARGE:: Violation of Section 6, 46 U.S.C., 710a, Act of June 25, 1936.

SPECIFICATION: Inasmuch as you reported to this "C" Marine Investigation Board at Savannah, &a., for violation of the above mentioned charges by wilfully and knowingly obtaining a Chief Mate's license for steam and motor vessels, #65358, issue 4,6, dated the tenth of January, 1939, at the port of New York, and in which you stated under oath that you were born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and further that you violated the above section in that you obtained on May 3, 1940, a Continuous Discharge Book, #221569 issued by the U.S. Shipping Commissioner of Philadelphia, Pa., and in which you stated that your birth place was New York, and further that on June 12, 1940, there was issued to you at the port of New York a second Continuous Discharge Book, #008011, which is in violation of the above mentioned section in obtaining this second Continuous Discharge Book, you made a statement under oath that you had never received from the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation a Continuous Discharge Book or Certificate of Identification, other than for which you were then making applications.

KEERSON plead guilty.

Following information obtained by testimony: ALBERT KEERSON was born at Smela, Russia, in the province of Kieve; that his father's name was ALEXANDER KEERSON, and that he used the maiden name of his mother, which was EPSTEIN. name ABRAHAM EPSTEIN was used by him until the date of September 19, 1924, whereby a court order was granted permitting him to use the name of KEERSON, which was the name of the deceased father. His mother emigrated from Russia to the United States when he was between the age of two and three, and she later married one JOE TALKIN, who then became by marriage the step-father of ALBERT KEERSON. JOE TALKIN is a naturalized citizen, bearing No. 749253 naturalization papers, issued at the USDC, Eastern District Court of New York. These papers were issued on the 25th of May, 1916, and by virtue of the marriage, we are under the impression that the step-son becomes a naturalized citizen.

In summation, we find that he falsified his birthplace at the time of making application for his Chief Mate's license; secondly, at the time the first Continuous Discharge book was issued to him he had falsified his birthplace under oath; thirdly, that upon the second application for a Continuous Discharge Book he had falsified under oath that he had never previously held a Continuous Discharge Book.

Since KEERSON has plead guilty, which is fraudulent action according to Section 6, 46 USC, 710a, we recommend as a disciplinary measure a suspension of his license for a period of thirty (30) days.

ROBERT LORD MAYNARD

Information furnished by NYlet dated 2/15/57:

Ferdinando Gorges Capt. R. L. MAYNARD Moore-McCormack

Information obtained from records of the U. S. Coast Guard regarding MAYNARD:

Name:

Date and place of birth:

9/14/18, Brooklyn, New York Z-57318-D1

Merchant Seaman's Document:

Addresses: 1942

1943

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1560 East 36th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

333 Ovington Avenue,

ROBERT LORD MAYNARD

Brooklyn, N.Y.

2500 Chestnut Street,

Chester, Pa.

Height: Hair: Eyes:

Race: Complexion: Photograph:

Family:

61 Brown Hazel

White Fair

One available taken between

1937 - 1939

HELEN, MAYNARD, Mother; her address in 1937 was 279 73rd

1 Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

MAYNARD renewed his license on 6/16/55.

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THOMAS D. MCFARLAND

Information furnished by NYlet dated 2/15/57:

St. John's Victory Capt. T. MCFARLAND

American Hawaiian Steamship Co.

Information obtained from records of the U.S. Coast Guard regarding MCFARLAND:

Name:

Date and place of birth:

THOMAS DEMCFARLAND 10/29/73, Thomaston,

Maine Z-125584

Merchant Seaman's Document:

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Addresses:

1933

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Photograph;

1312 Fries Avenue,
Wilmington, California
1511 Marine Avenue,
Wilmington, California
1228 Banning Blvd.
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One available taken
between 1936 - 1938.

MCFARLAND renewed his license on 2/9/48.

Nothing appears in this file since 1948.

PETER CHARLES MILLER

(DECEASED)

Information furnished by NYlet dated 2/15/57:

Leader Loop Capt. PETER C. MILLER Sword

Information obtained from the records of the U.S. Coast Guard concerning MILLER:

Name: Date and place of birth: Merchant Seaman's Document:

1928

1933

1943

1948

Spouse:

Photograph:

Addresses:

PETER CHARLES MILLER 11/9/90, Baltimore, Md. BK-105996

642 W. North Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland
1927 St. Paul Street,
Baltimore, Md.
1735 Bolton Street,
Baltimore, Md.
1331 Mt. Royal Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.
ROSE MILLER
ESTHER/MILLER, 1526 Park
Avenue, Baltimore, Md.
One available taken
between 1951 - 1953.

MILLER died 3/30/53.

2/25/57

TO: W. A. Branigan, P. S. FROM: F. I.

RE : Arthur Alexandrovich Adams Esp. - R

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

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GOVERNMENT

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: 4/19/57

FROM:

SAC, WFO (100-16821)

SUBJECT:

ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, Was.,

(00: New York)

ReNylet to the Bureau dated 2/15/57, copy to the WFO, which requested the WFO to obtain background information from the U.S. Coast Guard concerning captains of ships that cleared the port of New York for Naples, Italy, between 1/23/46 and 4/1/46. ReWFOlet dated 3/22/57, which set forth background information regarding seven captains.

Set out below under separate headings is the information obtained regarding Captains CHRISTIANSEN, FERNSTROM, JACOBSEN and LEE:

CAPTAIN NILS CHRISTIANSEN

Information furnished by NYlet dated 2/15/57:

Webster Victory Captain NILS CHRISTIANSEN WSA-US Navigation

Information obtained from records of the U.S. Coast Guard:

Coast Guard records contain two individuals with this surname, but it was not possible to identify either of these individuals with the "WSA-US Navigation" line during the pertinent period.

CHRISTIANSEN

Born: Citizenship: 7/12/88, Arendal, Norway 9/20/32, Brooklyn, New York, Certificate #3622045

Employment:

1932-1942 United Fruit Co.,

Addresses:

Mobile, Ala. 1937 - 4113 7th Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 1947 - 4113 7th Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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MRYMRS.NILS CHRISTAIN

Born: Citizenshin:

2/19/86, Stravanger, Norway 9/22/15, Chicago, Illinois, Certificate #590004

Merchant Seaman's

Document: Photograph: BK-012113 Renewed 6/5/56. One available taken between

Spouse:

Addresses:

1938-1940. //Y.
Josephine/Christainsen
1931 - 735 52nd St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
1936 - 814 52nd St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
1956 - 814 52nd St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

SVEN O. FERNSTROM

Information furnished by NYlet dated 2/15/57:

Double Loop Captain SVEN Isbrandtsen

Information obtained from the records of the U.S. Coast Guard regarding FERNSTROM:

Namë:

Born:

Citizenship:

SVEN O FERNSTROM

7/23/77, Sweden, Stockholm Naturalized 6/13/12, San

Photograph:

Francisco, California One available taken between

1935-1937

Merchant Seaman's

Document: Addresses: BK-1642

1919 - 832 42nd St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 1924 - 18 Overpeck Ave., Ridgefield

Park, N.J.

1949 - 18 Overpeck Ave., Ridgefield

Park, N.J.

FERNSTROM last renewed his license on 7/7/49.

BERNT ANDREAS JACOBSEN

Information furnished by NYlet dated 2/15/57:

Exbrook Captain B., JACOBSEN American Export

Information obtained from the records of the U.S. B. Adacobsen Coast Guard regarding JACOBSEN:

> BERNT ANDREAS XJACOBSEN Name: Born: <u>7/3/90. Norway</u> 2/211/20, New York, N.Y. Citizenship: Certificate #1339150

Merchant Seaman's

Document: Photograph: Z-1004851 One available taken between

1950-1952

Margaret Jacobsen Spouse: 5'11" Height:

210 Weight:

Black-gray Hair:

Eyes: Blue

1926 - 189 Van Buren St., New Addresses:

Brighton, N.Y.

1941 - 189 Van Buren St., New

Brighton, N.Y.

1946 - 222 Guyon Ave., Staten Island, N.Y.

1956 - 222 Guyon Ave., Staten

Island, N.Y.

JACOBSEN last renewed his license on 12/3/56.

on 3/31/56, JACOBSEN was sailing on the "Constitution" owned by American Export Lines, Inc., 39 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

HENRY ANDREW LEE

Information furnished by NYlet dated 2/15/57:

Noah Webster Captain HENRY A. LEE

Sprague

Information obtained from the records of the U.S. Coast Guard regarding LEE:

> S.HENRY ANDREW XLEE Name : 719/06, Hartford, Conn. Born:

SSN:

Merchant Seaman's Document:

BK-087830

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Spouse (1937):

Photograph:

Irma, Lee

One available taken between

1935 and 1937

Addresses:

1941 - 217 High St., Reading,

Mass.

1951 - Mariposa Farm, South

Bridgton, Maine

1956 - RFD #2, Bridgton, Maine

LEE last renewed his license on 3/14/56.

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On 2/7/55, LEE was sailing on the "SS Sea Comet II" operated by Seatraders, Inc., 17 Battery Place, New York, N.Y.

The remainder of the files for the names furnished in NYlet dated 2/15/57, will be reviewed at Coast Guard when the files are made available, and the results will be submitted promptly. P.

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ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was. IS-R

(OO:NY)

Re New York report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated and captioned as above, four copies of which are enclosed.

Washington Field has obtained background information on certain ships masters who took their vessels from New York to Naples, Italy, between January 23 and April 1, 1946, and is currently getting such information regarding other captains who sailed to Naples in that period. This was the time during which it would appear that ARTHUN ADAMS fled the United States via such a ship. Much of the above-mentioned information is set out in referenced report. For the benefit of offices having leads to cover in referenced report, the following information is set out: X

In 1956, TIM BUCK, Head of the Canadian APPROPRIATE AGENCIES Party (CP) visited Moscow. He has told AND FIELD OF LOES Communist Party (CP) visited Moscow. He has told NY 694-S that while in Moscow, he talked to ARTHUR SLIP (S) OF (SATE) OF The ADAMS, who gave the following account of his escape (ATR) (O-7)-70 from the United States:

ADAMS said that on the day he escaped, he was trapped in a building surrounded by FBI cars. He tried numerous doors in an effort to leave without being seen, and finally located a window which took him into an adjacent building, which was actually a fire house. Walking out through the fire house, he went directly to "the girl's house, where he spent the next two days. At that time there was a boat in

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the New York Harbor, the captain of which had been transmitting information from ADAMS to Moscow. He sent the following message to the captain of the ship:

"This time the cargo will be myself."

A pass reflecting that he was replacing a crew member was sent to ADAMS, and he boarded the ship unseen by anyone aboard except the captain, who hid him in the hold with a supply of food and water. After five days being extremely seasick, ADAMS abandoned caution and went to the captain's cabin, where, for the balance of the trip, he lay on the captain's bunk, keeping himself well concealed. Whenever a crew member came to the captain's cabin, he was told by the captain that ADAMS was a member of the crew who was drunk.

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

It is noted it is very possible that any or all of ADAMS version of his escape may be false, inaccurate, or exaggerated. Also, the possibility exists that the ship on which ADAMS escaped, although eventually landing at Naples, actually might have cleared New York for other foreign ports. In this case, the master involved is not one of those now being checked by the FBI. Nevertheless, it is believed that there is a possibility that the captain involved is one of those now being checked, and that a background check on each should be made at this time. Upon completion of all background checks, consideration will be given as to which captains, if any, should be interviewed in this matter.

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On March 12 and 15, 1957, SA W. DANA CARSON was furnished records concerning some of these masters by Lieutenant Commander FREDERICK J. LESSING, Intelligence Division, United States Coast Guard, 1300 "E" Street N.W., Washington, D.C. This information is set out in each case below the name of the ship, as obtained from the Federal Records Center. MY 2718-4

MATAN DOUGLAS WEBSTERAASQUITH, (Master of "SS JOE C.S. BLACKBURN," Black Diamond Line, 1946)

Date and place of birth

3/2/07, London,

Citizenship

England Naturalized 4/22/33.

Seattle, Washington, Certificate #365654B

(or #3656548

Last reported address

276 Ohio Street,

Pasadena, California (1954)
MYRTLE C. ASQUITH

Spouse

ASQUITH renewed his Master's License in 1954, at which time he indicated he was employed with the United States Navy.

NYU VICTORY, "Shepard_Line, 1946)

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Date and place of birth_

1/18/02, Hamilton, Scotland.

Citizenship

Naturalized 11/11/29.

New York City

Certificate #3219763

Spouse Last known address

RHODA MA BOND 144 Old Bergen Road, Jersey City. N.J.

(1953)

During February, 1957, BOND was sailing on the vessel "Ocean Deborah" owned by the Ocean Transportation Company, Incorporated, 61 Broadway, New York, New York.

AMMAN ALFRED LOUIS CASE, (Master of "SS SANTA" MARTA, United Fruit Company, 1946)

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Date and place of birth

Last known address

3/2/95, Escondido, California 1953 - 137-27 174th Street, Springfield Gardens, Long Island, New York, LORETTAYOASE

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ALBERTYKEERSON, aka Abraham, X Epstein, (Master of "SS HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT," Isthmian Line 1946) 110 Y

Date and place of birth	10/22/99, Kiev or Smela, Russia		
Citizenship	Naturalized 5/25/16, New York, New York		
	Certificate #749253		
Addresses:	329 Marcy Avenue,		
1921	Brooklyn, N.Y.		
1922	437 Graham Avenue,		
1000	Brooklyn, N.Y.		
1929	5710 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.		
1934	148-09 Northern Blvd.,		
7020	Flushing, N.Y.		
1939	75 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.		
1939	164 Meserole Street,		
1943	Brooklyn, N.Y.		
	274 Stagg Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.		
1948	165 Meserole Street,		
7052	Brooklyn, N.Y.		
1953	6511 Brookside, Houston, Texas		
1954	67 Beach Avenue, Larchmont, N.Y.		

Photograph

Family .

One available taken in 1940

ALEXANDER KEERSON,

Father;

GEORGE KEERSON,

Brother;

JOE TALKIN, Step-Father

Physical characteristics

as of 1940

5'7": Brown Hair: Brown Eyes; Ruddy

Complexion

KEERSON renewed his license on February 20, On March 4, 1957, he was sailing on the "WILLIAM BEVAN" owned by the Isbrandtsen Steamship Company, 26 Broadway, New York.

The file indicates KEERSON was admonished by the United States Coast Guard as follows:

1/7/44

Misconduct - violation of naval instructions regarding secret

publications

5/8/44

Violation of security

regulations

No official document appears in the file reflecting change of the name from ABRAHAM EPSTEIN to ALBERT KEERSON. The name KEERSON first appears on the records in the year 1934.

KEERSON ordered to appear before the "C" Marine Investigation Board, New York, New York, on November 15, 1940 on the following matter:

"CHARGE:

Violation of Section 6, 46 U.S.C., 710a, Act of June 25, 1936

"SPECIFICATION: Inasmuch as you reported to this "C" Marine Investigation Board at Savannah, Georgia,

for violation of the above-mentioned charges by wilfully and knowingly obtaining a Chief Mate's License for steam and motor vessels, #65358, issue 4,6, dated the tenth of January, 1939, at the Port of New York, and in which you stated under oath that you were born in Brooklyn, New York, and further that you violated the above section in that you obtained on May 3, 1940, a Continuous Discharge Book, #221569 issued by the U.S. Shipping Commissioner of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in which you stated that your "birthplace was New York, and further that on June 12, 1940, there was issued to you at the Port of New York a second Continuous Discharge Book, #008011, which is in violation of the abovementioned section in obtaining this second Continuous Discharge Book, you made a statement under oath that you had never received from the Buream of Marine Inspection and Navigation a Continuous Discharge Book or Certificate of Identification, other than for which you were then making applications:

"KEERSON plead guilty.

"The following information was obtained by testimony: ALBERT KEERSON was born at Smela, Russia, in the province of Kieve; that his father's name was ALEXANDER KEERSON, and that he used the maiden name of his mother, which was EPSTEIN. The name ABRAHAM EPSTEIN was used by him until the date of September 19, 1924, whereby a court order was granted permitting him to use the name of KEERSON, which was the name of the deceased father. His mother emigrated from Russia to the United States when he was between the age of two and three, and she later married one JOE TALKIN, who then became by marriage the step-father of ALBERT KEERSON. JOE TALKIN is a naturalized citizen, bearing Number 749253 naturalization papers, issued at the United States District Court, Eastern District Court of New York: These papers were issued on the 25th of May, 1916, and by virtue of the marriage, we are under the impression that the step-son becomes a naturalized citizen:

"In summation, we find that he falsified his birthplace at the time of making application for his

Chief Mate's License; secondly, at the time the first Continuous Discharge Book was issued to him he had falsified his birthplace under oath; thirdly, that upon the second application for a Continuous Discharge Book he had falsified under oath that he had never previously held a Continuous Discharge Book:

"Since KEERSON has plead guilty, which is fraudulent action according to Section 6, 46 USC, 710a, we recommend as a disciplinary measure a suspension of his license for a period of thirty (30) days."

ROBERT LORDAMAYNARD, (Master of "SS FERDINANDO GORGES," Moore-McCormack Line, 1946)

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Date and place of birth

Last known address

9/14/18, Brooklyn, New York 2500 Chestnut Street, Chester, Pennsylvania

MAYNARD renewed his license on June 16,

1955.

THOMAS DA McFARLAND, (Master of "SS ST. JOHN'S VICTORY," American Hawaiian Steamship Company, 1946)

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Date and place of birth

Last known address

10/29/73, Thomaston, Maine 1948 - 1228 Banning Boulevard, Wilmington, California

Nothing appears in McFARLAND's Coast Guard File since 1948:

PETER CHARLES MLLER (deceased), (Master of "SS LEADER LOOP," Sword Line, 1946)

Date and place of birth

Last known address

Last spouse

November 9, 1890, Baltimore, Maryland 1948 - 1331 Mt: Royal Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland ESTHER MILLER, 1526 Park Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland

MILLER died March 30, 1953.

On April 17, 1957, Captain WARREN HARDY, Director of Ship Personnel, Isbrandtsen Line, 26 Broadway, New York, advised that Captain ALBERT KEERSON began work with that firm on January 7, 1955, at which time he furnished his address as St. George Hotel, Brooklyn, New York. He was born October 22, 1899, in Russia, and his permanent address was 67 Beach Avenue, Larchmont, New York. He was naturalized in Brooklyn, May 25, 1916, and had two years in high school and no college. He was married, but his wife's name was not furnished. He stated on his application that he had never had his license either suspended or revoked, and had never been a Communist, fascist, or member of a subversive organization. He was appointed Master of the "SS WILLIAM BEVAN" on September 20, 1956. His record showed further, that he was Captain of the "SS HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT," Isthmian Line, from December, 1944, to June 7, 1946. He then transferred to the "Baton Rouge Victory" of the same company, and served on that ship from June 8, 1946, to May 24, 1947. From May 25, 1947, to February 25, 1948, he commanded the "MARQUETTE VICTORY" for the Isthmian Line: The last ship shown was the "TWIN FALLS VICTORY," which he commanded from June 1, 1948, to November 17, 1948.

Captain HARDY said that KEERSON's present ship, the "WILLIAM BEVAN," sails between the East Coast of the United States and Europe, and he estimated that her

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next visit to the United States would be at Norfolk, Virginia, approximately May 30, 1957. He advised that he can give a more accurate estimate of this ship's arrival on or after May 1, 1957:

arrival on or after May 1, 1957.

MRS Indices of the New York Office were reviewed on ALBERT REERSON, aka Abraham Epstein. No derogatory information could be found, although it was noted that the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as checked in 1952, disclosed that KEERSON's wife, ROSE, age approximately 30 in 1947, was employed by the THOMAS D'ANGELIO Company, 159 Meserole Street, Brooklyn, as a Machine Operator.

The Indices of the New York Office were also reviewed, but failed to disclose any information concerning Captains ASQUITH, BOND, CASE, MAYNARD, McFARLAND, or MILLER.

LEADS:

BALTIMORE

At Baltimore, Maryland:

Will review indices and check established sources regarding the late Captain PETER CHARLES MILLER, and report any derogatory loyalty information.

LOS ANGELES

At Pasadena, California:

- 1: Will determine if Captain DOUGLAS WEBSTER ASQUITH resides at 276 Ohio Street, and if not, will attempt to determine his present address.
- 2: Will discreetly determine ASQUITH's current activities and reputation through logical established sources and check of indices.

At Wilmington, California:

Will determine if Captain McFARLAND resides at 1228 Banning Boulevard, and will check indices and established sources on Captain McFARLAND.

NEWARK

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At Jersey City, New Jersey:

- 1: Will determine if Captain TERENCE BOND resides at 144 Old Bergen Road, Jersey City, and if not, attempt to determine present address.
- 2. Will discreetly determine BOND's current activities and reputation through established sources.

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At Chester, Pennsylvania:

- I. Will determine if Captain ROBERT LORD MAYNARD resides at 2500 Chestnut Street, and if not, will determine his present address.
- 2: Will discreetly determine MAYNARD's current activities and reputation through logical sources:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York:

- 1. Will determine if Captain ALFRED LOUIS CASE resides at 137-27 174th Street, Springfield Gardens, Long Island:
- 2. Will determine CASE's current activities and reputation through logical sources.
- 3. Will attempt through the Isthmian Line, 71 Broadway, to get crew list for "SS HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT" for sailing of 3/30/46, New York to Naples:
- 4. Will check record of Captain TERENCE BOND, Odean Transportation Company Incorporated, 61 Broadway.

REFERENCE: Washington Field Office letter to the Bureau dated 3/22/57.

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On May 14, 1957, CHARLES E. ARFERT, Manager, Credit Bureau of North Jersey, advised that his files contained a record for Captain TERENCE and RHODA BOND which indicated the following past residences:

571 Pavonia Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey
190 Neptune Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey
9 St. Peter St., Jamaica Plains
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No dates were given for the above addresses.

The record also reflected inquiries: on September 2, 1940, showing employment as Merchant Marine Officer, Tidewater Oil Company, Bayonne, New Jersey, for two years; on October 14, 1940, showing residence as 144 Old Bergen Road, Jersey City;) on December 19, 1946, showing residence as 144 Old Bergen Road and employment at Sheperd S. S. Company, 21 West Street, New York City.

The record also contained a notation of a judgment against the BONDs on January 10, 1951, by JOSEPH KATZ in the amount of \$170.42.

On May 14, 1957, Lieutenant THOMAS TORPEY advised that he had no record of TERENCE or RHODA BOND at the Jersey City Police Department.

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Identity of Source Date of Activity And/or Description of Information

Date Received Furnished

Agent to whom

File Number where Located

Credit and Police checks made by IC ROBERT E. HOREL.

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

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UNITED

GOVERNMENT

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331280)

DATE: 5/17/57

SAC, WFO (100-16821)

SUBJECT:

ARTHUR ALEXANDROVICH ADAMS, was.

IS-R (00:NY)

ReWFOlet dated 4/17/57.

Set out below under separate headings is the information obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard concerning Captains PEDERSEN and RAWDING:

DAHL PEDERSEN

Information furnished by NYlet dated 2/15/57:-

STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS Capt. D. PEDERSEN

WSA-Isthmian

Information obtained from records of the U.S. Coast

Guard:

DAHL PEDERSEN

Date and place_of_birth:-

12/17/1895,—Sacby, Denmark Naturalized 4/7/1921.

Citizenship:

Brooklyn, New York.

Photograph:

Certificate number 1279546 One available taken between

1949-1951.

Merchant Seaman's Document: Z-833731-D1 Spouse:

Addresses:

MAMIE PHOERSEN

1931

1017 St. Philip Street.

1944

New Orleans, La. 923 Gaiennie Street, New

1949-1954

Orleans, La. 1017 Oleans, New Orleans, La.

PEDERSEN renewed his license on 4/5/1954.

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Information furnished by NYlet dated 2/15/57.

GALEN L. STONE

Capt. A. J. McCARTHY

Eastern Lines

Information obtained from the records of the U.S. Coast Guard:

Name:

Date and place of birth:

GRANT HICKS RAWDING

5/31/1904, Annapolis, Nova

Scotia, Citizenship:

Naturalized 5/20/1896, Boston,

Mass., through his father,

Llewellyn S. Rawding

Spouse: MRS (PANT Photograph:

MARGUERITE RAWDING ///

One available taken between

.1953-1955.

Merchant Seaman's Document: BK-228655

Addresses:

1932

937 Adams Street, Dorchester,

Mass.

1937

1 Moultrie St., Dorchester,

Mass.

1942 1947 22 Grove St., Milton, Mass.

3 Nobel Road, Dedham, Mass.

1952

215 Coney Street, East Walpole,

Mass.

RAWDING renewed his license on 3/31/1952.

U.S. Coast Guard was unable to locate any record for Captains SCAGLIONE, STUBBS, McCARTHY and MARTINOLI which would connect them with the particular ship during the pertinent period. In the absence of connecting the captains with a particular line or ship, Coast Guard advised additional background information would be necessary.

If the NYO obtains additional background information regarding these captains the WFO will make further attempts to identify them at Coast Guard. RUC.