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To: Office of Security
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: JOHN PITTMAN
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10-17-94
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MARGARETE ADLER PITTMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to my previous communications
to your Department captioned as above.

Information has been received that subjects
and their two children departed San Francisco, California,
on September 14, 1959, and planned to depart from New York,
New York, for Le Havre, France, on the French liner, "Flanders,"
on September 17, 1959.

This matter has been referred to the Legal Attaches
in Paris, London, Bonn, and Rome for contact with appropriate
security services to receive any pertinent information they
may develop regarding the subjects while they are traveling
in the areas covered by the Legal Attaches. However, this
Bureau would appreciate any pertinent information that your
Department or the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) may
receive regarding the subjects in other countries where they
may travel. (S)(u)

No additional information has been received
to substantiate the initial intentions of subjects to
travel to England, Italy, and West Germany for the purpose

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of locating relatives and property interests of Margarete Pittman. However, information has been received indicating that subjects have definite plans to travel to Moscow where John Pittman will serve as a correspondent for "The Worker." Information has been received that subjects will obtain visas for travel to Moscow from the embassy in Paris, France, some time after their arrival in France.

1 - Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

ATTENTION: LEGAL ATTACHES, LONDON, PARIS, BONN, ROME, AND SAC,
SAN FRANCISCO

(S) Enclosed for Legal Attache, Paris, are a memorandum concerning Margarete Pittman and a memorandum concerning John Pittman. London, Rome, and Bonn have previously been furnished background information concerning subjects and requested to alert their sources. Legal Attaches, Paris, Bonn, Rome, and London, should remain especially alert for any information to further substantiate subjects' intentions to go to Moscow and immediately advise the Bureau. Legal Attache, Paris, is requested to alert his sources and place appropriate stops with them. Any information coming to his attention concerning travel plans of subjects to countries other than those covered by Legal Attaches should be immediately furnished to CIA. Advise the Bureau of any pertinent information received in this matter. Sources may be furnished information contained in the enclosed memoranda except the information indicating that Pittman and his family have intentions to travel to Moscow. Margarete Pittman is a key figure, San Francisco origin, and John Pittman is on the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office. Legal Attache, Paris, should also attempt to verify the issuance of visas to subjects in Paris and immediately advise the Bureau. (S) (4)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Legal Attache, Paris, is being advised not to furnish [sources] the information concerning Pittmans' [S] possible travel to Moscow as this information has been obtained only from NY 694-S and CG 5824-S, highly placed informants. This information has not been received from any other sources and it is believed this information should not be furnished [to sources overseas] in an effort to further [S] protect the identity of these informants. Other Legal Attaches have been similarly advised. Letter classified "Confidential" as it contains information obtained from confidential informants, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably result in their identification and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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