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MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR. THE BLACK VAULT

> FOIPA Request No.: 1357819-000 Subject: PARSONS, MARVEL WHITESIDE

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

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Sincerely,

David M. Hardy Section Chief, Record/Information Dissemination Section Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)



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- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigations, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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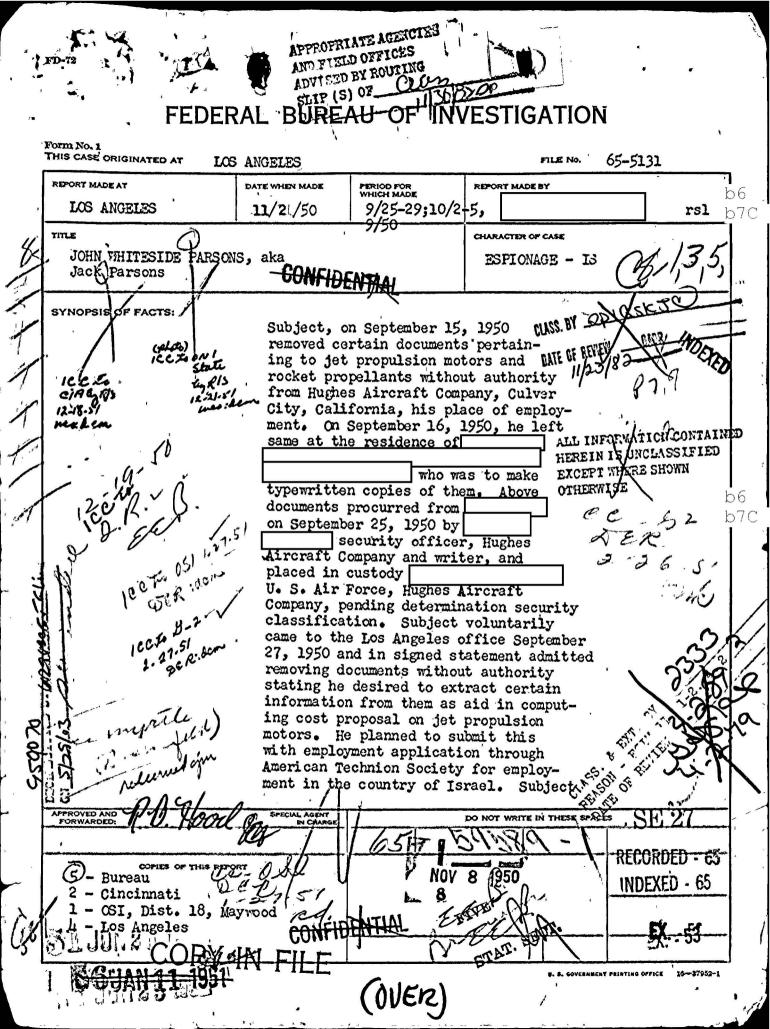
- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service he release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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on September 28, 1950 identified photographic copies of seventeen documents and same retained in this office as evidence. Records North American Aviation Corp., Inglewood, California, reflected subject denied clearance on classified contracts 1948, but cleared by Industrial Employment Review Board 1949. Records clearance investigation at Dayton, Ohio. Background information set out.

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DETAILS:

b6 On September 25, 1950 Air Provost Marshal, Los b7C Angeles Air Force Field Procurement Office, 155 West Washington, Boulevard, Los Angeles, contacted this office and advised that he had received information that one JACK PARSONS, an employee of Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, had removed certain classified information from the Hughes Aircraft Company and planned to use this material in the preparation of an application for employment which he was attempting to obtain in the country of Israel. stated that as of that date the classified information, together with the for employment, were in the possession of Palos Verdes, California. He stated PARSONS reportedly had left this material at the residence with the request that prepare for him a typewritten brochure of the material. Immediately upon receipt of the above information, SA A. N. OSSIPOFF and the writer proceeded to the vicinity of the residence where they contacted of the Hughes Aircraft Company. advised that an employee of Northrop Aircraft Company, Hawthorne, California, had on that date contacted at the Hughes Aircraft Company and apprised him of the fact that the documents b6 had been left by PARSONS at the residence. stated that upon b7C learning of this, he, accompanied by Guided Missiles Department, Hughes Aircraft Company, proceeded to the residence where they examined the documents and found them to contain certain formulas of a classified nature. stated that both were of the CONFRIENTIAL

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opinion that the material in their possession was of a confidential nature; that they had displayed it to ______ when he visited their home on September 24, b6 1950 and requested ______ to ascertain the authorized owner of the material b7C and arrange for its return.

Shortly thereafter and the writer proceeded to the residence where they were given the documents and papers in the possession of which had been given to her by PARSONS and which, until this time, she had retained at her residence. Certain of the more significant documents were initialed by her at that time for future identification purposes. In addition, furnished the following voluntary signed statement to the writer:

Palos Verdes, Calif. 2:29 p.m. 9/25/50

 Verdes. Calif. make the following voluntary signed statement to

 who has identified himself to me to be a Special

 Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and to

 No promises, threats or duress has been used to have me make this statement.

"I have known John Parsons and his wife Marjorie Parsons since approximately 1946 and have been personal friends to them since that date.

"On approximately September 10, 1950, Marjorie Parsons brought a box of papers and documents to my home and asked me if I would type copies of the documents and papers. She told me at this time that the papers & documents, copies of which I was to copy, were to be used by her husband, John Parsons in procuring employment in the country of Israel. I agreed to type copies of the papers & documents as she requested me to do.

"On Sunday, September 24, 1950, who is a social acquaintance of my husband and I, visited us at our home. I, at this time displayed the documents and papers to who advised me that he was of the opinion that information contained in these documents was of a confidential nature and the information contained in them should not have been disseminated outside of the Hughes Aircraft Company at Los Angeles; that the information should not be included in the letters which I was to type copies of and be used for aiding John Parsons in his application for employment

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in the country of Israel. During the course of my typing certain of the letters, I noticed that one such letter written by John Parsons bore the salutation "Mr. Rosenfeldt."

"On September 25, 1950, who identified himself to me to be Administrative Assistant, Research & Development Laboratory, Hughes Aircraft Co. called at my residence and was given a number of the documents and letters which had been given to me by Mr. Parsons. The remainder of the documents, returned to the Hughes Aircraft Co. on September 25, 1950.

"I have read the above statement and it is true and correct in its entirety. I have placed my initials on each correction & on bottom of each page.

"/s/

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"Witnessed this data: 9/25/50

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Special Agent, Fed. Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, Calif."

On the same date, September 25, 1950, also was interviewed at his place of employment, the Northrop Aircrait Company, Hawthorne, California, by SA OSSIPOFF and the writer. stated that on September 24, 1950, while he was visiting at the residence, he observed the above mentioned classified material and discussed the matter of its being at the residence with stated told him that MRS. MARJORIE PARSONS. supject's wife, had brought it to their home and had requested to make typewritten copies of it. stated he advised that he believed the material to be of a classified nature and that he was of the opinion it should not have been left residence by PARSONS. He said that he and the at the then decided should contact responsible officials of the Hughes Aircraft Company that concerning the matter. He advised that he telephoned at the company, and related the information to nim.

Northrop Aircraft Company, stated he is remotely acquainted with subject PARSONS and his wife, having met them once several years ago. He could furnish nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the PARSONS with the exception that he con-'sidered them to be "characters and screwballs." He could furnish nothing specific to substantiate this allegation.

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On the afternoon of the same date, September 25, 1950, SA OSSIPOFF and the writer proceeded to the Hughes Aircraft Company where the above documents and papers were examined and photographic copies made of them by the Hughes <u>Aircraft</u> Company. At the same time an inventory was made of the material by b6 and the writer and the documents were found to consist of the following: b7C

- 1. One handwritten draft and four typewritten drafts of tentative points for a two year minimum contract of employment.
- 2. One handwritten outline of personal qualifications and list of activities in which subject believes himself proficient.
- 3. One handwritten outline of the manufacturing process of nonnitroglycerine blasting explosives, including a list of ingredients and equipment required for their manufacture.
- 4. One handwritten discussion on the manufacture of rocket propellants, including a detailed discussion of the application of said propellants in specific weapons and situations.
- 5. Four typewritten copies of items 2, 3, and 4 above combined and partially completed.
- 6. Item #4 above completed in typewritten form (1 copy).
- 7. Typewritten instructions for the manufacture of ASATLET BAGE ROCKET PROPELIANTS (1 copy).
- 8. Typewritten program for and materials to be used in a laboratory for the development and improvement of explosives, rocket propellants, and allied substances (1 copy).
- 9. One handwritten and one typewritten copy of the plant manufacturing process of explosives.
- 10. One handwritten and one typewritten copy of a personal letter from John W. Parsons to Mr. Rosenfeldt, apparently intended as cover letter in transmittal of items one to nine above.
- 11. One list of essential equipment at THIOKOL for loading T-42 motors.
- 12. One complete typewritten copy of the THIOKOL Mining and Loading Procedure for T-42 Motors and four incomplete typewritten copies of same.

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13. One typewritten copy of proposed propellant Loading Plant for T-L2 Motors and cost estimates therefor, tables I, II, III, IV and V; and three typewritten copies of table I of the same only.

The handwritten material was in the handwriting of the subject.

On the same date this material was brought to the Los Angeles office where photographic copies were made of it.

On September 26, 1950. SA OSSIPOFF and the writer displayed the documents and papers to Air Provost Marshal, U. S. Army, who b6 advised that it would be necessary for him to forward copies of them to the Chief b7C of the Security and Policy Division, Intelligent: Department, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, where the documents would be examined for the purpose of determining whether or not they contain classified or non-classified information.

Fursuant to instructions from the do<u>cuments and papers</u> on September 26, 1950, were placed in the custody of MAJOR Air Force Officer in Charge, Hughes Aircraft Company for transmittal to Wright Field.

On September 26, 1950, Security Officer, Hughes Aircraft Company, advised the writer that elements of at least seventeen of the above papers and documents pertaining to specifications for rocket propellants and jet propulsion motors fall within the provisions of Contract W 33038-14220 and should bear the classification "Senfidential." He stated that as per AMC report CD 356, dated July 1, 1950, propulsion details, such as that of which the above is concerned, are to be classified "confidential."

Cn September 26, 1950, JOHN W. PARSONS telephonically contacted this office and stated that he desired to come to the Los Angeles office for the purpose of speaking with an agent concerning the documents and papers which he had left at the residence.

On September 27, 1950, PARSONS was interviewed at the Los Angeles office by SAs OSSIPOFF and VALLIAM C. PATTERSON. At this time he volunteered to furnish the following signed statement:

> "Los Angeles, Calif. Sept. 27, 1950

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"I, John Whiteside Parsons, make the following voluntary statement to William C. Patterson and Anatole N. Ossipoff known to me to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised of my right to counsel. No threats or promises

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have been made to induce me to make this statement. I have been advised that this statement may be used in court.

"I presently reside at 1200 Esplanade, Redondo Eeach, California. I was born on October 2, 1914 in Los Angeles County, California.

"I was employed by Hughes Aircraft Company on May 8, 1949 and my present capacity is that of group leader in charge of propellants, propulsion and launching group of the Research and Development Laboratories.

"In approximately October of 1948 I negotiated with a Mr. Rosenfeldt, 4511 Agnes Ave., North Hollywood, California, for a possible position in Israel. Shortly after this I submitted to <u>Resenfeldt</u> suggested plans for the construction of an explosive plant. These negotiations continued for some time and in approximately June of 1950 I was requested to submit a breakdown of detailed cost of the equipment in explosive processes which I had proposed. In July and August 1950 I prepared a revised proposal. In September 1950 I worked for Hughes Aircraft on a proposed rocket propellant loading plant which was to be built by Hughes Aircraft. My work concerned gathering data on processes to be used and cost of equipment. The proposed rocket propellant loading plant plans included detailed cost breakdowns of the type which I required in my proposal I was to submit to Mr. Rosenfeldt.

"On September 15, 1950 I took a portion of the Hughes Aircraft proposal for the rocket propellant loading plant from the Hughes Aircraft Plant where I was employed. I carried this material out of the plant in a brief case or envelope and I showed a package and property pass to the guard at Gate 18. I took this material home and on the following day. Sept. 16. 1950. I took this material to the residence of California, and requested that 'she type up a rough draft of the material which I had collected in order that I could organize the material in the form of a cost proposal. I explained to that this was for the purpose of preparing a proposal for Mr. Rosenfeldt.

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"I understood that Mr. Rosenfeldt represented the Technion Group in Israel which consisted of a number of coordinated Government agencies and private industries for the purpose of technical development in Israel. The Government Agencies referred to above I mean to be Israel Government Agencies. Through reading various magazine articles I discovered that a field for new technical developments

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existed in Israel and after further investigation I contacted Mr. Rosenfeldt with an inquiry as to possible work that I could do there.

"I knew that the above mentioned material was of a classified nature but it was my intention to select only the cost of equipment and process from the Hughes Aircraft material to include in my proposal to be submitted to Mr. Rosenfeldt.

"I now realize that I was wrong in taking this material from the Hughes Aircraft Flant and presenting it to It was not my intent to harm the United States or to allow this material to fall into the hands of an unauthorized person. I knew that was loyal and had been cleared after a security investigation. was not aware that the material was classified.

"I received no remuneration or promise of remuneration for removing this material nor was I ordered or requested to do so by any person.

"I have read this statement consisting of six pages initialed by me and it is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

> "/s/ John W. Parsons September 27, 1950

"Witnessed by:

Anatole N. Ossipoff - Special Agent, FBI, September 27, 1950. William C. Patterson, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, September 27, 1950."

PARSONS, at this time, furnished the following background information concerning himself: In the year 1929 he accompanied his parents to Europe where he visited for a short period of time. He has not traveled outside the United States since that time. He graduated from University High School, Pasadena, California in 1933 and since that time has taken several correspondence and extension courses from the University of California and University of Southern California. Since graduating from high school he has been employed as follows:

> 1932 to 1934 - Hercules Powder Company, Los Angeles; 1934 to 1938 - Halifax Explosives Company, Saugus, California; 1938 to 1944 - California Institute of Technology, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California;

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1941 to 1946 - Aerojet Engineering Corporation, Azusa, California;
1946 to 1947 - Vulcan Powder Company, Pasadena, California;
1946 to 1948 - North American Aviation Corporation, Inglewood, California;
1948 to 1950 - Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California and University of Southern California, Department of Pharmacology, Los Angeles.

He advised that in 1948, while employed with the North American Aviation Corporation, Inglewood, California, he was suspended from his employment in that he was alleged to have associated with Communists but that in 1949 he was cleared and rehired.

He stated that during approximately 1948, while employed at the Hughes Aircraft Company, he read certain articles in some technical magazines, the exact names of which he could not recall, which pertained to technical development and scientific research in the country of Israel. He stated he became interested in this work which was going on in Israel and that after making a number of inquiries, one ROSENFELDT, 4511 Agnes Avenue, North Hollywood, California, was recommended to him as being able to furnish information regarding the obtaining of employment of this nature in Israel. He stated that in September or October 1949 he contacted ROSENFELDT, who requested him to prepare a proposal regarding the building of an explosives plant in Israel and data concerning rockets and other armaments which PAPSONS would be able to conduct research work on in Israel. PARSONS stated he submitted such a proposal to ROSENFELDT but heard nothing from him until in August 1950, at which time he again recontacted ROSENFLEDT and ROSENFELDT requested him to submit a new proposal pertaining to the cost of a jet propulsion development program on which PARSONS could do research work in Israel.

In the above signed statement volunteered by PARSONS to agents of this office on September 27, 1950, he stated the ROSENFELDT with whom he was in contact concerning his attempts to obtain employment in the country of Israel, resided at 4511 Agnes Avenue, North Hollywood, California. Investigation conducted by SA ANATOLE N. OSSIPOFF has determined the above ROSENFELDT to be identical with HERBERT T. ROSENFELD, president, Southern California Chapter of the American Technion Society.

T-1, of known reliability, stated ROSENFELD is known by the informant (y to have in the past, associated with various Soviet officials at Los Angeles, and to have been a close friend of MIKHAIL NICHOLAS, CORIN, convicted Soviet agent.

The October 21, 1949 issue of the Bnai Brith Messenger carried an article entitled "Technion Head to Speak at Zionist Membership Rally." In the

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article it was stated that HERBERT T. <u>ROSENFELD</u>, president of the American Technion Society, would be the principal speaker at a general membership rally of the Los Angeles Zionist organization to be held on Wednesday, October 26, 1949.

The article further stated that the <u>American Technion Society</u> has officially been designated by the Israel Government and industry as the "American body providing ino-how") to enlarge modern techniques achieved by the United States so that it may benefit Israel. This source is composed of business men, technologists and scientists." It was stated that MR. ROSENFELD would speak on the topic "Can Israel be Self-Sufficient?"

PARSONS advised that in 1941, while residing at 1003 South Orange Grove, Pasadena, California, he was a member of a religious cult which was alleged to have been involved in immoral activities. He said that he is no longer connected with this group and has severed all relations with it. He described himself as being an "individualist."

On September 28, 1950, <u>PARSONS was re-interviewed</u> by the writer at his place of residence, 1200 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, California. The writer exhibited to him seventeen photographic copies of the documents mentioned above and he identified them as being identical to the originals which he stated he had removed from the Hughes Aircraft Company on September 15, 1950. He placed his initials on the back of each page and in his own handwriting furnished the following signed certification:

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"3:15 p.m. 9/28/50 1200 Esplanade Redondo Beach, Calif.

"I, John W. Parsons, do hearby certify that the photographic copies, seventeen pages, are identical to the original documents composed by me and fellow employees while I was employed at the Hughes Aircraft Company; the original copies having been removed from the plant by me.

"The above <u>rhotographic copies</u> were shown to me this date by Special Agent who has identified himself to me and rhom I know to be a special agent with the F.B.I.

"No threats, duress, or promises have been used against me to have me make this certification.

"I have been advised that I do not have to make this certification, of my right to council, and that this certification may be used in a court of law against me.

"/s/ John W. Parsons

"Witnessed this date 9/28/50

PARSONS advised the writer that he was terminated from his place of employment, the Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, on September 26, 1950.

On September 29, 1950 Plant Security Head, North American Aviation Corporation, Inglewood, California, advised that PARSONS was employed with the company as a laboratory worker from 1946 to 1948. He stated that by letter dated September 21, 1948, his company was notified by the Provost Marshal, U. S. Air Force, Inspector Generals Office, that an investigation conducted by that office had determined PARSONS to be undesirable for employment on classified contracts for the departments of the Air Force, Army and Navy. said the company terminated the subject from his employment there shortly afterwards; however, he stated that by letter dated March 7, 1949, the North American Aviation Corporation was notified by the Provost Marshal, U. S. Air Force, Inspector Generals Office, that the subject had been cleared by the Industrial Employment Review Board and granted access to secret and top secret information. He advised the subject was thereupon rehired by the company. stated the files of his office contain no information as to the reasons why the subject was temporarily termed undesirable for work on classified contracts.

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On October 4, 1950, Angeles Air Force Procurement Office, 155 West Washington Boulevard, advised that the records of his office contain no information relative to the subject's denial of clearance while he was employed at the North American Aviation Corporation in 1948. He stated the records concerning the matter are presently in the custody of Chief, Security Section, Provost Marshal, Inspector General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

On January 11, 1950, and on April 27, 1950, PARSONS was interviewed by SA ARTHUR C. WITTENBURG concerning PARSONS' past associations with SIDNEY WEINBAUM, against whom prosecution in Federal Court on charges of perjury and fraud against the government was recently successfully completed. FARSONS volunteered to SA WITTENBURG the information that in the year 1938 he had attended several meetings of a group of scientists from the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena and that at these meetings SIDNEY WEINBAUM expressed intensive interest in Communism. PARSONS stated that he discontinued his associations with WEINBAUM and stopped attending the meetings_because of WEINBAUM'S having attempted to influence him, PARSONS, and other members of the group with Communist propaganda.

The records of the Hughes Aircraft Company, Hawthorne, California, reflected PARSONS furnished the company with the following additional background information concerning himself in 1948.

Consulting

Connections:

ions: Los Angeles District Attorneys Office, Los Angeles Police Department (certified Los Angeles Superior Court); Northrop Aircraft Company; General Chemical Company; National Defense Research Council; Office of Scientific Research and Development.

Organizations of Which a Member:

American Chemical Society; Institute of Aeronautical Sciences; American Institute for the Advancement of Science; Society of Sigma Xi.

In addition to the above, the subject listed a number of scientific writings of which he claimed to be the author and which pertained to jet propulsion and rocket propellants. He listed seven patents and inventions of a scientific nature which he stated he had developed.

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A description of JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS as procured from a bicgraphical outline furnished by him to the Hughes Aircraft Company and as furnished to SA OSSIPOFF is as follows:

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Name:	JOHN WHITESIDE, FARSONS
Alias:	JACK PARSONS 7
Sex:	Male
Age:	36
Born:	10-2-14; Los Angeles, California
Color:	White
Present Residence:	1200 Esplanade, Redondo Beach,
	California
Former Residences:	168 Terrace Drive, Pasadena,
	California;
	1003 South Orange Grove,
Ŧ	·Pasadena, California;
	3416 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan
£	Beach, California;
	3212 Highland Avenue, Manhattan
	Beach, California
Height:	611
Weight:	185 pouras
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Fair
Marital Status:	Married
Immediate Relatives	: Mife, MARJORIE ELIZABETH FARSONS;
	Mother, RUTH VIRGINIA, MARSONS;
	Father, CAPTAIN MARVEL HY PARSONS,
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There is no record of arrest for the subject at the Lcs Angeles Police. Department or the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.

T-2, of known reliability, advised that ROBERT ALDER CORNOG occasionally resided at the subject's residence at 1005 South Orange Grove, Pasadena, California in the year 1946. Informant stated PARSONS! home, as of that time, served as a sort of headquarters for a religious cult in Pasadena.

T-3, of known reliability, stated CORNOG attempted to contact MARTIN KAMEN at KAMEN'S residence in San Francisco, California on March 13, 1945.

T-4, of known reliability advised that MARTIN DAVID/MAMEN was discharged from his employment on the DSM Project at Berkeley, California in 1944 because he was believed to have revealed "top secret information" to representatives of the Soviet Union.

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In May 1948. JOHNSON, stated that Committee of One Thousand" in Los Angeles.

T-5, of known reliability stated the "Veterans Committee of One Thousand" in 1947 became known as the "Association of Veteran Home Buyers" and that the organization as of that date was a Communist controlled and dominated organization for veterans, operated primarily in the west section of the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

T-6, of known reliability, advised in May 1948 that was present at a meeting of the above organization at the Los Argeles High School on the evening of February 2, 1947.

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made statements to the informant which were sympathetic to Russia and has spoken

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radically to the informant concerning various social matters. Informant did not consider her to be very trustworthy.

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1-8, of unknown reliability, stated is known by the informant to have compared the educational methods of the United States to those of Russia and to have stated that Russia's educationalmethods are superior to those of the United States. Informant stated has compared the United States democracy to "Russian democracy" and has stated that she feels that many things in Russia are superior to these in this country. Informant was of the opinion is not very trustworthy or desirable for a position of a confidential nature.

T-9, of known reliability, stated is known by the informant to have expressed her sympathy for Russian ideals and has stated that she does not believe that the United States understands Russia; however, informant was of the opinion that does not actually intend to be disloyal to the United States.

The files of the Los Angeles office contain nothing of a derogatory nature concerning

The Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office possess no records concerning or

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At Dayton, Ohio: Will contact Provost Marshal, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Will scortain the facts concerning the investigation conducted by that office in 1948 which resulted in the subject's being temporarily denied clearance at the North American Aviation Corporation, where he was employed in 1948.

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At Los Angeles, California: Will, in the event pertinent documents are determined by the Security and Policy Division, Air Materiel Command, to be of a classified nature, request the Bureau to submit facts to the department for consideration as to possible prosecutive action.

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65-5131 IA CONFICENT Source T-1 admitted Soviet agent, who furnished the information to SA E. P. HAIR on February 16 and 23, 1942. T-2 U. S. Army, Area Engineer, Les Angeles Area, MED, Los Angeles, California, who furnished the information to SA BURL T. BUFKIN in 1946. T-3 - CNDI SF 1435, who furnished the information to the San Francisco office on March 13, 1945. T-4 - Counter Intelligence Detachment, U. S. Engineers, Manhattan Engineer District, Berkeley, California, who furnished the above information to the San Francisco office in 1944. who furnished the information to this office in **T-5** 1948. b6 b7C T-6 of the Anti-Subversive Detail, Los Angeles Police Department, who furnished this information to SA b7D HENRY C. JOHNSON in 1948. who furpished the information to SA HENRY C. JCHNSON in May 1948. has requested that her identity not be disclosed. **T-8** who furnished this information to SA HENRI C. JOHNSON IN MAY 1940. has requested that her name be retained as confidential. T-9 who furnished the information to SA HENRY C. JOHNSON in May 1948. has requested that his identity be retained as confidential.

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On March 7, 1949, the Industrial Employment Review Board reversed the above decision concerning subject and he was given access to classified material. This Board stated that the suspension was effected without sufficient cause.

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A description of the material in the above-listed items has been previously reported.

Security Officer, Hughes Aircraft Company, advised November 24, 1950 that all material developed at Hughes Aircraft pertaining to Project MX904 and relating to details of propulsion is classified "Confidential" by order of Air Force Directive CD356 dated 1st July, 1950, page 4. The material in the above-listed classified material comes within the purview of this Air Force Directive, ascording to

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION PERTAINING TO DOCUMENTS

On November 24. 1950 Security Officer, Hughes Aircraft; Air Force Officer in Charge at Hughes Aircraft; and the writer examined the original documents recovered at the residence, which documents are being retained at Hughes Aircraft in a sealed envelope.

Of the classified material, it was noted that Items 11, 12, and 13 are carbon copies of actual Hughes Aircraft documents. These carbon copies were typed on green sheets of paper. Partial copies had been made of Items 12 b6 and 13 by

written jointly by PARSONS and of Hughes Aircraft.

Research Engineer, Hughes Airoraft, on November 24, 1950 was interviewed and advised that he presently resides at Los Angeles, California. He stated that the Items 11, 12, and 13 make up a rough draft report completed at Hughes Aircraft in September, 1950 by PARSONS and himself. The material for this rough draft report came from personal notes made by while at the Thiokol Corporation Branch at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. According to this was a confidential report based on material taken from notes made at a confidential project, and no other reports or documents were used in the compilation of this report. advised that actually PARSONS had had very little to

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do with the compilation of this material, but that it was nevertheless, a joint project.

head of the Missile Project Section, Hughes Aircraft, was interviewed on November 24, 1950, and advised that he presently resides at ______ Palos Verdes Estates, California. ______ stated that he can produce the originals of the documents of which PARSONS had carbon copies - Items 11. 12, and 13. The originals are now stamped "Confidential", but ______ explained that the classification stamp was not placed on these documents until after PARSONS was found to have the material from Hughes out of the plant.

advised that all the documents except Item 13 had been recovered at the residence by himself and Special Agent of this office on September 25. Item 13 had been returned to Hughes by 0 01 September 25, 1950 and given to Director by Security and Protection, Hughes Aircraft, who, in turn, gave it to

ALLEN H. SMITH and the writer at his place of employment, the Moulton Gorporation, 3210 Winona Avenue, Burbank, California, furnished the following signed statement:

> Burbank, Calif. Dec. 1, 1950

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 <u>Calif.</u> make the following statement freely and voluntarily to
 and Allen H. Smith who have identified them

 selves to me as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investi gation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. No threats or promises have

 been made to me and I know this statement own be used in court.

"During the latter part of September, 1950, at which time my wife was in the process of typing some documents for John Parsons, I realized that some of these documents might be of a classified nature. On September 25, 1950 I brought one of these documents to work with me with the idea of taking it to Hughes Aircraft that date to ascertain if the document was restricted. Prior to my going to Hughes, a ______ of Hughes called me and asked to have the document delivered to plant protection. Accordingly. on Sept. 25, 1950, I delivered this document to who I believe is head of plant protection at Hughes.

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A VENTIAL "This date I have observed a photostat of a document noted to be item 13 and headed 'Proposed Propellant Loading Plant for T-42 Motors', which consists of 6 pages stapled together. I recognize the top sheet of this item 13 to have the same context as the document I returned to Hughes. The document I returned to Hughes was a carbon copy typed on green sheets. For further identifying the document I returned, I recall some writing on the top sheet of the typewritten document and recall the words 'Falcon Missile' being lightly crossed out on the top sheet of this document.

"I have read the above statement and it is true and correct in its entirety. I have initialed the first page and signed the second page

"Witnessed this date: 12/1/50

Special Agent FBI 12/1/50 18/ /s/ Allen H. Smith, Special Agent FBI 12/1/50"

advised that Mr. and Mrs. PARSONS had been personal friends and that the typing done by for PARSONS had been on a personal basis. PARSONS had indicated, however, that he would reimburse for her time. _____stated he cannot positively identify the document he returned to Hughes, but that he did read it and can remember enough of the first page to effect an identification of the context. In this regard it is pointed out that is a radio engineer by profession and is to some extent acquainted with technical terms.

, Director of Security and Protection, Hughes Aircraft Company, advised on November 30, 1950 that he recalls bringing the document (Item 13) to him on September 25, which document he turned over to

In a statement previously furnished by PARSONS on September 27. stated he personally took the material to the residence. in a statement furnished on September 25, indicated the material was brought to her home by MARJORIE PARSONS, wife of subject.

On November 29, 1950 advised that her statement as previously furnished was correct, and that it had been Mrs. PARSONS who had actually brought the material to her residence to be typed. She advised

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that she had discussed with subject and Mrs. PARSONS the details of her typing this material prior to the time Mrs. FARSONS actually delivered the documents.

On December 2, 1950 subject and Mrs. PARSONS were interviewed by Special Agent ALLEN H. SMITH and the writer, at which time they furnished the following signed statements:

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"I. John Whiteside Parsons, make the following statement to ________ and Allen H. Smith who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. This statement is made freely and voluntarily and I have been advised of my right to counsel. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to make this statement and I have been advised that this statement may be used in court.

"I wish to correct my statement of Sept. 27, 1950 inasmuch as I now recall that I did not take the Hughes material myself to the residence. I did discuss and make the arrangements with for her to type copies of this material for me. My wife actually took the material to the residence on or about the 23rd of September.

"I have read the above statement and it is true and correct in its entirety.

"/s/ John W. Parsons

"Witnessed this date: 12/2/50 /s/______Special Agent F.B.I. 12/2/50 /s/ Allen H. Smith, Sp. Agt. FBI"

> "Redondo Beach, California Dec. 2, 1950

"I, Marjorie Parsons, 1200 Esplanade, Redondo Beach. California make the following statement freely and voluntarily to and Allen H. Smith who have identified themselves to me

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"as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. I have been advised of my right to counsel and no threats or promises have been made to induce me to make this statement. I have been advised that this statement may be used in court.

"During the month of September, 1950 I was aware that my husband was preparing a proposal to be used as an application for a position in Israel. I did not know the source of this material but did proff-read the proposal for grammar and spelling. Arrangements were made by my husband and I for ______ to type this material. On or about Sept. 18, 1950 I took the material for the proposal to ______ and left same to be typed. This material I carried in a small box at this time.

"I have read the above statement and it is true and correct in its entirety.

"/s/ Marjorie Parsons

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"Witnessed 12/2/50 /s/ Special Agent FBI 12/2/50 /s/ Allen H. Smith, Sp. Agt., F.B.I., Los Angeles 12/250"

PARSONS advised that he had gone to HERBERT T. ROSENFELD on the advice of Professor THEODORE KON KARMAN of the California Institute of Technology. VON KARMAN is an acquaintance of long standing, PARSONS stated, and he had recommended ROSENFELD as an old friend. PARSONS advised that ROSENFELD at no time requested any particular article or proposal be prepared but only requested a paper or write-up on what PARSONS was qualified to do in the way of employment. The particular data prepared, PARSONS stated, was of his own idea entirely.

Regarding THEODORE VON KARMAN mentioned above, the Los Angeles Times of September 27, 1948 contained an article indicating VON KARMAN, Director of the Guggenheim Laboratory of Aeronautics at California Institute of Technology, had been named to receive the 1948 Gold Medal Award of the Franklin Institute for his research on supersonic aircraft. This article indicated VON KARMAN has been a professor of aeronautics at California Institute of Technology since 1930 and during the war was chairman of the Scientific Advisory Group.

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BACKGROUND

Security Supervisor, Hughes Aircraft, advised on November 24, 1950 that he had interviewed PARSONS prior to PARSONS' departure from Hughes Aircraft. At this time PARSONS admitted having been associated with SIDNET ABINEAUM but stated he dropped out of this group in late 1939 or 1940 when it became too communistic. SIDNEY WEINEAUM has been previously identified in this case. PARSONS admitted he subscribed to the Daily People's World, a West Coast Communist Party organ, in 1938 and later joined the American Civil Liberties Union. A check of the Personnel Security Questionnaire completed April 11, 1949 for Hughes Aircraft revealed PARSONS indicated one of the organizations he had belonged to in 1946 was the American Civil Liberties Union.

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Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised in September, 1950 that the American Civil Liberties Union in Los Angeles has defended in some instances what they term the civil rights and liberties of Communist Party members and those who have been closely connected with the Los Angeles County Communist Party. T-1 advised that the policies of this organization have closely followed the Communist Party line, of which this informant has been familiar for a period of over 20 years. T-1 stated that this organization has also defended the civil rights and liberties of non-Communist Party members,

advised he had ascertained that one had lived at the same residence as PARSONS 3416 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California from 1946 through 1949, and that is a communist Party member.

Regarding advised on November 29, 1950 that she did not know any but that subject had been acquainted with a She did not recall PARSONS having resided with this individual but stated that it could have been possible and she would not have known of it.

According to informant T-2, of known reliability, was interviewed by employees of the Plant Protection Office of one of the major aircraft companies in Los Angeles in 1942, at which time he was employed in the aircraft industry. ______ admitted having attended one or two communistic meetings but became disgusted with the type of persons at these meetings. ______ was questioned regarding allegations of pro-German statements made by himself, but he denied ever having made same.

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It has been previously reported that records of the Provost' Marshal's Office, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, revealed an investigation under date of May 17, 1948 regarding subject. This investigation developed information indicating a religious cult, believed to advocate sexual perversion, was organized at subject's home, 1003 South Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena, and that this organization was reported subversive. Investigation also developed indicated subject to be associated with one SIDNEY WEINBAUM, previously mentioned.

Regarding subject's association with the WEINBAUM group, informant T-3, a source of known reliability who was formerly associated with a local police department, advised that PARSONS had furnished information prior to November, 1941 to T-3 concerning this group.

On November 4, 1942 PARSONS advised Special Agents VIRGIL Q. COX and GEORGE L. TROLL that about three years previously he had attended meetings at the home of WEINBAUM at which writings of KARL MARX and JOHN STRACHEY were studied. At this time PARSONS furnished information concerning the group of which WEINBAUM was a member.

Regarding the religious cult mentioned above with which PARSONS was associated, has advised that this group was known as the Church of Thelema.

Regarding PARSONS' association with the Church of Thelema, it is noted that during the interview of September 27, 1950 by Special Agents ANATOLE N. OSSIPOFF and WILLIAM C. PATTERSON previously reported, PARSONS advised he was a member of a religious cult in 1941 while residing at 1003 South Orange Grove, Pasadena. He indicated at this time that he was no longer connected with the group and has severed all relations with it.

Pasadena Police Department, advised Special Agent ARTHUR C. WITTENBURG on April 3, 1950 that the Pasadena Police Department had received several complaints with regard to the activities in a home at 1003 South Orange Grove <u>Avenue</u>, Pasadena, which, at the time, was leased in the name of PARSONS. ______ records reflect some literature which indicated that at these premises were being held meetings of a cult which went under the name of the Church of Thelema. Descriptive literature indicates this cult breadly hinted at free love. ______ advised he had received several complaints of "strange goings on at this home", and that he recalled at the time that it was a gathering place of perverts.

In 1943 was interviewed by Special Agents CHARLES C. SHAW and CHARLES W. KREAGER, at which time indicated he

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considered himself _______ of the Church of Thelema, which organization was dedicated to spiritual advancement and improvement of self. He said a great many of the teachings and ideals of the Church of Thelema were based on the teachings of ALEISTER CROWLEY of London, England, an internationally known poet, and that the organization was sometimes referred to as Crowleyism or Crowleyites.

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Also in 1943 subject was interviewed by Special Agents CHARLES C. SHAW and CHARLES W. KREAGER, at which time PARSONS stated the Church of Thelema was a lodge and fraternity as well as a church, and that they studied philosophy as well as religion and attempted to inform themselves concerning all types and kinds of religion. He further stated that the Church of Thelema was "dedicated to the freedom and liberty of the individual." PARSONS advised at this time that they were anti-communistic and anti-fascist.

With the consent of ______ and Mrs. PARSONS the residence at 1003 South Orange Grove Avenue was searched by Special Agents CHARLES C. SHAW and CHARLES W. KREAGER in 1943, at which time nothing of a subversive nature was found.

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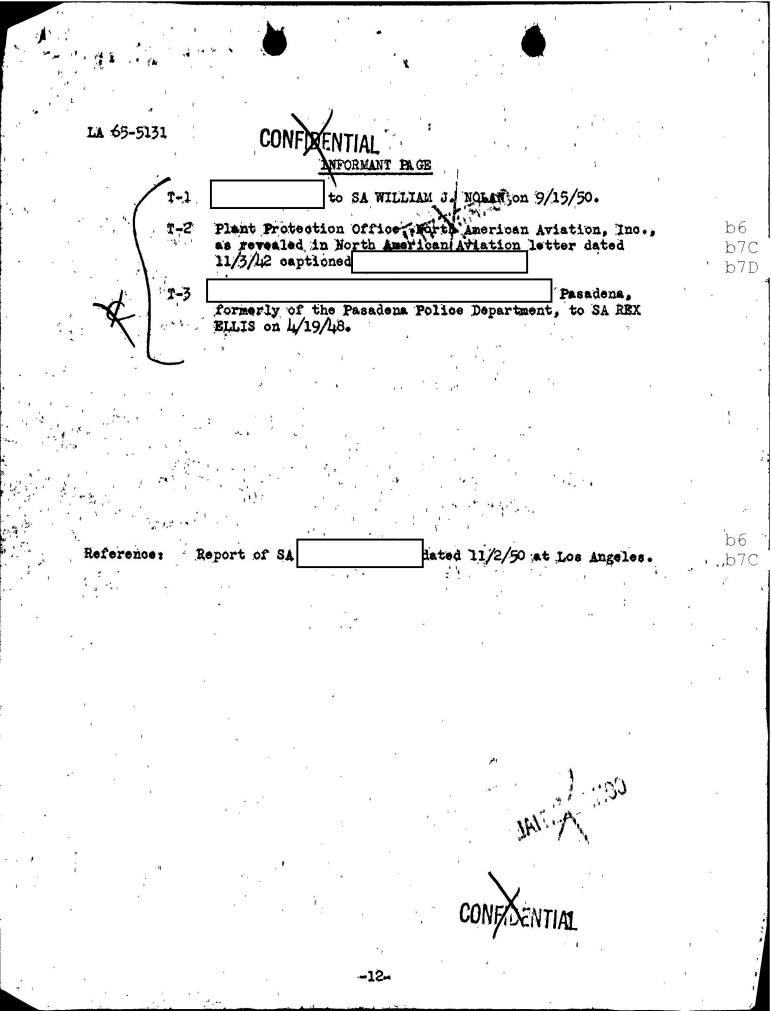
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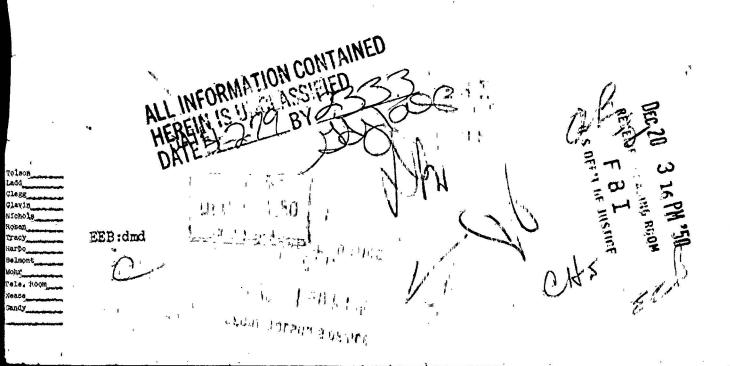
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Office Me UNITED STATES COVERNMENT woum Director, FBI DATE: December 8, 1950 FROM : SAC, Los Angeles ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED aka Jack Parsons DATEH-2-19BY 2C ESPIONAGE - IS Rerep of SA dated 12/7/50 at Los Angeles in captioned matter. It is requested that this matter be presented to the Department of Justice for prosecutive opinion. RIR:CEA 65-514 65-5131 ECTRDED - 64DEC, 12 1950 PATE

December 20, 1950 Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney 959670 JI basuBCEGUL Director, FBI 6 JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, CONFIDE TOTAL AGENCT ESPIONAGE - IS SEIF TED OFF BY RC There are being forwarded horewith copies of the HO. following reports: S A 64 Report of Special Agent dated November 2, 1950, at Los Angeles, California. Report of Special Agent Wade H. Alley dated November 22, 1950, at Cincinnati, Ohio. ATION Report of Special Agent dated December 7, 1950, at Los Angeles, California. On December 15, 1950, a representative of Hughes Aircraft advised that when Parsons' employment was terminated on September 26, 1950, Parsons requested the return of seven California Institute of Technology reports dated 1941 through 1944 which he had kept in his file drawer at Hughes Aircraft. These reports were all marked "confidential," and related to Air Corps jet propulsion research. Parsons was listed as coauthor of two reports. head of the report group, On December 15, 1950, at the Jet Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, advised b6 that of these seven reports, two are confidential, two are restricted, b70 two are classified, and the classification of the seventh is not known. advised that a review of the seven reports might downgrade the present classifications. He said that during the period Parsons was employed at the Jet Laboratory security regulations were lax and it was a common practice for employees to remove reports for their own purposes. There was no charge out system of any consequence has been requested to review these seven reports, b7C has advised that a final decision on the present classifications may take at least one month . 64 DEC 22 1950 You have previously menshed reports in the case a settiled "Dr. Sidney Weinbaug, was, Tribulage - R; serjury; and Fra'll To180 Against the Government." Weinbaum, you wild recall, was convicted By Ladd the U. S. District Court in Ics Angeles on September 7, 1950, on frail Clegg ¢lavin and perjury charges, growing out of the fact that he had concealed Nichola his membership in the Communist Party while employed at the California Rosen Tracy Harbo ili Belmont chment Mohr F\$ 10 Tele, food Nesse EEB : dmo Gandy -59589

Institute of Technology. Parsons was one of the original informants in the Weinbaum matter. 110-359682

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You are also advised that T-6 in the report of Special Agent dated July 26, 1949, at Los Angeles in the case perfine was, Internal Security - R.ª is John Whiteside rarsons. This report was furnished you by letter dated August 4, 1950. 🏔 100-164610

You will note in the enclosed reports that Parsons stated that he intended to turn data over to Herbert Rosenfeld. Nou have previously been furnished copies of the reports in the case entitled "Herbert Theodore Rosenfeld, Internal Security - R." The basis of the Rosenfeld investigation is his contact with Mikhail Gorin, who was arrested by Agents of this Bureau in December, 1938, and who was subsequently convicted in Federal Court of espionage charges. He was sentenced to six years, but was persitted to depart to Russia in 1941 (4,) 100-345440-24

You will note on page 10 of the enclosed report of Special Agent dated November 2, 1950, at los Angeles in this matter that Parsons advised that while residing at 1003 South Orange Grove, Pasadena, California, he was a member of a religious cult which was alleged to have been involved in immoral activities. This membership may have been a factor in deciding whether or not to use Parsons as a witness in the Weinbaum trial.

In March, 19/1 man then connected with advised that in the Summer of 1940, he was approached by a bartender in Long Beach, California, to attend a week-end party to be held at 1003 South Orange Orove, Pasadena, California. advised that after his arrival at that address he learned that what he thought was to be a week-end party was actually a meeting of a cult, known as "The Church of Thelma." During the course of the week-end was initiated into this order, and stated that he does not recall anything of the initiation proceedings, except that all of the participants removed their clothes and were given advised that he was apparently drugged and that he spent robes. two days and nights at 1003 South Orange Grove, and that there were forty or fifty members of the cult. said that one was the head of the organisation at the time was interviewad in 1944, and that is assisted by Jack Parsons. said that a girl named is apparently the concubine for the organization.

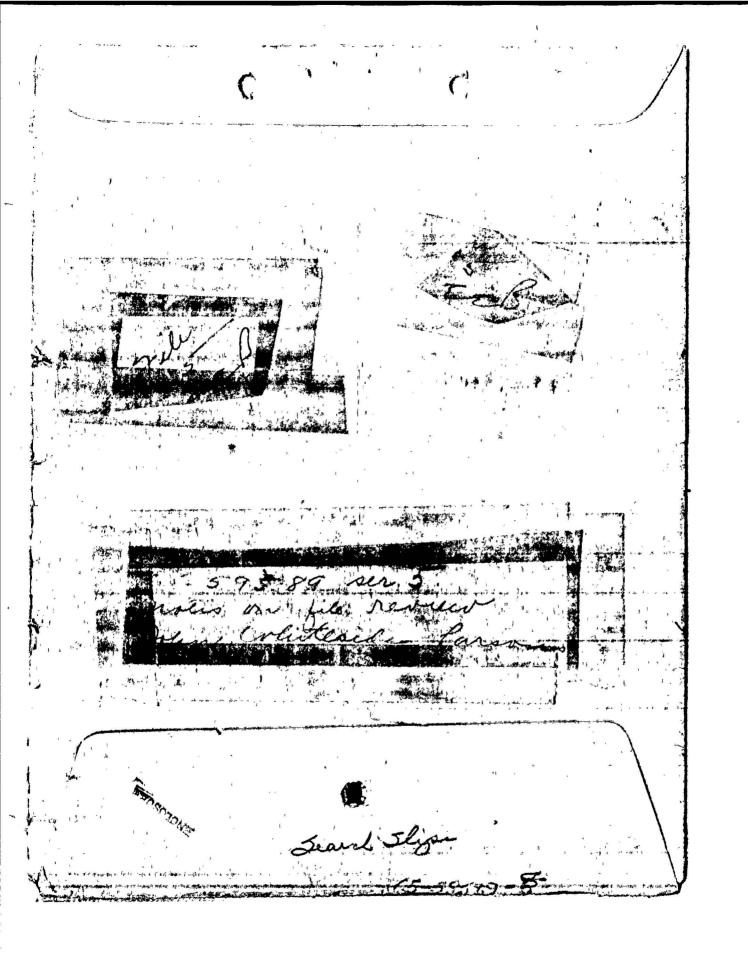
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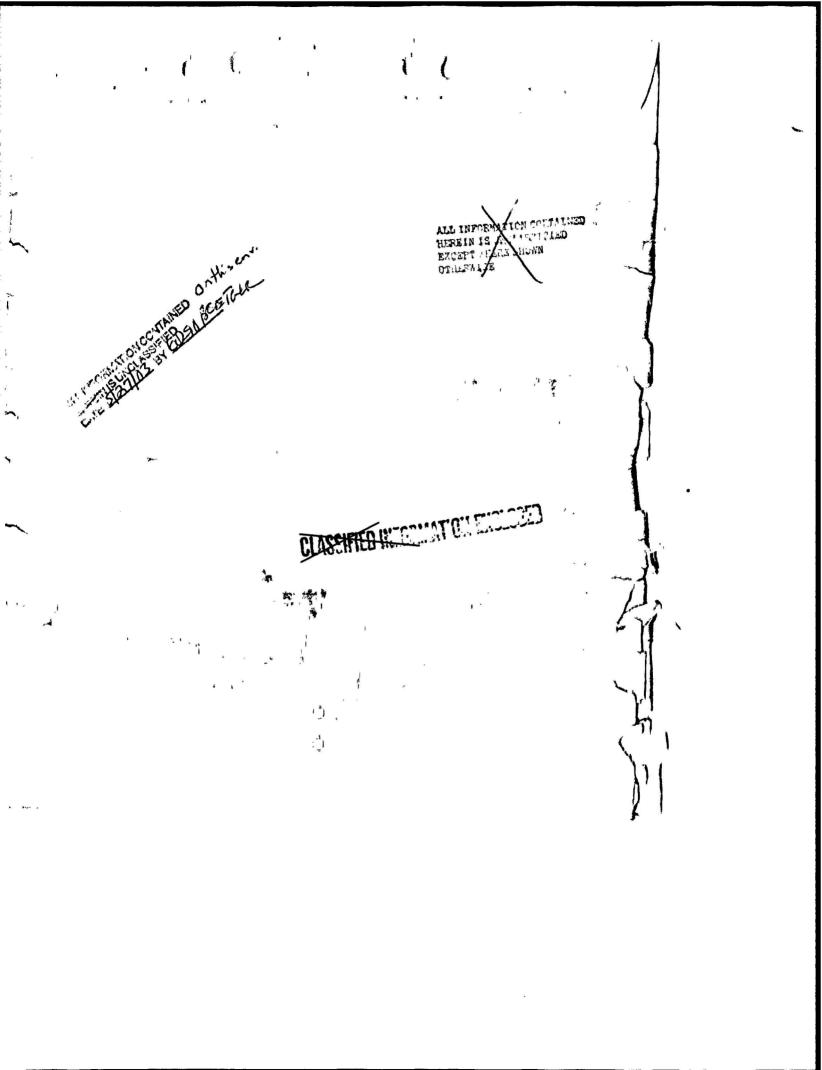
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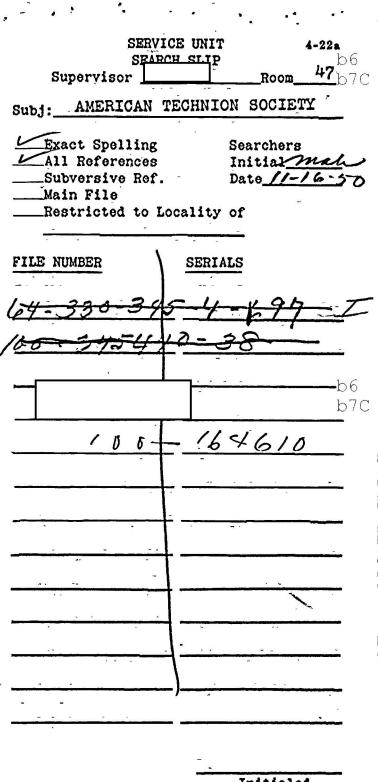
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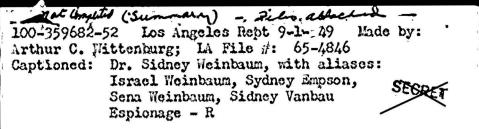
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Source T-1 of known reliability, advised that he was conversant with the fact that the records of the LA County CP indicated subj., using the party alias of Sydney Empson was a member of the Professional Unit #122 in Pasadena, California, during the yrs. 1937-1939. This same source supplied party card numbers for the years 1938 and 1939. Additionally, he advised that the subj. was the unit reprosentative to the County Commission and was County Organize for the section.

BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION OF DR. SIDNEY WEINBAUM

Subj. is a Russian born naturalized citizen who has resided in the US since 1922. According to the subj., after his father was murdered by the Bolshevik forces, he escaped from Rússia through Poland, where Russians assisted him to emigrate to the U.S. Shortly after his arrival here, he entered the Cal. Inst. of Tech. at Pasadena, Calif, where he was graduated with the degree of B.S. in 1924. After a period of private employment, the subj. went to Riga, Latvia, where he was married in 1928. On his return to the US, he again entered the Cal. Inst. of Tech & in 1933 obtained a degree of Ph.D. cum laude.

Since obtaining his Ph.D. degree, the subj. has specialized in the field of theoretical physics, and until 1941 he obtained a position with Bendix Aircraft Corporation, North Hollywood, Calif., and after remaining there for 2 yrs. he left to take a position at Buffalo, NY, with Curtiss-Wright Corp., which later became the Cornell Acronautical Laboratory. In 1946 the subj. returned to Pasaden & was again employed by Cal. Inst. of Tech. in the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is a separate enterprise not located on the campus.

He remained there until 7-15-49, when he was terminated because of refusal of Army authorities to allow him further access to classified material. Subj. was then rehired by the Inst. on the main campus in the Chemistry

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Department. Shortly after his rehire, the Board of Trustces of the Inst. placed him on a 90 day leave with pay & held a decision as to his permanent rehiring in abeyance pending the outcome of an appeal of the "denial of clearance" by the Army authorities.

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The subi. presently resides with his wife, Angeline, & daughter ______, a senior student at the U. of Calif. at Los Angeles. Subject's current residence address is 648 South Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena, Calif. Weinbaum 's birthdate is 3-16-98.

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Synopsis of Facts: Robert Alden Cornog employed as key scientist on Los Alamos DSM Project, Los Alamos, New Mex, from 4-26-43 to 9-15-43. On 3-13-45, while at Berkeley, Cornog attempted to contact Martin Kamen, a former employso of the Project who was dismissed because it was believed he had passed top secret info. to Soviet representatives. On 5-26-45 Cornog was placed on the "watch list" at the Los Alamos DSM Project by MED officials. Cornog employed by Gabriel Giannini Company, Pasadena, Calif, from 9-15-45 to 12-1-45 xtxP as Research Engineer. Employed Northrup Aircraft, Inc., Hawthorne, Calif., 12-1-45 as Project Engineer and is presently working on a special project with John K. Northrup, President of Northrup Aircraft. Employment records at Northrup reflect no der. info. Former associates regard subj. as a loyal and trustworthy individual. No unusual activities or contacts observed.

PSIP Carnog listed John W. Parsons, 1003 South Orange Grove Pasadena, Calif. as a reference on his application form for employment at Northrup. 100-359682-80 · Los Angeles Rept. 4-14-50; Made by Arthur C. Wittenburg; IA File #: 65-4846 Captioned: Dr. Sydney Weinbaum, W.A.S. Israel Weinbaum, Sudney Empson, Sena Weinbaum, Sidney Vanbau Espionage - R Perjury

Ref. is made to signed statement (See Ser. 85) which was executed by John W. Parsons. As has been reported previously in this case, informants have cast some doubt as to the general reputation of this individual.

At the time Parsons provided the Reporting Agent with the aforementioned statement he stated, "It is probably already known to you, but I got myself mixed up with an occult group. If this info. should come into the possession of a defense attorney it might be possible for him to discredit me."

Source T-5 a reliable nformant, was reinterviewed with regard to his knowledge of the general reputation of Parsons at which time he advised the following:

Parsons was one of the original founders of the Acrojet Engineering Corporation in Pasadena. In connection with the organization an Eastern executive was brought in to handle some of the affairs of the firm inasmuch as the indorporators were for the most part scientists and had no practical business knowledge.

This source stated that he learned that the individual brought from the East was attempting "by underhanded means" to wrest control of the corporation from its original founders and that Parsons was one of the stockholders who was working with him in this regard.

The source stated that he made this knowledge availabl to the principal stockholder in the firm and the individual was terminated. Parsons was not removed, however, enasumch as he was a stockholder and one of the original incorporators, but that he was gradually "eased out."

In addition, this source stated that he had heard repeated rumors to the effect that in 1943 Parsons had become involved with some sort of "mythic love cult." Source stated that he knew nothing of the exact details as to what transpired, but he understood that women of loose morals were involved and that the story of Parsons' activities had become fairly common knowledge among scientists in this area.

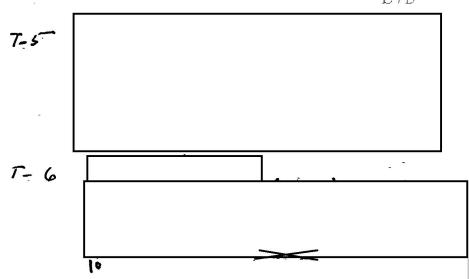
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of the Pasadena Police Dept. was ib 7C viewed by the Reporting Agent on April 3, 1950 at which time he checked his file and found that the Dept. had received several complaints with regard to the activities in home at 1003 South Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena, which 3 in 1983 was leased in the name of Parsons. records reflect wh some literature which indicated that at these premises were being held xm meetings of a cult which went under the name of the Church of Thelena. Descriptive literature in the file indicated that xix this cult breadly hinted at free love. advised that he had received several complaints of "strange goings-on at this home" and that he recalled at the time that it was a xx gathering place of perverts.

Source T=6, a reliable informant, was interviewed on 4-3-50 at which time he advised that he had been aclosely associated with Parsons in the early development of the Aerojet Corporation and was quite friendly with him during the period up to about 1945.

This source offored no info. with regard to any questionable financial dealings with Parsons, but stated that he was fully conversant with his involvement in the "love cult". Likewise, he stated that he was certain that information in this regard was fairly common knowledge among scientists in the Pasadona area.

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On March 13, 1950 John W. Parsons was interviewed by reporting Agent and SA William C. Patterson. At the time of this interview, Parsons related the extent of his knowledge concerning Weinbaum and stated that he would make up a signed statementx which which would include all his <u>knowickthexe</u>gard to Weinbaum's affiliation and advocacy of the CP.

On March 27, 1950 Parsons delivered to SA Harold F. Dodge and the writer a signed statement dated 3-13-50 which is set forth hereafter:

"3-13-50

I John W. Parsons, make the following statement to Arthur Wittenburg and Harold F. Dodge, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. No threats promise of reward, or duress have been used to induce me to make this statement, and I have been told that it may be used in a court of law.

"In 1937 I joined with a small group of friends, students, and faculty members at the Gal. Inst. of Tech. to engage in unsponsored rocket research. It became our custom to meet at one anothers houses to discuss our work and plans; these meetings also had a social and philosophical tone. The discussions were general, and several different viewpoints were presented. Some were slightly socialistic but none were communistic, and there was no special slant to the discussion. In the beginnings, no one present seemed particularly acquainted with communistic literature or detailed communistic ideas.

"In 1938, Dr. Sidney Weinbaum was introduced to the group as a mathematician on the staff of the Institute. Dr. Wienbaum expressed an intense interest in communism

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and progressed from exposition on socialism in a few xxxxix meetings to extreme communist views. He brought books xxbox and pamphlets to the meetings which offored to loan or sell These included Lenin's State and Revolution, Marx's Capital The Communist Manifesto, books by Palm-Sutt, Messages by Stalin, and the Peoples World. I believe I got some pamphlets and papers at the time, but do not recall what became of them.

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"I was first curious as to Dr. <u>Wienbaum's</u> views, but after I understood them began to express oposition and some hostility, both to Wienbaum and to various members of the group. At this time Wienbaum was helping me in a mathematics course. He showed great interest in the formation of a reading and discussion forum from our group, and indicated to me it would be to my advantage to join. Hexx He told me that prominent faculty members and hollywood personalities were members, that the names of these people were not revealed, and that I would run no risk in joining. Dr. Wienbaum indicated that there was another "open" organization group, but that there was no necessary contact between the two, and that prominent or vulnerablek people were well protected.

"On further questioning, he hedged and told me I would <u>no</u> more after I joined. He showed me a card, and told me that if I would sign one like it I would be eligable for meetings. He seemed to take considerable personal interest, iand reemphasized the social value of the group, & the advantages of joining. I do not recall that he even referred to this directly as a communist group or to himself as a member of the CP.

"At this time I expressed considerable opposition to Wienbaum's views, and to the direction in which he was attempting to steer our group. Shortly thereafter, our relations cooled considerably, and I did not have much further contact with him. I recall making some strong statements to my friends, and acquaintances in this period, but did not feel myself in a position to make definate charges that Wienbaum was a Communist.

"I probably do not recall all of the details of occurrences ten or twelve yrs. in the past. The foregoing represents my best rememberance of the facts, and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief."

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Pasadena, upo interview advised that he had known John W. Parsons ft⁻⁷ several yrs. and that to his knowledge he know of no derogatory info. concerning him other than his connection with the religious cult in Pasadem. He stated he personally believed Parsons was a loyal American citizen & that he had no info. concerning his being radically inclined. He stated that he believed that Parsons had at one time attended the Calif. Inst. of Tech. and that to the best of his knowledge Parsons had received some sort of a degree in Chemistry. He stated that Parsons was at presnet engaged in research work in connection with explosives and rocket propelled missiles. He stated that he did not know the name of Parsons present employer.

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100-359682-25" Los Angeles Rept. 4-5-49; Made by Arthur C. Wittenburg; Los Angeles File #: 65-4846 Captioned: Dr. Sidney Weinbaum, was. Israel Weinbaum, Sydney Empson

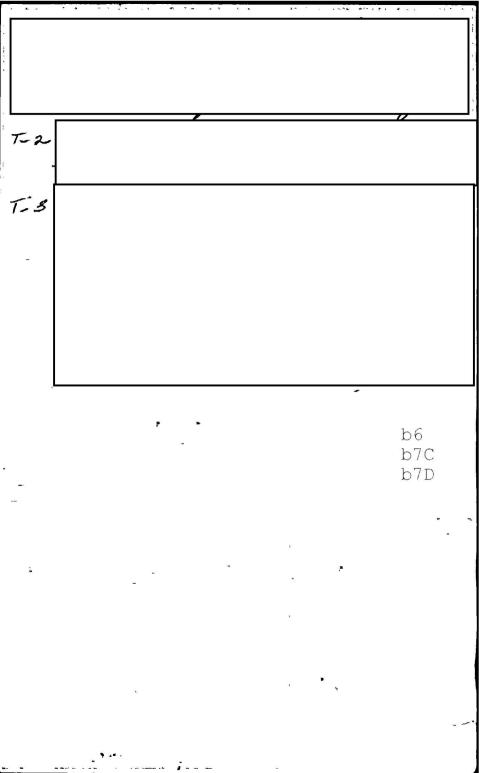
A Review of files of this office reflects considerable info. about the subj. of this case, but a close scrutiny thereof reveals that that all the info. re. the subject's Communist affiliation was actually attribut two sources of info., namely, _____ and one John ... Parsons, who is an ex-project engineer of the jet propulsion laboratory.

In connection with collateral investigations being conducted on friends of the subj., Parsons has been interviewed on several occasions. At the most recent time, he somewhat negated his previous reports to the effect that Weinbaum and other individuals were members of a CP group in Pasadena during the years 1938 and 1939. A review of the file indicated that his original allegations left no question as in to the fact that these were CP meetings which he (Parsons) had attended, but at the time of the last interview he rather minimized these gatherings saying that they were in fact study groups and dealt with many "isims" other than Communism. etc.

Since the inception of the investigation in this case information has come to this office from the following two sources which bears on the veracity of this informant:

CNDI's T-2 and T-3 were conculted as to their knowledge of Parson=, and each stated that he was "a charactor". They amplified this statement by saying that he is regarded as being very eccentric by his fellow workers & that information received from him should be treated with extreme reserve. It is pertinent to note that Parsons, after he gave the original information re. the Communist membership of Weinbaum and others, was closely associated in business with individuals whom he had named as being part of the Professional Section of the CP in Pasadenb 6 1938 and 1939.

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100-164610-1 Los Angeles Rept 11-28-42; Made by Virgil

Subj. born Brenham, Tex, 10-12-12, professor at Calif. Inst. of Tech., Pasadena, , and in charge of Gal-Cit Project No. 1 of U.S. Army Air Corps. Subj. attended & Communist mostings about three yrs. ago, having invited informant T-1 who also attended. Informant T-2 reports subj. held Communist mostings at his home and passed out Communist literature on the Army project to fellow workers.

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T-1 stated that about 3 yrs. ago he was invited by the subj. to attend meetings at the home of Dr. Sidney Weinbaum 1136 Steuben St., Pasadena. T-1 stated that Dr. Weinbaum was at that time a professor at Calif. Inst. of Tech. and that he was certain that Weinbaum was a Communist. He stated that Weinbaum was born in Russia and at these 106 ings there was a ______ (phonetic) who reported the 57C of Los Angeles at these meetings. T-1 stated that the 57C were approximately six to eight other members of the facult

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100-345440-38 Los Angeles rept dated 4-27-49; Made by Lorenzo W. Anderson, Jr.; Los Angeles File #: 100-22419 Captioned: Herbert Theodore Rosenfeld Internal Security - R

Rooms 923 and 924, 154 Nasaau St., NYC, are occupied by the American Society for the Advancement of the Hebrew Institute of Technology in Haifa, Palestine, Inc. This organization publishes the Technion Yearbook and the society is also known as the "American Technion Society. The name of _______appears on the door of Room 923. The name indices of this office reflect no info. of a pertinen b7C

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96-0-55 Memo from A. M. Thurston to Mr. Clegg 10-23-40 Ref. is made to ltr. from Brigadier Gen. Sherman Miles, U. S. Army, Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Washington, D. C., of 10-10-40, in which he requested that the attached lists of names be searched against the indices of the Bureau.

J<u>OHN MHITESIDE PARSONS</u> 168 Terrace Drive Pasadena, California

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Occupation: Research Fellow in Aeronautics, California Institute of Tech. Since 1939.

NO RECORD WAS LOCATED.

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To: North American Aviat	ion, Inc.,)	Municipal	Airport,
Los Angèles, Calif			
Re: John W. Parsons			
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Ref. is made to personnel security questionair submitted by your company in the case of the citizen whose name appears above &to the suspension of his employment in connection with classified Army, Navy, and Air Force contracts on 9-21-48.

An appeal was made from that suspension & the case was certified to the Industrial Employment Review Board.

The Board has considered the entire record, including all info. developed since the suspension, & now finds that:

- A. The suspension was effected without sufficient cause
- B. The appalant accordingly is entitled to be paid the amount of the actual monetary loss sustained by him because of any unemployment or change of employment resulting from such suspension
- C. The consent of the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, & Air Force for the appellant's access to restricted, confidential, secret & top secret info. will be granted.

There is enclosed a grant of consent for the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Forces for the employment of Mr. Parsons on secret & top secret contracts. There is also inclosed a communication from the Judge Advocate General outlining the procedure to be followed by Mr. Parsons to obtain any actual monetary loss of wages. Any further correspondence relating to such payment should be ad ressed to the Judge Advocate General, Attention: Claims & Litigation Division, Dept. of the Army.

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100-190625-1641 -Ltr. from War Dept; ______b6 to the Director dated 6-6-45 _____b7C

Inclosed for your info. is an extract of copy #3 of the Manhattan Engineer District Monthly Intelligence Summary for May 1945.

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ADASTRA RESEARCH - NYBO - Rof. April Summary, pg.5 Reported by the Pasadena Branch Office that the subj. Company is apparently owned by John W. Parsons and that there is an undetermined association in the business with Par-Both the forementioned genglemen are sons of employed on DSM work at the institute of Technology. Forman is employed on DSM work at the Institution in a subordinate position on the mechanical aspect of detonator firing control, and info. would indicate that he has little knowledge of the Project. Parsons is doing explosive work at CIT not related to DSM work, and he reportedly has been doing research in that field for a number of years. It appears that Parsons obtained the pound of x-nitrate for experimental purposes. Case RUC 24 May to NYBO where case is pending.

were all engaged in x the original rocket research conducted on the diffield Campus. As a negult of this 56 c scientific association he said, they also mixed social 57C it was at one of these social satherings in 1938 Pars, 57C said that _______ introduced Sidney Weinbaum to the group at his home.

Parsons st ted that at this time, 1938, Weinbaum xx strongly xixinixix acvocated the principles of Communism and passed out CP literature at these meetings. Parsons stated that he took an oposite view to that expressed by Weinbaum and as such a breach developed and he did not actually become affiliated with any Communist group.

Parsons stated, however, that he is positive that the subj. definitely knew of the existence of a Communist group on the Caltech campus and likewise that Sidney Weinbaum and definitely expressed pro-Communist beliefs.

It will be recalled that it has been previously xb7C orted in this case that at the time was interviewed by agents of this office that he steadfastly maintained that he knew no one whom he even suspected of being a Communist, that he knew of no Communist activity in Pasadena and the Caltech campus and, likewise, that he had never attended any meeting that was Communistic in character.

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Ltr. Trom Dir to AG 3-11-49

In connection with the Bureau's investigation of Sovict Espionage in the U.S., It has been determined that Martin J. Summerfield, a reported member of the CP, is enployed at the Jet Propulsion Laboratories, Calif. Inst. of Tech., Pasadena, Calif. He is known to have associated, in the past, with known CP members. His position at the Calif. Tech. Jet Propulsion Laboratories is a most important one. In this position, he has access to top secret military information.

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Sor 5 Los Angeles Rept. 5-16-49; Made by Captioned: Martin J. Summerfield IA File #: 65-4852 Espionage - R b6 b7C

Subj. employed as Section Chief in Charge of Rockets & Materials, Jet Propulsion Lab., Claif. Inst, of Toch. Subj through previous investigation found to be a close associat known CP mamber. of admitted CP member of the Professional Section of Los Angeles County CP. declared on 3-13-49 that Summerfield attended meetings of this section of the Party with him during 1938-39 but believes Summerfield later dropped out of the Party. No Man documentary evidence of subjects membership available. No apparent association between subj. & Sidney Weinbaum at the present time. Summerfield left Los Angeles April 9. 1949 for Princeton, NJ. On 9-1-49, he is to be granted a 3 yr. leave of absence from the JPL to go to Princeton, NJ to wor under on National Research Council Error Project compiling material on all specific info. in the field of jet propulsion. No evidence of esp. activities on part of subj. developed. - lister on Sench dated 5-2-50 b6Ser 35 IA rept; made by of Ponona, Calif. admits past membership in Professional Unit #122 of CP in Pasadena 1938 -1939. States that Summerfield was present at many meetings of this unit during this period and unquestionably knew the Communist character of these meetings. on 1-11-50 John W. Farsons, 1200 Esplandade St. Redondo Beach, Calif, Physicis Dept. of Electronics & Guided Missles, Hughes Aircraft Co., Culver City, Ca'if, was interviewed & stated that in 1938 Martin Summerfields ho,

100-344485-1 Bulet to Los Angeles - 3-13-46 Subj: Robert Alden Carnog Internal Security - R

Ref. made to ltr. from El Paso to Bur 2-16-46 entitled "Cinrad," a copy of which was designated for your office & with which was forwarded a photographic copy of the reports and personal data from the files on subj. at Los Alamos DSM Project, Los Alamos, New Mex.

It is to be noted that Carnog's forwarding address was 161 East Calif. Street, Pasadena, Calif.

Investigation concerning Carnog, except where absolutely pertinent to attempts on the part of the Soviet representatives in the U.S. to obtain info. re. the Atomic bomb, whould be reported only in his main investigative file. Data developed pertinent to the Ginrad investigation should, of course, be reported not only in the Carnog file but also in the Cinrad case.

On any of the key acientists at the Los Alamos Project of whom Robert Alden Carnog was one, a careful review shoul be made of the material obtained from Los Alamos. All suspicious contacts should be carefully identified and checked for their possibility as channels of info. from the x subject to Soviet representatives.

A highly discreet check should be made of the subjects usual contacts as developed through your investigation for the same purpose.

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Subj. restricted by Army authorities from all secret projects at Northrop Aircraft, Inc., and as result Cornog was placed on a leave of absence without pay status by ±x that concern beginning 3-22-47. Cornog appeared at local LAF office in an attempt to clarify his status and furnished a ltr. of explanation in which he claimed membership in the Association of Los Anahos Scientists, Association of Pasadena Scientists, American Civil Liberties Union, and Hollywood Writers' Mobilization. Subj. states he has resigned from this latter group but admits serving on Exec. Committee and representing them as Chairman of the "Progress in Science" section at a meeting in Berkley,

b6Calif., of the Calif. Labor School. Cornog claimed the $7^{\rm C}$ "view with great apprehension the rising tide of Communism throughout the world." Mail cover discloses Subj. received a ltr. from colored whose wife, colored, has served as Chairman of the San Gabriel Valley CPA and who in 1946 was known to be a member of the CP. Subject's future plans undecided according to informant. Ser. 19 \$2. rept 1-3. 48 made ty charles 2. Brusch . LA 3ile # 100.25560 Carray than her emaland since 7-1-47 as an instructor in the Durt. of Michanical Engineering at the U. J Caip. at Berkeley, Cily, Beach recidence in 978 Griggly Peak Bend, Berkeley, Chiff. SECHEL

Procurement Section, MED, 8b6 South Broadway, upon interview revealed that he had be^{b7C} assigned to the Procurement Section of the Manhattan Engineering District Project in the Los Angeles area since Oct., 1943, and that his duties considted primarily in the obtaining of materials for the different phases of the project at Cal Tech and Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Area Engineer, Los Angeles Area MED, upon interview advised substantially the same info. as furnished by and in addition stated that he did not believe that Cornog was redically inclined. He stated he believed him to be reliable and loyal. He said the only suspicion he had ever had concerning the subj. was in connection with his residence while in Pasadena at the home of John W. Parsons. He stated he believed Parsons was something of a "crack-pot" who was active in a religious cult in Pasadena, whose headquarters were at his home at 1005 South Orange Grove Avenue. However, he stated that he had since been convinced that Parsons was harmless and that he was just scnewhat of a religious fanatic.

A review of the Los Alamos files relative to Cornég reflects that whenever he was in Pasadena on official project business he usually resided with John W. Parsons at the above-listed address. It is also noted that Corneg listed parsons as a ref. in his application for employment at the Northrup JOHN W. PARSONS 1003 -South' Orange Grove Avenue Pasadena. Calif

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Source B advised that Pafsons upon interview admitted that he was a member of the Church of Thelma, which was in fact a small society, but because of the small size of the local organization could not become an official branch of the Temples. Parsons related that the Church of Thelma was a lodge or fraternity, as well as a church, and that they study philosophy as well as religion and attempt to inform themselves concerning all types and kinds of rcligion and further, that the Church of Thelma was dedicated to the freedom and liberty of the individual. Source B further advised that Parsons stat d that they were anti-Communistic and anti-Faccist and that they were one hundred % in accord with the war effort. He stated he had first became affiliated with the organization approximately 3 yrs ago; that it was entirely tolerant and was concerned with the brotherhood of all manking and that the organization had no violent aims whatsoever but was teaching by example. He advised that he himself belonged to this organization because "it fulfills my religious needs" and that the organization was opposed to regimentation.

At this time Parsons indicated that he had registered on 10-16-40 with Local Board 84, Pasadena, Calif., and was presently classified 3-A

Source A furnished the following description of Parsons: 6'1", 185 Pounds, brown eyes and hair, ruddy complexion, occupation - aeronautics, rocket propuls on of **h**6 planes.

The files of the Fasadena Police Dept. reflected b7C substantially the same information concerning Parsons as th that furnished by Source B.

In addition, it was ascertained that

Pasadena, Calif, an explosive expert sometimes employed by the Pasadena Police Dept., was an acquaintance of John #. Parsons and could possibly fur-SECTION nish additional info. concerning him.

Los Angles Rept; Made by Charles W. Kreager; 100-189320-1 IA Filo #: 100-17453-Church of Thelma Captioned: SECRE Internal Security - G

Church of Thelma was incorporated in Calif. April 14. 1934, as a religious organization, by Wilford Talbot Smith. who styles himself as the high priest of the society. Total active membership is approximately twenty, & headquarters of the organization is 1003 South Orange Grove. Pasadona, Calif. The foundamental principles of the Society are "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law", and its purpose appears to be preservation of individual liberty and freedom. Leaders of the organization x state they are anti-Communistic, and are in accord with the war effort, and are fully American. There is no indication of any subversive activity, and the organization appears to be religious and perhaps a cult.

John Parsons, at 1003 South Orange Grove Drive was interviewed . He advised that the Church of Thelama was in fact a small organization, modeled very much on the " "order of Oriental temples, an English society", xxxmilixx ixixhrxxxxxxxxxxx but that because of the small size of the local organization, could not become an official branch of the temples. Stated that the C. of T. was a lodge or fraternity, as well as a church; that they studied philosophy, as well as religion, and attempted to inform themselves concerning all types & kinds of religion, & further that the C. of T. was "dedicated to the freedom & liberty of the individual".

Parsons advised that they were anti-Communistic & anti Fascist, & that they were 100% in accord with the war effort. He advised that he had first become affiliated with the organization approximately 3 yrs. ago; that it was entirely tohorant, and was concerned with the brotherhood of all mankind; that the organization had no violent aims whatsoever, but was teaching by example. He advised that he himself belonged to the organization because it Wfulfill my religious needs"; that the organization was opposed to regimentation, but realizing the smallness of the organi-

-zation, and realizing the need for unity and concerted offort in time of war, would make no effort whatsoever to bring their views and ideal2 into general practice interaction the conclusion of the present war; and finally, that the organization, the C. of T., was an appeal to free thinkers to come forward and act as leaders, & that through a ritualistic form of religious and philosophical training, attempted to develop its members.

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100-189320-2 Oklahoma City ltr. to.Bureau 3-31-44 Re: CHURCH OF THAIMA, also known as ORIENA TEMPLUS ORIENTUS, O.T.O. (phonetic) SECURITY MATTER - G

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who is connected with the Oklahoma Dept. of Health, whickhowadaised inatxhexecanadawaysxbexecataxkedxxtk gave the following info re. to the Church of Thelma which he states is also known as O.T.O. and Oriena Templus Orientus (pnonetic).

stated that in June or July of 1940 he was approached by <u>Miller's</u> Bar, Long Beach, Calif, by the Bartender, and invited to a party to be held over the weekend.- to be held at 1003 South Orange Grove, Fasadena, Calif.

After his arrival at the Orange Grove address, _____ learned that what he thought was to be a weekend party was taxks actually a meeting of a cult known as "The Church of Thelma." During the course of the weekend, ______ was initiated into this Order & states that he does not recall anything of the initiation proceedings except that all of the participants had all their clothes removed & they wore robes for the occasion. Frior to the proceedings ______ was given a glass of liquor which apparently was drugged thus causing him not to remember much of the proceedings. On this occasion ______ spent 2 days and nights in the house used by this Order where he met approx. 40 or 50 members.

The house at 1003 South Orange Grove is said to be occupied by one Jack Parsons who is a chemist and supposedly working in a defense plant in Pasade a during the day and doing some work in his own lab. at this address at $_{\rm b6}$ night. Parsons is said to be connected with the U. in $_{\rm b7C}$ Pasadena.

W. T. Smith is said to be the head of the organization in Calif. at the present time. He is assisted by and There

is said to be a girl named who is apparently the concubine for the organization.

There is also a man whose first name is ______ who is a German Alien, & who is now said to be in NYC organizingfor the Order. ______ was at one time supposed to have been a professor in Berlin. Orders for the activities of this organization are received from Sir. Allister Crowley, London, England. _______SECRET The Ghurch of Thelms recruits as a fraternal order under this name and publishes a book called "The Book of the Law" which book tears down everything democracy stands for. This book preaches that whatever one desires to dob6 is the proper thing to do. b7C

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advised that he received ltrs. from W. T. Smith while he was in the Army requesting some military info. He also received a ltr. from a man named who is said, at the present time, to be in training as a Naval officer in Albuquerque, NMex. In this ltr. stated that as members of the Order they must keep quiet at the present time but that a time would come when they would be able to speak up.



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Office Memorandum

IO : A. H. Belmont

FROM : C. E. Hennrich

SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, WA. ESPIONAGE - IS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: December 19, 1950

Tolson_____ Ladd_____ Clegg_____ Glavis_____ Nichols_____ Roses_____ Harbo_____ Mohr_____ Tele. Room_____ Nesse_____ Candy_____

Purpose:

To inform you that the subject has admitted taking seventeen documents pertaining to jet propulsion motors and rocket propellants from the Hughes Aircraft Company, and that the matter is being referred to the Department for a prosecutive opinion.

Details:

On September 15, 1950, Parsons took seventeen documents from Hughes Aircraft Company where/he is employed. He has furnished a signed statement admitting removal of the documents without authority, and stating he planned to use the data in preparing proposals for building an explosive plant in Israel, and data concerning rockets and other armaments. Parsons hoped that by so doing to obtain employment as a research worker in Israel. All documents have been recovered. Parsons intended to turn them over to Herbert Rosenfeld, the subject of a pending Internal Security - R case. (100-345440)

Parsons has been used as a source of information in cases involving scientists at the California Institute of Technology.

b3Recommendation: This is submitted for your information. A letter to the Department requesting a prosecutive opinion is attached hereto. 65-59589 EEB:dm ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED RECORDED - 72 165-59589-6 BY 233 DATE EX. - 107 . Ep

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JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, WA., ESPIONAGE - IS. REMYLET DEC. EIGHT, FIFTY. HUGHES AIRCRAFT ADVISED TODAY WHEN PARSONS EMPLOYMENT TERMINATED SEPT. TWENTYSIX, PARSONS REQUESTED RETURN OF SEVEN CALIF. INSTITUTE OF TECH-NOLOGY REPORTS DATED FORTYONE THROUGH FORTYFOUR HE HAD KEPT IN HIS FILE DRAWER AT HUGHES. REPORTS NOT RETURNED PARSONS. REPORTS ALL MARKED QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL UNQUOTE AND RELATE TO AIR CORPS JET PROPULSION **b6** RESEARCH. PARSONS LISTED AS CO AUTHOR OF TWO REPORTS. b7C HEAD OF REPORT GROUP, C.I.T., JET LAB, TODAY ADVISED FOLLOWING PRESENT CLASSIFICATION OF REPORTS-- TWO CONFIDENTIAL, TWO RESTRICTED, TWO CLASSIFICATION OF REPORTS-- TWO CLASSIFICATI FIED AND ONE NOT KNOWN. ADVISED REVIEW OF SEVEN REPORTS MAY DOWN GRADE PRESENT CLASSIFICATION .. INDICATED THAT DURING PERIOD PARSO EMPLOYED JET LAB SECURITY REGULATIONS LAX AND IT WAS COMMON PRACTICE TO REMOVE REPORTS FOR OWN PURPOSES. HAD NO CHARGE OUT SYSTEM OF ANY CONSE-REQUEST BEING MADE OF TO REVIEW REPORTS BUT HE HAS QUENCES. REVEALED A FINAL DECISION ON PRESENT CLASSIFICATION MAY TAKE AT LEAST ONE MONTH. YOUR ATTENTION CALLED TO FACT REQUEST MADE BY REFERENCED LETTER TO PRESENT THIS MATTER TONDEPARTMENT FOR PROSECUTIVE OPINION. HOOD 132 HOLD PLS

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Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES L.A. FILE NO. 65-5131 DATE WHEN MADE REPORT MADE AT PERIOD FOR 12/15 REPORT MADE BY iam **b6** LOS ANGELES 1/3/51 16,18,19/1950 **b7C** TITLE CHARACTER OF CASE JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons ESPIONACE - IS. On December 15, 1950, Hughes Aircraft revealed SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CC 12 D. 3 30 P. 1. subject in possession of seven "confidential" reports of Guppenheim Aeronautics Laboratory, California Institute of Technology at time of termination of employment from Hughes. Present existing classification of reports as follows: 2 Confidential, 2 Restricted, 2 Unclassified, and 1 classification not known. Subject executed signed statement December 19, 1950, admitting possession of reports. Indications security regulations lax at California Institute of Technology during PARSONS' employ-100 Tets 1 1.67.5 (stote) NI CC ZONI State tugh ment. Icc TeliA P- 12-14-57 12.21.51 mende DETAILS: **b6** On December 15, 1950, the writer was advised by b7C Security Officer, Hughes Aircraft, that at the time of PARSONS! termination of employment at Hughes Aircraft, he had in his possession seven reports of the Suggenheim Aeronautics I boratory, California Institute of Technology, all of which reports are stamped "Confidential". An itemized list of these seven reports is as follows: ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED that ? . MIN 1. M. M. 2 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED UATE 4-2 -74 BY = APPROVED AND SPECIAL AGENT DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACE COPIES DESTROYED RECORDED - 53 R 28 MOV 23 1981ES OF THIS REPORT Bureau (65-59589) -OSI, District 18, Maywood 60 7-2034

1. Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1, Progress Report No. 13 for the AAF MATERIEL CENTER AIR-CRAFT LABORATORY: IGNITION STUDIES ON RESTRICTED BURNING SOLID PROPELLANT JET MOTORS, Classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, December 28, 1943.

Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research Project, GALGIT Project No. 1, Operating Manual No. 1: OPERATING MANUAL FOR THE SOLID PROPELLANT JET UNIT NO. 208, Copy No. 24, Classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, November 1, 1942.

Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1, Progress Report No. 15 for the AAF MATERIEL CENTER, AIRCRAFT, LABORATORY: SOME PHYSICAL PROPERTIPS OF VACUUM MIXED. ASPHALT-BASE SOLID PROPELLANTS, Copy No. 25, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, March 25, 1944.

- Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1, Report No. 15; THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ASPHALT BASE SOLID-PROPELIANT, J.W. Parsons, Oopy No. 33, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, October 16, 1942.
- Aid Comps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1, Progress Report No. 12 for the AAF MATERIEL CENTER, AIRCRAFT LABORATORY: PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANUFACTURING FACILITIES FOR PERCHLORATE CHEMICALS, Chief Engineer, Western Electrochemical Co., Copy No. 22, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, November 15, 1943
- Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1, Report No. 9: RESULTS OF FLIGHT TESTS OF THE ERCOUPE AIR-PLANT WITH AUXILITARY JET PROPULSION SUPPLIED BY SOLID PROPELIANT JET UNITS and J.W. Parsons, Copy No. 42, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, September 2, 1941.

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 - 7. Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1, Test Report No. 1: <u>REPORT ON THE TESTS OF THE AEROJET</u> <u>XAS-1000 TYPE JET UNITS</u> and W.E. Johnson, Copy No. 16, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, July 20, 1943.

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California Institute of Technology, advised on December 15, 1950, that of b7C the above listed reports, the present existing classification is as follows:

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grade the present classification and accordingly a request has been subatted to review these reports to ascertain if the present existing classification is correct.

Regarding PARSONS' possession of these reports ______ advised that b6 security regulations during the early stages of the Jet Propulsian Laboratory b7C were lax and that it was common practice to remove reports from the Laboratory for private purposes. In some cases, personal copies were issued to the employees for private purposes and no charge out system of any consequence was in effect at this time. ______ stated that he will, if possible, assertain to whom the above listed copies of these reports were signed out.

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Administrative Assistant, Propulsion Section, Hughes Aircraft, advised December 18, 1950, that he had obtained the seven reports described above from PARSONS at the time of PARSONS termination of employment

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b6 at Hughes Aircraft on September 26, 1950. According to it is the policy of b7C the Propulsion Section to "check-out" an employee on termination of employment and at the time of PARSONS! termination, the seven reports were in the possession of PARSONS. stated that he pointed out to PARSONS that he could not let him take these documents from Hughes since they were indicated to be classified "Confidential". PARSONS then requested to clarify the present classifications of the reports and return them to him if at all possible. advised that on December 12, 1950, he turned over these seven reports to of the Security Office and that executed a receipt dated December 12. advised that he has retained this receipt executed by 1950.

On December 19, 1950, PARSONS came to the Los Angeles Office and furnished the following signed statement:

> "Los Angeles, Calif. Dec. 19, 1950

"I, John Whiteside Parsons, make the following statement to and Homer W. Schweppe who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice. This statement is made freely and voluntarily and I have been advised of my rights to counsel. No bhreats or promises have been made to induce me to make this statement and I have been advised that this statement may be used in court.

"I have had exhibited to me this date, 7 reports of the Guggenheim Aeronautics Laboratory, California Institute of Technology identified as follows (1) Galcit Project #1, Progress Report #13, Copy #21, dated 12/28/43 (2) Galcit Project #1, Operating Manual #1, copy #24, dated 11/1/42 (3) Galcit Project #1, Progress Report #15, copy #25, dated 3/25/44 (4) Galcit Project #1, Report #15, copy #33, dated 10/16/42, (5) Galcit Project #1, Progress Report #12, copy #22, dated 11-15-43 (6) Galcit Project #1, Report #9, copy #42, dated 9/2/41 (7) Galcit Project #1, Test Report #1, copy #16, dated 7/20/43. I recognize these 7 documents as the ones I turned over to ______ of Hughes Aircraft at the time of my termination of employment there.

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"These 7 documents cane into my possession at the time of my employment with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory on the acrojet Engineering Corporation. I cannot more specifically recall the time these documents came into my possession, nor can I recall the manner they care into my possession. I considered the reports to be my own personal copies and as such retained them. I used material from these reports at my work while at Acrojet and Hughes Aircraft. I do not recall ever having permitted anyone to see these reports except during the time I was at Hughes Aircraft when it is possible other Hughes employee may have seen them.

"At no time did it occur to me that I illegally had these reports in my possession until the incident arose at Hughes Aircraft involving me with the removal of some Hughes documents. At the time of this incident, it occured to me these 7 reports may also be in question and accordingly, I turned them over to for clarification of the classification of the reports. I was aware that the material was originally classified as confidential but it was my impression that the reports had been down graded on reclassified.

"I have read this statement consisting of three pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed all corrections and sach page.

/s/ "John W. Parsons

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Boner W. Schweppe, SA, BBI, Los Angeles 12/19/50."

At the time of furnishing the signed statement, PARSONS identified the seven reports that were turned over to the writer as being identical with the reports he had in his possession at Hughes Aircraft. Accordingly PARSONS signed the back of these reports as "JOHN W. PARSONS", with the Date December 19, 1950. At this time the writer and SA HOMER W. SCHWEPPE also initialed the back of each report. PARSONS identified the printed notation "J.W. Parsons personal copy" appearing on the front of items 1, 5 and 6 as being in his own handwriting.

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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, At Los Angeles, California:

Will report results of review of seven Guggenheim Aeronautics Laboratory reports obtained from subject by Hughes Aircraft being made by **b**6 b7C Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, to ascertain if the present existing classification of these reports is correct. Will take such further prosecutive action as is directed by the Bureau; REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent. dated 12/7/50 at Los Angeles, California. h7C Los angeles teletype to the Bureau dated December 15, 1950.

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Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney February 3, 1951 xelairo CLASS, BY Director, VHI 1-23-83 THEODORE VON KARMAN DATE OF REVISA CONFIL INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Particular reference is made to paragraph 6 of your ... assorandam which requested advise as to whether the Dr. Theodore Yon Karman under when William Perl formerly weeked at Columbia Delverbity, is identical with Professor Theodore You Kayman of the California Institute of Technology, who referred subject Parsons to Herbert T. Rosenfeld. Your memorandom also requested auvice as to whether this Durosu has any information indicating that the above matters are at all related.

Information in the files of this Deress. furnished by reliable informate. reflects that Dr. Theodore Ven Earnen, who was a fermer superior of William Perl at Columbia University, has been Director of the Ourgenheim Asronautical Research Laboratorius and Professor of Asronautics at the California Institute of Technology since the late 1930's. He has served in various. sepacities with United States Government Agencies.

According to the informants, Br. Ven Karman, as Director of the Gagembein Aeronautical Research Laboratory, played an important part in causing the Air Perce to set up the Jet Prepelsian Inboratory at the California Institute of Technology in the early 1960's, and was an original stockholder in the Asrojet Ingineering Company of Asusa, California, a private firm which was not up to manufacture pilot models developed at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Because of the fact that John Whiteside Parsons during a requit interview advised he was analoyed from 1938 to 19th by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology, and from 1941, so 1966, by the Asrojet Burkedering Company, it appears that the Professor Theodore Ves Tarmin who introduced Parsens to Herbart T. Hesenfeld is Som theal with that individual who was a superior of million ford at Molimbia University. E 8 3

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Theodore Yon Karman: results of a There is functioned for your additional information the a review of the files of this Bureau concerning the neme

As of recent date, another Covernment againsy that conducts intelligence investigations advised this Nursem that they were in possession of information concerning one Todar Earman. The information had been furnished them by latter from Vienna, Austria, dated April 1, 1948, and was originally furnished by a source evaluated as fairly Tellable.

Marman engaged in scientific work in Germany and was invited to becture at the University of Aachem. In 1931 he received an in-vitation to becture in the United States and was issued an entry visa to the United States from 1931 to 1933. capacity until late 1919 when Communists ware routed by the Sationalist forces of Admiral Horthy. At that bime, Kanman was forced to flee from Hungary and escaped to Germany where he settled at Amchen. His membership was then transferred to the German Communist Party. In 1919, when the Communists seized power in Bungary, Earman was appointed Deputy Commissar of Cultural and Educational Affairs in charge of Higher Education. Karman continued to function in that According to the source, Todar Karman joined the Bungarian Communist Farty in 1918 while working as Assistant Professor of Physics at the Jossef Nador. Technical University, Endepest, Hangary Bangary .

courses at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, and retarned each time to Aschen after the completion of the dourses. After Hitler selsed power in Germany, Karman applied for an extension of his permit of residence in the United States and was subsequently granted an extended residence permit. He then became a regular Frefessor at the California Institute of Technology and during World War II engaged in research work in Acredynamics for the Army Air Perces. According to the seurce, Larman gave several lecture

to a position on the research staff of an Army-sponsored guided missile project at Fasadens, a position which the source believed The source also stated that in 1945, Karman was assigned

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he maintained as of 1948. The source further believed that Karman covered up his Communist Party membership when first applying for an entry visa to the United States in 1931.

also reported that at the end of the war he had spoken with Colonel W. H. Joiner of the U. S. Army Air Force who advised that he had held a private meeting with Dr. Ven Karman and during this meeting Dr. Ven Karman questioned Joiner regarding the atomic bemb. According to his conversation with Colonel Joiner brought up the question as to whether Dr. Ven Karman should have had access to atomic information at a time which was approximately one and one-half years before information regarding the bomb had been revealed to the public.

The present address of <u>is unknown; however, he</u> stated that he had formerly resided at Los Angeles and had received mail at advised that he believes Colonel Joiner is now retired from the Air Force and presently resides in Alabama. Pertinent reports

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and the by this survey in Name is 1965, Feriadis informatics savised that on January 9, March 7, March 22, April 3, April 24 and 25, 1965, Dr. Theodore Von Karman, who was then associated with the Army Air Force, contacted _____ The investigation of _____ was based on information fermissed by other reliable informants to the effect that ______ was in frequent contact with members of the Soviet Embassy in Nachington and the Soviet Consulate in New York. The informants also advised that ______ had been associated with Russian War Relief and the National Council for American Soviet Priendship. At that time ______ was

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In 1967 when interviewed in connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, Dr. Theodore Ven Karman stated that he was then Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Commanding General of the Army Air Force and a holder of the Hedal of Marit.

In the January 1, 1951, issue of "Time" magazine, a photograph of Mr. Von Karman appears, together with an article which relates how he and four associates originally invested \$8,700 and established the Aerojet Engineering Company of Asusa, California, as a result of Von Karman's knowledge that rockets would be an important weapon. The article states that the Aerojet Company now has a \$25,000,000 backlog of orders and is planning a new \$6,000,000 plant.

The present address of Dr. Theodore Von Karman is reported to be Scientific Advisory Board, Office of the Mirector, Research and Development, Peputy Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force, The Pentagon.

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There are attached for your additional information copies of the following reports which were made in connection with an investigation of which Dr. Theodore Yon Karman was carried as a subject:

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Report of Special Agent dated May 7, 1940, at Los Angeles; Report of Special Agent H. H. Davis dated August 12, 1941, at Los Angeles; Report of Special Agent Logan J. Lane dated Detober 6, 1941, at Cincinnette, Ohio; Report of Special Agent dated June 3, 1952, at Los Angeles; Report of Special Agent dated June 3, 1952, at Los Angeles;

Pertinent information concerning Dr. Von Karman has been farmished the Director of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, with the request that that agency advise whether Dr. Von Karman is presently employed by the Department of the Air Force. That agency was also requested to advise whether their files contain any information which will substantiate or disprove the recent allegations received concerning Dr. Von Karman.

You will be furnished any additional pertinent information received or developed cancerning this matter.

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SOLID PROPELLANT JET UNIT NO. 208, Copy No. 24, Classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, November 1, 1942.

3. Unclassified

Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1, Progress Report No. 15 for the AAF MATERIAL CENTER, AIRCRAFT LABORATORY: SOME PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF VACUUM MIXED. ASPHAIT_BASE SOLID PROPELLANTS, Copy No. 25, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, March 25, 1944.

4. Restricted

Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1, Report No. 15; THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ASPHALT BASE SOLID-PROPELLANT, J. W. Parsons, Copy No. 33, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, October 16, 1942.

5. Unclassified

Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1, Progress Report No. 12 for the AAF MATERIEL CENTER, AIRCRAFT LABORATCRY: PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANUFACTURING FACILITIES FOR PERCHLORATE CHEMICALS, Chief Engineer, Western Electrochemical Co., Copy No. 22, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology,

November 15, 1943.

6. Confidential

Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1, Report No. 9: RESULTS OF FLIGHT TESTS OF THE ERCOUPE AIR-PLANT WITH AUXILIARY JET PROPULSION SUPPLIED BY SOLID PROPELIANT JET UNITS and J. W. Parsons, Copy No. 42, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, September 2, 1941.

7. Confidential

Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1,
Test Report No. 1: REPORT ON THE TESTS OF THE AEROJET
XAS-1000 TYPE JET UNITS, and
Copy No. 16, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute
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It is noted that these classifications are different, in some cases, than those previously furnished by

advised that in reviewing these reports, it is the considered opinion of the Laboratory that all this material could be downgraded to unclassified. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory has no authority to downgrade these documents, however, this authority being vested only in the U. S. Air Forces inasmuch as the research which led to their publication was sponsored by the Air Forces. stated that Items 3, k, 5 and 6 above were, according to their records, delivered to the Aerujet Engineering Corporation for specific use of engineers at that agency. It has been previously reported that PARSONS was formerly employed by Aerejet. b6

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Air Provost Marshal's Office, Los Angeles Air Force Field Procurement Office, 155 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised on January 9, 1951 that a review of the reports in question by the Air Forces would have to be made by the office of the Air Provost Marshal, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

For the information of the Cincinnati Office, Hughes Aircraft revealed on December 15, 1950 that subject was in possession of the above listed seven reports from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the time of his termination of employment at Hughes. These documents were turned over to the Los Angeles Office on December 18, 1950.

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CINCINNATI OFFICE:

At Dayton, Ohie: Will, through the Air Provost Marshal's Office, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, ascertain if the present classification of the seven reports of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, in question as furnished by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory are correct and the name of the individual who can testify as to their classification.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

At Los Angeles, California: Will take such further prosecutive action as is directed by the Bureau.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA at Los Angeles.

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cony; bw LL. SLIP (S) UP DATE January 3, 1951 SAC, Los Angeles CONFIDENTIAL Director, FBI HERBERT THEODORE ROSENFELD HERF INTERNAL SECURITY - R REGISTRATION ACT (LA File 100-22419) Reference is made to the reports dated November 2, 1950, and dated December 7, 1950, in the case entitled "John. Whiteside Parsons, aka., Jack Parsons, Espionage - IS." From the information contained in these reports it appears that Herbert Thodore Rosenfeld is the President of the American Technion Society which is described as being officially designated by the Israeli Government to provide certain information for the benefit of Israel. The Bureau desires that you immediately reopen this investigation and consolidate in your initial report all pertinent information concerning the activities of Rosenfeld and his association with Parsons, including the request on the part of Rosenfeld for Parson to submit a detailed plan relative to the cost of equipment in explosive processes, during the latter's negotiations with Rosenfeld for a position in Israel. This report should be prepared so that it may be disseminated to the Department of Justice. The Bureau has requested the Department to advise whether Rosenfeld has registered with the Attorney General under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended. and when this information is received you will be promotly advised. ORIGINAL COPY FILED IN CLASS. REASON DÂTE OF 0 For the information of the Washington Field Office, Parsons in a signed statement dated beptember 27, 1950, admitted entering negotiations with Rosenfeld in approximately October, 1948 for the purpose of securing SPACE 23 - 8 2.... 100-345440 011 cc - Washington Fiel Los Angeles file 65-5131 (John Whiteside Parsons) CJM:1jb:mod cc-65-59589 (John Whiteside Parsons) NOTE: Herbert Theodore Rosenfield was plNotdReco 11-29-46 Serial 35 131

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a position in Israel. In connection with this, Parsons submitted to Rosenfeld suggested plans for the construction with of an explosive plant, and in approximately June, 1950 Parsons was rejuested to submit a breakdown of detailed cost of the equipment in explosive processes which he had pronosed, and in July and August, 1950, he prepared a revised proposal.

According to Parsons, the subject represented the Technion Group in Israel which consisted of a number of coordinated Israeli Government agencies and private industries for the purpose of technical development in Israel.

Parsons also stated that in September or October, 1949 he contacted Rosenfeld who requested him to prepare a proposal regarding the building of an explosives plant in Israel, and data concerning rockets and other armaments on which Parsons would be able to conduct resea ch fork in Israel. Parsons advised that he submitted such a proposal to Rosenfeld, but did not hear anything from him until August, 1950 when he recontacted the subject and Rosenfeld requested him to submit a new proposal pertaining to the cost of a jet propulsion development program on which Parsons Would do research work in Israel.

The Los Angeles Office has advised that Merbert Theodore Rosenfeld is Fresident of the Pouthern California Chapter of the American Technion Society, and according to the Vetoher 21, 1949, issue of the B'nei B'rith Messenger, the American Technion Society has been designated officially by the Israeli Government as the American body providing the "knew-how" to enlarge modern techni use achieved by the United States so that it may benefit Israel. (65-59589-1)

Persons has indicated that Rosenfeld did not at any time require him to prepare any particular article ... on proposal. (Ibid - 3)

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The Washington Field Office is instructed to ascertain whether the American Technion Society is registered with the Secretary of State and also determine whether Rosenfeld is registered as an agent of a foreign government with the Secretary of State, and if he is registed, obtain complete details relative to the information appearing in his registration, and advise the Los Angeles Office and the Bureau of the results of these inquiries,

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SAC, Los Angeles

January 19, 1951

Director, PBI JOIN MILITUSIDE PARSONS, alta JACK PARSO'S ESPICHACE - IS

For your information the facts in this case were presented to the Criminal Division of the Department on December 20, 1950, for an opinion as to whether or not there has been a violation of any Federal Statute, and whether prosecution is warranted.

You will be advised of the Department's decision in this matter.

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Assistant Attorney General James M. Walnerney January 16, 1951

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 20, 1950 requesting an opinion regarding prosecution.

There is enclosed for your assistance one copy of the report of Special Agent b6 Les Angeles, California, dated January 3, 1951. b7c

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Director, FBI

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Being forwarded under separate cover by registered mail are photographic copies of documents described in report of Special Agent dated November 2, 1950, at Los Angeles. It is noted that a number of these photosthad been initialed by the subject and it is accordingly requested that these photos be returned to the Los Angeles office after they have served their purpose at the Bureau in order that they might be retained.

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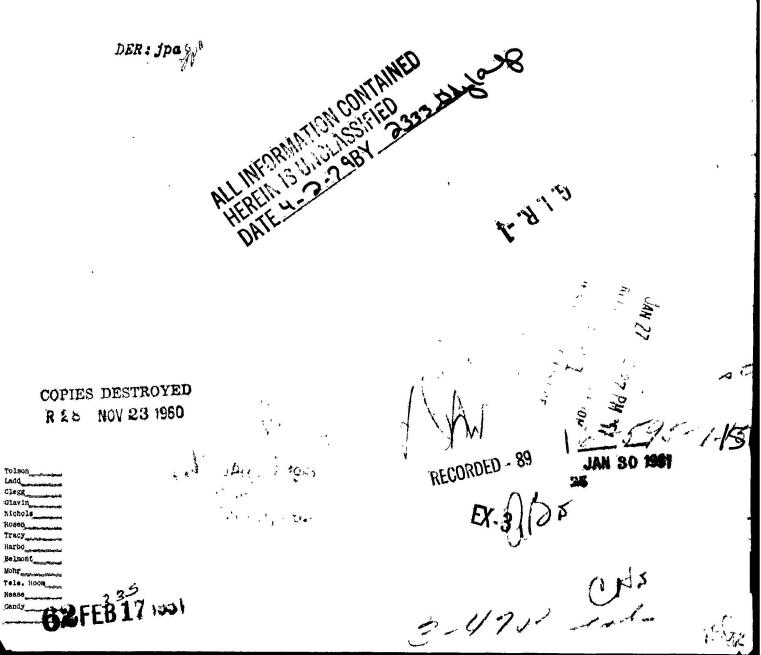
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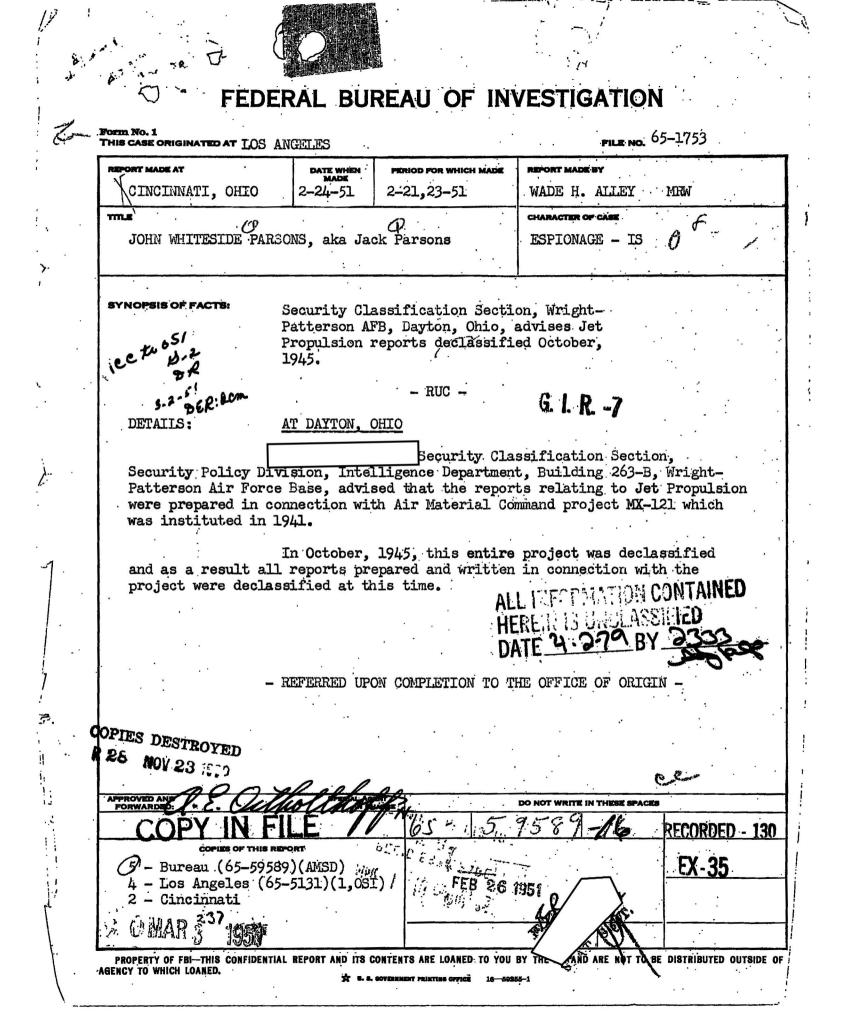
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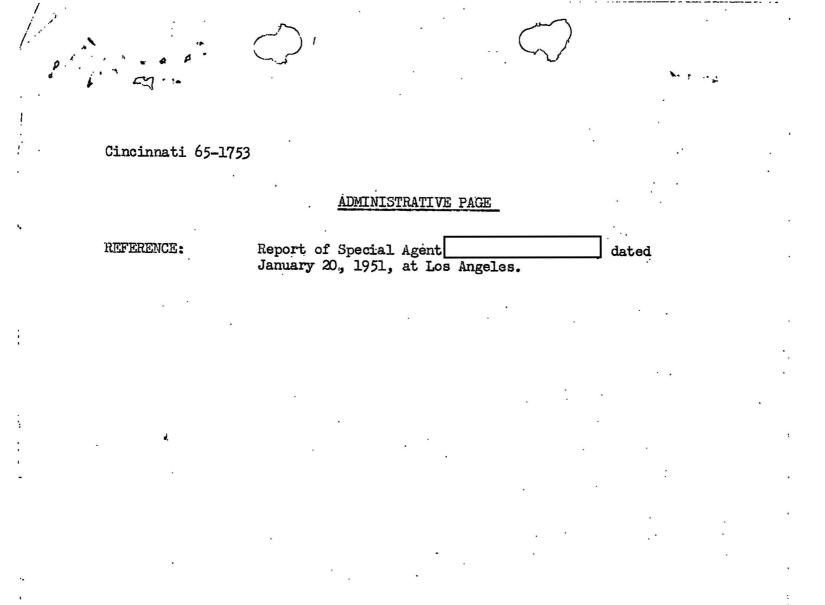
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To have Liaison deliver reports in captioned matter to OSI and secure answers to two questions propounded by the Criminal Division.

DETAILS

As you will recall, the subject has admitted in a signed statement removal of 17 documents without authority from the Hughes Aircraft Company, Los Angeles, California, where he was formerly employed. Parsons stated he planned to use the data in preparing proposals for building an explosives plant in Israel and also for research work on rockets and other armaments in Israel., Parsons intended to turn the documents over to Herbert Rosenfeld, through whom he hoped to obtain employment as a research worker in Israel.

Copies of reports have been prepared for dissemination to OSI by the Liaison Section.

This matter has been presented to the Department for an opinion and the Department has now advised that it appears there is a violation of Section 793 and possibly Section 794 of Title 18, U. S. Code, but that before a decision is rendered as to whether prosecution is warranted the Department requested we ascertain the following:

1. An expression of opinion from the appropriate source in the Department of the Air Force as to whether the documents involved "relate to the national defense."

Is there any objection on the part of the 2. Department of the Air Force to having the documents in question introduced in evidence in the event of prosecution?

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that our Liaison Section deliver copies of reports to OSI and secure answers to the above questions.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT FILE NO. LOS ANGELES 65-5131 PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/27;2/1,2,6-9, 13-17/51. REPORT MADE AT DATE WHEN REPORT MADE BY PM 3/8/51 b6 LOS ANGELES b7C TITLE 3 CHARACTER OF CASE JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons ESPIONAGE - IS Subject's birth at Los Angeles verified. Signed statement SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: furnished by PARSONS to Hughes Aircraft Company, September lecto &R 4.2 26. 1950 set forth. DETAILS:" The subject's birth at Los Angeles, California, was verified February 15, 1951. The record of this birth is contained in Book 102, Page 6549 of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, City of Los Angeles. A signed statement furnished to and of Hughes Aircraft Company on September 26, 1950 is as follows: ICC TO ONI JOHN W. PARSONS "12:00 Noon ciA KARIS 26 September 1950 Payroll # 71523 12.21. 11 mesiden Employed by Hughes Aircraft Co May 8, 1949 G. I. R. -1 Dept 04 - Propellant Section "I JOHN W. PARSONS, make the following requested signed statement to Staff Assistant, Security Department, Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, knowing first, that I do not have to make any statement and that any statement I make can and will be used against me in the event I am ever held for trial and that no threats nor promises have been used in any manner, causing me to make this statement. "My name is JOHN W. PARSONS. I presently reside at 1200 Esplanade, Redondo Betch, California. I was employed by H.A.C. 5/8/49 and my present capacity is that of Group Leader in Charge of Propellants, Propulsion and Launching Group of the Research and Development Laboratories. In October of 1948, I entered into negotations in regard to a position in Israel. In this period I submitted a proposal of suggested activities which included the construction of Explosive Plants and the development and manufacture of rockets and other armaments which could be done with the approval of the United States. These negotations continued for sometime and in June A of 1950 I was requested to submit a breakdown of detailed costs of the equipment and processes which I had proposed. In july and August, I prepared APPROVED AND SPECIAL AGENT DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES RECORDED - 1 - Bureau (65-59589) (5) . PONTAINED I ... 2 - Washingto 2 - New York - Washington Field Office INDEXED - 1 ALL INFORM 2 - San Diego 3 - Los Angeles HERE PROPERTY OF FBI.-This Indential report and its contents are loaned to you by the FBI and are not brind offide of agency to which loaned. 16-61360-1 W. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10333

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a revised proposal. In September I worked for H.A.C. on a proposed Rocket Propellant Loading Plant. The proposal included detailed cost breakdowns of the type which I required in my proposal to Israel. On about the 16th of September, I approached a _______ of <u>Pales</u> Verdes, California, with the request that she type up a rough draft of the material which I had collected in order that I could organize this in the form of a signed cost proposal. I selected _______ and had this typed by her since I had known her and her husband for a period of over five (5) years. I knew that both she and her husband had been cleared to work on classified projects after an extensive investigation and that clearance for her husband was current. b6 b7C

"Among the material from which I asked her to type extracts there was included a rough draft of a portion of a Propellant Loading proposal at H.A.C. which had been marked "Confidential". The rough draft of the material from which I intended to prepare my porposal was partially typed by in the period of September 16 to September 23, 1950. I understand that on September 25, this material was picked up by the F.B.I. and the matter was referred to H.A.C. It wasnot in any way my intention to transmit any portion of the material which had been classified to Israel or to any other unauthorized person. It was my intention to select only the cost of equipment and process from the material to include in my proposal. It was further my intention before proceeding to submit details of the proposal to check with the State Department both in regard to the possibility of getting a passport and the advisability of proceeding with any proposed to do the typing since I knew that activities. I had selected she had been cleared in the past, that she was a highly responsible and loyal person and there was no possibility of any leak thru her or her husband, to unauthorized persons. I feel that any action in allowingclassified material which was the property of H.A.C. to come into the hands of a person, who however responsible, was not directly authorized to receive this material, was a serious error in judgment. It is my understanding that I removed this aforesaid Confidential material in violation of H.A.C. rules. I did not remove them with the expressed or implied permission of any person in HAC. My removal of this document was not known to any person in H.A.C. nor to any other person with the exception of myself. To my knowledge, had no knowledge that Confidential material was being used in any unusual manner.

"I received no renumeration or promise of renumeration for removing this material, nor was I induced or requested to do so by any other person. I have no membership in any organization which is in any way interested or concerned in this matter or which advised or induced me to act in the manner aforesaid. I wish to emphasize again that I had no intent of violating any law or of transmitting any classified information or Company property to any unauthorized person.

"To the best of my knowledge, I do not now have in my possession, any classified material belonging to the Hughes Aircraft Company, nor any other classified material of any sort. If I should find any such classified material among my possessions, I will immediately return same to H.A.C.

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"I have read the above statement consisting of two (2) pages and checked the statement therein and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. No threats nor promises have been made to cause me to initial the preceding pages nor to sign this statement."

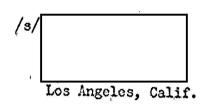
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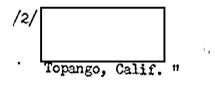
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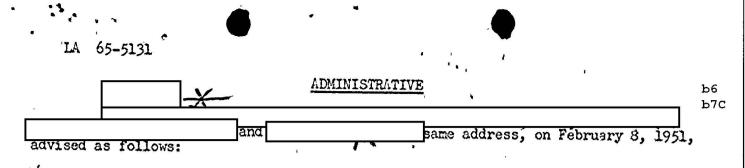
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They stated that the PARSONS are an odd and unusual pair in that they do not live by the commonly accepted code of married life and are both very fascinated by anything unusual or morbid such as voodooism cults, homosexuality, and religious practices that are "different." Subject seems very much in love with his wife but she is not at all affectionate and does not appear to return his affection. Both have had "affairs" with other people since their marriage, with the other's knowledge, and this apparently has been an accepted practice. She is the dominating personality of the two and controls the activities and thinking of subject to a very considerable degree. It is the opinion of that if subject were to have been in any way willfully involved in any activities of an intentional espionage nature, it would probably have been on the instigation of his wife.

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as an intelligent, quick witted, and vivacious person. She is an admitted "liberal" having stated dissatisfaction with this country and a desire to raise any children she may have in some other country where the children will have the freedom to do as they like. In this regard, she has mentioned Mexico, and Israel as two desirable countries.

While in the MAVES during the past war was stationed in Washington, D.C. and for a time was performing duties for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. She tells the story that she was removed from this position and transferred as a result of her association with a suspected German Espionage Agent in Washington, D.C.

During the latter part of 1947 or the early part of 1948, after being married about a year. ________ went to Paris as an art student under the "G. I. Bill." ______ cannot recall the duration of this visit but are of the opinion it was only a matter of "a few months." On her return, she stated she did not attend an art school in Paris but offered no explanation as to the reason. She indicated that while in Paris, she associated with a well known Communist Editor named LEMINELLON (phonetic) of a Paris Communist Newspaper. Another individual she mentioned having known in Paris was an American who said he was a newspaper correspondent for an American newspaper. She stated this individual's first name was "BOB" and that he seemed to force his attentions on her. She suspected him of being an FBI Agent, however, she never gave any explanation as to why she should have been suspicious of anyone being an FBI Agent interested in her. She said that POPD was in a group including herself, which group made a trip to England and Switzerland.

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advised she observed an itemized statement prepared by concerning the expenses of this European trip, which expenses totaled \$2,500.

Following the return of to this country, she became acquainted in an unknown fashion with an individual named phonetic). Mrs. PARSONS indicated she met phone beach at Manhattan Beach, California, and that they subsequently became good friends. She had an "affair" with with subject's knowledge. **b**6

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was by his own remarks, not a citizen of the United States and had the appearance of a Swede, Dane or North German. He is described by as thirty-three years of age, 5'8" in height, sandy colored hair, weather beaten face, and Central European accent. ______ constantly told stories about being a member of various underground organizations during the past war and spoke once at length about a trip into Russia resulting in a fiction-like escape. _______ was never clear in his remarks as to what country he came from or what country's underground organizations he spoke about. _______ friendship with ______ ceased when subject became incensed at her association with him.

technical cognizance, although he attempted to conceal this fact.

In May, 1949, advised departed for a Mexican trip with the purpose of attending art school in San Miguel, <u>Mexico</u>. During her stay at San Miguel, a murder occurred in the house which was leasing, which murder resulted in considerable publicity.

From Mexico took ship passage for France to again attend art school in Pania The duration of this stay in Europe by is not known to She returned from Europe to Mexico and again went to San Miguel to attend art school. She returned to the United States from Mexico in the late spring or early summer of 1950. Her large female German Police dog, of which she is extremely fond, was left in the care of friends in Mexico, inasmuch as she stated she intended to return there at a latter date.

On her return, she spoke of the extreme difficulty she had had with financial matters on this trip but she had in her possession six or seven pieces of obviously expensive leather luggage and a considerable quantity of laces.

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to be a friend, however, their contact in the past two years has been less frequent. He is described as being forty years of age, 5'7" in height, 130 pounds, and dark hair.

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The current Los Angeles Telephone Directory reveals a listing for RODOLFO WALTHER, 1718 North Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, telephone GL 3090.

Informant T-1, of known reliability, on June 25, 1940, advised that ROLFO P. ALTHER, a representative of the Niro Corporation, associate organization of the Krupp Steel Company of Germany, is known to be pro-German throughout the United States.

The Los Angeles Police Department, on March 21, 1941 advised that RODOLFO ALEXANDO LEOPOLDON ALEXANDON ALEXANDO LEOPOLDON ALEXANDO LEOPOLDON ALEXANDO LEOPOLDON ALEXANDO LEOPOLDON ALEXANDON ALEXANDO LEOPOLDON ALEXANDON ALEXA

agents of the Dallas Office in 1942 that RODOLFO <u>P</u> Valuates, advised Hollywood, represents himself as a dental supply salesman. He has a very limited supply of dental instruments but a large supply of papers and documents. He shows little interest in selling dental supplies but wants to sit and talk at length about "conditions." WALTHER is greatly interested in photographic work and on one occasion showed _______ a number of photos of railroad bridges and other types of large bridges and buildings.

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time they were in the WAVES together stationed at Washington. D.C. She says she met about 1943 at a time when had been transferred to the Anacostia Naval Station, Washington, D.C. from a position she had had with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and was with her in Washington until October, 1945.

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Regarding GENE KELLY, previously mentioned in the Fourth Report on Communist Front Organizations issued by the California Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities (Tenney Committee) in 1948 refers to GENE KELLY as having been a member, sponsor, or otherwise active in various organizations designated by the Committee as Communist Fronts or Dominated Groups.

Regarding previously mentioned, the current Telephone Directory for Los Angeles and Vicinity, reveal no record of this individual. The indices of the Los Angeles Office reveal no record for any possible spellings for

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The check of records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, previously mentioned, was made on February 15, 1951 by Special Employee

The Registrar of Voters of Los Angeles County, checked February 16, 1951 by the writer, revealed no record of subject or subject's wife.

For the information of the New York and Washington Field Offices, the subject in September, 1950, removed certain classified material from Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, his place of employment, for the purpose of using material from these documents in preparing a cost proposal on jet propulsion motors. He planned to submit this proposal with an application for employment through the American Technion Society for employment in the country of Israel. On termination of employment at Hughes Aircraft Company, subject was found to have in his possession certain classified material of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory, California Institute of Technology. The facts of this case were presented to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice on December 20, 1950, and are presently under consideration.

For the assistance of the Mashington Field Office, the following known information concerning is set forth:

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NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City: Will furnish any pertinent information appearing in the files of the New York Office concerning or JAMES HANNON.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

<u>At Washington, D.C.</u>: Will at the Office of the Director of ZR and E Service, Veterans Administration, review file of to ascertain if this file is for______ If file is for______ will ascertain a history of her studies under the "GI Bill" and her Navy serial number.

Will, if Navy serial number is ascertained from her VA file, furnish same to the New York Office in order to have a review made of her military service file (U. S. Navy - WAVES) at Garden City, Long Island.

Will check records of Passport Division. Department of State, for information pertaining to having been issued a passport and any background data therefrom.

Will check indices for any information concerning or JAMES HANNON, indicated to have been pro-Communist friends of during her service in Washington, D.C. from 1942 or 1943 until 1945.

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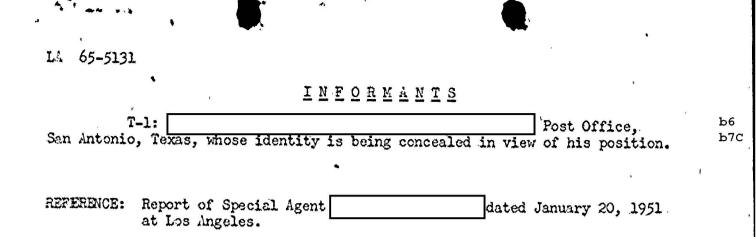
<u>At Laguna, California</u>: Will verify marriage of MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON and JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, believed to have taken place in 1946 or 1947, noting any background information concerning both parties and will furnish copies of this verification to the Washington Field Office in order to be able to assist in identifying records of subject's wife.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California: Will attempt to identify ______ indicated to have been a friend of

Will take such further prosecutive action as is directed by the Bureau.

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Reference is made to a memorandum to you in the above-captioned matter from Mr. Hennrich dated January 27, 1951, which requested the Liaison Section to deliver reports in the above-captioned matter to OSI and to exhibit at the same time to them evidence in this matter in order to determine (1) an expression of opinion from the appropriate source in the Department of the Air Force as to whether the documents involved "relate to the national defense" and (2) if there is any objection on the part of the Department of the Air Force to having the documents in question introduced in evidence in the event of prosecution.

This matter was discussed with representatives of OSI by ______ and they have advised after checking into the b6 matter that the contract in question is under the jurisdiction b7Cof the Army. This is to advise that the evidence has been made available to Colonel Paul J. Cramer of G-2 and he stated that he would attempt to obtain from the Army the answers to the questions propounded.

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This matter will be followed with Colonel Cramer as to the developments.

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MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON of 1002 South Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena, California was white, twenty-four, single. It was her first marriage. She was born in Iowa, the daughter of HILL LESLIE, AMERON who was born in Illinois and CARRIE AIDENOUR who was born in Iowa. She listed her occupation as that of a painter.

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One copy of this report is designated for the Washington Field office and for the New York office for their information in view of pending investigation in each of those offices.

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On the basis of the information furnished no information could be located in the Bureau files identifiable with one Lannellon (phonetic), described as a well-known Communist editor of a Paris Communist newspaper.

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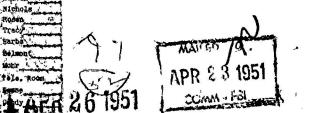
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In addition to a search of Bureau indices, examination was also made of French Communist periodicals available to the Bureau but no name was located approximating that of Lannellon.

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: DIRECTOR, FBI TO

DATE: April 9, 1951

> FROM : SAC, WFO **NO**

SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, AKA, JACK PARSONS ESPIONAGE - INTERNAL SECURITY

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Rerep Special Agent at Los Angeles dated March 8, 1951 requesting this office obtain Naval serial number of subject's wife.

Files of Claims Division, Veterans Administration reflect that subject's wife entered Naval Service February 25, 1943 at Naval Training Station, Cedar Falls, Iowa and was honorably discharged November 16, 1946 as Specialist (photographic) 3C at Washington, D. C. She entered under maiden name of MARJORIE ELIZABETHACAMERON and name changed by reason of marriage to MARJORIE EXPARSONS on October 19, 1946. She was assigned NSN 7042910, however, it is to be noted that there was a penciled notation in file reflecting that this was corrected to 7042911 on July 11, 1949.

She was born April 23, 1922 at Belle Plaine, Iowa and upon entering service resided at 1213 College Avenue, Davenport, Iowa. They list her occupation as free lance commerical artist and has sudied art in Mexico and Paris.

For information of New York, the subject in September, 1950 removed certain classified material from Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California where he was employed and was found in possession of classified material of Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory, California Institute of Technology upon termination from Hughes Aircraft. The case is presently under consideration by Criminal Division of Justice Department.

The New York Office will review service record of subject's wife at Garden City, Long Island under NSN 7042910 or 7042911 and furnish results to Los Angeles, Office.

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cc: New York cc: Los Angeles

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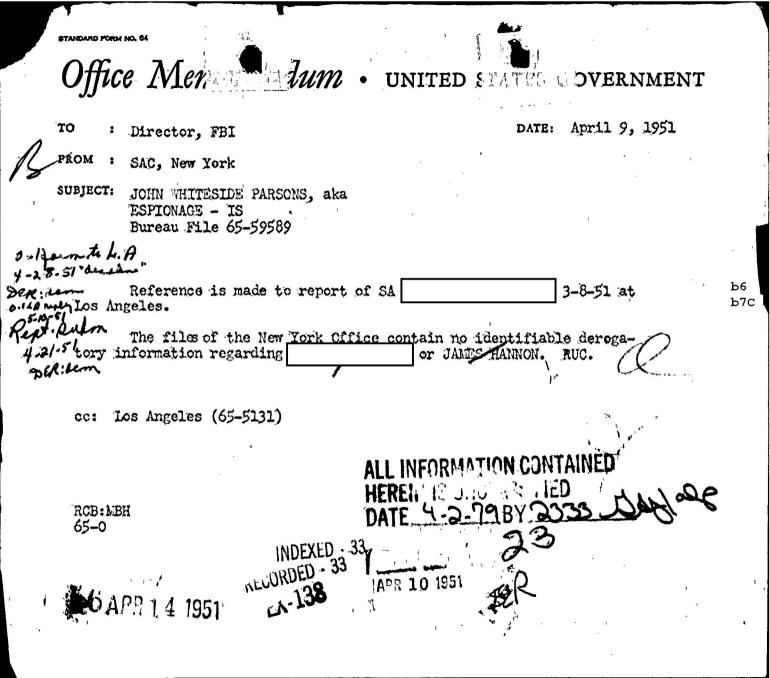
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Regarding (phonetic) previously reported to be a friend b6 of subject's wife, the following sources have been checked revealing no record b7C of this individual:

> Los Angeles County Registrar of voters, March 21, 1951, by SE______ Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association on March 21, 1951, by SE______ Los Angeles Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service on March 23, 1951, by SE______ Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office

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Regarding and JIM HANNON, previously reported to have members of a group in Washington, D. C. during World War II, which group included subject's wife, the New York Office has advised that files of the New York Office contain no identifiable derogatory information regarding these individuals. LA 65-5131

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California: Will take such further prosecutive action as is directed by the Bureau.

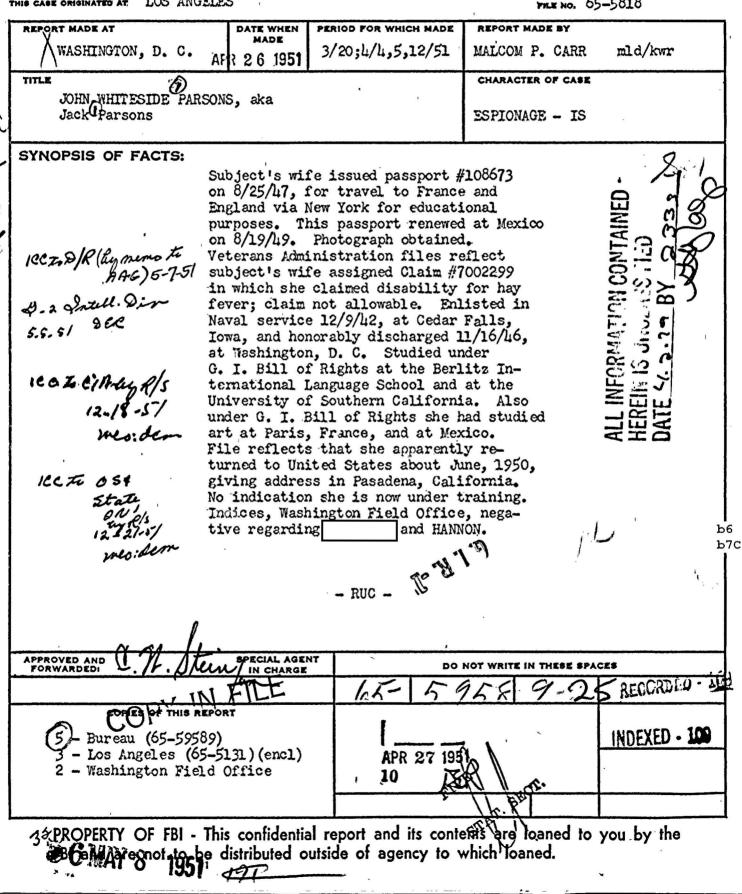
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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect that MARJORIE ELIZABETH/PARSONS was issued passport #108673 on August 25, 1947, Tor travel-to-France and England. The above files reflect a letter to the Passport Division which was undated from MARJORIE B, PARSONS advising that she was going to France for the purpose of studying under the G, I. Bill of Rights. She indicated that she had a letter of acceptance from the Academie Grande Chauriere, Paris, France, and offered to submit a photostatic copy of this letter of acceptance. In the application for the passport dated August 19, 1947, she advised that she was born on April 23, 1922, at Belle Plaine, Iowa, and gave as her current address, 3416 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan/Beach, California. Her mother was listed as CARRIE VIOLARIDENOUR who was born at Belle Plaine, Iowa, October 21, 1901, and listed as her former the Plaine, Iowa, October 21, 1901, and listed as her formary 2, 1903. She stated that she intended to leave New York City October 22, 1947, on the SS Queen Mary and that she would visit France and England for the purpose of education. She gave as her occupation, painter (fine art), She was issued passport #108673 on August 25, 1947.

Also in the above files was an application dated August 19, 1949, for the renewal of the above passport which was executed by the subject's wife while at the Hotel La Joya, Escquiel Montes 35, Mexico. The above application for renewal was executed for the Vice Consul at the American Embassy at Mexico. She gave as her legal residence, 415 South Oakland Avenue, Pasadena, California. In the above letter she stated,"I am a painter.....artist. I have been attending school at San Miguel da Allenda, Escuela Universiteria de Bellas Artes. Have been in Mexico as a tourist." The above passport was renewed for two years to extend to August 24, 1951, and was valid for all countries except Yugoslavia, the occupied zones, the Middle East and Trieste.

The above files contain no further pertinent information. A photograph of the wife of the subject was obtained.

Files of the Claim Division, Veterans Administration, reflect that MARJORIE ELIZABETH, CAMERON, PARSONS who was born at

Belle Plaine, Iowa, on April 23, 1922, and resided at 1962 N. Garfield, Pasadena, California, submitted an application for pension or compensation for disability resulting from active military or Naval service. The application was undated but was block stamped by the Veterans Administration as having been received by Veterans Administration on January 28, 1946. She advised that she had entered active service on February 25, 1943, after having enlisted on December 9, 1942, in the U. S. Navy at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and that she was honorably discharged as Specialist (photographic) 3/c on November 16, 1946. She listed as her Navy Serial Number, 7042910. In connection with the serial number the file contained the penciled notation, "Corrected to 7042911 on July 11, 1949." The case was assigned Claim #7002299 in which she claimed allergy-hay fever as her claim for disability and which, she states, originated August, 1943. She advised that she had been bedridden with influenza during that time. She gave as her personal civilian physician, Dr. DON NEWLAND, Belle Plaine Hospital, Belle Plaine, Iowa, and stated that she had been treated for hay fever at the United States Naval Air Station, Anacostia, and the United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland. In the claim it was noted the father and mother of the subject's wife were residing at 1962 N. Carfield, Pasadena, California.

File contained a marriage certificate reflecting that she was married to JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS in the presence of EDWARD and JEANNEFFOREMAN, both of Pasadena, California, on October 19, 1946, at San Juan Capistrano, Orange County, California.

The file contained a letter dated November 5, 1947, from her mother, then residing at 408 Washington, El Monte, California, concerning checks from the Veterans Administration which had not been received by her daughter who was then in Paris.

Records of the Claims Office were transferred to the American Embassy at Mexico, July 21, 1949, at which time she was in training and on August 18, 1949, she gave the new address of Academie de Beaux Arts, Paris, France. On June 20, 1950, she gave the new address of 270 E. Clarenont, Pasadena, California, as a change from 3212 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California.

The above files contained no further information pertinent to this investigation. It is noted, however, that the above claim was not allowed inasmuch as it was stated that hay fever is not included among allowable diseases.

The files of the Veterans Administration Rehabilitation and Education Section reflect that on December 20, 1945, under the name of MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON, the subject's wife submitted an application for a course of education or training. As of September 26, 1947, she advised that she was enrolled in the Berlitz International School of Languages, 213 Burlington Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and on September 22, 1947, it is to be noted that she notified the Veterans Administration that she wished to enroll in the Academie Grande Chaumiere, Paris, France, and that she was leaving Los Angeles on October 15, 1947.

Under employment she states that in 1942 to 1943 she was employed as a fashion illustrator by <u>HARNED von MAUR PETERSON</u> at Davenport, Iowa, and as post war employment she states that she is a free lance fashion illustrator. Files indicate that she entered the University of Southern California in September, 1948, pursuing a course in psychology and on December 30, 1948, at her request, was given a vocational and educational guidance test or analysis by JAMES F. CRAINE, Veterans Guidance Center, University of Southern California, 737 W. Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles. The analysis of CRAINE is as follows:

"She is nervous but has good mental ability and possesses high interest patterns in common with successful artists, authors and social workers."

In another analysis given by CRAINE he states as follows:

"She is quite nervous and possibly has emotional instability."

In May, 1949, subject's wife was in attendance at the Universiteria de Bellas Artes in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

On July 28, 1949, she requested a change in her course in stating,"The G. I. approval ceased on the Escuela de Bellas Artes and departure from San Miguel is necessary for financial reasons." At this time she furnished a forwarding address of 3212 Highland yAvenue, Manhattan Beach, California. On October 26, 1949, <u>N. R.</u> <u>PATTERSON</u>, Attache of Veterans Affairs, Mexico, directed a letter to the subject's wife at #2 Rue de Surene, Paris, France, in which he stated that the check for subsistence which had been delivered to Calle Venustiano Carranza, Guadalajary Julisco, Mexico, was

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being forwarded to her.

It appeared that the above files were incomplete; however, it has been determined that there was no request for transferal of records to Paris and there is no indication in the file that the subject's wife is presently under training under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

The above file contained no further pertinent information.

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ENCLOSURE FOR LOS ANGELES

2 photographs and 1 negative of MARJORIE ELIZABETH PARSONS.

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Report of Special Agent dated March 8, 1951 Los Angeles, **REFERENCE:** Washington Field Office letter to Director, New York and Los Angeles dated April 9, 1951

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Attached hereto is a copy of a confidential memorandum from the Department dated May 17, 1951, in which the Department advises that this case is being referred to the United States A torney for the Southern District of California for his opinion relative to prosocution. You will note the Department requests we make available to the U.S. Attorney at Los Angeles, California, all information in this case developed through investigation to date in order that he might have the benefit of same in reaching a decision.

You should immediately comply with the Department's request and furnish to the D. S. Attorney at Los Angeles copies of all pertinent reports in this case and such other data as he may require to reach a desision. For your information, the Bureau has furnished the Department, copies of all investigative reports prepared in this case.

In this connection, your attention is directed to the Bureau's memorandum dated May 9, 1951, to the Department, copies of which were furnished you setting forth information received by the Bureau from the Department of the Army as to the security classification of pertinent documents in this mass. You should immediately prepare an investigative report, incorporating therein the information received from the Department of the Army and furnish a copy to the U. S. Abtorney at Los Angeles.

The Bureau is also returning herewish the photographic copies of the 13 documents which you ferwarded to the Bureau under date of January 27, 1951. These photographs have been exhibited to the Depertment of the Army for current security classification, and you have been previously advised of the Army's reply.

You should advise the Bureau promotly of the U. S. Attorney's 136 ecision in this matter. 2011 he RECORDED 65-5058 Clerk 12211 4 7 St. 9 Attab Monole ふちはけいています。 DER: djb () 4 111. Traoy Harbo Aldes . COLM - PET Laught Sa AN 1011 - 1951

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ReBulet 1-19-51, advising you that the facts in This case had been presented to the Criminal Division of the Department for an opinion as to prosecution.

For your information, the Department has advised that the facts indicated a possible violation of Sections 793 and 794 of Title 18, U.S. Code, but before rendering a decision as to whether prosecution would be warranted, the Department requested that steps be taken to ascertain whether the documents involved "relate to the national defense," and whether, in the event of prosecution, the Department of the Army would have any objection to these documents being introduced as evidence.

These questions were submitted to the Department of the Army, and in a confidential memorandum dated April 6, 1951, answers were furnished by Colonel Paul G. Cramer, GSC, Chief, Security Division, G-2, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. A copy of the Army's memorandum is attached hereto for your information.

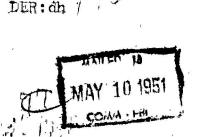
Also attached for your information is a copy of the Bureau's memorandum to the Department dated May 7, 1951, requesting that the Department advise whether, in view of the above, prosecution in this case is warranted.

When a reply is received from the Tepartment, you will be advised.

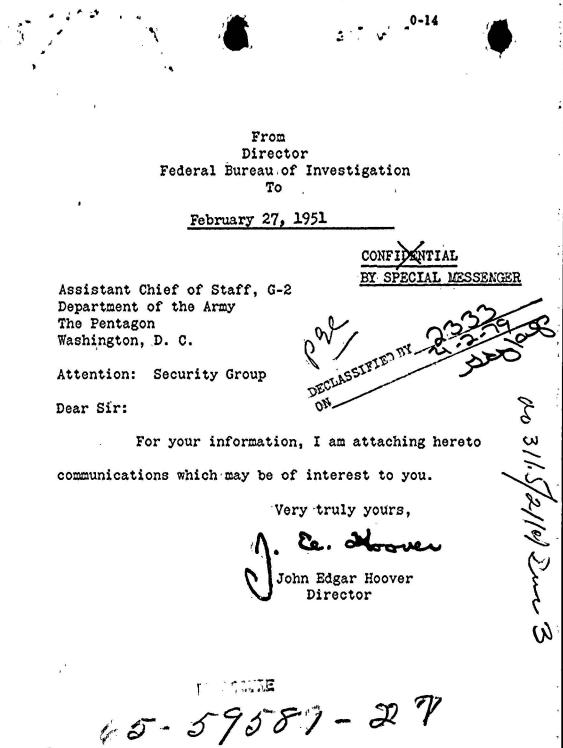
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to obtain the optnion of the Department of the Air Force regarding the classification as to certain documents, and as to whether or not the documents could be introduced as evidence in the event of prosecution in the above captioned matter. As indicated in the reference memorandum, the representatives of OSI advised that this was a question under the jurisdiction of the Army.

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There is attached hereto a memorandum to the attention of Mr. Reynolds entitled, "Classification of Documents," dated April 6, 1951. It encloses a copy of the memorandum prepared for OSI by the Air Force dated February 20, 1951, as well as for the four Bureau reports which were loaned to G-2 in this matter, and the thirteen items in question.

The memorandum indicates that Items 1-6, and 9 and 10 are unclassified. Item 7 is classified as "marestricted," and Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 are "confidential." The memorandum further indicates that there is no objection to Items 1-7, and 9 and 10 being used as evidence. However, since the information in Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 relates to current confidential research and development, they should not be divulged to unauthorized persons.

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It is recommended that this be forwarded to the Espionage, Section for their information. ALL INFOR

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Reference Washington Field letter to Director Idated 4/9/51.

The records of Naval Records Management Center, Garden City, NY reflect that MARJORIE ELIZABETH-CAMERON, NSN-7042911 entered the military service at Chicago, Illinois on 12/9/42 in the rank of Apprentice Seaman. The records show she was born 4/23/22 at Belle Plaine, Iowa. At Washington, D.C., on 11/16/45 she was honorably discharged as Specialist, Photographer, Third Class.

A composite description of CAMERON as obtained from Navy service records is as follows:

> 515計 Height: Weight: 120 . Blue Eyes: Hair: Red Complexion: Fair

Scars & Marks: Permanent scar on upper left thigh; Two (2) scars left knee, scar right knee, male left scapular region.

Last Known address: 1962 N. Garfield St. Pasadena, Calif.

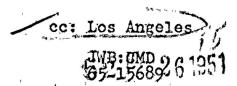
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The USA for the Southern District of California in Los Angeles was furnished pertinent reports in this case on June 9, 1951, for his opinion relative to prosecution.

The Los Angeles Office is awaiting this opinion, and this case is being placed in a pending inactive status, UACB. WCP: bf 65-5131 a-1 jum Z-LA ////S wisier a.1 LA ////S wisier a.1 LA repenties biowyout biowyout

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On October 31, 1951, Colonel E. J. KRENZ, United States Air Force Plant Representative, Hughes Aircraft, Culver City, California, was advised by Special Agents WILLIAM C. PATTERSON and NEAL McGINNIS that the documents in his custody belonging to the Hughes Aircraft Company should be returned to that company, as they were no longer needed as evidence. former Security Officer, Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, who is now Administrative Assistant in the Research and Development Laboratory, Experimental Fabrication Department, was present when Colonel KRENZ was informed as above stated. was present as representative of the Hughes Aircraft Company, and accepted the Hughes Aircraft documents.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM C. PATTERSON dated June 9, 1951, at Los Angeles Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated June 1, 1951



Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: December 14, 1951

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TO : Mr. W. A. Branigan WRD

FROM : Mr. W. E. Oglesby

DARD FRM NO. 64

SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka. ESPIONAGE - IS ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNIS ISTIED DATE 4-2-79 BY 2335 Nathons Na

PURPOSE:

To recommend that instant case be placed in a closed status.

DETAILS:

As you will recall, this investigation was based on information furnished by a representative of Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, who ascertained that subject, an employee of that corporation, had removed certain classified documents pertaining to jet-propulsion motors and rocket propellants from the files of that company without authorization on September 15. 1950. He subsequently turned these documents over to whose husband was employed by Hughes Aircraft Company, who in turn reported the matter to that company. Subject had asked to prepare typewritten copies of these documents and, in a signed statement, readily admitted to agents of the Los Angeles Office that he had removed these documents without authority and planned to extract certain information from them as an aid in computing the cost for a proposed factory to be established in Israel for the manufacture of jet-propulsion motors.

He was preparing this cost estimate at the suggestion of Herbert T. Rosenfeld, President of the Southern California Chapter of the American Technion Society. This society, according to the October 21, 1949, issue of the B'Nai B'Rith Messenger, is composed of businessmen, technologists and scientists and is the American body designated by the Israeli Government and industry to provide United States technical know-how for the benefit of Israel. Investigation has disclosed that Parsons was interested in securing employment in Israel by reason of his background in pyrotechnics and propellants for jet propulsion.

Of the 13 items removed from the file by Parsons, 8 were found to be unclassified, one carried the security classification of restricted and 4 carried the security classification of confidential.

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G-2 advised that the item classified as restricted and the unclassified items could be used as evidence in a trial, however, the items classified as confidential related to current research and development and, as such, G-2 advised that they should not be divulged to unauthorized persons. This information was presented to the Department in memorandum dated May 9, 1951, with a request that the Department advise whether prosecution in this case was warranted. The Department by memorandum dated May 17, 1951, advised the case was being referred to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles and requested that pertinent reports be submitted to him.

Assistant United States Attorney _______ Los Angeles, California, advised that office that he declined prosecution due to lack of sufficient evidence of intent or reason to believe that the information obtained by subject was to be used to injure the United States or to the advantage of a foreign nation. ______ directed that the evidence obtained during the investigation should be returned to its proper owners.

A review of the Bureau indices fails to reveal any new information concerning subject since the institution of this investigation.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California has declined prosecution, it is recommended this investigation be closed.

Pertinent information has been disseminated to Records Administrative Branch, State Department, CIA, OSI, and G-2, ONI. b6 b7С

SAC, Los Angeles February 7, 1952 Director, FBI (65-59589) 10001 JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, wa. ESPIONAGE - IS ŗ.1 Enclosed herewith for your information is a photostatic copy of a letter from the Munitions Board to subject dated January 9, 1952, whish is self-explanatory. Enclosure EO:rma NTION CONTAINED ALL INFOR HE 5 3--59589-**RECORDED - 160** FEB 19 1952 59 LEX-9 018 Lade ٢ hisho Re Tato CO.N.M - FBI Clegg 1164 Glavis A Mar Mar 10 -MALED 10 Tract SFEB 21 1952 a the flat ale.

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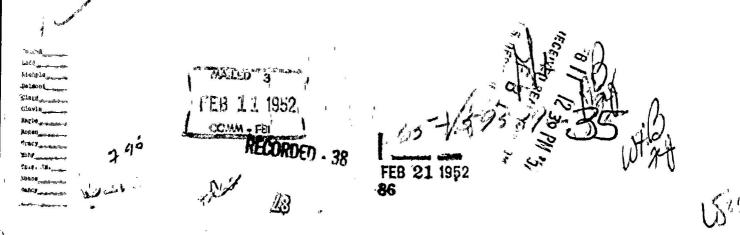
Attached hereto for your information is a photostatic copy of a letter from the Industrial Employment Review Board of the Department of Defense, dated January 9, 1952, addressed to subject, which is self-explanatory.

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The following info. with regard to the several sessions of the Grand Jury in this case was made available by T-1, a reliable informat.

On June 22, 1950, U.S. Attorney Tolin advised that he was planning to present Subject's case for consideration of the Grand Jury. He stated that as a matter of actual fact, the Grand Jury to whom this matter was to be presented was not the current jury, but rather was one that was had previously been impaneled, but subsequent to the expiration of its term had been hearing certain additional matters.

Informant stated that the following is the list of active associates of the Subject for the approximate period from 1940 to 1946 and, in addition, alleged that all those who will be listed hereafter were "members of the Weinbaum cell of the CP." These individuals were listed as follows:

Dr. Stanley Corrsin, now of Johns Hopkins U. (Aeronautical Dept.

Dr. Morton Finston, now of Brown University Harry Kenas, who was simply identified as being connected with Caltech. over

Dr. Holina (probably Dr. Frank Malina) Jack Parsons

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Reference is made to your memorandum in captioned matter dated January 18, 1951, your reference 0-Horn to JMMICEN: vb, wherein you advised that the facts indicated a LA 7.30-51 possible violation of Sections 793 and 794. Title 18, U.S. Code. However, before rendering a decision as to whether adv. Ben. prosecution is warranted, you requested that steps be taken when viel. to determine whether the documents involved in this case Wo:de-"relate to the national defense" and whether, in the event of prosecution, the Department of the Army would have any +LA MARY

objection to these documents being introduced as evidence. 8-15-51 A.K. 40 8/2/5/ makin As you will recall, the subject admitted that on September 15, 1950, while he was employed at the Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, he removed from that plant, without authority, a total of 13 documents per-2: Ulmarki entino taining to jet propulsion motors and rocket propellents. These documents are described by number in the report of SA

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Los Angeles, California, dated November 2, 1950, a copy of which has been previously furnished you.

The questions propounded by you have been referred to the Department of the Army, and in a confidential memorandum to this Bureau dated April 6, 1951, answers were furnished by Colonel Paul G. Cremer, GSC, Chief, Security Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, 0-2, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. Pertinent portions of the Army's memorandum are quoted as follows:

"For your information the military security classification of the material in question is as follows:

AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF COADDA (a) Items 1 through 6, inclusive, and items 9 14 and 10 are unclessified. 10 19:11

(b) Item 7 contains information bearing a COMM FBI military security classification of RESTRICTED.

> (c) Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 contain information bearing a military security clessification of CONFIDENTIAL.

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b6 b7C "The documents referred to in paragraphs 2 b and c above, relate to the national defense. The Department of the Army has no objection to the use of Items 1 through 7, inclusive, and Items 9 and 10 as evidence. The information contained in Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 relates to current CONFIDENTIAL research and development and as such should not be divulged to unauthorized persons."

The numbered items refer to the 13 documents as enumerated and described in the above-mentioned Los Angeles report dated November 2, 1950.

As your records will reflect, since the date of your referenced memorandum, four FBI investigative reports in this matter have been forwarded to you, dated as follows: January 20, 1951, at Los Angeles; February 24, 1951, at Cincinnati; March 8, 1951, at Los Angeles, and March 21, 1951, at San Diego. In addition, there is enclosed herewith one copy of each of the following investigative renome concerning this matter: Report of SA Angeles, dated April 21, 1951, and report of SA Malcolm P. Carr, Washington, D. C., dated April 26, 1951.

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It is requested that you advise, after reviewing these reports and the above information from the Department of the Army, whether prosecution in this case is warranted.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES FILE NO. 65-5131 REPORT MADE AT DATE WHEN PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE REPORT MADE BY 6/9/51 LOS ANGELES 5/8/51 WILLIAM C. PATTERSON BA.T TLE CHARACTER OF CASE JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons ESPIONAGE - IS €8-1 SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Col. PAUL G. CRAMER, GSC, Chief, Security Division, G-2, Department of Army, Washington, CCTO BIR D.C., advised that of the documents removed by X - 2 (Let Dic)ty, California, one bears military security 6-11-51 classification of Restricted and four bear the military security classification of Confidential. DER: den P IL C. TOCÍA State C. I. R. -1 DETAILS: ONI ly R's weo der On April 9, 1951, Col. PAUL G. CRAMER, GSC, Chief, Security Division, G-2, Department of Army, Washington, D.C., advised by memorandum that the following are the military security classifications b6 of the items listed on Page 5 in the report of SA Los b7C Angeles, California, dated November 2, 1950. These items were left at the home of JOSEPH BOYER, by the subject in September of 1950. b6 Per Army Items 1 through 6, inclusive, and Items 9 and 10 are unclassified. Item 7 contains information bearing a military security classification of Restricted. Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 contain information bearing a military respective classification of Confidential. 28 NUV 23 1960 APPROVED AND FORWARDED: DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES RECORDED - 4 65-COPIES OF THIS REPORT INDEXED - 42 5 - Bureau (65-59589) 1 - USA, Los Angeles . . 1 3 - Los Angeles IN FILE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF - W. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-59255-1

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In answer to the question that "In event of prosecution would the Department of Army have any objection to these documents being used as evidence?" Col. CRAMER advised as follows. The Department of Army has no objection in the use of Items 1 through 7 inclusive, and Items 9 and 10 as evidence. Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 relate to current confidential research and development in relation to national defense and as such should not be divulged to unauthorized persons.

PENDING

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LEADS:

LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

At los Angeles, California: Will keep in contact with the U.S. Attorney, Los Angeles, for his prosecutive opinion regarding this case.

REFERENCE:

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Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated May 9, 1951 Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated June 1, 1951 Report of SA Los Angeles, dated April 21, 1951.

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