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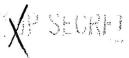
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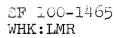
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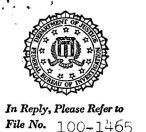
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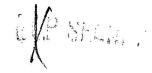
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#### I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SF T-1 on October 1, 1959 advised that JOHN PITTMAN, his wife, and two children arrived at London Airport on a flight from Paris, France, on September 30, 1959 at 11 p.m. While in the United Kingdom, Subject and his family resided at the Mitre House, 180 Sussex Gardens, London. Subject and his family departed London via Air France en route to Paris on October 4, 1959 at 10 p.m. The passport of Subject and his wife contained no Soviet visas.

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SF T-2 on October 14, 1959 advised that JOHN PITTMAN, his wife, and two children registered at the Hotel Gallic, 14 rue de l'Arcade, Paris, France, on September 24, 1959. They departed on the evening of September 30, 1959 for London, and returned from London on October 4, 1959, at which time they returned to the Hotel Gallic. They left Paris on October 6, 1959 by air for Moscow, USSR. The visa applications for PITTMAN and his family enabling them to travel to Moscow were handled personally by the Soviet diplomat IOURI ZOUEV an attache of the Soviet Embassy. While in Paris, France, PITTMAN was in contact with one MARCEL PRETECEILLE, a reporter for a French Communist newspaper.

SF T-3 on December 1, 1959 advised that JOHN PITTMAN and his wife, MARGARETE PITTMAN, were registered at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, Russia, as reporters for "The Worker" newspaper and the "People's World" newspaper. Subject and his wife had with them their two children, ages 8 and 6. PITTMAN has Passport #1741922, which reflects that he was born September 17, 1906 at Atlanta, Georgia, Mrs. PITTMAN bears Passport #1741921, which reflects that she was born in Frankfurt, Germany, on October 7, 1919.

SF T-4 on December 1, 1959 advised that BETTY WINTER, a Communist Party member in San Francisco, stated on December 1, 1959 that she had received a letter from JOHN PITTMAN showing his return address as Flat 8, 9 Gorky Street, Moscow, USSR. The letter reportedly advised WINTER that PITTMAN had been employed as a correspondent for "The Worker" and for the "People's World" newspapers since November 1, 1959.

SF T-5 on December 4, 1959 advised that JUANITA WHEELER, a member of the Communist Party in San Francisco and an employee of the "People's World" newspaper, stated that she was corresponding with PITTMAN and that PITTMAN would probably stay in Russia for three years. WHEELER commented that the PITTMANS were having trouble placing their children in school in Russia and that they had leased their house in San Francisco.