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ALEXANDER SVENCHANSKY, aka Shura Swan: *Photograph*
LILLIAN WINONA SVENCHANSKY (wife): *Photograph*

Re NY tels dated April 1 and 4, 1950, which reflect a review of the activities of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, which reflected that on May 15, 1946, that ROSE REUBEN, American Russian Institute, contacted BROTHMAN asking him to suggest someone who could translate technical Russian, since the ARI was then issuing a pamphlet describing the technical phases of Soviet industries. BROTHMAN suggested three names, one of which was SHURA SWAN. REUBEN indicated she knew SWAN. The NY tel of April 4, 1950, stated SHURA SWAN was identical with ALEXANDER SWAN, and that ALEXANDER's brother, SIMON, with alias, THOMAS SWAN, acted as an interpreter for Amtorg, New York City. Also, that THOMAS SWAN worked for SGPC, Washington, D. C., as an interpreter for Russian engineers. *Photograph*

Rerep SA CARL F. MAISCH dated April 4, 1950, at Washington, D. C., entitled, "ALEXANDER SVENCHANSKY, was., IS--R," which sets forth the results of a review of the passport files, State Department, on SVENCHANSKY and his wife, LILLIAN. Passport photographs of ALEXANDER and LILLIAN SVENCHANSKY dated June, 1948, are submitted herewith for inclusion in the Bureau's Boston's, and New York's files on instant matter. The files of the IDA, Pentagon Building, reveal that ALEXANDER SVENCHANSKY, while in Alaska, as an interpreter, associated with a "Mr. JURIST" and Mr. SEREBRENNIKOV. Reference is made to the report of SA ROBERT SWANSON dated September 27, 1943, at NYC, entitled, "SIMEON NICHOLAS JERUSALIMSKY, was. Simeon Nicholas Jurist, SM--C," (NY file 100-52181). It appears that Mr. JURIST is identical with SIMEON NICHOLAS JURIST, subject of SA SWANSON's NY report. JURIST is reported by neighbors as a Communist, and also reported as a Russian espionage agent in this report. *Photograph*

DANIEL SVENCHANSKY (father of ALEXANDER and SIMON SVENCHANSKY): *Photograph*

Records of the INS, Washington, D. C., reflected that DANIEL SVENCHANSKY, also known as Gdalia Swenchansky, Gedalia Swinchansky, entered the United States on September 1, 1923, and filed a declaration of intention, No. 325173, on September 12, 1923, in New York, New York, at which time his residence was given as 725 Lafayette Street, New York, New York. DANIEL SVENCHANSKY was born October 10, 1879, Poltava, Russia. His petition for naturalization, No. 66543, was filed at Chicago, Illinois, on November 17, 1926, at which time his address was given as 2600 Leland Avenue. His wife was listed in the petition as NINA, born April 28, 1889, in Russia. His previous wife, HESTER, died in Russia in 1912, according to the INS file. Witnesses to the petition of DANIEL SVENCHANSKY were SAMUEL HALPER, millinery manufacturer, 944 Michigan Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, and HARDIN FRYMIRE, 1706 Lunt Avenue, Chicago. DANIEL SVENCHANSKY's petition was denied on January 14, 1929, as one of the witnesses was not a citizen. A new petition

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was filed on February 6, 1929, at which time the witnesses were listed as ALEXANDER MELTZ, electrician, 1201 Ainslie Street, Chicago, and ANITA HARTINOFF, stenographer, 708 Independence Avenue, Chicago. It is to be noted that SIMON SVENCHANSKY married a JULIETTE MELTZ, from Chicago.

A certificate of naturalization, No. 3014517, was issued on May 29, 1929, under the name, DANIEL JOSEPH SVENCHANSKY, and a duplicate of this certificate was issued on October 11, 1948, to DANIEL SVENCHANSKY, of 2600 West Leland Avenue. DANIEL SVENCHANSKY, in an application for the duplicate, stated he believed he had his birth certificate in his safe deposit box in the Amalgamated Bank, Dearborn and Monroe Streets, Chicago, Illinois, but had been unable to locate it.

Photographs of DANIEL SVENCHANSKY are enclosed to the Bureau, Boston, and New York for inclusion in their files.

THOMAS SWAN, aka Simon Srenchansky:

Re NY tels dated April 1 and 4, 1950, concerning ALEXANDER and SIMON SVENCHANSKY, also known as SHURA and THOMAS SWAN, respectively.

The INS files reflect that a declaration of intention, No. 324645, was filed September 12, 1923, at New York, New York, under the name, SIMON SVENCHANSKY, Clerk, who was then residing at 425 Lafayette Street, New York, New York. SIMON's petition for naturalization, No. 82388, was filed on January 8, 1929, and was witnessed by ALBERT SCHANKA, chauffeur, 516 167th Street, and ELMER MALONEY, cashier, 900 Riverside Drive, both New York City. A certificate of citizenship, No. 3259814, was issued January 24, 1930, Bronx County, New York, under the name, THOMAS SWAN, 1665 Boston Road. THOMAS SWAN's description, according to the INS files, as of 1940, was as follows: Birth, January 18, 1905, Theodosia, Russia; height 5' 6"; weight 142 pounds; complexion dark; eyes brown; hair brown; race Hebrew. The 1930 INS photograph of THOMAS SWAN is submitted herewith for the Bureau and Boston Office for display to KLAUS FUCHS and the HEINEMANS. It is suggested that the Boston Office submit the photograph to the HEINEMANS as soon as possible.

The following information concerning THOMAS SWAN is set forth to reflect investigation conducted to date by this office:

Report of SA A. ROBERT SWANSON, dated November 18, 1943, at New York, New York, "AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION, Espionage--R," on page 83, under the caption, "Amtorg Employees Presently in the U. S. Armed Forces or Employed in U. S. Defense Industries," reflects THOMAS SWAN, aka SIMON SVENCHANSKY, former employee of SGPC and ATC, was to be inducted into the U. S. Army in January or February, 1943. It is not indicated whether or not THOMAS SWAN was actually inducted, but it is set forth that his brother, ALEXANDER, was inducted and received ASN 32653886.

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Report of SA A. ROBERT SWANSON dated August 31, 1945, at NYC, "Amtorg Trading Corporation, IS--R," on page 6, relates that a supplemental registration statement was filed December 31, 1944, by Inreklama, notifying the Attorney General that it represented foreign principals, Amtorg Trading Corporation and Mezhdunarodnaja Khniga. The supplemental contains a list of Amtorg employees, among which is listed THOMAS SWAN, Translator, address unknown.

On page 79, of this same report, it is reflected that an announcement was placed on the bulletin board of the Amtorg Corporation, stating that the Association of American Employees of the SPC would hold a general meeting on May 14 (1945) at seven o'clock p.m. in the Club Room on the 9th Floor. Further, that Mr. H. WILSON, General Secretary of the AAE, would arrive in New York from Washington to report on Association matters. The announcement was signed by T. SWAN, Secretary of the Association, and was obtained from a trash cover on ATC, 210 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

Report of SA A. ROBERT SWANSON, dated April 7, 1947, at New York, New York, "Amtorg Trading Corporation, IS--R," on page 51, reflects information obtained from Confidential Informant ROCK, who advised that T. SWAN was on a temporary list of engineers and secretaries in Department No. 7, KAMENSKY's Department, Room 710, ATC.

Report of SA CHARLES F. BULLARD, dated December 5, 1944, at Washington, D. C., "SGPC, IS--R," on page 55, contains information received from C-369, reflecting that T. SWAN was in Room 220, extension 181, Industrial Installations Department, of the SGPC, 3355 16th Street, Northwest. (It is to be noted that T. SWAN left Washington, D. C., in September, 1944, according to the records of the Kaywood Gardens apartments.)

Report of SA JOHN A. SWARTZ dated April 18, 1944, at Washington, D. C., "Washington Bookshop Association, IS--C," on page 16, reflects information received from [REDACTED] indicating that JULIETTE SWAN, of 2017 Park Road, Northwest, ADams 8120, as of March 13, 1943, was an active member of the Washington Bookshop Association. [REDACTED] furnished this information on February 18, 1944.

Report of SA CARL E. GRAHAM dated March 1, 1948, at Washington, D. C., "Washington Bookshop Association, IS--C," on page 52, reflects the names and addresses of persons carried in the indices of membership of the Washington Bookshop Association, and in which the name of JULIETTE SWAN, 4308 Russell Avenue, Mt. Rainier, Maryland, UNION 4497, is listed. The dates, March 13, 1943, and May 18, 1944, indicating last date of payment of annual dues, are also set forth.

Mr. COLEMAN SACHS, Management Office, Kaywood Gardens, Mt. Rainier, Maryland, advised from his records that THOMAS and JULIETTE SWAN leased Apartment No. 1, 4308 Russell Avenue, from June 1, 1943, until September 30, 1944; further, that THOMAS and JULIETTE were listed as SGPC Interpreter and Statistical Clerk, respectively, THOMAS receiving a salary of \$225.00 a month, and JULIETTE, \$165.00 a month. Mr. SACHS' records indicated the SWANS came from 2017 Park Road, Northwest, and prior thereto lived at 3025 15th Street, Northwest. References were given as Woodward and Lothrop, Department Store, and Mr. and Mrs. I. SHULMAN, Dupont 3521. The bank was listed as Riggs National Bank, and no forwarding address was given by the SWANS when they left. According to Mr. SACHS, IRVING O. STROMPH, Apartment 2, 4308 Russell Avenue, was the only individual living there at the time of the SWANS' residence.

Inquiry at the Mt. Rainier Post Office revealed a change of address card reflecting 41-15 45th Street, Sunnyside, Long Island, New York, as the SWANS' forwarding address.

The I. SHULMAN, reference given by the SWANS, has been identified as IRVING ISADOR SHULMAN, typographical engineer, Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and one whose name was on a list of persons alleged to have transferred to the Communist Party Underground from the Communist Party, in Washington, D. C.

The background information concerning the SWANS has been set forth in this letter for the benefit of the Boston Office.

This investigation is pending in this office and is receiving continuous and preferred attention.

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	4	2	2	INS-1942 RUDOLF E. PETERLS
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	4	2	2	INS-1948 DANIEL SVENCHANSKY
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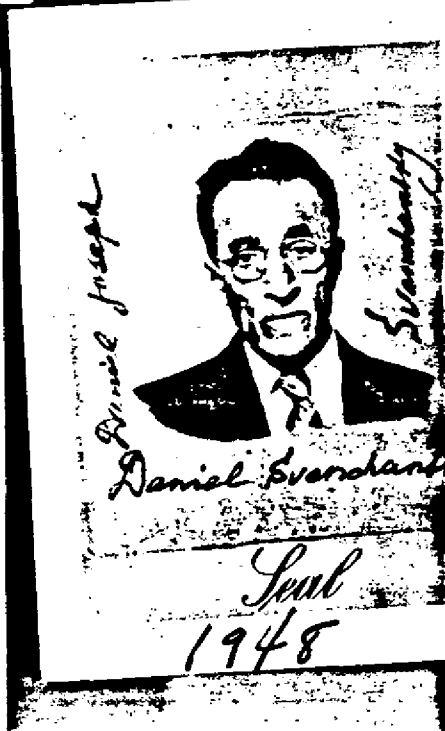
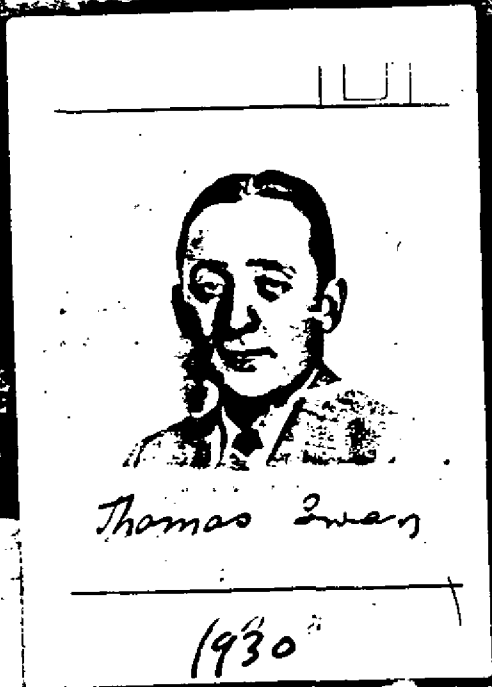
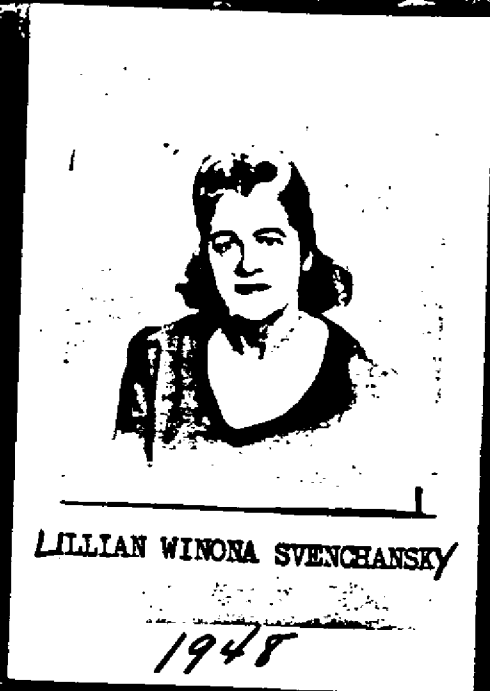
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FILE NO. 65-3374

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SYNOPSIS:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Photograph of JAMES J. ROBBIN not located.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

JAMES JEROME ROBBIN, - AKA James J. Robbin
James J. Robbins, James V. Robbins
James Robbins, Jerry Robbins
Jerry Rollins

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The Bureau has advised that the subject did not reject the available photograph of JAMES J. ROBBIN as being not identical with the person with whom the subject was in contact in the United States. The subject advised that he could, however, not see enough of ROBBIN'S features and desired to see a better photograph of him. u

MRS. I. PROVUS, Provus Brothers, 815 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, is the owner of the property located at 1850 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, where ROBBIN, under the name of JAMES J. ROBBINS, leased an apartment from August 26, 1944, to August 26, 1947. MRS. PROVUS stated that she has never seen a photograph of ROBBIN and has no information where one might be located. u

APPROVED *G. B. McHenry* SAC

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She stated that she does not know where he was employed while he was in Chicago, but does recall that during the greater part of the time he leased the apartment he was in the Armed Services of the United States. u

MISS GERTRUDE FRIEDMAN, Provus Brothers, 815 South Wabash, Chicago, advised that she has never seen a photograph of ROBBINS. She stated that ROBBINS, while residing in Chicago was employed with relatives in the building trades in the vicinity of Gary, Indiana. She said that he had no employment during this period of time in Chicago. u

MISS FRIEDMAN added she had no information as to where a photograph of ROBBINS might be obtained. u

MRS. PROVUS stated that the residents now in the apartment building owned by her, which includes 1850 North Lincoln Avenue, have moved into the apartment building since the ROBBINS family left the building, with the exception of WILLIAM SCHUMAN. u

MRS. PROVUS said that OTTO GURSCH, a former resident in the apartment building which includes 1850 North Lincoln Avenue, now resides at 3904 West Cullom Avenue, but that with this exception she has no information pertaining to the location or identity of previous tenants in view of the fact that the records were destroyed in a fire. u

MRS. OTTO GURSCH in May 1949 advised SA ROBERT L. TAGG that she was of the opinion that ROBBINS was in the contracting business while he resided at 1850 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, but that she had no specific information in this regard. u

MRS. GURSCH has been re-contacted, and advised that she had no information which would indicate where a photograph of ROBBINS might be located. She stated that she has never seen such a photograph. u

MRS. LILY SCHUMAN, 1854 North Lincoln Avenue, advised that she has never seen a photograph of ROBBINS, and does not know where one could be located. She stated that insofar as it is known to her, ROBBINS, after being discharged from the Armed Services of the United States, was employed by relatives who were in the building business in the vicinity of Gary, Indiana. u

MR. ROBERT SCHUMAN, at the same address, who is a grandson of MRS. LILY SCHUMAN, furnished identical information. u

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MR. GLEN E. LACKEY, Administrative Assistant, District Office, Veterans Administration, 17 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the National Life insurance file No. N 1579-27-65, pertaining to JAMES JEROME ROBBIN for examination. This file contained no information indicating specifically where a photograph of ROBBIN might be located. The file shows that ROBBIN was in the United States Navy during World War 2, serial number 880-13-63. He was inducted into the Navy at Los Angeles, California, February 2, 1944, and was honorably discharged on December 10, 1945. U

The following addresses are listed for ROBBIN:

February 1944, 1964 Preston, Los Angeles, California
December 1945, 1850 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
January 1948, 184 Deerpath Road, RR 5, Crown Point, Ind.
June 1949, 2136 Rhode Island, Gary, Ind. U

In connection with a change made in the type of settlement under the insurance policy, a witness was CHARLES P. O'BRIEN, 301 East Fifth, Gary, Indiana. U

The following names for ROBBIN appear in the file:

JAMES J. ROBBIN
JAMES V. ROBBINS
mcs JAMES JEROME ROBBIN
JAMES ROBBIN

ROBBIN'S wife's name is listed in the file as SYLVIA POLLAND ROBBIN. U

Chicago T-1, of known reliability, Chicago, Illinois, advised that SYLVIA ROBBIN subscribed to telephone service at 1850 North Lincoln Avenue on April 5, 1944. This was discontinued August 23, 1947. The telephone number Gary 2 9349 is contained on the card pertaining to SYLVIA ROBBIN. This was subscribed to by the Ironwood Development Corp., 2136 Rhode Island, Gary, Indiana, and has had the same subscriber since at least June 23, 1947. Records prior to this date are not available since they have been destroyed. The final bill to SYLVIA ROBBIN was mailed to 11 West 7th Avenue, Gary, Indiana, Room 208. U

There was no information available to this Informant which would indicate definitely where a photograph of ROBBIN might be available. U

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Chicago T-2, another Government agency which maintains personnel records, furnished the following information:

JAMES JEROME ROBBIN resided at 1342 Estes Avenue, Chicago, in October 1940. He was employed at that time by the Midcity Construction Co., 1807 Lawrence Avenue, Chicago. His Social Security No. was 566-07-7506. u

ROBBIN had the following education:

One year of pre-legal training at Loyola University at Los Angeles, California.

Two years of pre-legal and law training, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois

One and one-half years of training in Education, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois. u

ROBBIN'S position with the Midcity Construction Co. was that of construction salesman and office worker. He did general office work and sold small homes. He also was engaged in doing some teaching, the nature of which is not known to the Informant. u

ROBBIN was married in Chicago, Illinois, April 5, 1936. His wife's maiden name was SYLVIA POLLAND. u

A MR. DEE, 1340 Estes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was ROBBIN'S landlord. ROBBIN was born in Chicago, August 14, 1913. u

The following addresses of ROBBIN were known to the Informant:

October 1940, 1342 Estes Avenue

May 1942, 3718 176th Pl., Lansing, Illinois.

June 1942, 10814 Rochester, West Los Angeles, California

May 1943, 1961 Preston Avenue, Los Angeles, California

January 1944, 19641 Preston, Los Angeles, California

December 1945, 1850 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. u

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The records of Hill's Reports, Inc., a Chicago credit agency, contain no information pertaining to ROBBIN. u

The records of the Chicago Police Department contain no information pertaining to ROBBIN. u

Credit and police records were checked by SE ROBERT W. NICKLESS. u

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LEADS

All offices handling leads pertaining to JAMES JEROME ROBBIN, WAS, should report in this case only information having to do with the locating of a photograph or photographs of ROBBIN. If photographs are located the Bureau, New York, and Boston should each be furnished with four copies of each photograph of ROBBIN. Information pertaining to ROBBIN which is obtained during the coverage of the leads set out in this report, but which does not pertain to the locating of photographs of ROBBIN, should be furnished the Indianapolis Office, which is office of origin in a Security Matter - C investigation pertaining to ROBBIN, Indianapolis File No. 100-8829. u

All leads in this case should be handled expeditiously. u

THE INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION:

At Crown Point, Indiana:

Will conduct suitable investigation at or in the vicinity of 184 Deerpath Road, RR 5, Crown Point, Indiana, in an effort to obtain a photograph of ROBBIN. This address is included in the insurance file of ROBBIN at the Veterans Administration, and bears the date of March 1948, and the name of JAMES V. ROBBINS. u

At Gary, Indiana:

Will conduct similar investigation pertaining to 11 West 7th Avenue, Gary, Indiana, Room 208, which was the address to which the last telephone statement was mailed to SYLVIA ROBBIN in August 1947. u

Will, if considered advisable, interview CHARLES P. O'BRIEN, 301 East Fifth, Gary, Indiana, who is listed as a witness for ROBBIN in Veterans Administration files. u

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION:

At Los Angeles, California:

Will conduct investigation at addresses set out in this report in an effort to locate a photograph of ROBBIN, in those instances where such investigations have not already been conducted. u

Will attempt to locate a photograph of ROBBIN at Loyola University, which ROBBIN attended for a period of one year at an unidentified time. u

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THE NEW YORK DIVISION:

At Garden City, Long Island, New York:

Will examine the records of the United States Navy in an effort to locate a photograph of ROBBIN. ROBBIN was inducted under the name of JAMES JEROME ROBBIN, and the name of JAMES J. ROBBIN also appears in the Selective Service records. His Serial No. is 880-13-63. U

THE CHICAGO DIVISION:

At Lansing, Illinois:

Will conduct suitable investigation at or in the vicinity of 3718 176th Pl., Lansing, Illinois, in an effort to locate a photograph of ROBBIN. U

At Chicago, Illinois:

Will verify the marriage of ROBBIN at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Chicago, Illinois, which is reported to have taken place on April 5, 1936, and through information contained in the marriage record, seek to locate a photograph of ROBBIN. U

Will conduct similar investigation in an effort to obtain a photograph of ROBBIN at 1342 Estes Avenue, and at Midcity Construction Co., 1807 Lawrence Avenue. U

One copy of this report is being sent to Boston inasmuch as the Bureau requested that Boston receive a copy of all reports in this case. U

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INFORMANT PAGE

Chicago T-1:

[REDACTED] Illinois Bell Telephone
Co., Chicago, Illinois. (Requested.) u b7C b1D

Chicago T-2:

Selective Service System, 523 South Plymouth Court, Chicago,
Illinois; records furnished by ALBERT P. RYDE. u

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