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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

: Director, FBI (116-2713)

DATE: 5/6/55

SAC, San Francisco (116-4183)

EDWARD TELLER

AEA - E Oplan to Approach Edward Teller AND OTHERS FOR ATOMIC ENERGY INFORM. THAN

Enclosed herewith are six copies of the report of SA KEITH G. TEETER dated 5/6/55 at San Francisco reflecting the results of interview with subject as directed by Bulet of 4/14/55. An extra copy of this report has been enclosed in the event dissemination to is desired.

Dr. TELLER was courteous and cordial upon interview. He expressed his desire to cooperate with the Bureau in any manner possible and indicated an understanding of the Bureau's responsibilities in the field of internal security.

TELLER was advised that his interview along the lines reported was not to be construed as casting any suspicion upon his activities but that the FBI desired to be certain that he would have an opportunity to report any attempts to obtain classified informa-. tion from him, to point out the possibility that he might be approached, and to request his cooperation in reporting any approach immediately. In response TELLER stated that a person in his position should certainly be under suspicion at all times; could not be too carefully scrutinized, and that he personally would not be offended by such suspicion and scrutiny since it might protect him from making a mistake inadvertently.

TELLER said that the protection of classified information had been a source of constant concern to him and that he had attempted to scrupulously comply with all regulations concerning the handling of such information.

When requested that he be laiert for contacts that might be considered as an approach for classified information, TELLER asked how he could detect such asked how he was advised in general terms of the possibility that his scientific, social, or civic contacts might incomporate and suitempt to determine his attitude towards cooperation with the Soviets or the Satellites, particularly with Hungary since he is from that country. It was pointed out that the form of such an approach would be almost impossible to predict since the possibilities are so numerous. ce of let 5-1-5+ filed in 65-63420

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To: Director, FBI (116-2713) From: SAC, SF (116-4183)

Re: EDWARD TELLER; AEA-E, SM-C

TELLER mentioned such things as invitations to scientific conferences, requests for reprints of his published articles, and his acquaintance with scientists of Hungarian origin in the United States as possible means of establishing contact with him. He said, however, that he had no reason to think that any of these activities were unusual, and none of them had aroused any suspicion.

TELLER said that he had not been out of the United States except for trips to Canada and the Pacific Proving Grounds, since 1948 or 1949. He said he has routinely received invitations to attend scientific conferences and congresses in Europe but has consistently declined these invitations because of the press of work. He asked what the FBI's recommendation would be with regard to travel to Europe in the event he decided to attend any function there. He was advised that this Bureau has no jurisdiction over the movements of any person into or out of this country. His attention was called to the fact that the Atomic Energy Commission requires certain administrative procedures of "Q"-cleared personnel prior to foreign travel but that the FBI has nothing to do with these procedures.

It was specifically pointed out to TELLER that he should not construe our request for his cooperation in such a way as to curtail his activities along any line or to interfere with his work in any manner. He was further advised that it was not desired that he attempt to develop any information concerning situations which might be of interest to the FBI. He was requested to merely bring these situations to our attention as he becomes aware of them in the course of his normal activities.

At one point in the interview TELLER was asked what action he would take if someone asked him for classified information. He said he would tell the individual to "go to hell" and would report the incident immediately. After further conversation, TELLER stated that upon further reflection, perhaps it would be better if he were noncommittal under such circumstances so that the way might be left clear for the Bureau to properly evaluate and possibly take advantage of the approach after it was reported. TELLER said he wished to thank—the—interviewing—agent—for—pointing—this—out.—He—said—he had thought about what he would do under these circumstances and had previously decided that a quick and absolute refusal to cooperate would be the best thing to do. He said he could now see and understand the desirability of remaining noncommittal, a course of action which had never occurred to him.

Director, FBI (116-2713) SAC, SF (116-4183) EDWARD TELLER; AEA-E, SM-C Re:

It is noted that in the interview TELLER advised that he had supplied information to ARTHUR ROLANDER, Deputy Director, Security Division, AEC, Washington, D.C., which he was hesitant to furnish interviewing agent. This situation was fully reported in my tel of 5/2/55 and is not being repeated herein.

As a result of the interview of TELLER, it is felt that he has a genuine desire to assist the Bureau in any way he can, and it is believed that he now has a better understanding of the manner in which such assistance can best be rendered.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEFARTMENT GE JUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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AGENCIES IN THE MATTER THEY DISCUSSED WAS BEING HANDLED BY HIM. IN VIEW OF THIS INFORMATION. TELLER ADVISED THAT HE PREFERRED NOT TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH AGENT SINCE ROLANDER WOULD FURNISH FBI WITH INFORMATION OF INTEREST. TELLER SAID HE COULD SEE NO OBJECTION TO A CONTACT WITH ROLANDER BY THE BUREAU IN WASHINGTON SINCE THE LATTER IS AWARE OF OUR INTEREST. TELLER SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT RESULTS OF HIS CONVER-SATION WITH AGENT BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF ROLANDER PERSONALLY AT EARLY DATE. AFTER PHONE CALL, TELLER VOLUNTEERED THAT HE SUSPECTS, BUT IS NOT SURE, THAT PRESSURE OF SOME KIND HAS BEEN PUT ON A RELATIVE OF HIS IN HUNGARY. HE DID NOT CLARIFY AS TO DATE, IDENTITY OF RELATIVE, OR REASON FOR PRESSURE AND WAS NOT URGED TO SAY MORE. HE DID SAY THAT THIS SITUATION HAD NOT INVOLVED HIM AND HAD NO ESPIONAGE RAMIFICATIONS TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. HIS RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS BASED UPON FEAR THAT HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT LEARN THAT HE SUSPECTS PRESSURE ON RELATIVE. ABOVE FOR INFO OF BUREAU WITH SUGGESTION ROLANDER BE CONTACTED THROUGH LIAISON, THAT OUR INTERESTS BE EXPLAINED, AND FOR CLARIFICATION OF MATTER DISCUSSED BY TELLER WITH HIM. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: Bureau

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MEDWARD TELLER did not contact NYO to date. For info.

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Mr. Belmont

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DIRECTOR, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Alleged Plan to Approach EDVARD TELLER and Others for Atomic Energy Information ESPIONAGE - HU

ReBulet 5/9/55.

TELLER contacted through secretary on 5/20/55 for interview. Advised TELLER just back from trip East; under heavy schedule; needs rest and departing Berkeley again on 5/22/55 to be absent until 5/29/55 on Standard Oil consultancy trip to Texas and Louisiana. TELLER requested interview be deferred until later, if at all possible. In deference to his desires, interview not pressed and appointment made for 5/31/55.

Report of interview will be submitted by 6/6/55.

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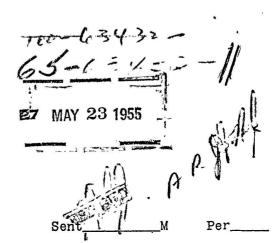
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FBI, SAN FRANCISCO (65-5089)

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-63432)

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UNSUBS: ALLEGED PLAN TO APPROACH EDWARD TELLER AND OTHERS FOR ATOMIC ENERGY INFORMATION ESPIONAGE - HU

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TELLER contacted at 4:30 p.m., 5/31/55, in accordance with previous appointment. Interview terminated by TELLER at 5:00 p.m. because of pressing social engagement. TELLER said he was extremely busy and could not see Agent again before 5:00 p.m. on 6/2/55 at his office at the Livermore Site of the Radiation Laboratory. Could not say how much time would be available for interview at that time. TELLER not antagonistic; expressed willingness to cooperate and apologetic for discontinuing interview and for being unavailable because of work load.

Attempt will be made to conclude interview on 6/2/55and report will be submitted as soon as possible thereafter.

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Director, FBI (65-63432)

DATE: 6/3/55

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Alleged Plan to Approach Edward Teller and Others for Atomic Energy Information; ESPIONAGE - HU

ReBulet to San Francisco, 5/9/55, and report of SA ELMER M. ROTH, at New York, dated 6/3/55 , 6 copies of which are attached.

As pointed out in referenced Bureau letter, the potential in this case lies in any possible future approach to Dr. EDWARD TELLER.

Since the New York Office is not aware of any derogatory information concerning Dr. BELA BEREND, it was not deemed advisable at this time to carry the investigation regarding Dr. BEREND beyond that set forth in referenced report.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ALLEGED PLANS TO APPROACH EDWARD TELLER AND OTHERS FOR ATOMIC ENERGY INFORMATION. ESPIONAGE - HU. REFERENCE BUREAU LETTER TO LOS ANGELES JUNE 8 LAST. VON KARMAN PRESENTLY IN OTTAWA, CANADA. WILL PROCEED TO PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, WHERE PROBABLY CAN BE REACHED AT UNIVERSITY THERE. RETURNS TO PARIS IN SEPTEMBER. RUC.

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TO

Director, FBI (65-63432)

DATE: 7/1/55

FROM :

SAC, New York

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SUBJECT

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALLEGED PLAN TO APPROACH EDWARD TELLER AND OTHERS FOR ATOMIC ENERGY INFORMATION; ESPIONAGE - HU

Rerep SA KEITH G. TEETER, San Francisco, 6/9/55, and report of SA ELMER M. ROTH, NYC, 6/3/55.

The information requested of the NYO in San Francisco rerep concerning DR. BELA BEREND has been set forth in NY rerep.

San Francisco rerep also requested the NYO to attempt to identify F.G. HALPHEN of NYC, an uncle of FREDERIC DE HOFFMANN. It is noted that DE HOFFMANN is reported to be a lifelong friend and fellow scientist of DR. EDWARD TELLER, and that HALPHEN acted as intermediary in a contact between DR. TELLER and DR. BELA BEREND.

NY files reflect that the above mentioned F.G. HALPHEN appears to be identical with subject of investigation entitled "FRANCIS GEORGE HALPHEN; Special Inquiry - State Department, Public Law 402 -80th Congress (VOA)," Bufile 123-5121. The basis of the identification is the fact that in his application for employment with the VOA, dated 3/18/50, among relatives listed by HALPHEN appeared the name of his nephew, FREDERIC DE HOFFMANN, P.O.B. 628, Los Alamos, N.M.

As a matter of information for San Francisco, the report of SA GEORGE F. BERGERON, NYC, 6/13/50, reflected that according to INS records, NYC, HALPHEN was born March 22, 1900, at Prague, Czechoslovakia, and became a naturalized U.S. citizen on 1/21/46 in the Southern District of NY under certificate number 6584708. His employments by the U.S. State Department, 1947-1948, by REETHOF FISCHMANN CORP. October 1940 to November 1949, and NY College of Music, from 10/3/49 to June 1950, were verified. Neighborhood investigation at 49 W. 74th St., NYC, was favorable. HALPHEN was highly recommended regarding his character, reputation, and loyalty by references, neighbors, associates, employers and fellow employees. No tredit or criminal records were found at NYC.

For the further information of San Francisco, there are enclosed herewith copies of reports of SA JOHN K. FRIEMAN, NYC, dated 3/24/55 and 5/23/55, respectively, in case entitled "FRANCIO HALFHEN, wa; IS-CZ" (Bufile 105-36035), pertaining to the same individual as previously discussed. It is noted that no derogatory information concerning HALPHEN appears in any of the reports mentioned. RUCATCORDED-59

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-63432)

July 7, 1955

SAZ, SAN FRANCISCO (65-5089)

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: Alleged Plan to Approach Edward Teller and Others for Atomic Energy Information; ESPIONAGE - HU :

Remylet of June 9, 1955 and report of SAKEITH G. TEETER dated June 9, 1955, at San Francisco.

On the basis of results of investigation reflected by report of SA___ dated June 6, 1955, at Washington, D.C., and report of SA ELMER M. ROTH, dated June 3, . 1955, at New York, the following conclusions may be drawn concerning Dr. FELA BEREND and his contact with EDWARD TELLER.

(1) There is no evidence that BEREND, or his relatives in this country, are, or have been, in sympathy with Communism or with the Communist Government of Hungary.

(2) There is no indication that BEREND is working or has worked for Hungarian Intelligence.

(3) It is improbably that HEREND is an imposter who has assumed the identity of PEREND, since ELREND has in this country a daughter, a sister, and a brother-in-law, who would not likely be deceived by an assumed identity .- .

(h); It is probably true that BEREND's claim that he met TELLER in Copenhagen in 1934 is valid since TELLER has reported comments by BEREND which indicated an intimate knowledge of that occasion.

(5) It appears on the basis of available information that BEREND's contact with TELLER was for the purpose claimed by BEFEND and to date there is no evidence that this contact has any espionage significance.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FEI (65-63432) FROM: SAC, SF (65-5089)

RE: UNSUBS, Alleged Plant to Approach

EDMARD TELLER and Others for Atomic Energy Info.

It is recommended that the Bureau authorize the interview of BEREND at New York. It is strongly suggested, however, that TELLER's desires and recommendations concerning this interview, as set out in my referenced letter, be given consideration. If this interview is authorized, it is suggested that TELLER be advised and that he be given an opportunity to ascertain from BEREND if he has any objection to an interview; to convince BEREND of the desirability of an interview if he should object; and to assured BEREND that TELLER has no objection to the interview.

This suggestion is being made because of TELLER's previous objections concerning a possible interview of BEREND and because both TELLER and BEREND have expressed considerable concern over the possibility that the fact that BEREND supplied TELLER with information concerning his sister might become known to the Hungarian Government.

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-63432)

DATE: 8/10/55

FROM

\ SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (65-5089)

SUBJECT:

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Alleged-Plan To Approach Edward Teller and Others for Atomic Energy Information

ESPIONAGE - HU

ReBulet 7/21/55 which denied permission to interview Dr. BELA BEREND and which noted that the potential in this case lies in any possible future approach to TELLER.

The Bureau instructed San Francisco to maintain close contact with TELLER so that he will immediately report any such approach.

It is the opinion of this office that TELLER thoroughly understands what is desired of him in the event of a future espionage approach from any source. It is presumed that THEODORE VON KARMAN, who was interviewed by the Los Angeles Office, also understands what action he should take under similar circumstances.

A file review reflects that there are no outstanding leads in this case and since the interview of Dr. BEREND is not desired by the Bureau, this case is being closed.

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memorandum for Mr. Tolson

MR. BOARDMAN

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MR. NICHOLS

From a letter which I have received from SAC Auerback, of Seattle, I am quoting the following as the result of a conversation which Mr. Auerbach had with Senator Henry M. Jackson, of the State of Washington:

"I might note, also, that in this same capacity he has had a long series of regular talks with physicist Dr. Teller, who you will remember was Oppenheimer's biggest oppenent. Teller is of the opinion, says Jackson, that the Government is going overboard in its handling of the security regulations on stomic energy. He feels that the data we're trying to protect by rules and regulations is 'ABC' stuff which the Russians have long gone by. Instead, Teller feels . . and Jackson agrees . . that the biggest weapon that the United States has is its food and that from a security point of view the Government on its vital war resources should pay more attention to the control of the surplus situation and not have the so-called 'farm problem and Benson' merely as a political issue. Jackson goes on to note in general terms information he has received reflecting the under-standard feed situation of Russia and its big Chinese ally wherein the Russians have not been able to fulfil even a small percentage of their commitments. Accordingly, Jackson says he is terribly concerned as to the attacks on Benson and the surplus food situation here. He says he is against the visits of the Russian farm group and Russian builders who recently were in Seattle. His question is 'Why give your successful secrets away to a competitor who is going broke for lack of knowledge of them, on one hand, and yet decry the continuance of that Government on the other?"

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Teller Ble of housing more than 1000 persons for as long as two weeks. His warning was inserted into the Congressional Record by Sen Dennis Chavez (D.N.M.)

Chavez (D-NaM).

Teller, in a letter dated Nov.
24, 1954, also fold a fellow physicist the United States should place enough machine tools power plants and industries underground to permit it to fight back from a devastating atomic attack. atomic attack.

Chavez used Teller's letter to support his proposal that Con-gress create a five man "Committee on the preservation of human life" to study the evacu-ation of civilians under atomic attack.

Teller's warning came in a letter to Dr. Lawrence R. Hafstad, former bead of the Atomic Energy Commission's

Content Press reactor division and now a vice rally-point idea but Said radioEdward Teller warned 15 president of General Motors, active contamination would last months ago that the United Hafstad had suggested building from one to two weeks and States should build huge under huge hospitals and warehouses make above ground, facilities ground shelters to prepare for outside major cities as rallying useless. As an alternative he points for civilian evacuation, surgested the made ground tack that could the agreed with Hafstad's shelters.

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                                            Alleged Plan to Approach Edward Teller and Others for
                                            Atomic Energy Information." and the current inquiries
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                                                                Switzerland, August, 1955, was introduced to one
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                                                                                 a Hungarian delegate who encouraged
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                                            to visit Hungary. On January 18, 1956, an individual
                                           named
                                                                                              arrived in the United States for
                                           assignment at the Hungarian Legation, Washington, D. C.
                                           with the rank of Attache. While the question of identity
                                           between the two individuels of this name has not been
                                            fully resolved.
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Letter to Captain **b**6 Director of Security ь7С Atomic Energy Commission On February 5, 1956, in connection with another investigation, a confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past reported meeting and in a b6 discussion which ensuer. conducted for the most part in b7C described himself as a the Russian Language, b7D While a definite technical background, the informant did not knowledge of physics particularly consider extensive. **b6** b7C b7D - 2 -

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The identities and background of Szilard, Non Noumann, Migner, and Teller are well known to your agoncy. Professor Combas referred to by be Professor Payd Gombas, once an outstanding Hungarian nuclear physicist who; according to our files, visited the United States in 1949. /Gombas arrived in this country on Pebruary 24, 1949, under the sponsorship of Professor 7 'Szentgyorgyi' New School for Social Research; also a prominent Hungarian scientist and Nobel Prise winner. Gombas reportedly knew John Von Neumann, supra, personally. As of April 6, 1949, Combas was employed and residing at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Massachusette. Combas was interviewed by this Bureau while in the United States, and pertinent results of this interview were furnished your agency by letter on September 7, 1949: Gombas reportedly left the United States to return to Hungary on June 11, 1949.

Our files also contain the March 18, 1950, issue of "Magyarok Vilagssovetsege," Hungarian-language magazine published in Budapest, Hungary, which magazine reported the awarding of "Koseuth prizes." One of the recipients was identified as Paul Gombas for accomplishments in physics. (100-89-11-103 and 105-10474) This data may relate to Payd Gombas.

In June, 1951, information was received from a confidential source which has provided reliable information in the past indicating that Payd Combas, then in Hungary, was considered a traitor by the Hungarian Communist regime. (100-347660-50)

Information received from another Government agency, classified secret, reflects that as of March, 1952, Professor Combas was a member of the board of directors of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

(109-12-249-634)

Investigative reports of this Bureau concerning Albert Szentgyorgyi, who is currently in the United States and continues his association with the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Hassachusetts, are in the possession of your agency.

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EDWARD TELLER

ATOMIC ENERGY ACT

While talking with Dr. Samuel Goudsmit, Physics Department, Brookhaven National Laboratory, on 4-25-56, he advised Liaison Agent Bates of the following information.

Goudsmit is acquainted with Robert Jungk, a German who is a correspondent for a Swiss newspaper. Jungk resides on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood, California. He has written a book entitled "Tomorrow is Already Here." According to Goudsmit, the book is slightly anti-American and states that scientific advancement forecast for the future is already here. Jungk recently told Goudsmit that Baron Carl Friedrich Von Weizsacher, a German physicist, had given Teller the idea for the development of the hydrogen bomb. Von Weizsacher visited in the United States at the time the Russians first exploded an atomic bomb. Goudsmit thought this was in 1950. Also at that time Von Weizsacher visited with Teller.

Goudsmit commented that he did not know if this information was true but that it might be of interest in the event the Russians attempted to make propaganda of this fact later.

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For information.

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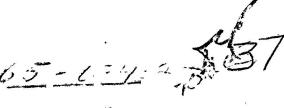
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Re WF letter dated 2/17/56, and SF letter dated 5/29/56.
Mrs. AVISE COATES, Secretary, Quadrangle Club, University of Chicago, the residence of Doctor LEO SZILARD, on 6/13/56 advised SA AUGUST J. BAUMGARTNER that Doctor SZILARD left CG, Illinois, during early May, 1956, for an indefinite period. She advised that SZILARD can be contacted through A. N. STANEL, Latex International, 350 5th Avenue, New York City.
The Bureau by letter dated May 14, 1956, authorized CG to interview Doctor SZILARD. In view of SZILARD's indefinite stay in New York City, the NY Division is requested to interview SZILARD as suggested in referenced NF letter.
For the information of the SF Division, Doctor ELWARD TELLER was the guest speaker at the June 8th Session of the 2nd Annual Meeting of the American Nuclear Society, which was held at the Palmer House Hotel in CG, June 6 through 8, 1956. TELLER spoke for approximately 45 minutes on the subject of controlled thermonuclear power.
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in attendance at portions of this meeting.

Physical surveillances were maintained on	
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