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TO : Mr. Peyton Ford
The Assistant to the Attorney General

DATE: March 3, 1949

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION
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As supplementary to my memorandum to you dated January 27, 1949, regarding the Amtorg Trading Corporation, I want to call your attention to a recent development in this investigation which may be of potential significance in any prosecutive steps contemplated.

In the referenced memorandum, I mentioned that we are presently using on a confidential basis, as informants, two highly placed officials of the Amtorg Trading Corporation. One of these is Isidore Gibby Needleman, the Amtorg legal representative with whom we have been maintaining a rather indirect contact through an intermediary. We have not been entirely satisfied with this arrangement or the extent of the information being supplied by Needleman and for that reason, in order to check on his sincerity, we desire to obtain from him more complete information on a variety of matters including his knowledge of the activities of the Amtorg Trading Corporation which would be in possible violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

We would, therefore, appreciate your making available to us a memorandum outlining your views on what would constitute a violation on the part of this Corporation and any questions you think should be asked of this individual. We would also like to know if Needleman is registered as an agent of a foreign principal.

I have previously furnished you information concerning the efforts of the Amtorg Trading Corporation to obtain equipment relative to atomic research developments. In this connection, this Bureau has recently learned through an informant that the Amtorg Trading Corporation has been in contact with the Geophysical Research Corporation concerning geophones to measure blast pressures which this company manufactured in small quantities for the original bomb test at Alamogordo. The fact that these geophones are used for the purpose of making blast measurements at Alamogordo and other testing points, is highly restricted but apparently the Amtorg Trading Corporation must have some knowledge of the use of these instruments.

The above represents another example of the security risk present in the activities of this Corporation. We are continuing our investigation of this Corporation in an effort to determine whether Amtorg is sending out of the United States information and equipment relative to our atomic research.

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