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GARANTIN #2

## RIS Activity:

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6/5/53

Memo to  
DCI 18/3/48

1. During COFLON trial, US Government introduced information indicating that Ruth GREER, "secy to ICKES" had been contact of Subject.
2. Subject was an associate of Abel Rolf FLENS, associate of numerous Communists, pro-Soviet individuals and persons suspected of Sov espionage, in 1946 in ES.

3. Subject has been implicated in Sov Intelligence activities; it is thought that in 1945 he replaced GROMOV as MGB legal resident in U.S.

Alleged to be an employee of COMINT (USSR State Political Directorate) and acted as Liaison Intcl Officer btwn Sov. Esp. and Foreign groups in Cuba. In 23 Jul 54 informant recognized Subj as indiv whom he'd seen in USSR Center, Moscow, between 44 and 46. Subj's name appeared in overseas edition NY Times in 1953 naming him as indiv who received material from a spy ring in Wash DC. Reportedly close associate of Anatoli BUKHARIN, whose files he assumed when Gregory left Wash DC. Mr. BENTLEY said BUKHARIN was her-Soviet superior from Oct 44 to Nov 45.

## Contacts:

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1. Corvin 6/52
2. H. Partlett WELLS of American Legation invited by MARCHUK for dinner 19/6/51 at which he was the only guest. Both Subject and MARCHUK were careful to avoid asking questions or to cite points of controversy between two countries.
3. 32 non-diplomatic contacts while in US, among them several left-wingers and Comies, some of whom in Corrie underground. Observed with Joseph P. GREGG in Nov 45, whom Mr. BENTLEY identified as having been engaged in Sov IS work 1942-44. Diplomatic contacts set forth, too.

## Miscellaneous:

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21/6/51

3. At dinner party 19/6/51 with MARCHUK and WELLS (see above, #2 Contacts) Subject did most of the talking, recalling pleasant memories of US and Havana. The dinner took place in a private dining room at the Kamp. Subject said he liked American life and Americans well, and found life in Helsinki lonely. Wells noticed that Subject's air fa impassive, in a way commanding; tends toward coarseness. He heaved frequent sighs as though gulping for air or bored, which conveyed an impression of sadness. Discussion was about literature, and they all later went to Wells apartment to listen to music. The Sovs had a strong preference for American cigarettes to Russian or Finnish ones. Their object seemd to be to keep the meeting upon an entirely friendly and social footing.

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23/10/52

4. Subject's tactics have been described by WELLS as "beggar with a club".

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5. Altho listed as 1st Secy, Sov Leg, Helsinki, has not been seen in Helsinki for a 9 months. Sov Leg. officers say he's still on leave in USSR but do not acknowledge he has been transferred, which appears to be the case. Subj's departure on "leave" followed fairly soon after appearance of "The Reporter" story (Item 1 above).
6. Dec 9 53 info: in 1949 Subj at Sov Dipl mission, Budapest, were acted as interpreter for Sov Minister to Hungary in his conversations with the U. S. Ambassador to Hungary (LFB 50744).

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