TO: Mr. Rosen
FROM: F. L. Price
SUBJECT: ANNA ROSENBERG

DATE: February 6, 1951
Call: 4 p.m.

SAC Stein, Washington Field Office, stated that Harold Bacon in the local office of the U. S. Attorney is reviewing the Rosenberg case and desires to speak to a Bureau Agent. Stein stated that he did not know exactly what Bacon had in mind so he is sending over an Agent to talk to him merely to find out what it’s all about. Of course, no commitments whatsoever will be made, and the Bureau will be advised of the interview with Bacon.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO
SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG
ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP IN JOHN REED CLUB
SPECIAL INQUIRY
(Bufie 126-486)

Remulet dated February 7, 1951.

This is to advise that on February 12, 1951, Assistant United States Attorney, HAROLD H. BACON, requested the following additional investigation in above entitled matter as follows:

1) Interview Mr. JOSEPH FREEMAN, 301 West 38th Street, New York City. Ascertain whether FREEMAN knew or ever knew _____ and JAMES McGRAW, aka Magraw, as members of the John Reed Club or in any other capacities.

Ascertain whether FREEMAN knew a Mr. ISADORE KLINE or his wife. If so did he know KLINE's wife as ANNA ROSENBERG.

If possible secure a brief history of FREEMAN's background. It is believed FREEMAN was previously interviewed by Special Agent BLOUNT CATES on December 13, 1950, in New York City. New York file 62-10641.

2) Interview Mr. CHARLES YALE HARRISON, 325 East 22nd Street, New York City.

Secure the same type of information from HARRISON as outline above.

It is believed that HARRISON was previously interviewed by Special Agent SIMON O'DONNELL on December 13, 1950, at New York City. New York file 62-10641.

3) Assistant United States Attorney, HAROLD BACON, believes that the Bureau has a photograph of Mrs. ISADORE KLINE (ANNA ROSENBERG). If so, show this picture to FREEMAN and HARRISON for identification.

cc: New York

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LETTER TO DIRECTOR
RE: ANNA M. ROSENBERG
ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP IN JOHN REED CLUB

February 13, 1951

(4) Mr. BACON advised that on May 19, 1930, there appeared a news item in the "New York Times," in the form of a petition protesting "Red Baiting." Mr. BACON would like to obtain a copy or photostat of this news article.

(5) Mr. BACON also advised that he would like to secure a copy of the picture of ANNA M. ROSENBERG distributed by the "News Syndicate, NEA," about November 10, 1950. According to Mr. BACON this picture also appeared in the magazine section of the "New York Times" in a Sunday Edition, date not known. It was desired by Assistant United States Attorney, BACON, that the Bureau obtain a copy of the magazine and the original, if possible, of the photograph. He stated that the picture was very important as it shows a cast over one eye and that identified ANNA M. ROSENBERG by the photograph. Mr. BACON suggested that the Bureau may have a copy of the photograph in its files.

It was requested by Assistant United States Attorney, BACON, that this inquiry be expedited without delay in order that his office may proceed with the presentation of this case before the present Federal Grand Jury not sitting in Washington, D.C.

Mr. BACON advised that this request would be confirmed in a letter to the Special Agent in Charge, Washington Field Office.

A copy of this letter is being designated for the New York Division, in the event investigation is authorized by the Bureau.

No investigation will be conducted until and unless advised by the Bureau.
February 6, 1951

MEMORANDUM TO MR. TOLSON

[Handwritten text:]

He had been called before a grand jury which was considering various ramifications of the Anna Rosenberg case, and apparently they are getting ready to try to indict He was questioned as to what had told him.

L. V. Nichols

LBN: CMC
Dear Mr. Lynch:

In the absence from the office of Felix Larkin, I forward to you herewith for information certain communications and photostatic documents which recently have come into the hands of Mrs. Rosenberg and which may be of assistance in your study of the Rosenberg matter.

Sincerely yours,

John G. Adams
Assistant General Counsel

Inclinations

Mr. M. Joseph Lynch
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Room 7645
Department of Justice Bldg.
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Russ:

Here are the photostats, together with a memorandum on the Communist organizations with which A. R. has, according to public records, been affiliated.

On the question of whether or not the A. R. of these documents in the A. R., I can report that there is not the slightest doubt. I have made exhaustive inquiries and investigations, as a result of which I have established beyond any possibility of dispute that there has been only one Anna Rosenberg sufficiently known in public life to be listed with the well-known names on these documents, and that there has not been any other Anna Rosenberg of comparable fame, stature, notoriety, or what-have-you during the past 25 years. One of my sources is the Jewish organization which knows about these things.

Ben Mandel tells me that he told you that Anna Rosenberg is a name like John Smith. My comment on that is "nuts!"

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Yours,

/s/ J. B.
January 9, 1951

Mr. Ben Freedman,
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New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Freedman:

You recall when you first brought your proposal to us, that we supply you with certain mailing lists, we tried to dissuade you from continuing with the project, because we felt at the time it was not in the public interest.

You presented certain arguments to bolster your contention that you had been unfairly treated by certain groups and publications in the country and in fairness to you, I was willing to hold in abeyance any decision on our part until you could supply me with some substantial proof in connection with your contentions, that you were being made the victim of vilification and abuse.

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I am particularly concerned, believe it or not, at the impact that this adverse publicity will have on your boy's future in the community.

Sincerely,

DUNHILL LIST COMPANY, INC.

Herbert G. Odza, Pres.
January 
Eleventh 
1951.

Dear Herbert,

I have received and noted the contents of the letter which you dictated for the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith and which you mailed to me to make your peace with them.

I want you to know that I do not feel sore at you. I am just sorry for you. It must be terrible to be in the position where you must abdicate from the high principles which you have always expounded and become the lackey to a group who are not worthy of shining your shoes. However you have your economic security to think about and your social position in your community requires that you watch your P's and Q's.

The meaningless explanations which you set forth in your letter indicate to me that you had to strain a point to cover up your embarrassment at being forced to take the step that you did. In all my talks with you I have never before observed such rambling arguments trying to convince me of something which you did not believe yourself. There is a complete lack of realism and idealism in your labored contentions. Your confusion is both profuse and profound.

But I forgive you for your un-American attitude. You are too involved in an atmosphere which is not consonant with Americanism to get your bearings. But when you come out of it some day you will find me to be then as now a sympathetic fellow American without any rancor for your untoward action in kicking me out of your business. The ancient adages have survived because through the ages there have been persons who have been living examples of what they represent. In your case it will be a Divine act for me to forgive your human error.

In my estimation nothing can be lower than to be a male prostitute except to be responsible for their creation. Where men must hire out their minds like women hire out their bodies is a sad state of affairs. You must make every effort to keep from joining those ranks. You are made of finer stuff than to look in the mirror when you shave every day and see before yourself another male prostitute.

Keep up your good work to preserve our country no matter what sacrifice it requires. You will not be calling your boat if we go down no matter on how many shoulders you try to carry water now. You will probably be roasting in a galley or the equivalent politically, economically and socially. We all are in the same boat, so we sink or swim together. Thanks for listening.

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PURPLE PLURAL

Mr. Herbert Odza,
Dunhill Lists Inc.,
655 Fifth Avenue,

New York 17, N.Y.
BNF
300 CENTRAL PARK WEST
NEW YORK CITY
January 10, 1951

Hon. Anna M. Rosenberg
Assistant Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

When I talked with Fulton Lewis, Jr. last night, he showed me the original of the enclosed letter from J. B. Matthews to his assistant, Russell Turner, dated November 27, 1950. Mr. Lewis has promised me a photostatic copy. I believe this shows conclusively the falsity of Matthews' testimony before the Senate Committee.

Incidentally, I have asked Mr. Russell Turner to find out from J. B. Matthews which is "the Jewish organization which knows about these things."

With kindest regards —

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Herman Edelsberg

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

Washington, D. C. Regional Office
1003 K Street, N. W. (1) Executive 5288

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Commissioner, District 5
January
Twelfth
1951.

Dear Herbert,

You will recollect that when you left your building with me recently we found a parking ticket on my car as a result of my conference with you in your office.

You will also recollect that I had told you that I had my car double-parked downstairs with someone in it. You assured me that you would take care of the ticket if I was penalized.

You will recollect that after we entered my car you informed me that you would pay one-half of whatever the penalty amounted to when it was paid.

The penalty amounted to $15. and it has been paid.

Would you therefore accordingly please be so kind as to let me have you personal check for $7.50 to cover your one-half of the penalty.

Of course you have decided to reject the orders amounting to several thousand dollars which I had placed and was anxious to place with you. I doubt that your equitable assumption of one-half of the liability for the parking fine will be disregarded by you in view of your decision not to do business with me at the moment. Always bear in mind that I UNDERSTAND.

Be a good boy, keep slugging for God and the U.S.A. and maybe Fate will favor me in the not distant future with the privilege of joining forces with you and your friends in the cause which is common to our fundamental aspirations.

Sincerely and cordially,

Ben A. Freedman

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BHF 200 CENTRAL PARK WEST NEW YORK CITY
PURITY PERSONAL

Mr. Herbert Odza,
Dunhill Lists Inc.
888 Fifth Avenue,
New York 17, N.Y.

BMF
300 Central Park West
New York City
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

URGENT February 15, 1951

SAC, NEW YORK
WASHINGTON FIELD

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SURREP IMMEDIATELY.

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cc Washington Field, Information (BSM)

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FBI INDIANAPOLIS 2-15-51 11-03 AM CST

DIRECTOR AND SAC, LOUISVILLE U R G E N T

ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG, ASST. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED FROM BUREAU FEBRUARY THIRTEEN LAST.

QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT ONE

_____________ WHILE RECENTLY IN

_____________ STATED THAT ANNA ROSENBERG IS A COMMUNIST. WHEN ALLEGEDLY MAKING THIS STATEMENT HE INDICATED HIS SOURCE TO BE ANNA ROSENBERG, NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN TO INFORMANT. CLEVELAND SEE UR FILE SIX TWO DASH ONE NAUGHT TWO THREE AND UR FILE FIFTH INSTANT CONCERNING THE ABOVE.

FOR INFORMATION BOTH OFFICES ANNA M. ROSENBERG LISTS ONLY

_____________ INDPLS INTERVIEW ______________ FOR DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM. SUTEL AND SUREP. EXPEDITE, WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY ADDITIONAL ACTION NECESSARY UNQUOTE. AUTHORITIES AT ______________ ADVISE ______________ REFERRED TO IS PROBABABLY ______________ WHO IS ______________ WAS EXPECTED IN ______________ THIS WEEK BUT UP TO PRESENT TIME HAS NOT SHOWN UP. PRESENT TERRITORY COVERS AND VICINITY AND HIS ADDRESS IN
LOUISVILLE ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW AS REQUESTED BY BUREAU. SHOULD HE BE LOCATED IN INDPLS MEANWHILE, LOUISVILLE WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY.

FOSTER

T CORRECTION, LINE 13, PAGE 1, SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS --- ATTRIBUTED TO HIM. SUTEL AND SUREP. EXPEDITE. CLEVELAND WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY --- END

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INDIANAPOLIS (CC: BUREAU)

FBI, LOUISVILLE  2-16-51  10-30 AM  JD

SAC, INDIANAPOLIS  URGENT

ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

REBUTIEL FEBRUARY THIRTEEN LAST, LOCATED

LOUISVILLE AND INTERVIEWED. DETAILS OF INTERVIEW BEING FORWARD

BUREAU.

HALLFORD

END

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CC: BUREAU

77-955
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADU

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: February 19, 1951

By letter dated February 5, 1951, the Cleveland Office advised that a [redacted] had telephonically advised that one [redacted] had been in [redacted] and had stated to [redacted] and two other ladies, namely, Edith and Agnes McQue, that Anna Rosenberg is a Communist. [redacted] alleged that [redacted] had indicated his source to be the [redacted] Anna Rosenberg, allegedly Her identity was not known to [redacted]

In view of the seriousness of this allegation, the [redacted] referred to was located by the Louisville Office and was determined to be [redacted] According to authorities [redacted] advised that he was [redacted] and one Mrs. Johnson of that city had told him about the above allegation. He said that Mrs. Johnson had been informed by a woman, unknown to him, that Anna Rosenberg's [redacted] known only to [redacted] had allegedly told this unknown woman, who in turn had told Mrs. Johnson, [redacted] Anna Rosenberg, [redacted] said that he had no independent information regarding the activities of Anna Rosenberg. He said that he does not know the first name of Mrs. Johnson but that her husband is the head of Gulf Oil in Toledo and that she resides on River Road, possibly at 2842. He further said that it was his impression that Mrs. Lang, sister of Anna Rosenberg, was visiting Toledo at the time she made the alleged statement to the unknown woman.

The only known sister of Anna Rosenberg is Mrs. Claire Lang Von Arnold, a resident of New York City.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the seriousness of this charge and the importance of the position held by Mrs. Rosenberg, it is recommended that the attached teletype to Cleveland to locate and interview Mrs. Johnson be approved. Cleveland is in possession of background information concerning Rosenberg as well as instant information from Louisville concerning the interview with Brother McQue.
TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO:

ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,

SPECIAL INQUIRY. BE LOUISVILLE TEL SIXTEENTH INSTANT.

ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MRS. JOHNSON MENTIONED IN RETEL FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION IN HER POSSESSION CONCERNING ALLEGATION ALLEGEDLY ATTRIBUTED TO HER AND FOR HER SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION. CONDUCT NO ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS, HOWEVER, WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU AUTHORITY.

HOOVER

RSP: jh

FEBRUARY 19, 1951

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Interviewed at states one Mrs. JOHNSON, wife of Gulf Oil Executive, Toledo, Ohio, informed him during November, 1950, at Toledo that unknown woman had been informed by Mrs. LANG, sister of ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG, that latter was a communist. has no independent knowledge regarding communistic leanings of ROSENBERG.

REFERENCE: Teletype from Indianapolis Office, dated February 15, 1951.

DETAILS:

At Louisville, Kentucky

upon interview at where he was occupying a room during the course of stated that while he was in to call upon one Mrs. JOHNSON, a subscriber to the publication and whose husband is in charge of the local Gulf Oil Company office in Toledo; that during the course of the conversation reference was made to an article appearing in one of the copies of the publication dealing with national and international affairs and mentioning the names of ACHESON, JESSUP and LATTIMORE. In this connection, related, the name of ROSENBERG came up and Mrs. JOHNSON volun-

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teered information to the effect that a woman, whose name is unknown
but whose identity is doubtless known to Mrs. JOHNSON, had told Mrs. JOHNSON that a [name redacted] who is [name redacted] ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG, had stated to her, the unknown woman, that ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG was a communist. [name redacted] stated that it was his impression that this [name redacted] was from out of town, but where she resided he did not know. It is to be noted that ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG's [name redacted] is listed as
also related that Mrs. JOHNSON resided on River Road, the number being, he thought, 2842 River Road. The [name redacted] stated he had no independent knowledge regarding the activities of ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG or any communist leanings of this individual.

Inasmuch as the Louisville Office was without background information in this case, no leads were set forth in conference teletype to the Bureau and Cleveland under date of February 16, 1951, such leads being left to the discretion of the Bureau.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -
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DIRECTOR

URGENT

ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG, ASST. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. SPECIAL INQUIRY. REF: BUTEL FEB. NINETEEN INSTANT. MRS. EDITH M. JOHNSTON, TWO EIGHT FOUR TWO RIVER ROAD, MAUMEE, O. WAS INTERVIEWED BY SAS B. PAUL KOTOWICZ AND JOHN K. BUSTER THIS DATE. MRS. JOHNSTON STATED THAT

[Blank]

[Blank] HAD BEEN [Blank] DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS. DURING THESE CONTACTS HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY TALKATIVE AND ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF DEC. OF LAST YEAR MENTIONED THE FACT THAT ANNA ROSENBERG WAS A COMMUNIST, AND THAT HE HAD HEARD OF THIS THROUGH A WOMAN WHO ATTRIBUTED HER SOURCE TO ANNA ROSENBERGS

MRS. JOHNSTON STATED SHE HAD NEVER HEARD OF ANY COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS ON PART OF ANNA ROSENBERG PRIOR TO THIS TIME. SHE FURTHER STATED SHE HAD NO DEFINITE INFORMATION ANNA ROSENBERG WAS CONNECTED WITH THE CP IN ANY WAY AND IF EVENT SHE SHOULD LEARN ANY DEFINITE INFO THAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE BUREAU SHE WOULD IMMEDIATELY ADVISE THIS OFFICE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT MRS. JOHNSTON IS COOPERATIVE IN THIS MATTER.

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CAN U RD ALRIGHT

YES

END

3-27 PM OK FBI WA FJS
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. LADD
FROM: A. ROSEN
SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: February 24, 1951

Reference is made to my memorandum dated February 19, 1951, concerning captioned matter.

You will recall that one Marie Wilson, Toledo, Ohio, advised our Cleveland Office that one had advised her and two other ladies that Anna Marie Rosenberg was a Communist. was determined to be the referred to, and upon interview he advised that he had no first-hand information concerning Anna Rosenberg and that his information had come from one Mrs. Johnson of Toledo, Ohio, in November 1950. He alleged that Mrs. Johnson told him that she had been informed of the alleged Communist affiliation of Anna Rosenberg.

Cleveland has now advised that Mrs. Edith M. Johnston was the person referred to by and upon interview she confirmed the fact that had been She said that she has always found him to be very talkative and that he mentioned to her that Anna Rosenberg was a Communist and that he had heard this through a woman who attributed her source to be Rosenberg's sister. Mrs. Johnston said that she had never heard of any Communist connections on the part of Anna Rosenberg prior to the statement of

RECOMMENDATION:

As the two alleged sources of this information have been contacted and neither can furnish any specific information and as each attributed the pertinent statement to the other, it is recommended that no further inquiries be made concerning this matter.

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Office Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Indianapolis
SUBJECT: ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG
Assistant Secretary of Defense
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Rebutel February 13, 1951, and Louisville teletype's dated February 16, 1951.

By referenced teletypes, the Louisville Office advised that she was located and interviewed in this matter at Louisville, Kentucky, the results of which interview were forwarded to the Bureau. RUC.

FHD: mlk
62-853
cc: New York
Director, FBI

SAC, Charlotte

THE KNOW THE TRUTH PUBLISHING COMPANY
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

February 27, 1951

Enclosed herewith is a copy of Volume 1, number 1 of "know the
truth" dated January 2, 1951, New York, New York, published by
The Know the Truth Publishing Company of New York which was re-
ceived unsolicited by the American Legion Post No. 53, Greens-
boro, North Carolina, and which was turned over to the Greens-
boro Resident Agency by Mr. C. LEIJOY SHUPING, a member of the
post and a former Bureau Agent.

Instant newspaper appears, in its entirety, to be of purported
justification of BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, 300 Central Park West,
New York, New York, in his attempt to halt the appointment of
ANNA M. ROSENBERG as Assistant Secretary of Defense.

This newspaper is being furnished the Bureau for information
purposes and a carbon copy of this letter is being designated
for the New York Office.

Enclosure

CC: New York

SJF:IJM
ENCLOSURE: To Bureau - copy of newspaper "know the truth"
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG - ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP IN JOHN REED CLUB
SPECIAL INQUIRY
Bureau File #126-486

DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 1951

You are advised that, on February 6, 1951, HAROLD H. BACON, Assistant United States Attorney, telephonically advised that United States Attorney GEORGE MORRIS FAY had assigned to him the study of this case and its presentation for possible prosecution. He was advised that an Agent would contact him at 9:30 AM - February 7, 1951 - for further details, but that no investigation would be conducted unless cleared by the Bureau.

On February 7, 1951, Special Agent EDWARD J. ARMBRUSTER contacted AUSA BACON, who advised that the United States Attorney desired a limited investigation in connection with the possibility that Perjury may have been committed by and BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN while testifying before the Armed Services Committee of the Senate on nomination of ANNA M. ROSENBERG to be Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Mr. BACON advised that a Federal Grand Jury was now in session, and would continue its Hearings during the month of February. He further stated that he would like to present any evidence of possible Perjury before instant Grand Jury before it expired. Thus far, one witness has been presented, namely - Mr. EDWARD NELLOR.

Specifically, Mr. BACON stated that he would like to have the following facts ascertained:

1) Whether or not ________ had a Bank Account in New York City?

He is particularly anxious to know if, during the months of October, November and December of 1950, or January of 1951, a check in the approximate amount of $832 was deposited in ________ Account.

cc - NEW YORK (2)
Letter to Bureau - 2/7/51
Re: ANNA M. ROSENBERG
ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP IN JOHN REED CLUB

It was stated that this amount was allegedly received by [Redacted] from BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN for services in connection with instant inquiry.

It is not known where [Redacted] is presently employed, but he resides at [Redacted] and is allegedly living on [Redacted]. It is not believed that he has a regular income. Mr. BACON stated that, at one time, he believed that [Redacted] was employed by the [Redacted] and, also, that he was believed to have been employed from [Redacted] at a salary of $150 per month by one [Redacted].

2) Mr. BACON also desired that, if possible, the FBI ascertain whether BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN had a Bank Account in New York City.

FREEDMAN'S address was listed as 307 Central Park West. FREEDMAN is allegedly a wealthy man, with no known income.

If FREEDMAN'S Account is located, it should be ascertained what type of transactions occurred therein during the months of October, November and December of 1950 and January of 1951.
Mr. BACON stated that FREEDMAN was Publisher of the "KNOW THE TRUTH" magazine.

It is believed that the New York Office of the FBI has additional information on the activities of BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN.

3) Mr. BACON stated that he would like to know whether the FBI had a file on and BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN. If so, he would like to examine this file for any pertinent information concerning these individuals.

4) Mr. BACON stated that he would like to know whether FBI Agents ever talked with one WALT CARMEN, and, if so, what type of information was obtained from CARMEN.

If CARMEN has not been contacted, it was not desired that he be interviewed at this time, but that his present address be ascertained so that the United States Attorney could subpoena him as a possible witness before the Grand Jury.

Mr. BACON advised that CARMEN was mentioned by one "OAK" - a former Officer in the JOHN REED CLUB, and is mentioned in some of the FBI'S Reports - dates unknown.

5) Mr. BACON stated that he desired to know whether the FBI ever talked with one SAM FASTMAN, who was believed to be connected with the COMMUNIST PARTY, Financial Section, or as Financial Secretary, Section 16, New York City. FASTMAN is supposed to have destroyed all Member Records of the JOHN REED CLUB, according to in his testimony, and these records were destroyed in 1935 or 1936.
WFO 77-15,072

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    ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP IN JOHN REED CLUB

BACON stated that, if FASTMAN is still following the COMMUNIST PARTY line, there was no use to talk to him. If not, he might wish to subpoena FASTMAN in connection with the present inquiry.

The FBI is not to interview FASTMAN, however, but is only to locate his present address.

Mr. BACON stated that he would make this request officially in the form of a letter, which he would transmit to the Washington Field Office within the next day or two. He advised, however, that he wanted this matter handled expeditiously, and, in view of this fact, this information is being presented to the Bureau for its information.

No investigation will be conducted until, and unless, advised by the Bureau.

Two copies of this report are being designated for the New York Field Division, in the event investigation is authorized by the Bureau.
Office Memorandum

TO: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
FROM: James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General

DATE: February 5, 1951

SUBJECT: File No. 146-7-5486 (Confidential)

The United States Attorney for the District of Columbia is conducting a grand jury proceeding to determine whether the perjury or other federal statutes were violated by persons who testified at the hearings conducted by the Senate Armed Forces Committee upon the nomination of Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg as Assistant Secretary of Defense. Will you please make available to United States Attorney George Morris Fay copies of the investigative reports in connection with the above entitled matter.
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D. M. Ladd - Rm. 5736
Telephone Ext. 555
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. LADD

FROM: A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA A. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB

PURPOSE:

To advise of the request of United States Attorney Fay to have the Bureau conduct exploratory investigation concerning certain alleged perjury aspects in captioned matter.

DETAILS:

The first information the Bureau received concerning this matter was a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General McInerney dated February 5, 1951, requesting copies of the reports concerning Anna A. Rosenberg be furnished United States Attorney Fay. This has been done.

The Washington Field Office by letter dated February 7, 1951, advised that Assistant United States Attorney Bacon had on February 6, 1951, requested an Agent contact him concerning this matter. This was done on February 7, 1951, at which time Bacon requested the Bureau to conduct a "limited" investigation in connection with the possibility that perjury may have been committed by and Benjamin H. Freedman while on the nomination of Rosenberg as Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Bacon advised that a Federal Grand Jury was now in session and would continue through February, and that he would like to present any evidence of possible perjury before instant Grand Jury expired. He said that one witness had already been presented. is an employee of Fulton Lewis, Jr., and in the company of Don Surine had contacted Freedman and prior to the Armed Services Committee hearings.) To date Bacon has requested the following investigation:

1. An examination of any bank accounts of during November and December 1950, and January 1951.

Attachment

RS: jh
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MEMORANDUM TO MR. LADD

2. A similar examination of the accounts of Freedman.

3. He desired to know whether the FBI has an independent file on Freedman, Walt Carmen (a former John Reed Club member, according to Sam Fastman (also known as Sam Fox, who said was a Communist Party member and a John Reed Club member and who allegedly told about the destruction of John Reed Club records to protect persons gaining prominence), and the John Reed Club. If so, he would like to see them.

4. That the present addresses of Carmen and Fastman be ascertained so they might be subpoenaed. Interviews with these persons were not desired.

SEE ADDENDUM

5. That Drew Pearson be interviewed to obtain a purported copy of a letter in his possession from Gerald L. K. Smith to Benjamin H. Freedman. Also, to obtain information allegedly in his possession concerning the identity of a bellboy at the Congressional Hotel who allegedly would state that he had on numerous occasions taken Edward Nellor to the room of Smith on or before December 5, 1950.

6. That oral requests for additional investigation be permitted. Written confirmation of such requests to be subsequently submitted.

The Bureau indices reflect no pertinent independent file on Freedman, Fastman, or the John Reed Club. Neither Fastman nor Carmen were interviewed in instant investigation. Background information concerning each of the above is set forth in the reports concerning Rosenberg that have been made available to Fay and this should suffice in the absence of an additional request. Carmen appears identical with Bureau file 100-189899 pertaining to Walt Carmon and is presently the subject of an SI card in New York City. His last known residence was 240 East 13th Street, New York City.

OBSERVATIONS:

In addition to this situation involving an alleged perjury violation, it appears that it also involves (1) a political squabble; (2) a controversy between the Anti-Defamation League and other similar organizations and the Arab League and anti-Semitic organizations; (3) a personal feud between Drew Pearson and Fulton Lewis, Jr.
MEMORANDUM TO MR. LADD

A memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated December 20, 1950, concerning a conversation had with indicated that Marx Leva, Assistant Secretary of Defense, had been discussing this perjury angle with Peyton Ford. This memorandum reflected that the Director had instructed that if we received a request for an investigation from the Department that we should receive instructions in A-B-C order as to exactly what was wanted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the attached teletype to New York City and Washington Field be approved authorizing the requested investigation and instructing the Washington Field Office to request the United States Attorney to continue to submit any requests for additional investigation in writing stating specifically what is desired. This will forestall criticism of the Bureau for conducting a fishing expedition and will also allow a more sensible and logical investigation. It is not believed advisable to allow the United States Attorney to review our file on Garmon, and New York has been instructed in the attached teletype to set forth a summary concerning Garmon's Communist Party affiliation in their forthcoming report along with his current address. Unless advised to the contrary, copies of the reports in this matter will be furnished United States Attorney Fay's Office directly by the Bureau. The United States Attorney's Office will also be advised upon transmittal of these reports that the Bureau has no available independent files as requested in Item 3 above.

ADDENDUM - 2/13/51 - GCC:MMW

At approximately 4:10 PM today (2/13/51) SA(A) Edward J. Armbruster of the WFO telephonically advised Mr. G. C. Callan that Assistant United States Attorney Harold H. Bacon had just requested that the interview with Drew Pearson be held in abeyance in view of the fact that a representative of Pearson's Office was going to confer with Irving Shapiro of the Criminal Division of the Department, who is aiding the United States Attorney's Office in the presentation of this perjury case before the Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D. C. Mr. Bacon advised that all of the information in Pearson's possession would probably be furnished directly to Shapiro's Office and that in the absence of a further request no contact on the part of the FBI with Pearson regarding this case was necessary.
FEBRUARY 13, 1951

Transmit the following message to:

SAC'S NEW YORK
WASHINGTON FIELD

URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, PERJURY. NEW YORK SEE YOUR FILE SIX TWO DASH ONE NAUGHT SIX FOUR ONE AND WFO LET SEVENTH INSTANT. NY ENDEAVOR TO ASCERTAIN DESIRED INFORMATION SET FORTH IN ITEMS ONE AND TWO OF RELET. ITEM FOUR REQUESTS INFORMATION RE WALT CARMEN. SEE URREP DECEMBER FOURTEEN, FIFTY, PAGE FIFTEEN, IN CAUTIONED MATTER FOR INFORMATION RE ONE WALT CARMEN AND URFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH FOUR FIVE SIX NINE TWO. INCLUDE SUMMARY CONCERNING CARMEN'S CP AFFILIATIONS IN URREP ALONG WITH OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED. ITEM FIVE REQUESTS INFORMATION RE SAM FASTMAN. SEE URREPS DECEMBER NINE, FIFTY, PAGE FIFTEEN, DECEMBER FOURTEEN, FIFTY, PAGE TWO, AND DECEMBER TWENTY-TWO, FIFTY, PAGE ELEVEN, FOR INFORMATION RE FASTMAN, AYA FOX. WFO SEE URFILE SEVEN SEVEN DASH ONE FIVE NAUGHT SEVEN TWO AND LET FROM USA FEBRUARY TWELVE, INSTANT, REQUESTING DREW PEARSON BE INTERVIEWED AND OTHER INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED.

Both offices assign only to mature experienced agents. Conduct only such investigation as requested in above letter. Expedite.

WFO request USA to continue to submit any requests for investigation in writing stating specifically what is desired.

HOOVER

cc: Washington Field [by Special Messenger]

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EX-92
February 13, 1951

Honorable George Morris Fay
United States Attorney
District of Columbia
Washington, D.C.

cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Callan
Mr. Pitzer

My dear Mr. Fay:

Pursuant to the request of the Honorable James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General, there are enclosed photostatic copies of forty-one investigative reports concerning Anna Marie Rosenberg. A list of these reports is attached.

Fourteen of these reports reflect an applicant type investigation, previously conducted by this Bureau concerning Mrs. Rosenberg for other governmental agencies. The remaining twenty-seven reports reflect investigation concerning the allegation that she had been a member of the John Reed Club.

As you are aware, the identity of the Anna Rosenberg who was a member of the John Reed Club has not been disclosed to the press or public in accordance with her request. It is therefore requested that every effort be made to maintain her identity confidential.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: James M. McInerney
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Washington Field Office (Information)

Report of Special Agent Daniel McSilllucuddy, dated December 31, 1950 at Washington, D.C.


Report of Special Agent Raymond J. Geiran, dated December 22, 1950 at Newark, New Jersey.


Report of Special Agent Edward J. Koblusak, dated December 19, 1950 at Atlanta, Georgia.


Report of Special Agent Robert E. Noller, dated December 18, 1950 at Kansas City, Missouri.


Report of Special Agent Joseph Ryble, dated December 18, 1950 at Detroit, Michigan.


Report of Special Agent Francis J. John, dated December 13, 1950 at Baltimore, Maryland.

Report of Special Agent Harald J. Reuter, dated December 12, 1950 at Cleveland, Ohio.


Report of Special Agent Daniel F. MoGilligoddy, Jr., dated December 10, 1950 at Washington, D.C.


Report of Special Agent Gabriel J. Fease,
dated September 15, 1930 at Detroit, Michigan.

Report of Special Agent B. F. McGillicuddy, Jr.,
dated October 12, 1930 at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Charles W. Miller,
dated September 20, 1930 at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent B. F. McGillicuddy, Jr.,
dated September 19, 1930 at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent C. Russell Jones,
dated April 21, 1943 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Report of Special Agent Edgar A. Stewart,
dated April 12, 1943 at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Edgar A. Stewart,
dated April 20, 1943 at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Richard A. Van Winkle,
dated April 21, 1943 at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent C. Russell Jones,

Report of Special Agent J. T. Robertson,
ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, PERJURY. RE WFO LETTER, FEB SEVEN, FIFTY ONE, AND BUTEL FEB ONE THREE, FIFTY ONE. CREDIT RECORD AT NY ON REFLECTS NO BANK ACCOUNT. RE-INTERVIEWED FEB SIXTEENTH, FIFTYONE. ADVISES HE IS LEAVING ABOUT

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CARR FURTHER SAYS THAT BECAUSE HIS BRANCH BANK IS BUSY AT PRESENT HE COULD NOT MAKE RECORDAK OF THIS ACCOUNT AVAILABLE UNTIL SOME TIME AROUND MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO CARR THAT THIS INFO WAS NEEDED VERY EXPEDITIOUSLY BUT HE SAID THAT HE HAD HIS OWN BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF, AND COULD NOT GET RECORDAK RECORDS UNTIL END PAGE TWO
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MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. ACCORDINGLY THIS OFFICE WILL MAKE ATTEMPTS ON FEB. NINETEENTH, THROUGH CONTACTS AT MAIN BRANCH OF CORN EXCHANGE BANK, TO EXPEDITE EXAMINATION OF RECORD AK OF ACCOUNT. CORN EXCHANGE HAS NO RECORD OF ANY OTHER ACCOUNT FOR SAVINGS ACCOUNT AT MANHATTAN SAVINGS BANK WILL ALSO BE CHECKED ON FEB. NINETEENTH, FIFTYONE, WHEN BANK REOPENS. RE BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, NAME TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL, ADVISES BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN HAS TOLD HER IN THE PAST THAT HE HAS NEVER MAINTAINED A BANK ACCOUNT IN NYC AND HAS INDICATED TO HER THAT HE HAS HAD BANK ACCOUNTS AT PHILA., PA. AND SOMEWHERE IN FLA. SHE CONTACTED FREEDMAN AND MADE INQUIRY CONCERNING BANK IN PHILA., PA. AND WAS TOLD THAT FREEDMAN'S ACCOUNT WAS AT TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, PHILA., PA. CREDIT RECORD OF FREEDMAN SHOWS FREEDMAN HAS BANK ACCOUNT AT SAME BANK, PHILA., PA., SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE. FOR INFO OF PHILA OFFICE, HAROLD H. BACON, AUSA, WASHINGTON, DC, CONTACTED WFO AND REQUESTED AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT BUREAU ASCERTAIN WHETHER END OF PAGE THREE
BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN OF THREE NAUGHT SEVEN CENTRAL PARK WEST, NYC, HAS A BANK ACCOUNT, AND IF SO WHAT TYPES OF TRANSACTIONS OCCURRED THEREIN DURING MONTHS OF OCT. NOV. DEC., FIFTY, AND JAN., FIFTYONE. BACON SAID THAT RALPH DE SOLA ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED A CHECK IN APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF EIGHT THREE TWO DOLLARS DURING ABOVE PERIOD FROM BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER. BUREAU. AUTHORIZED SAID INVESTIGATION BUT INDICATED THAT ONLY SUCH INVESTIGATION AS REQUESTED SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AND INDICATED CASE SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO MATURE, EXPERIENCED AGENTS. GRAND JURY IN WASHINGTON, DC IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE HEARING WITNESSES ON FEB. ONE NINE, FIFTY ONE REPRESSIBLE PERJURY CHARGES AGAINST WITNESSES WHO TESTIFIED AT ANNA M. ROSENBERG HEARINGS IN WASH., DC, IN DEC. FIFTY, CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER. PHILA. CHECK FREEDMAN-S ACCOUNT AT TRADESMEN-S NATIONAL BANK IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFIC REQUEST OF BACON SET OUT ABOVE. EXPEDITE AND SUREP. DESIGNATE COPY OF REPORT FOR WFO AND FIVE COPIES FOR BUREAU. NY ORIGIN. IF INFO RECEIVED RE ANY OTHER ACCOUNTS OF BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, SUTEL LEADS FOR INVESTIGATION ALONG LINES REQUESTED BY BACON AS SET OUT ABOVE. NY WILL SUBMIT REPORT AS SOON AS EXAMINATION CAN BE CONDUCTED OF RECODM. OF ACCOUNT IN CORN EXCHANGE.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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HOOVER
NEW YORK 58 FROM WASH DC

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

FEBRUARY 19, 1951
SACS, NEW YORK
WASHINGTON FIELD (BSM)

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN
REED CLUB, PERJURY. RE WFO LET FIFTEENTH INSTANT ENCLOSING LET FROM
USA DATED TWELFTH INSTANT. MY HANDLE WITH EXCEPTION OF ITEM THREE
WHICH WILL BE HANDLED BY BUREAU. WITH RESPECT TO ITEM ONE, OBTAIN
PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT AS REQUESTED AND ANY INFORMATION FREEMAN
MIGHT VOLUNTEER AS TO POLITICAL BELIEFS BUT DO NOT QUESTION HIM
CONCERNING THIS LATTER POINT OTHER THAN AS TO PRESENT OR PAST
MEMBERSHIP IN CP.

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cc - WASHINGTON FIELD (BSM)
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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, PERJURY. RE NY TEL JAN. SIXTEEN LAST. BEN H. FREEDMAN HAS MAINTAINED CHECKING ACCT. AT THE TRADESMEN’S NAT-L. BANK AND TRUST CO., PHILA., PA., SINCE DEC. TWENTYONE, THIRTYTHREE. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS, PHOTOGRAPH OF LEDGER CARDS OF ACCT. FOR MONTHS OF OCT. THO DEC. FIFTY AND JAN. FIFTYONE, REFLECT NO CHARGE TO ACCT. IN AMT. OF EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTYTWO DOLLARS OR ANY SIMILAR AMT. CHARGES TO THE ACCT. CONSIST OF APPROX. FORTYFIVE TO SIXTY ITEMS PER MONTH, MOST OF WHICH WERE IN AMT. OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. BANK ALSO PHOTOGRAPHS CUSTOMER’S CHECKS IN THE AMT. OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR OVER AND AN EXAMINATION OF EIGHT SUCH ITEMS REFLECT NO PAYMENT TO REPORT FOLLOWS.
ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB., SPECIAL INQUIRY. REVIEW OF BANK ACCOUNT AT COLONIAL BRANCH, CORN EXCHANGE BANK, FOR PERIOD OCT. ONE, FIFTY TO JAN. THIRTY ONE, FIFTY ONE, REFLECTS NO LARGE DEPOSITS AND NO DEPOSITS AT ALL IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY TWO DOLLARS. LARGEST DEPOSITS THIS PERIOD WERE TWO DEPOSITS ON OCT. SEVENTEEN, FIFTY, ONE IN AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS AND THE OTHER TWO HUNDRED NINETY FOUR DOLLARS AND TEN CENTS, BOTH OF WHICH WERE CHECKS FROM THE TRUST CO. OF NORTH AMERICA. ACCOUNT AT CORN EXCHANGE SHOWS ONE LARGE WITHDRAWAL IN AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY SEVEN CENTS ON JAN. SIXTEEN, FIFTY ONE. INQUIRY AT TRUST CO. OF NORTH AMERICA REVEALS THAT RECEIVED TWO PAYMENTS OF SUMS OF MONEY THROUGH THIS BANK FROM TWO MONEY BROKERS IN S. A. FIRST PAYMENT WAS FOR FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY SIX DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS ON APRIL TWELVE, FIFTY, AND LAST PAYMENT WAS TWO HUNDRED NINETY FOUR DOLLARS TEN CENTS ON OCT. SIXTEEN, FIFTY. BANK OFFICIAL ADVISED THESE PAYMENTS MADE BY MONEY BROKERS SO THAT COULD PURCHASE AN AUTOMOBILE IN THIS COUNTRY AND THEN EITHER
PERSONALLY OR THROUGH TRANSPORT SAME TO BRAZIL FOR RESALE AND AT A PROFIT. BANK OFFICIAL SAYS THIS WAS RATHER COMMON PROCEDURE IN EARLY PART AND SUMMER OF FIFTY, AND THAT THIS PRACTICE RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY, THAT IS THE PRACTICE OF BRINGING AUTOS TO BRAZIL FOR RESALE FOR LARGE PROFITS.

RECORDS OF MANHATTAN SAVINGS BANK SHOW ACCOUNT OF HAD NO DEPOSITS SINCE FEB. SIX, FIFTY. REINTERVIEWED FEB. TWENTY ONE INSTANT. SAYS HE HAS NO ACCOUNTS OTHER THAN THE TWO MENTIONED ABOVE AND NO CASH ANYWHERE ELSE OTHER THAN SAID ACCOUNTS. SAYS RECEIVED NO MONEY FROM BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN AT ANY TIME.

ADVISES HE WISHES TO CHANGE INFO HE HAD PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED RE THE TWENTY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ALLEGEDLY GIVEN HIM BY HIS MOTHER IN LAW. SAYS THAT HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW, NEVER ACTUALLY GAVE HIM ANY CASH WHATSOEVER IN LAST SEVERAL MONTHS SAYS SHE DID TELL HIM SHE WOULD BACK HIM TO THE EXTENT OF THE PRICE OF THE STUDEBAKER HE INTENDED TO BUY AND ALSO FOR THE COST OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE, AND ESTIMATED TOTAL OF BOTH AS TWENTY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. SAYS THAT ACCORDINGLY HIS MOTHER IN LAW NEVER RAISED ANY END OF PAGE TWO.
CASH AMONG FRIENDS IN NYC, BUT WOULD HAVE IF NEEDED SAME FOR PURCHASE OF CAR OR SUBSEQUENTLY FOR ANY REASON. SAYS SHE WOULD HAVE TO RAISE THAT MUCH CASH AMONG FRIENDS IN THIS COUNTRY SINCE SHE COULD NOT HAVE BROUGHT CASH FROM CANADA. SAYS THAT HE WAS WRONG WHEN HE ADVISED PREVIOUSLY THAT HIS MOTHER IN LAW HAD GIVEN HIM TWENTY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH AND SAYS THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ONE CENT AS YET FROM HIS MOTHER IN LAW AND DOES NOT INTEND TO UNLESS HE NEEDS SAME. IT IS NOTED THAT ACCOUNT SHOWS NO SUCH LARGE DEPOSIT AS TWENTY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR ANYTHING NEARLY AS LARGE IN LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, BUT ON CONTRARY SHOWS WITHDRAWAL OF ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY SEVEN CENTS ON JAN. SIXTEEN, FIFTY ONE. SAYS LATTER WITHDRAWAL WAS FOR PURCHASE OF STUDEBAKER AUTOMOBILE. ADVISES HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM MOTHER IN LAW IN CANADA INDICATING THAT AGENTS OF BUFFALO OFFICE HAD CONTACTED HER TO ARRANGE FOR INTERVIEW AT TORONTO, CANADA ON FEB. TWENTY ONE, FIFTY ONE. ACCOUNT OF AT CORN EXCHANGE HAS PRESENTLY A BALANCE OF THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED SIX DOLLARS AND FOUR CENTS., AT MANHATTAN SAVINGS HAS PRESENT BALANCE OF THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX DOLLARS END OF PAGE THREE
AND TWENTY EIGHT CENTS.  HE SAYS HE MADE MONEY DURING FIFTY
BY  

ADvised he brought one, his wife brought another
and his daughter brought another to Brazil for resale and that
these resales made a profit.  It is noted that his

SAYS large entries in his bank account were sums of money advanced
to him by money brokers from Brazil in order that he,


IN THIS MATTER BEFORE G. J. WASHINGTON, DC, ON
FEB. TWENTY, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE.  ADVISES HIS FATHER

Gave him a check which was part of the result of the sale of

INSURANCE POLICY FOR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.  SAYS

that he, PURCHASED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF
TRAVELERS CHECKS AT CORN EXCHANGE BANK DIRECTLY WITHOUT DEPOSITING
THE ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN HIS, ACCOUNT.  EXHIBITED
THESE TRAVELERS CHECKS.  RE JOE FREEMAN.  JOE FREEMAN REINTERVIEWED

AND SAYS HE DOES NOT KNOW JAMES MC GRAW, ISADORE

END OF PAGE FOUR
KLEIN, OR KLEIN-S WIFE, ANNA KLEIN, NEE ROSENBERG. FREEMAN ADVISED.

HE REMEMBERS ONE KLEIN AS A CONTRIBUTOR OF CARTOONS TO PUBLICATION "NEW MASSES," BUT COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER INFO RE I. KLEIN AND

STATES HE DOES NOT REMEMBER I. KLEIN-S WIFE. FREEMAN COULD NOT RECALL

BEING INTRODUCED TO ANNA KLEIN, NEE ANNA ROSENBERG BY HORACE GREGORY

OR BY SOPHIE FRANKEL IN NINETEEN TWENTY FOUR. PHOTOGRAPH AND SKETCH

OF ANNA KLEIN, NEE ROSENBERG, DISPLAYED TO FREEMAN BUT SAYS HE HAS

NO RECOLLECTION OF THIS INDIVIDUAL. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

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TWO COPIES WFO
MOTHER-IN-LAW OF ADvised Today, She was in NYC in January last visiting Her Daughter-s and

Adviced she gave twenty five dollars, but this was only sum she gave, lent, or other wise assisted any member of the family in obtaining. denies categorically making any gift, loan, or other financial arrangements through relatives or friends for benefit in January or at any time before or since. advises she took only four hundred dollars for travel and living expenses to finance her NYC trip. States has been unemployed for about ten months and is hard pressed financial.

Recently received letter from postmarked NYC nineteenth instant in which advised father had just given them a check for one thousand dollars. said in January jokingly commented he wished he could get some money and start a business and to buy a car, but declared she was then and is now unable to assist. written statement obtained which claims because of her inability to read or write English, would
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NOT PERSONALLY READ OR SIGN BUT WHICH WAS READ TO HER BY HER SON-IN-LAW, [REDACTED] AND THE LATTER SIGNED SAME. [REDACTED] DENIES FAMILIARITY WITH OR ACQUAINTANCE WITH ANY PERSON NAMED BENJAMIN FREEDMAN IN NYC OR ELSEWHERE. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO TESTIFY IN WASHINGTON, DC OR NYC WHEN HEALTH PERMITS, BUT SHE IS CURRENTLY IN-DISPOSED WITH INFLUENZA. REPORT FOLLOWS. [REDACTED]

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CORRECTION PAGE ONE LINE NINETYXXX NINETEEN FIRST WORD SHOULD BE [REDACTED]

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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN
REED CLUB, PERJURY. REBUFiling ONE TWO SIX DASH FOUR EIGHT SIX AND
WFO FILE SEVEN SEVEN DASH ONE FIVE ZERO SEVEN TWO. —

FATHER OF PRODUCED CORRESPONDENCE INDICATING
HE HAD CASHED IN AN INSURANCE POLICY WITH MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE
CO OF NY ON FEB. THIRTEEN, FIFTYONE IN AMOUNT OF FOUR THREE FOUR TWO
DOLLARS AND TWENTYFIVE CENTS, AND HAD DEPOSITED SAME AMOUNT IN A
NEW ACCOUNT OPENED AT GUARANTY TRUST CO., MADISON AVE, BRONX, NYC
ON FEB. FOURTEEN, FIFTYONE. PRODUCED CANCELLED CHECK SIGNED BY

TO ORDER OF FOR ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS
DATED FEB. FOURTEEN, FIFTYONE DRAWN ON THE SAME ACCOUNT OF
AT GUARANTY TRUST CO. SAID CHECK WAS CASHED AT COLONIAL BRANCH
OF CORN EXCHANGE BANK IN RETURN FOR TRAVELERS CHECKS BY

CHARLES YALE HARRISON CAN NOT RECALL MRS. I. KLEIN, NEE
ANNA ROSENBERG, NOR CAN HE IDENTIFY LATTER'S PHOTOGRAPH. “NY TIMES”
REFLECT PHOTOGRAPHS OF MRS. ANNA M. ROSENBERG DURING NOV. FIFTY ONLY

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IN ISSUES OF NOV. TEN AND SIXTEEN, FIFTY. COPIES OF SAID ISSUES OF "NEW YORK TIMES" SECURED AND BEING FORWARD TO WFO AS ENCLOSURES TO REPORT WHICH HAS BEEN DICTATED. SAID REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFO CONCERNING WALT CARMON INCLUDING INFO SECURED FROM WHITTAKER CHAMBERS IN THE PAST THAT CARMON WAS MEMBER OF CP AND INFO THAT CARMON AS OF MARCH, FORTYNINE WAS RESIDING AT TWO FOUR ZERO EAST THIRTEEN-ST, NYC. INFO PREVIOUSLY CONTAINED IN INSTANT FILE RE SAM FOX, AKA SAM FASTMAN, SET OUT IN REPORT WHICH HAS BEEN DICTATED WITH INDICATION THAT NO KNOWLEDGE OF PRESENT WHEREABOUTS THIS INDIVIDUAL. ON AFTERNOON OF FEB. TWENTYFOUR, FIFTYONE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE IS UNDER SUBPOENA TO APPEAR BEFORE GRAND JURY, WASHINGTON, D.C. IN INSTANT MATTER ON FEB. TWENTYSIX, FIFTYONE. SAID SHE RECEIVED AN ENVELOPE ON FEB. TWENTYFOUR, FIFTYONE POSTMARKED FEB. TWENTYTHREE FIFTYONE, GRAND CENTRAL STATION, NYC, WHICH ENVELOPE CONTAINED A WHITE SHEET OF PAPER ON WHICH WAS HAND PRINTED "LAY LOW--THEY HAVE OUR NUMBER. /SIGNED JOE". SHE SAID ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO NYC. SAID ALSO THAT ON NIGHT OF FEB. TWENTYTHREE FIFTYONE SHE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL IN WHICH A WOMAN'S VOICE SAID "LISTEN COMMIE GO TO HELL". SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY END OF PAGE TWO
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THIS VOICE. SAID SHE THOUGHT THAT SOMEONE MIGHT BE TRYING TO INTIMIDATE HER FROM TESTIFYING AND WONDERED IF THE LETTER AND THE TELEPHONE CALL MIGHT HAVE COME FROM OR INSTIGATED FROM ________

IT IS NOTED THAT DURING LAST REINTERVIEW ________ INDICATED HE THOUGHT THAT ________ HAD ALREADY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON INSTANT MATTER. ________

______ WAS ADVISED THAT THIS OFFICE DID NOT HANDLE THIS MATTER CONCERNING THE LETTER AND THE TELEPHONE CALL SINCE NO THREATS OF BODILY HARM. SHE WAS ADVISED TO REFER SAME TO LOCAL POLICE.

ABOVE FOR INFO. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Callan
FROM: R. S. Pitzer

DATE: February 26, 1951

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB PERJURY

On 2-24-51 I turned over to SA Edward J. Armbruster of the Washington Field Office a photostatic copy of the page of the May 19, 1930, edition of the "New York Times" containing an item concerning a petition signed by members of the John Reed Club. This photostat had been requested by Assistant U. S. Attorney Bacon. SA Armbruster was requested to deliver this to the Assistant U. S. Attorney and to inform him that no original of this petition is available.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Harold H. Baker, according to SA Armbruster, had also requested to be advised as to whether the Bureau files contained any information reflecting that former SA George Starr had been told by [redacted] that Anna Rosenberg was a Communist. As this information had been previously run down and distributed to the interested agencies during the Armed Services Committee hearing on the confirmation of Rosenberg, SA Armbruster was advised to inform the Assistant U. S. Attorney that the files contained no such information.

SA Armbruster was advised at approximately 4:00 P.M. on 2-24-51 to ascertain the identity of the New York Agents that the Assistant U. S. Attorney had indicated he desired to have appear before the Grand Jury and to also ascertain when they were wanted. He was advised to tell the Assistant U. S. Attorney that the Agents would be made available and he was requested to immediately contact the Bureau when he had this information so that New York might be appropriately advised.

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SAC, Washington Field

Director, FBI

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF
ANNA MARIE ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB
PERJURY

February 26, 1951

There is enclosed a copy of the report of SA Austin H. Gunsol dated 2-21-51 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, pertaining to captioned matter. You are requested to deliver this report to the office of the United States Attorney immediately upon receipt.

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SAC'S, NEW YORK
WASHINGTON FIELD

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN
REED CLUB, PERJURY. RE WFO LET TWENTY-SIXTH INSTANT ENCLOSING
LET FROM USA PAY DATED FEBRUARY NINETEEN FIFTY ONE. HANDLE
INVESTIGATION REQUESTED IN USA'S LET. SUTEL AND SUREP. WFO
FURNISH COPY MY REPORT TWENTY-SIXTH INSTANT TO USA.

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cc: Washington Field (By Special Messenger)

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[Handwritten signatures and dates]
SAC, Washington Field

Director, FBI

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF
ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB
PERJURY

It is requested that the following be brought to the
attention of the U. S. Attorney's Office for their information
and possible assistance in instant matter.

Refer the appropriate Assistant U. S. Attorneys handling
instant matter to the testimony of [blank] as reported in

[blank] 81st Congress", relating to the "Nomination of Anna M.
Rosenberg To Be Assistant Secretary of Defense". Reference should
be made to Pages 37, 55, 66, 65, and 86, wherein [blank] gives
background concerning his employment and the fact that he was
at that time forming a microfilming security service. He also
testified that he had received money from certain specified sources
during the preceding two years, but made no mention of his trans-
actions in automobiles which he purchased in the United States
and resold in Brazil. Details concerning this latter appear in
the New York report dated 2-26-51, which you have previously fur-
nished the U. S. Attorney's Office. He also testified that he
received no money in connection with instant investigation.

The Assistant U. S. Attorney should also be referred to
Pages 150, 151, 174, 175, 176, 372, 373, and 374, pertaining to
the testimony of Benjamin N. Freedman. In this testimony Freedman
states that [blank] was initially not interested in furnishing
information concerning Rosenberg, but subsequently agreed to do
so. He also states that [blank] told him about his background in
microfilm work and his desire to set up a new business in this
field. He states, however, that no overtures were made concerning
his possible assistance to [blank] in this regard.

In connection with an allegation that Benjamin Freedman
had impersonated an officer of CIA, Mr. Herbert Sada, President
of Punnell Lists, Inc., 665 5th Avenue, New York City, was inter-
viewed and furnished a signed statement concerning the alleged
impersonation. (For your information, prosecution has been declined
on the impersonation matter.) This statement is quoted in part
as follows:

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"After a lapse of some time, I met said Freedman in the lobby of the Ritz Carlton Hotel, this city, and he told me he had been thinking about me and that he would like to come in and discuss some mailing list requirements that he may have in connection with a proposed microfilm venture. This encounter took place in the early part of December 1950, the exact day or date unknown.

"Some days later Mr. Freedman called at the office of the above corporation and stated that he was about ready to order some lists for this enterprise, but he had a reservation to the effect that he could not place the order, at that moment, but would come in a few days later with the final details as to his exact requirements. He accordingly came in two days later and placed an order with us. The date of this order was early in January, to be exact the date fixed is January 3rd.

"He told me, at the time, that his associate in this venture would be a well known authority on microfilm no name mentioned. He made several subsequent visits to this office checking on the progress that we were making on his order.

"When I read in the newspaper that Mr. Freedman was giving testimony in the hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee with respect to an alleged connection with the Communist Party of Anna M. Rosenberg, whose name had been presented to the Senate for confirmation as Asst. Secretary of Defense, and sensing that there might be a possibility that the lists that we were preparing for Freedman were to be used in connection with these allegations, I telephoned to Mr. Freedman's apartment and told his wife, who answered the phone, that we would have to hold delivery of the lists in abeyance until he came to see me. His wife told me he was in Washington attending the hearings and that upon his return to the City, she would give him the message and he undoubtedly would contact me.

"Following the close of the hearings before the Committee, Mr. Freedman came to the office and I presented him with the fact that I did not want our lists used in connection with this matter and after some hedging, he admitted that some of the lists were intended for his microfilm enterprises
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and other lists then ordered and others to be ordered were to be used for the circularization of a newspaper, which he was to publish, the contents of which were to the effect that the entire affair was a case of mistaken identity and that he would quite clearly indicate in this editorial material that both Mrs. Rosenberg and himself were victims of an unfortunate situation."

From the above it would appear that there is a possibility that Freedman did induce [blurred] to testify concerning Rosenberg on the promise that he would back him in his microfilm business venture.

In the event the Assistant U. S. Attorney desires a copy of the complete statement above mentioned, the same will be made available to him or, if he desires, efforts will be made to obtain a new statement from Odza relating solely to the information quoted above.
ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, PERJURY. RE WFO LET TWENTYSIXTH INSTANT ENCLOSING LET FROM USA FAY DATED FEBRUARY NINETEEN FIFTYONE. HANDLE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED IN USA-S LET. SUTEL AND SUREP. WFO FURNISH COPY NY REPORT TWENTYSIXTH INSTANT TO USA.

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SAC, Washington Field

March 13, 1951

Director, FBI

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF
ANTHONY M. ROTHSTEIN IN THE JOHN REED CLUB
PERJURY

Received 3-7-51.

There is enclosed one photostatic copy of the signed statement of Herbert A. Odze, dated 2-16-51. You are instructed to make this available to the USA pursuant to his request.

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MAR 26 1951
TO: Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
FROM: Herbert Ford, Deputy Attorney General  

The Criminal Division, in cooperation with the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, is preparing to present witnesses to the grand jury on February 19, 20 and 26th. It is my understanding that Special Agent Armbruster is presently conducting the investigation requested by the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia.

In view of the desire of the Department to conclude the presentation of this matter at the earliest possible date, it will be appreciated if you have the requested investigation completed as soon as possible.
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. LADD
FROM: A. ROSENBERG

DATE: February 15, 1951

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB PERJURY

PURPOSE:

To advise of additional requests for investigation from U. S. Attorney Fay's Office concerning captioned matter.

DETAILS:

Assistant U. S. Attorney Harold H. Bacon, in the Office of U. S. Attorney Fay, Washington, D. C., has requested the following additional investigation through the Washington Field Office:

1. Correspondence between Benjamin H. Freedman and Asham Pasha, which he believes was delivered to the FBI and the State Department by the Anti-Defamation League in January 1951. Bacon said that photostats of this correspondence would suffice.

2. He would like to know if the Bureau has made any effort to determine the authenticity of this correspondence and, if so, the results of same.

With respect to the above, there is currently pending a case in the Security Investigative Division relating to this matter captioned "Anti-Defamation League Material, Special Inquiry, State Department".

3. Bacon furnished a copy of a letter purported to be from Gerald L. K. Smith to Benjamin Freedman which was turned over to Irving Shapiro of the Department by Fred Blumenthal, an employee of Drew Pearson. Bacon alleged that Smith is supposed to have represented to persons acting for Drew Pearson that the carbon copy of the original of this letter is in his, Smith's, files in Washington, D. C. Bacon requested that we interview Miss Renalta LeGant, secretary to Smith, concerning the existence of this copy. He also requested that she be interviewed to determine whether Freedman, Donald Surine, or Edward Nellor visited...
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Smith at the Congressional Hotel during late November or early December 1950, and, if so, how frequently.

It was requested that this information be made available to him prior to February 20, 1951, if possible.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

With respect to Items 1 and 2 above, it is recommended that the Security Investigative Division consider the advisability of acceding to the request of the U. S. Attorney's Office and, if it is deemed advisable to make this information available, it is recommended that the Security Investigative Division prepare appropriate photostatic copies of the desired material and appropriate comments concerning the authenticity of the material so that the Investigative Division can make this available to the United States Attorney's Office.

With respect to the requested interview with the secretary of Gerald L. K. Smith, it is recommended that the attached letter to the Washington Field Office be approved pointing out that this appears unethical to question Smith's secretary concerning information in his files and that it be suggested to the U. S. Attorney that the Bureau would have no objection to interviewing Smith concerning this matter instead of his secretary.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : Mr. Rosen

DATE: February 23, 1951

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB - SPECIAL INQUIRY - PERJURY

Special Agent Edward J. Armbruster of the Washington Field Office telephonically advised Mr. G. C. Callan that there is a distinct possibility that [redacted] will be prosecuted for perjury because of his testimony before the Federal Grand Jury in the District of Columbia on February 20, 1951. [redacted] appeared before the Grand Jury and was questioned concerning his source of income at which time it is understood he told the Grand Jury the same story that he told our Agents in New York on February 16, namely that the only large amount of money he had received was $2100 in cash which had been given him by his mother-in-law, [redacted], in January, 1951. He told the Grand Jury that she had raised this money through her friends in New York City and had given it to him for the purpose of purchasing an automobile.

The United States Attorney's Office had asked us to check into [redacted] financial condition and the source of his income with a view to finding out whether any money had been paid him by Benjamin Freedman, and this we were doing, including interviewing his mother-in-law. [redacted] was advised by his mother-in-law that the Agents of the Buffalo Office had requested an interview and he thereupon contacted the New York Office on February 21, and stated that the story he had previously given was not true and that his mother-in-law had never given him any cash whatsoever. He explained certain entries in his bank account by stating that these represented funds entrusted to him by parties in Brazil for whom he was acting as an agent in the [redacted].

He advised that the only large sum of money which he had received in recent months for his own use resulted from his father, [redacted], giving him a check for $1,000, with which he had purchased travelers checks which he exhibited. He advised that he had not placed this $1000 in his account at all.
Mr. Ladd

Armbruster stated that the United States Attorney's Office advised that it would probably want the Agents to whom had made this recent statement to testify before the Grand Jury. They also contemplate subpoenaing for next Monday, February 26. Armbruster stated that he had been asked whether it would be permissible for the Agents from the New York Office to whom had made the statement to testify and Mr. Callan advised him that he would be advised further in this regard and in the meantime to make no commitment to the United States Attorney's Office.

RECOMMENDATION

[ ] has made inconsistent statements of his own volition to our Agents in the New York Office on February 16 and on February 21 and he has testified before the Grand Jury in a manner consistent with the statement he made to our Agents on February 16, 1951, which he now states is false.

Under the circumstances there would appear to be no reason why our Agents should not testify before this Grand Jury and in the event you approve, the United States Attorney's Office will be so advised and the New York Office will be requested to furnish the identities of the Agents to whom made his statements on February 16 and February 21, 1951.

When a date is set U. F. O. should advise the Bureau and agents from N. Y. will have to be made available. ² 2-28-51

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TO: MR. LAD
FROM: A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB PERJURY

DATE: February 28, 1951

PURPOSE:
To show a possible motive on the part of for committing perjury as to the major issue involved if perjury was, in fact, committed.

DETAILS:
On December 8, 1950, testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee that was conducting hearings on the nomination of Anna Marie Rosenberg to be Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Page 37 of the printed record of these hearings reflects testimony as to his employment history, indicating that his major occupation has been that of He stated that "at the present time I am forming a

On Page 55 he gives more of his employment history and states that he

On Pages 64 and 65, again testifying as to his employment, he mentions the and states that in the past two years he has received no money from any other sources except the above and from

On Page 86, he is reported as testifying that he received no money in connection with instant investigation.

On Page 150, Benjamin H. Freedman, the apparent instigator of the charges against Mrs. Rosenberg, states that he had made contact with he believed on 12-2-50, and asked him about Anna Rosenberg. allegedly replied that he was not interested in discussing that matter at all. He prevailed upon however, to let him

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come see him and this Freedman states he did the following morning (December 3), at which time he spent several hours talking with him. After this Freedman states he reduced what ______ told him about Anna Rosenberg and the John Reed Clubs to writing. On Page 151 Freedman states that he did not employ ______ or offer to pay him anything of value and stated that he, Freedman, was not in business.

On Pages 174 and 175, Freedman reiterates that ______ initially gave him the "brush-off" and then agreed to see him, whereupon they talked for two and one-half to three hours.

On Page 178, Freedman states that ______ had told him about his background and had shown him a ______

On Pages 372, 373, and 374 appears a signed public statement prepared by Freedman and sworn to before a notary public on 12-15-50 which he submitted to the Committee and which was incorporated into the record. On Page 374, Freedman states, "At the hearings I stated that I had made no payments to ______ and that I had made no promise to employ him. That statement stands. However, when ______ explained his past business activities, he told me about his ______. He showed me a ______ and which the Government uses in that field of its operations. ______ stated that he was about to reenter the ______. He stated that he had selected the corporate name and was applying to the Secretary of State for its use. He also stated that he was registering a cable address. He informed me that he was negotiating with a bank for financing the business. I am not clear whether it was at our first meeting or at a later meeting that I asked him if it was the kind of business for a man like myself to go into. I have been out of active business for many years but constantly investigating business proposals to reenter business. The little business transactions since I have been out of business did not mean very much. They were small ventures which were finally dropped after taking small losses. ______ explained the intricacies of the business and explained how many fortunes had been lost in the microfilm business since the last war. He made no overtures to me, and I made no overtures or promises to him."

You will recall that an allegation was received from General Walter B. Smith, Director of CIA, that Freedman had allegedly impersonated an officer of CIA in a contact had with Herbert Odza. Odza, President of Dunhill Lists, Inc., New York City, furnished a signed statement to Agents of our New York Office concerning this matter
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and prosecution was subsequently declined by the Assistant U. S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York.

In the statement furnished by Odza appeared the following pertinent information:

"After a lapse of some time, I met said Freedman in the lobby of the Ritz Carlton Hotel, this city, and he told me he had been thinking about me and that he would like to come in and discuss some mailing list requirements that he may have in connection with a proposed microfilm venture. This encounter took place in the early part of December 1950, the exact day or date unknown.

"Some days later Mr. Freedman called at the office of the above corporation and stated that he was about ready to order some lists for this enterprise, but he made a reservation to the effect that he could not place the order, at that moment, but would come in a few days later with the final details as to his exact requirements. He accordingly came in two days later and placed an order with us. The date of this order was early in January, to be exact the date fixed is January 3rd.

"He told me, at the time, that his associate in this venture would be a well known authority on microfilm no name mentioned. He made several subsequent visits to this office checking on the progress that we were making on his order.

"When I read in the newspaper that Mr. Freedman was giving testimony in the hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee with respect to an alleged connection with the Communist Party of Anna M. Rosenberg, whose name had been presented to the Senate for confirmation as Asst. Secretary of Defense, and sensing that there might be a possibility that the lists that we were preparing for Freedman were to be used in connection with these allegations, I telephoned to Mr. Freedman's apartment and told his wife, who answered the phone, that we would have to hold delivery of the lists in abeyance until he came to see me. His wife told me he was in Washington attending the hearings and that upon his return to the City, she would give him the message and he undoubtedly would contact me."
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"Following the close of the hearings before the Committee, Mr. Freedman came to the office and I presented him with the fact that I did not want our lists used in connection with this matter and after some hedging, he admitted that some of the lists were intended for his microfilm enterprises and other lists then ordered and others to be ordered were 'to be used for the circularization of a newspaper, which he was to publish, the contents of which were to the effect that the entire affair was a case of mistaken identity and that he would quite clearly indicate in this editorial material that both Mrs. Rosenberg and himself were victims of an unfortunate situation.'

We know, has furnished false information concerning other matters, for example, his income. It is stated above that he received only money from his microfilm enterprises, book royalties, and the "Freeman" magazine during the past two years. His bank account and his own statements to our Agents at this time reflect that he also received money from the sale of automobiles in Brazil at a profit during 1950. This he did not mention when testifying before the Armed Services Committee.

OBSERVATIONS:

By his own testimony was essentially unemployed during November and December 1950, and was interested in setting up a microfilm business. He was not interested in talking to Freedman initially about the Rosenberg matter, but after a long talk with him about his, background, he agreed to furnish information.

Freedman was aware of desire to go into such a business and, in fact, told Odza he was working on a microfilm enterprise with an expert in this field. This could well have been

Here we have a man, with a reluctance to testify but a desire to start a new business but no funds for such enterprise. Then we have a willingness on the part of to testify, a man of means, Freedman, wanting this testimony, and statements by that man, Freedman, that he is aware of desires, undoubtedly considers him an expert in the field of microfilming, and subsequently tells a third party, Odza, that he is going into the microfilm business.

Since the attack instigated by Freedman fell through upon the confirmation of Rosenberg, it is possible that his interest in
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backing in a microfilm business also fell through, and hence no tangible evidence of such an arrangement would be apparent. If proved, however, it would be indicative at least that both perjury and subornation of perjury may have been committed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Washington Field Office be approved to call the above information to the attention of the Assistant U. S. Attorney handling the perjury inquiry before the Grand Jury. It has not been indicated to date that this matter is being looked into, and the Assistant U. S. Attorney does not, of course, have the benefit of the information furnished by Odza, as set out above, although the other information is in his possession.
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TO: Mr. Lac

FROM: Mr. Allen

DATE: March 5, 1951

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB

AUSA: Baker has requested that [redacted] be interviewed concerning instant matter. [redacted] name was obtained by AUSA from a New York report in the previous investigation wherein comments concerning him were made by [redacted].

In the previous investigation, [redacted], who is the person actually referred to, was interviewed by the Baltimore Office and information furnished by him was reported under a "T" symbol, inasmuch as [redacted] said he was unwilling to give a written statement or to appear as witness in any proceedings and desired his identity be kept confidential.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached teleype to Baltimore be approved requesting a re-interview of Jacobson, pointing out that the U. S. Attorney’s office had obtained his name through [redacted] and has specifically requested that he be interviewed. The AUSA has requested certain additional information not covered in the previous investigation, and this, of course, could be obtained for him along with the current comments of [redacted] as to his willingness to testify at this time in this current proceedings.

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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, PERJURY. FOR THE INFORMATION OF BALTIMORE, THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY IN WASHINGTON IS CURRENTLY PRESENTING WITNESSES TO A GRAND JURY RELATIVE TO POSSIBLE PERJURY HAVING BEEN COMMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER. THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY HAS REQUESTED THAT INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING: ONE. IF HE KNEW THE GENERAL CHARLES W. KRAMER COUNSEL OF THE W.P.A. IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN AND NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT, AND IF HE HAD ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THAT OFFICIAL WAS A COMMUNIST. TWO. WHETHER HE EVER ADVISED THAT THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE W.P.A WAS A COMMUNIST. THREE. WHETHER EVER MENTIONED THE NAME ANNA ROSENBERG TO HIM IN CONNECTION WITH COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES. FOUR. WHETHER HE HAD ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING ANNA ROSENBERG IN RESPECT TO COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES. FIVE. WHETHER HE HAD ANY INFORMATION AS TO THE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES OF JAMES MAGRAW WHILE MAGRAW WORKED ON THE WRITER'S PROJECT OF THE W.P.A. SEE URFILE ONE HUNDRED ONE THREE EIGHT ONE TWO, REPORT OF SA FRANCIS X. JAHN DATED DEC. THIRTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY, REPORTING IN INTERVIEW WITH JACOBSON UNDER CONFIDENTIAL SYMBOL. ITEMS THREE, FOUR AND FIVE ABOVE HAVE ALREADY BEEN COVERED. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY DOES NOT KNOW THE

IDENTITY OF THE SOURCE SHOULD BE TOLD THAT THE INTERVIEW IS AT THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, WASHINGTON, WHO

OBTAINED HIS NAME THROUGH HIS COMMENTS CONCERNING 126-486-372

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WILLINGNESS TO TESTIFY UNDER THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ALSO BE OBTAINED. HOWEVER, HE MAY BE SUBPOENED IN ANY EVENT IF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY SO DESIRES. SUBEL MARCH SIX, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE AND THEREAFTER.

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Was the first and only general counsel WPA had. Then informed agent that he recalled seeing Lee Pressman in thirtyfive coming and going in the Walker Dash Johnson Bldg., in Washington, where WPA was quartered, and he assumed Pressman was the general counsel of WPA or one of the assistants to the general counsel. Does not know Charles W. Kramer, and has no personal knowledge that he is or is not a communist, except that believes a Charles W. Kramer was named by Whittaker Chambers in his testimony on Capitol Hill or in the Hiss case wherein Chambers named Lee Pressman, John Abt, and Kramer as members of a communist cell in Washington. Two. Has no specific recollection of ever discussing Charles W. Kramer or Lee Pressman with he points out, however, that he had many conversations with in forty and being at that time under the mistaken impression that Pressman was a former general counsel of WPA he may have discussed Pressman with says he always considered Pressman to be a communist and had he discussed him with he might have well expressed this point. Of William Linden, says he was a very fine person to whom no taint of communism attached, and he would never have told that Linden had any communist connections. Three. Reiterates that never mentioned Anna M. Rosenberg to him in connection with communist activities. Four. Does not know Anna M. Rosenberg personally and has no info from any source associating her with communist activities. Five. Does not know James Magraw.

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PERSONALLY BUT HE HAS A RECOLLECTION THAT A PERSON BY THIS NAME WAS CONNECTED WITH THE WRITERS PROJECT, WPA, NYC, AND WAS A DIRECTOR OR SUPERVISOR OF THE PROJECT. _______ HAS NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE THAT MAGRAW WAS OR WAS NOT A COMMUNIST OTHER THAN THAT AN INFORMANT TOLD HIM EIGHTEEN OR TWENTY SUPERVISORS ON THE WRITERS PROJECT WERE COMMUNISTS OR FELLOW TRAVELERS. _______ SAYS THIS INFORMANT WAS _______ AND THIS INFORMANT EXCLUDED HIMSELF, NAMELY THE INFORMANT AND _______ AS THE ONLY ONES WHO WERE NOT COMMUNISTS OR FELLOW TRAVELERS. FOR THE BUREAU'S CONFIDENTIAL INFO, THIS LAST MENTIONED INFORMANT, WHOM _______ PREFERENCES NOT TO NAME TO THE USA, IS _______ WHO IS DESCRIBED ON PAGE FIVE OF REFERENCED REPORT. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Ladd
FROM: Mr. Rosen

DATE: March 12, 1951

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB

PURPOSE:

To advise of additional requests for investigation received from the Office of the United States Attorney concerning instant matter.

DETAILS:

The United States Attorney's Office has requested:

1. Additional investigation to establish the motive of [ ] for claiming that his mother-in-law gave him $2,100 when in fact she did not according to her statements and the subsequent statements of [ ].

2. To determine whether Freedman promised backing to [ ] to set up a [ ] To do this it was requested, that if feasible, it be ascertained what type of equipment would be necessary for such a venture; that leading manufacturers in this field in New York City be contacted to see if [ ] has approached them to purchase any [ ] and to determine if he suggested to any of these concerns that he was looking for employment in this field.

3. That further inquiries be made to locate any other bank account of Freedman and his wife, the only one located thus far being that found in Philadelphia. The purpose being to locate the account out of which Freedman paid for the printing of the special issue of "Common Sense" dealing with the Rosenberg matter. It was estimated that this issue cost Freedman about $3,500 but no such entry was found in the bank account located. It was suggested that the printing firm be located that handled the printing of this sheet that was published by Conde McGinley at Union, New Jersey. Full details concerning this transaction were requested.

With respect to Conde McGinley he has been described as violently Anti-Semitic, a political agitator, and has been quoted as saying that Hitler had been sent by God to deliver the world from Jews and Communism. McGinley reportedly, after publishing a few copies of the issue of "Common Sense", giving a complete story of Freedman's participation in the Anna Rosenberg affair, refused to allow additional copies to be distributed. Thereafter, according to "Know The Truth," Freedman decided to publish his story in this publication which was
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done on 1-2-51. McGinley has been interviewed by the Bureau on several occasions wherein he has been the victim in alleged extortion matters. He has referred to the Department of Justice, to Bureau Agents, as an organization to protect the Communists as four or five big Jews dictated policy to Tom Clark.

4. That the identity of the International Press be determined, it being noted that Freedman's account showed a payment of $1,080 to this concern on 1-2-51. No interviews were desired unless necessary to ascertain this information. It is noted that 1-2-51 is the date of the issue of "Know The Truth," allegedly put out by Freedman concerning his part in the Rosenberg matter. It is probable therefore that the International Press had something to do with this publication and a review of Bureau files reflect the most logical concern by this name would be that operated by Gustav Kosik, 178 Maple Avenue, Wallington, New Jersey. In 1944 Kosik was interviewed in connection with another matter at which time he advised he was editor, publisher and printer of the International Press and said that he prints numerous small publications on a contract basis. He also reportedly stated at that time that he was not particularly Anti-Semitic and has printed some Jewish papers. Kosik was characterized as an opportunist who would do anything for money.

5. Freedman's account also showed a number of payments to the Benart Mail Service. The identity of this concern was requested. The Bureau indices are negative.

6. Payments were also made by Freedman to one Russell Maguire. It was requested that his identity be ascertained but no interview was desired. Bureau files contain reference to one Russell Maguire who is probably the person referred to although the purpose of such large payments by Freedman to this Maguire are not apparent. This Russell Maguire is President of Maguire Industries Inc., 1437 Railroad Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. He also has offices at 50 5th Avenue, New York City. This Maguire is also the principal stockholder of Thompson Automatic Arms Corporation and the Auto-Ordnance Corporation located at 31 Nassau Street, New York City.

This same Maguire in 1945 had a residence address of Buc-
field Lane, Greenwich, Connecticut and a business address of 80
Broadway, New York City (same as 1 Wall Street). A confidential
source advised that this Maguire's name appeared on the mailing list
of the German Library of Information.

In testifying before the Armed Services Committee concerning
Rosenberg, Freedman mentioned that he had a friend in the Thompson
Machine Gun business. He did not identify this friend. This discussion
was brought out by the Senators because of an old allegation that
Freedman was dealing in arms for the Arabs.
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A Renegotiation Act matter is currently pending concerning the Maguire Industries, Inc.

7. A payment was also made by Freedman on 11-11-50, in the amount of $1,953.51 to Edwards Motors, Inc. The details of this transaction were requested to determine whether Freedman may have bought a car for DeSola.

8. That a copy of the signed statement of Herbert Odza, relating to Freedman's alleged impersonation be furnished to them. This statement contains information to the effect that Freedman told Odza he was going into the Micro Film business. This has been photostated and is being made available to the United States Attorney through the Washington Field Office.

9. The United States Attorney's office was advised by Herman Edelsberg of the Anti-Defamation League that a meeting was held on 1-11-51, at the Jefferson Hotel, Washington, D. C., attended by Senator Joseph McCarthy, one Joseph Levy and others. The United States Attorney has requested that efforts be made to determine if Joseph Levy was in Washington on 1-10, 11, or 12-51, and what he was doing here. It was stated that Levy should not be interviewed.

In connection with the case entitled Anti-Defamation League Material, Special Inquiry, State Department, the Security Investigative Division is currently endeavoring through Levy to determine if Levy has had recent contacts in Washington with the State Department. This may or may not assist in answering the above question. Hence New York and Washington Field are being required to attempt to obtain the desired information.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the attached teletype be approved, directed to New York, Washington Field, and Newark to endeavor to obtain the requested information. It is recommended that Conde McGinley be interviewed at the outset as it is possible that he may have had a falling out with Freedman and if willing to furnish any information could entirely answer or at least provide pertinent leads to items 3, 4, and 5 above.
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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REID CLUB, PERSURY. RE WTO LETTER MARCH SIX AND SEVEN. NEW YORK ENDEAVOR TO ASCERTAIN REQUESTED DATA IN ITEMS ONE, TWO, THREE, AND SIX IN LETTER SEVENTH INSTANT. WITH RESPECT TO ITEM TWO AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO INTERVIEW CONDE MC GILKEY UNLESS CURRENT INFORMATION YOUR POSSESSION INDICATES TO THE CONTRARY. MC GILKEY MAY BE ABLE TO ALSO FURNISH LEADS OR SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OTHER ITEMS IN RELETS. SEE ITEM THREE, BUFLES REFLECT AN INTERNATIONAL PRESS LOCATED AT ONE SEVEN MAPLE AVENUE, WALLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, OPERATED BY GUSTAV AND TESSIE ROSKIE. NEW YORK SEE BUFLE SIXTYPSEVEN DASH ONE TWO FIVE NINE NAUGHT AND NEWARK SEE BUFLE SIXFIVE DASH THREE ONE THREE NINE, REPORT OF SA L. FREDERICK RAYTHORN DATED JULY NINETEEN, FORTY THREE AT NEWARK FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING ROSKIE. TO CONSERVE TIME AND FACILITATE HANDLING NEW YORK IS INSTRUCTED TO HAVE AN AGENT PROCEED TO NEWARK OFFICE AND PROVIDE SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING INSTANT MATTER TO THE SAC AND TO ACCOMPANY NEWARK AGENTS IN THE COVERING OF LEADS IN THIS MATTER SET OUT IN RELETS.

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RESPOND TO AMOUNT OF CHECK DRAWN TO EDWARDS MOTORS ON ACCOUNT OF BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN AT THE PHILADELPHIA BANK MENTIONED IN ITEM THREE D. FRANK PIERCE, SALES MANAGER, EDWARDS MOTORS, ADVISES BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN HAS BROUGHT THIS SAME CAR TO EDWARDS MOTORS FOR SERVICING ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, LAST ON MARCH SEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTYONE.

RE ITEM TWO A, POSSIBLE FURTHER BANK ACCOUNTS OF FREEDMAN.

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FREEDMAN, WHOSE NAME IS TO BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL, ADVISES MRS. FREEDMAN TOLD HER AROUND CHRISTMAS, NINETEEN FIFTY THAT SOME FEDERAL INCOME TAX AGENTS WERE AT HER HOME, THREE HUNDRED CENTRAL PARK WEST, NYC, FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS CHECKING THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, ALLEGEDLY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER FREEDMAN HAD RIGHTLY DECLARED PROFITS, ON INCOME TAX RETURN, REGARDING CERTAIN STOCK TRANSACTIONS. _______ SUGGESTED THAT POSSIBLY THE INTERNAL REVENUE AGENTS WHO MADE THIS CHECK OF FREEDMAN'S BOOKS MAY HAVE ASCERTAINED ALL BANKING CONNECTIONS OF FREEDMAN. ON PRELIMINARY INQUIRY RE ABOVE, MR. J. VIET, INTERNAL REVENUE AGENT IN CHARGE, THIRD NY DIST, NYC, ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, ADVISED THAT ADDRESS THREE HUNDRED CENTRAL PARK END PAGE TWO
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CC: Tom Round

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MARCH 19, 1951

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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, PERJURY. RE NEWARK TEL MARCH FIFTEEN LAST AND WFO LET MARCH SEVEN LAST. CONDE MCGINLEY ADVISED THAT HE KNEW OF ONLY ONE BANK ACCOUNT FOR FREEDMAN AND THAT WAS AT TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST CO., PHILA., PA AND KNEW OF NO BANK ACCOUNTS FOR FREEDMAN'S WIFE. IT WAS MCGINLEY'S RECOLLECTION THAT FIFTY THOUSAND COPIES OF NOVEMBER ONE FIFTY ISSUE OF "COMMON SENSE" WERE PRINTED RATHER THAN TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND COPIES.

SAYS CANNOT ESTIMATE COST OF THIS PRINTING AS FREEDMAN PAID FOR SAME AND WAS EXTRAVAGANT IN PRINTING CHARGES INASMUCH AS HE OFTEN HAD MATERIAL REPRINTED SEVERAL TIMES UNTIL TYPE APPEARED RIGHT. SAID THAT FREEDMAN ORIGINALLY CONTACTED HIM ABOUT MIDDLE OF FORTYEIGHT. DURING THAT YEAR FREEDMAN LOANED MCGINLEY BETWEEN SEVEN THOUSAND AND SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR "COMMON SENSE" WHICH MONEY HAS NEVER BEEN REPAID.

THIS MONEY ADVANCED BY CHECKS DRAWN ON ABOVE PHILA. BANK. IN ADDITION DURING FORTYEIGHT FREEDMAN PAID DIRECTLY TO OTHERS, CERTAIN OTHER EXPENSES FOR "COMMON SENSE" SUCH AS TYPOGRAPHER EXPENSES AND MAILING CHARGES. THAT YEAR FREEDMAN HAD TWO ISSUES PUBLISHED AS REGULAR ISSUES OF "COMMON SENSE" EACH OF WHICH ISSUE WAS COMPRISED SOLELY OF FREEDMAN'S
WRITINGS. FIRST OF SUCH ISSUES WAS ABOUT OCTOBER FORTYEIGHT AND SAID ISSUE DEALT WITH ZIONISM INDICATING THAT SOVIET UNION WOULD GET CONTROL OF OIL IN VICINITY OF ISRAEL IN EVENT OF WAR. THE PRINTING CHARGES FOR THAT ISSUE WERE PAID BY "COMMON SENSE". THEN ABOUT NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER FORTYEIGHT FREEDMAN HAD PUBLISHED A SECOND ISSUE OF "COMMON SENSE" CONTAINING ONLY FREEDMANS WRITINGS. THIS ISSUE WAS PRINTED BY WESTERN NEWSPAPER UNION, A PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT IN PITTSBURGH, PA. AND FREEDMAN PAID THE PRINTING CHARGES DIRECTLY TO SAID COMPANY FOR COST OF PRINTING THAT ISSUE. SAID ISSUE BORE A CAPTION, ARE WE DUPES OR DOPES FOR MARXISM. MCGINLEY HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF ANY MONIES ADVANCED TO, OR EXPENSES PAID FOR, "COMMON SENSE" BY FREEDMAN IN FORTY-NINE AND SAYS FREEDMAN PURCHASED NO ISSUES THAT YEAR FOR FREEDMANS WRITINGS. SAYS DURING FIFTY FREEDMAN LOANED HIM APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR "COMMON SENSE" ALL BY CHECK ON SAME PHILA. BANK. IN ADDITION, FREEDMAN PAID FOR PRINTING OF THREE FULL ISSUES OF "COMMON SENSE" THAT YEAR WHICH ISSUES CONTAINED ONLY FREEDMANS WRITINGS. FIRST OF SUCH ISSUES WAS PUBLISHED DURING FIRST THREE MONTHS OF FIFTY AND SAID ISSUE CONTAINED PICTURE OF WALTER WINCHELL ON FIRST PAGE. SECOND ISSUE WAS END OF PAGE TWO
IN EARLY FALL FIFTY AND CONTAINED CAPTION, YIDDISH ZIONISTS PLOT DEFEAT OF US BY USSR. THIRD ISSUE WAS IN NOVEMBER FIFTY AND THIS ISSUE DEALT WITH ANNA M. ROSENBERG. SAYS FREEDMAN PAID INTERNATIONAL PRESS, INC., WALLINGTON, NJ PRESIDENT OF WHICH IS GUSTAV KOSSIK DIRECTLY FOR PRINTING OF THESE THREE ISSUES. "COMMON SENSE" SENT A COPY OF EACH OF THESE THREE ISSUES TO ALL OF THEIR SUBSCRIBERS. FREEDMAN TOOK REMAINING COPIES PRINTED AND SENT THEM THROUGH A MAIL SERVICE, NAME NOT KNOWN TO MCGINLEY, TO VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS WITH FREEDMAN PAYING FOR ENVELOPES AND POSTAGE. JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS FIFTY FREEDMAN STARTED TO PRINT ANOTHER ISSUE OF "COMMON SENSE" AT INTERNATIONAL PRESS. THIS ISSUE WAS IN EXPLANATION OF FREEDMANS ACTIVITIES IN REGARD TO THE CHARGES WHICH HAD BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST ANNA M. ROSENBERG. MCGINLEY WAS NOT WILLING TO PERMIT THIS ISSUE TO GO OUT AS FREEDMAN HAD WRITTEN IT, SINCE THE ISSUE CONTAINED MATERIAL REFLECTING ON FULTON LEWIS. THEREFORE, MCGINLEY SEIZED ABOUT TWENTY THOUSAND COPIES OF THIS CONTEMPLATED ISSUE WHICH WERE ALL THE COPIES PRINTED AT THAT TIME. MCGINLEY AND FREEDMAN HAD AN ARGUMENT CONCERNING THIS BUT FREEDMAN STILL INSISTED THAT MATERIAL REGARDING FULTON LEWIS APPEAR THEREIN AS HE HAD WRITTEN IT. MCGINLEY REFUSED TO PERMIT THIS ISSUE TO GO OUT UNDER THE NAME "COMMON SENSE" AND FREEDMAN THEN INDEPENDENTLY OF MCGINLEY OR "COMMON SENSE" HAD INTERNATIONAL PRINTING.
PRESS PUBLISH ISSUE JANUARY TWO FIFTYONE OF PUBLICATION "KNOW THE TRUTH." FREEDMAN ALSO PAID INTERNATIONAL PRESS FOR THE TWENTY THOUSAND COPIES OF THE ISSUE OF COMMON SENSE MENTIONED ABOVE WHICH WAS PRINTED BEFORE CHRISTMAS FIFTY BUT NEVER DISTRIBUTED BY "COMMON SENSE."

MCGINLEY HAS RESUMED FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH FREEDMAN. FREEDMAN HAS FURNISHED NO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR HAS NOT BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED WITH "COMMON SENSE" SINCE CHRISTMAS FIFTY. MCGINLEY CANNOT RECALL THE NAMES OF ANY ACQUAINTANCES OR FRIENDS OF FREEDMAN OTHER THAN HALLAM RICHARDSON, AN ATTY PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED THIS INVESTIGATION. DOES NOT KNOW RUSSELL MCGUIRE OR ANY ACQUAINTANCE OF FREEDMAN IN THOMPSON MACHINE GUN BUSINESS. MCGINLEY NEVER MET [REDACTED] SAYS FREEDMAN APPARENTLY DID OWN WRITING AND KNOWS OF NO ONE WHO ASSISTED FREEDMAN IN THIS. ALSO KNOWS OF NO ONE WHO ADVANCES MONIES TO FREEDMAN. BELIEVES HE RECALLS NAME BENART MAIL SERVICE AS FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH FREEDMAN BUT HAS NO DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE THAT FREEDMAN UTILIZED THIS MAIL SERVICE. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF IT DESIRES KOSIK OF INTERNATIONAL PRESS BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING CHECKS DRAWN IN FAVOR OF INTERNATIONAL PRESS BY FREEDMAN WHICH CHECK MIGHT DISCLOSE OTHER BANK ACCOUNTS OF FREEDMAN OR AS TO KNOWLEDGE BY KOSIK OF OTHER ASSOCIATES OF FREEDMAN.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. LADD
FROM: A. ROSEN
SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA
M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB
PERJURY

PURPOSE:
To advise of the additional request for investigation received from the office of USA Fay.

DETAILS:
My memorandum of February 16, 1951, reflected that AUSA Baker advised that a legman for Drew Pearson named Blumenthal had furnished information to Irving Shapiro, an attorney in the Criminal Division of the Department. This information was to the effect that a bell boy at the Congressional Hotel had informed either Drew Pearson or one of his men that on December 5, 1950, he had taken Ed Nellor, a legman for Fulton Lewis Jr., to the room of Gerald L. K. Smith at the Congressional Hotel. At that time, AUSA Baker had requested that we interview this bell boy and obtain a statement from him concerning this matter, but requested that we interview several of the bell boys at the hotel, apparently for the purpose of protecting Drew Pearson's source of information. The Director noted "we will do no such thing." The Washington Field Office was instructed to so advise AUSA Baker, but at the same time inform him that we would be willing to interview the particular bell boy if his name was furnished.

The USA's office has now requested that it be ascertained whether Gerald L. K. Smith occupied a room in the Congressional Hotel during the period November 25 through December 15, 1950, and whether he was visited at the hotel by Donald Surine, former Agent and presently investigator in Senator McCarthy's office, Fulton Lewis Jr., and Edward Nellor. It was also requested that we ascertain whether one Simon Manache and one George Hamour, also known as Alani Hamour, occupied a room at the Jefferson Hotel on January 10, 11, or 12, 1950. If so, the USA requested any background information concerning these persons in the files of the Bureau but stated that they should not be interviewed.

OBSERVATIONS:

The sources of obtaining the desired information concerning the visitors of Gerald L. K. Smith at his hotel room are necessarily limited and in the absence of the name of the particular bell boy.

Attachment

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we would be doing exactly what was initially wanted, namely contacting a number of the bell boys, possibly all of them, before coming to the right one, if in fact a right one does exist. This, of course, is what we previously refused to do.

This being the case, it is felt that in order to be consistent and to avoid being injected further into a squabble between Fulton Lewis Jr., Drew Pearson, the ADL, the Arab League, and Senator McCarthy, but still be in the position of complying with the desires of the USA, we should limit our investigation in this regard to record sources.

It is believed that we should check the register at the Congressional Hotel to see if Smith was registered during the pertinent period and if so, we should obtain access to the record of his phone calls during this period to determine whether the names or phone numbers of any of the pertinent persons appear thereon without disclosing their identity to the management.

Nellor, of course, testified before the Armed Services Committee and at that time denied any personal knowledge of or any type contact with Gerald L. K. Smith. However, neither Lewis nor Suring testified at these hearings and therefore, it is not readily apparent how they can fit into the perjury picture as principals, which again indicates that an effort is being made by Drew Pearson to use the Bureau in furtherance of his personal feuds. The only possible justification for such investigation as is being requested is to establish one great conspiracy hatched and nourished by the persons mentioned and all inferences in this regard have apparently been promoted by either the Anti-Defamation League or Pearson. Based upon the information available to us, neither to date has furnished anything that they seem willing to vouch for as factual information.

With respect to Simon Manache and George Hamour mentioned above, the Security Division is interested in these persons in their case entitled Anti-Defamation League Material, Special Inquiry, Department of State. Simon Manache was carried in that case as Simon Menache, aka, Malley and George Hamour, aka, Allani Hamour, is also known as El Dali. Washington Field Office by teletype dated 2-1-51 to the Bureau and New York City, ascertained in connection with this matter that no Allana Hamour, aka, El Dali was registered at the Jefferson Hotel in January 1951. No check was made, however, concerning Manache or of Hamour under the name of George Hamour. The Washington Field Office teletype stated, however, that the manager recalled no Arabs having recently been in that hotel.
Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to Washington Field Office be approved requesting only a record type of investigation at the Congressional Hotel concerning Gerald L. K. Smith and his visitors as set forth above and also requesting an additional check at the Jefferson Hotel concerning Manache and Hamour, in keeping with the desires of the USA.
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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, PERJURY. RE NEWARK TEL SIXTEENTH INSTANT. DO NOT INTERVIEW KOSIK. USA ONLY REQUESTED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS, WHICH KOSIK OPERATES, BE IDENTIFIED. SUREP INVESTIGATION TO DATE.

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At approximately 10:10 AM, 2/16/51, SA Armbruster of the WFO, advised he had just received a call from Assistant U. S. Attorney Raymond E. Baker, requesting the following investigation:

It seems that a leg-man for Drew Pearson named Blumenthal visited Irving Shapiro, an Attorney in the Criminal Division of the Department who is allegedly assisting the United States Attorney's Office in the presentation of the perjury case in connection with the Rosenberg matter before the Federal Grand Jury, yesterday, February 15. On this occasion, Blumenthal is alleged to have told Shapiro that the bell captain of the Congressional Hotel had advised either Drew Pearson or one of Drew Pearson's men that on December 5, he took Ed Nellor, who is a leg-man for Fulton Lewis, to the apartment in the Congressional Hotel of Gerald L. K. Smith.

The United States Attorney's Office would like to get a statement from this bell captain and they requested that we interview him and obtain a statement from him with regard to Nellor and that we also ask him if he knows Don Purine in Senator McCarthy's Office. However, Baker wants our agents to interview several of the bell hops in the Congressional Hotel so that it will appear that we had no advance information in this matter, the whole setup being apparently to protect Drew Pearson's source of information in the Congressional Hotel.

Of course, as usual they want this investigation conducted today, assigning as the reason for the terrific haste that they intend to subpoena [redacted] before the Grand Jury next Monday, February 19. It is our understanding, based upon information previously furnished by them that they have already had [redacted] before the Grand Jury once. With regard to this request, I see no reason why we should be playing games to protect Drew Pearson's source of information.

Washington Field's letter confirming the telephone call is attached for information.
Mr. Ladd

RECOMMENDATION

If you concur, Mr. Callan will call the WFO and tell them to inform Mr. Baker, Assistant United States Attorney, that if he desires us to interview the bell captain at the Congressional Hotel, we will do so and if he is willing to furnish a signed statement, we will take a signed statement from him but that in so doing, we do not intend to resort to any tricks, artifices, games or acts, and we desire to know before we conduct the interview, the name of the individual we are going to interview, in the event that is available.

We will point out to Mr. Baker that he has his Grand Jury impaneled and that if he has reason to believe this individual has information which would be pertinent to the proceedings of the Grand Jury if he does not desire to go along on the above-mentioned basis, he is always free to subpoena the individual before the Grand Jury.
SAC, Washington Field

February 28, 1951

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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP
OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE
JOHN REED CLUB
PERJURY
(Urfile 77-15073)

Reference is made to your letter of February 11, 1951,
concerning the request of Assistant U.S. Attorney Harold H.
Bacon for copies of what purported to be letters between
Benjamin H. Freedman and Azzan Pasha of the Arab League.

Since this correspondence was furnished the Bureau by
the State Department, this matter was taken up with Mr. ...
Park Armstrong of that Department who advised that the State
Department felt that until instant material is proven authentic
it should not be released to additional channels. You are
instructed to advise Assistant U.S. Attorney Bacon of the
above information and to suggest to him that if he still
desires this information he may wish to take the matter up
directly with Mr. Armstrong.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Ladd
FROM: Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB

PURPOSE:

To recommend that Assistant U.S. Attorney Harold H. Bacon be advised that the State Department will not authorize the release of copies of correspondence between Benjamin H. Freedman and Azzam Pasha, and to suggest that he may desire to take the matter up directly with the State Department.

DETAILS:

You will recall that Assistant U.S. Attorney Harold H. Bacon requested copies of what purports to be letters between Benjamin H. Freedman and Azzam Pasha of the Arab League, for use in connection with the perjury inquiry currently in progress before a Grand Jury in Washington, D.C. Bacon also desired a comment as to the authenticity of these documents.

At the time Bacon requested these documents he stated that Mr. Edelsberg of the Anti-Defamation League had informed him that his organization had submitted copies of this correspondence to the Bureau and the Department of State and that Mr. Armstrong of the Intelligence Branch of the State Department had these documents.

This matter was taken up with Mr. Armstrong by Mr. Roach of the Liaison Section and Armstrong advised that the State Department felt that until the material is proven authentic that it was too risky to be used except in the Government channels that now have it. He also said that he felt that the Department of Defense should also be consulted as some of the material came to the State Department from the Department of Defense.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to Washington Field Office be approved instructing that Mr. Bacon be informed of the State Department's decision and suggesting that he may desire to take the matter up directly with Mr. Armstrong of the State Department.
Office Memorandum

TO: Mr. A. H. Belmont
FROM: Mr. C. E. Heinrich

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB
PERJURY

DATE: February 19, 1951

PURPOSE:

To recommend that our Liaison Section advise Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., of the Department of State that AUSA Harold H. Bacon has requested copies of correspondence between Benjamin H. Freedman and Azzam Fashe of the Arab League, which are contained among the Anti-Defamation League material received from the Department of State. Mr. Armstrong should be asked whether the Bureau should deliver copies of this correspondence to Mr. Bacon.

DETAILS:

A letter received from the WFO dated 2-14-51 and captioned as above advises that AUSA Harold H. Bacon has requested copies of what purport to be letters between Benjamin H. Freedman, concerning whom a perjury inquiry is under way, and Azzam Fashe of the Arab League. You will recall that we have copies of what purport to be a letter from Benjamin H. Freedman to Azzam on December 1, 1950, and concerning Anna M. Rosenberg and a reply from Azzam to Freedman dated December 3, 1950. At the request of the Department of State the Bureau is presently endeavoring to authenticate the ADL material of which these purported letters are a part.

Since our investigation in the ADL case is proceeding as a special inquiry Department of State, it will be necessary to ask Mr. W. Park Armstrong of that department, at whose request the inquiry undertaken, whether he desires the Bureau to make photostatic copies of the purported correspondence between Freedman and Azzam Fashe available to Mr. Bacon.

Mr. Bacon stated he would like to know if the Bureau has made any effort to determine the authenticity of the purported correspondence and if so the results of same. Although no concentrated effort has been made on the correspondence itself, the Bureau has been endeavoring to determine whether the ADL material, consisting of over one hundred pages, is authentic. No positive results have been attained to date.
Concerning the manner in which Bacon became aware of the purported letters between Freedman and Azzam, the following observations may be made.

When Mr. Armstrong called at the Bureau on December 29 to request us to establish if possible the authenticity of the ADL material, he pointed out that Herman Edelsberg of the ADL on December 18, 1950, left with Anna Rosenberg the two letters involved in instant matter. He stated that Marx Leva in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (where Rosenberg is also employed) had received a call from Tris Coffin of Drew Pearson's staff inquiring as to whether the Office of the Secretary of Defense had heard anything indicating that Freedman may have been working with the Arab League on the Rosenberg case.

On January 2, 1951, Edelsberg told Mr. Armstrong that he had unintentionally given Tris Coffin a lead to the fact that he had delivered certain papers to the State Department bearing upon the relationship of Benjamin Freedman and the Arab League. Edelsberg said that he did not believe Coffin had enough information to use and that he, Edelsberg, would be more discreet thereafter.

It is interesting to note that a copy of a purported letter signed by Gerald L. K. Smith and directed to Mr. Freedman on December 5, 1950, was turned over to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice by an employee of Drew Pearson's office. It is interesting to note further that a memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated December 20, 1950, concerning a conversation had with Tris Coffin indicated that Marx Leva had been discussing the perjury angle of captioned matter with Peyton Ford.

From the above, it would appear that AUSA Bacon learned of the purported correspondence between Freedman and Azzam either from Marx Leva or from Drew Pearson's office.

ACTION:

It is requested that Mr. Roach of our Liaison Section immediately advise Mr. Armstrong of the State Department that the
Bureau has been requested to furnish copies of the purported letters between Freedman and Azsam to AUSA Bacon for use in an inquiry looking toward perjury charges against Freedman and as an outgrowth of their testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee in connection with the nomination of Anna M. Rosenberg as Assistant Secretary of Defense. Armstrong should be asked whether the State Department desires that the Bureau make available to Mr. Bacon photostatic copies of the purported correspondence.

Two photostatic copies of the purported correspondence have been prepared in order that they may be referred to the Investigative Division for delivery to Mr. Bacon in the event Mr. Armstrong so instructs.

Staff feels that until material is proven authentic it is too risky to be used except in the Government channels that now have it. Staff also feel that the Dept of Defense also should be consulted as some of the material came to Staff from Defense & thence to the J. B. L. (Rev Mr Armstrong). 2/24/57
LETTER FROM EISAI ATIN POURDAN TO ABDUL RASUL AZIZ, PASA, Dec. 1

Excellency:

After many months of effort, working incessantly and tirelessly, the American Zionists have succeeded in putting in one of the biggest posts in the American administration a fellow traveler full of hatred against the Arab cause and full of sympathy for the Israel Zionists. Thanks to many millions of dollars, the Zionist movement has succeeded in planting a woman, a so-called American, in a post where she will have almost unlimited powers.

The woman in question as you know is Mrs. Rosenberg appointed by General George Marshall, Secretary of Defense, as Assistant Secretary in charge of the mobilization of manpower. As I told you personally two days ago, and you agreed with me - this nomination signified two things:

1) In the military domain there will be no further prospect for the Arab states to get the arms they need to defend themselves against Zionist aggression. 2) In the political domain all efforts on the part of the pro-Arab groups in the State Department and in the Pentagon to win justice for the Arab cause will be defeated.

It should be understood that the significance of this nomination reaches much further than these two misfortunes. The Zionist Morgenthau was one of the most active proponents for the Jewish cause. Mrs. Rosenberg would work in the same direction on Mr. Truman. He is already surrounded by a rotten clique in the pay of the Jews. The plan about which I talked to you two days ago is now taking a more concrete form in my thoughts. This is why I decided to launch a sensational attack against this shocking choice made by Marshall without the prior consent of President Truman. My attack will be based on the right to protest that the Constitution gives us as American citizens. I have in my hands the most convincing proofs to prove that Mrs. Rosenberg is a Communist. Her association with the Communist movement in the U.S. will...
be proved by a friend of mine. I listened and I registered with great pleasure and interest to the judicious advice you gave me on this subject, advice inspired by your long battle against the gangster Zionists. Permit me Excellency to congratulate you and permit me to tell you that with the aid of God and of your judicious assistance I will succeed in generating so much confusion in the minds of the Senate Committee that the nomination of Mrs. Rosenberg will be blocked. It is possible in view of the Zionist pressure on Gen. Marshall, that finally Mrs. Rosenberg will be confirmed. But as long as she lives, her name will be smeared by these startling truths which the American press will shortly have in hand.

I have sacrificed many years of my life, Excellency to smashing the cause so intimately linked to Zionism. I am ready to sacrifice more years because I know positively that my efforts stand a good chance of being crowned with success. I intend to fight to the limit that a Jew Communist sold to the Zionist cause be blocked from getting into a position where she can make us victims of a policy financed by a foreign power.

Excellancy, the aim of my life is to fight by every means I can devise to make sure that no Jewish Zionist influence can dominate the internal and external policies of my country. In this field I extend to you my hand, I know that we understand each other and that we are working toward the same common aim.

If you continue to give me your generous advice I am sure that Mrs. Rosenberg cannot hold out long in such a post. She will then no longer be able to menace the cherished Arab cause dear to the hearts of all those who love justice and human dignity. I intend to fight not only against the nomination of Mrs. Rosenberg, but also against all of those who backed with Zionist money try to dominate the policies of my government. I have, for example, extensive plans to have thrown out an enemy of Arab interests, namely Ben Cohen of the State Department. This stooping individual is one of your
most active enemies at the heart of the UN and believe me when I tell you that his participation in the international affairs of the U.S. government has caused serious harm to the Arab cause which you defend so vigorously.

My plan is to throw out other enemies of your cause inspite of the campaigns against me waged by the Zionist American press, attacks which I expect will be very violent. I will not weaken nor give in. Soon Excellency you will see the fruits of a man who — despite his origin — feels, struggles, fights, persists, and will defend to the end your sacred principles. In this field, I am proud to say that I feel for you not only the respect merited by the honorable post you hold, but also admiration for the efforts you are making to pull down Zionism and its supports at the four corners of the world.

My full devotion, I am yours respectfully,

Benjamin Freedman
December 3, 1950

DEAR MR. FREEDMAN:

It is with profound gratitude mingled with unlimited satisfaction that I have read and reread your letter of December 2. I read it and had it translated for distribution at the Arab League with the indication that it is a notable document. I feel that the fight that you have led and intend to lead to destroy our enemies inspires not only the felicitations of every individual loving liberty and justice but also of all those who have at heart the protection of the rights and the sovereignty of peoples. I have met you many times and I have heard you mentioned by mutual friends. I read some of your appeals both to Cairo and to New York. But permit me to say to you that I was skeptical of your motives and of your intentions until I saw you in action.

It is really regrettable that a Jew representing such an insignificant minority in the U.S. should be appointed to a post of such importance. I understand thoroughly that Jewish movement in the U.S. It is true that the Jewish movement is extremely powerful, both financially and politically, but no matter how important it is, it is inconceivable that a post of such importance should be given to a Jewish agent. A Communist-Zionist, who doubtless will pass on all military secrets to her Soviet and Israeli contacts. I share, I approve, I support entirely and integrally your plan - the points of which you outlined to me personally several days ago and which you gave me in concrete form December 2. In this respect I want to call your attention to the following considerations which are also an expression of the desires of the Arab League which represents 40 million peoples and is supported by 30 million other Arabs, and includes dozens of millions of other Moslems who act and think as we do.

1) We must win in ridding the American Administration of these Jewish
parasites who are infiltrating into the various offices and spreading everywhere this anti-Arabic hatred and this love for the Jews. Your action in regard to the Zionist-Communist Rosenberg is remarkable. You deserve high praise for it. I have great hope that her nomination will be blocked or at least damaged by you and by our numerous friends who think and act in concert with us. This is the only way to destroy the Zionist cause in the U.S. and to smash the influence that 1 to 5 million Jews exercise over more than 150 million Americans. Now? In what way? By what means?

The first answer to these questions comes from your action against Mrs. Rosenberg. But this is not all, because after all, Mrs. Rosenberg is one person. There are hundreds, yes, thousands of Jews working in the State Department, in the White House, at the Treasury, at Commerce, at the Department of Defense, etc., etc. Try therefore to direct your salutary action against those Jews who have important posts in their department. To this end the Arab League is ready to provide you not only moral aid, psychological and political, but also and above all, to give you financial assistance. We know that the triumph of the Arab cause can only be accomplished through the defeat of the Jewish cause in the U.S. We know also that the triumph of the Arab cause is only possible through the extermination of the Zionist agents who have infiltrated everywhere and who dominate so many places in the public, official and civilian life of the U.S.

3) The Arab League is of the opinion that your efforts should also be directed to objectives outside the Administration. I mean by that that the large companies and banks also have much to say in the formation of American policies. I mean also the trade unions of which many members are Zionist agents, well known and prominent. I mean also the big industrial concerns whose contribution to American life is important. What have you done in these fields?

4) To return to Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, I am of the opinion that your campaign should not stop, no matter how much pressure is put on you. Even if
this communist Zionist is appointed to this important job you can still continue the attack her through public pamphlets, the radio, the press, and in a thousand other ways which are within reach of those who want to combat communism in the... Be careful not to raise the religious issue in your campaign and insist exclusively on the red tendencies of the candidate.

In accord with our understanding arrived at in our original conversation you should try to soft pedal racial issues to avoid being accused of race hatred. That Allah be with you dear Mr. Freedman and always see in me a supporter of your efforts merits the respect and the admiration of every Arab from Casablanca to the banks of the Euphrates, may the blessings of Allah the all powerful always fall on you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Abdul Rahman Assan pasha
Director, FBI

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB PERJURY

Reurlet February 24, 1951 captioned as above advising that one Miss Dorothy Hatton, 2107 O Street, N. W., Wesley Hall, Washington, D. C. allegedly has information in her possession concerning Mrs. Rosenberg.

You are instructed to immediately interview Miss Hatton for whatever information she may offer.

RCP: mw
Office Memorandum - United States Government

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: February 24, 1951

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB PER JURY

DANIEL A. HARE, S. J., Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, New York by letter dated February 12, 1951 addressed to Special Employee JOSEPH CREEDEN, advised that Miss DOROTHY HATTON, 2107 O Street, N. W., Wesley Hall, Washington, D. C., had told him that ANNA ROSENBERG, in her opinion, should not be in her present position in Washington and she advised him that she would be willing to discuss the matter with someone from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It appears that she indicated that when ANNA ROSENBERG worked in New York, she was in the "glove district" and she saw and met with a lot of radicals and according to Miss HATTON, ANNA ROSENBERG was one of whom they spoke highly.

Miss HATTON has not been contacted by this office and will not be contacted unless advised to the contrary.

HEF: MLL
Office Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO

DATE: March 8, 1951

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB PERJURY

Rebulet 2/28/51 and WFO letter 2/24/51

You are advised that on 3/6/51 Miss DOROTHY GRACE HATTON, 2107 0 Street, N.W., Wesley Hall, Washington, D.C., was interviewed in the Washington Field Office by Special Agent E. J. Armbruster.

The interview was negative, non-productive, and proved of no value whatsoever, insofar as the present inquiry is concerned. In substance, Miss HATTON advised that in 1939 or 1940 she was a member of an organization known as the Women's Trade Union League, which occupied quarters on Lexington Avenue, near 34th Street, in New York City.

On one occasion, or possibly two, however Miss HATTON is not sure, Mrs. ANNA M. ROSENBERG appeared before this club and made a talk on some subject of interest to the members. Miss HATTON could not recall the subject, although believed it was on some educational matter.

The only thing Miss HATTON recalls is that Mrs. ROSENBERG was held in high esteem by people with communistic leanings or "left of center" as she, HATTON, expressed it. The club, however, was not a subversive organization according to Miss HATTON.

Miss HATTON advised that in 1940 she was employed by the British Ministry of Supply Mission, 37 Wall Street, New York City. She left that agency on 10/1/44 and entered the employ of French North African Mission and General Service Department in Washington, D.C. Subsequently, she accepted employment with Mission of Industrial Production, French Supply Council, 12/1/45 to 7/15/46; French Rubber Association, 7/16/46 to 6/30/47; Office of Commercial Counselor, French Embassy, 2129 Wyoming Avenue, Washington, D.C., from July 1, 1947; is presently employed by the Walker-Goulard-Plehn Company, paper dealers, 1200 - 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

With reference to the so-called "Glove District" mentioned by Miss HATTON, she advised that she worked for a glove manufacturer in Brooklyn prior to 1940 and that, in her opinion, some "radicals" were employed in the factory in which she worked; and some of them had a high regard for Mrs. ROSENBERG. She cannot remember the names of any of the so-called radicals or leaders of these groups.
March 12, 1951

Mrs. Grace Lee Kenyon
36 Sherman Street
Bristol, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Kenyon,

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 5, 1951. Your letter poses a question concerning the fitness of an individual to hold a high public office and, in effect, asks this Bureau to pass upon her qualifications, or at least to express its opinion concerning her worthiness to hold the position she now occupies.

I am sure you will appreciate that it is not the function of this Bureau as an investigative organization to assume such a prerogative. Indeed, upon reflection, the impropriety of its doing so, under our American System of Government, becomes rather apparent.

The responsibility for examining Mrs. Rosenberg's qualifications and for approving or disapproving her for the position she now holds belongs to the United States Senate. That body, after its Committee on the Armed Services had held extensive hearings and had heard both her proponents and her critics and had reviewed written material concerning her, including that to which you allude in your letter, saw fit to confirm her nomination.

I am sure that you will understand the reasons why this Bureau is not in a position to comment concerning the subject matter of your letter.

With regard to the statement which you may read requesting all loyal Americans to refer to this Bureau any information which they may possess concerning persons who seek to undermine and to destroy the American form of Government, this
Mrs. Grace Lee Kenyon  
36 Sherman Street  
Bristol, Connecticut

Bureau does seek your sincere cooperation and I am sure that we may count upon such cooperation from you and from other members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as we have always been able to do in the past.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director
Bristol, Conn
March 3, 1951

My dear Mr. Hoover,

I note from various publications that we are asked to co-operate with you in regard to persons who may be, or are acting in a way that is inimical to the safety of our country. As a Daughter of the American Revolution, this is a subject very near to my heart.

But this time, I am merely going to ask you a question about a woman, holding the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense, namely, Anna M. Rosenberg. Her appointment aroused a great deal of controversy in the country, but it seems to have gone through, nevertheless.

As a frequent contributor to local papers, under my own name, I receive a great deal of mail from various sources, some of it nonsense, much of it illuminating. Recently, I received a copy of Common Sense, containing a lurid account of the activities of the aforementioned Anna. I enclose some of it herewith. It does not make pretty reading.

The point I make is that, were there no truth in these statements, no publication would dare to make them. Yet, in spite of all, there Anna sits, smirking triumphantly, disregarding adverse publicity. Is it any wonder that the American people have lost faith in the decency and honesty of our political leaders?

However, we do have faith in you, and I am hoping for an explanation of the above, which will make sense.

Cordially,

[Signature]

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President Roosevelt, and once for President Truman, and for one month in France, 3 weeks in France; in England during May of last year.

MR. CHAIRMAN. Then you have been here all the time, except when you left on official trips in connection with your duties with the Government?

MRS. ROSENBERG. That is right.

MR. CHAIRMAN. Where were you educated?

MRS. ROSENBERG. In New York City.

The New York Times gives a slightly different version of this history. The illustrious S. J. Woolf interviewed Mrs. Rosenberg when she was sketched by him for an article which appeared in the New York Times Magazine Section in the Sunday New York Times of March 31, 1935, in Section VII on page 18. S. J. Woolf quotes Mrs. Rosenberg as having stated, "After the war I returned (to Europe) and continued my studies there for a short time. Then I came back here and looked for a job." At the time of the appointment when Mrs. Rosenberg was named Acting State Director of the National Emergency Council of the NRA (Blue Eagle) to succeed Nathan Strauss Jr. on September 15, 1935.

We believe that Ralph DeSola stated the truth in his affidavit regarding Anna M. Rosenberg's activities in the Communist organization John Reed Club. We believe the truthfulness of this statement just as we believe Whittaker Chambers when he exposed Alger Hiss and Evelyn Lincoln when she exposed Remington and when Senator McCarthy exposed the Communists in the State Department.

When another Anna Rosenberg was conveniently found but not produced it left us unimpressed. We believe Ralph DeSola in spite of the New Deal White Wash.

DeSola has sent several communications to the Senate Armed Services Committee offering to take the lie-detector test if Anna M. Rosenberg would take it. DeSola states that if Alger Hiss had agreed to take the lie-detector test when Whittaker Chambers offered to take it much effort and expense could have been spared the government and the taxpayers. DeSola still asks to have both himself and Anna M. Rosenberg given the lie-detector test. Will she agree to it?

STATEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN E. RANKIN ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DECEMBER 19, 1950

"If it had not been for the Un-American Activities Committee Alger Hiss probably would be Secretary of State. But to show how the line is being followed, Anna Rosenberg at little Yiddish woman from Hungary, will now become Assistant Secretary of Defense and will have more power over the American people than was ever exercised by any American President. God save America.
ZIONISTS RULE DEFENSE IN WORLD AND U.S.

How does it happen that Zionists, a minority group, occupy the top government positions in the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Rumania, and the Ukraine? How does it happen that Zionists control England's "Labor government" and hold key spots in France?

How does it happen that Zionists control the defense systems of these countries at this time when Marxists are taking over the world?

Write COMMON SENSE for a list of the names of the Zionist rulers.

In the United States, Marx Leva and Anna M. Rosenberg are Assistant Secretaries of Defense under the aged General Marshall, who has yet to remember where he was when the attack was made on Pearl Harbor. Marshall spent 13 months as ambassador to China, forcing Communism on Chiang Kai Chek.

The public has learned how difficult it is to prove Communist affiliations of an important person. The cases of Alger Hiss, Owen Lattimore and William W. Remington, State Department employees, give evidence of this. It is even more difficult in the Rosenberg case, for she is a Zionist.

All that is necessary to prove that Zionists like Herbert Lehman, David Niles, Felix Frankfurter, Marx Leva and Anna M. Rosenberg should not be in government positions is to have an open hearing on Zionism.

As far as Anna M. Rosenberg is concerned, has she ever condemned the Zionists for taking over her native Hungary? Has she condemned the trial, persecution and punishment of Cardinal Mindszenty by the Hungarian Zionist Gerson and other Zionists? Has she condemned Communist aggression and persecution over the world?

Has she opposed Marxism?

Will she condemn these Marxist moves now?

Will she deny that she is anti-Christian?

Should a Marxist Zionist of her kind be in charge of America's manpower?

How did the Communists get our atomic bomb secrets? Three of the five members of the Atomic Energy Committee were Zionists.

ZIONISM CONDEMNED

Fides, the organ of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith published at the Vatican, has denounced Zionism in which the future of Christian interests is condemned.

"Whether spiritually inspired in a 2,000 years' old revenge against Christianity, or whether atheistic or materialistic," the Vatican paper stated, "Zionism—the herald of Communism in the Middle East—will not tolerate in any form the Doctrine of Christ in its land. A feverish nationalism, illumined by the conviction of an extraordinary mission of the Jewish people and sustained by financial means which demonstrate in relation to Israel's size, has
WHITEWASH

When, about three years ago, Rabbi Dr. Joseph Schwad, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Chicago, informed the newspapers of this country that he was going to the Soviet Union in order to investigate the conditions of the Jews, it was generally believed that the object of his visit was to ascertain whether the statements brought by the United States government about the treatment of the Jews in the Soviet Union were correct or not.

But when he returned from his visit, he brought with him a letter from the head of the Jewish community in the Soviet Union, stating that he had been received by the government and that he was told that the conditions of the Jews in the Soviet Union were very good.

This statement was received with a great deal of skepticism, and it was only a short time after his return that the truth of his statements was fully established.

Rabbi Schwad had been in the Soviet Union for a considerable time, and he had had an opportunity to investigate the conditions of the Jews thoroughly.

The fact that he was received by the government and that he was told that the conditions of the Jews were very good was an indication that the statements made by the United States government about the treatment of the Jews in the Soviet Union were not correct.

Since then, the Soviet authorities have been doing everything in their power to improve the conditions of the Jews, and the results of their efforts have been very satisfactory.

In conclusion, it can be said that Rabbi Schwad's statement was true, and that the conditions of the Jews in the Soviet Union are very good.
ANNA M. ROSENBERG

In the Comrade Index to All Sections of Appendix X, of the Bulletin of Representatives Activities Committee Report, on page 893, appears the name "Sidney Hillman" after the name "Sidney Hillman" references to page 200-204, 491, 697, 698, 1631, 1632, 1633, in 1941, 1950.

It appears from every public record Anna M. Rosenberg actually acquired her great influence in the political world through her friendship with Sidney Hillman. The late Sidney Hillman had great political power. Sidney "Ovett-Sidney" Hillman is credited with having been responsible for the selection of Harry S. Truman as Vice-Presidential candidate in the 1944 elections. Sidney Hillman, according to M. Rosenberg, on page 103, was here described as "a Russian business organization which sought the establishment of a Jewish nation in the Near East. It is doubtful if this is a "Russian-Jewish identity." Is there another Sidney Hillman? According to Mrs. Rosenberg's testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee November 28, 1950, Mrs. Rosenberg still was extremely of about 40, in the labor-relations organizational in which until then she has been 66.3% of, and in which she has engaged nearly all her work. In position as Assistant Secretary of Defense 3 Rosenberg has the direct division's authority and distribution of women's affairs in the government.

It will be up to Mrs. Rosenberg to do what she can to organize women in the world. What will be the result of all this activity? To answer any question about it. M. Rosenberg was once asked by the special committee of the Communist Party to do what he could for organization women's activities in any way possible. He replied: "I have no doubt if this is a "Russian-Jewish identity." Is there another Sidney Hillman? According to Mrs. Rosenberg's testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee November 28, 1950, Mrs. Rosenberg still was extremely of about 40, in the labor-relations organizational in which until then she has been 66.3% of, and in which she has engaged nearly all her work. In position as Assistant Secretary of Defense 3 Rosenberg has the direct division's authority and distribution of women's affairs in the government.

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WASHINGTON FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 2 6:25 P.M.

DIRECTOR URGENT

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB.

PERJURY. REURLET MARCH TWENTY TWO LAST, INQUIRY AT JEFFERSON HOTEL NEGATIVE.

RECORDS AT CONGRESSIONAL HOTEL INDICATE THAT GERALD L. SMITH OCCUPIED A ROOM NOVEMBER TWENTY EIGHT FIFTY TO DECEMBER NINE FIFTY. RECORD OF PHONE CALLS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL LATER THIS WEEK ON ACCOUNT OF HAVING FILED AWAY IN STORAGE AND UNABLE TO SPARE A CLERK UNTIL LATER THIS WEEK. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED UP. USA HAS BEEN ADVISED. NO OTHER LEADS PENDING AT THIS TIME.

USA FAY HAS ASSIGNED USA CECIL HEFLIN TO ASSIST USA BAKER IN THIS MATTER. THE USA EXPECTS TO REVIEW ALL ANGLES COVERED TO DATE BY G. J. AND FBI REPORTS. MAY POSSIBLY SUGGEST OTHER LEADS. IF SO WILL CONFIRM IN WRITING.

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On April 3, 1951, Assistant United States Attorney, R. E. BAKER, advised that he had completed a review of all requests made of the Bureau in this matter and believes that two items have not been covered or completed, as follows:

In the United States Attorney's letter of February 8, 1951 (Item 2), Mr. BAKER stated that he would like to know whether the FBI had a file on ____________ and BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN. If so, he would like to examine this file for any pertinent information concerning these individuals.

By letter dated February 14, 1951, the United States Attorney requested that Miss RENAL'T-LÉGANT, Secretary to GERALD L. K. SMITH, be interviewed to determine whether the carbon of the letter attached to his communication is in existence and, if so, where. According to information received by United States Attorney the carbon copy is, or was, in GERALD L. K. SMITH's files in Washington, D. C.

The same letter also requested that Miss LÉGANT be asked whether BENJAMIN H. FREEDMAN, DONALD SURINE, of Senator MCARTHUR's Office, or EDWARD NELLOR, of FULTON LEWIS, JR.'s Office, visited Mr. SMITH at the Congressional Hotel during late November or early December, 1950 and, if so, how frequently.

Inquiry at the Congressional Hotel subsequently failed to reveal that Miss LÉGANT was registered at this hotel during this period. However, at the time this information was brought to the attention of Mr. BAKER, he requested that no further investigation be made at that time. He now desires that the Bureau conduct the necessary investigation to locate Miss LÉGANT and appropriately interview her.

On March 5, 1951, the United States Attorney, by letter, requested in the last paragraph thereof that the Bureau attempt to ascertain whether or not Mrs. ANNA M. ROSENBERG acted as a mediator in a dispute between two factions of the Union of the Writers Project of the Works Progress Administration in New York City, alleged to have been held in May of 1936.

On March 7, 1951, the Bureau was advised by the WPO that the United States Attorney informed that a check of the WPA records should be held in abeyance and that no action be taken unless advised to the contrary.
It now appears that the United States Attorney wishes to have this request covered, if possible.

On April 4, 1951, Assistant United States Attorney, BAKER, telephonically contacted this Office and requested that the reason for not carrying out his request of February 14, 1951 be answered in writing. At the time this request was made the Bureau advised the Assistant SAC, telephonically, that Mr. BAKER should be informed that the Bell Captain of the Congressional Hotel would be interviewed and a statement obtained from him, if possible. However, the Bureau advised that the WFO was not to resort to any subterfuge by interviewing various bell boys in order to protect the Bell Captain. This information was verbally brought to the attention of Assistant United States Attorney, BAKER, on February 17, 1951, who then stated that he did not wish that the Bell Captain be directly interviewed.

No action will be taken on any of the above requests by the WFO unless and until advised by the Bureau.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, HQ
SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG
      ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP IN JOHN REED CLUB
      SPECIAL INQUIRY
      (File 126-486)

DATE: February 15, 1951

There is attached hereto a letter dated February 14, 1951 from
the United States Attorney, GEORGE NORRIS FAY, together with a copy of
a letter bearing the date "December 5" and signed "GERALD L. K."

The investigation requested in the letter of the United States
attorney to interview RENALTA LeGANT will be held in abeyance until
instructions are received as to whether or not this investigation should
be conducted.

(2) Copy of letter signed "GERALD L. K."

77-15072

ENCL.
February 14, 1951

Special Agent in Charge
Washington Field Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: Grand Jury Investigation into
Possible Federal Perjury Statute
Violations Growing out of Hearings
on Confirmation of Anna N. Rosenberg.

Dear Sir:

There is attached herewith a purported copy of a letter signed
Gerald L. K., directed to Mr. Ben H. Freedman, dated December 5.
This copy was turned over to Mr. Shapiro, Criminal Division, Depart-
ment of Justice, by Fred Blumenthal on February 14, 1951. Mr.
Blumenthal is an employee of Drew Pearson. Gerald L. K. Smith is
supposed to have represented two persons acting for Drew Pearson
that the carbon copy of the original of this letter is in his
(Smith's) files in Washington. We would like to have Miss Renalta
LeGant, secretary to Gerald L. K. Smith, interviewed to determine
whether the carbon copy of the attached letter is in existence,
and if so, where.

Miss LeGant is supposed to be at the Congressional Hotel in Washing-
ton, D. C. If she is not there, it is hoped she can be located
wherever she is.

Miss LeGant should also be asked whether Benjamin Freedman, Donald
Surine, of Senator McCarthy's office, or Edward Maller, of Fulton
Lewis, Jr.'s office visited Mr. Smith at the Congressional Hotel
during late November or early December 1950, and if so, how fre-
quently. For the information of the agent who will interview Miss
LeGant, the attached letter was supposed to have been given by
Smith to either Surine or Maller as a letter of introduction to
Freedman, to enable those two men to talk to

concerning the Rosenberg nomination.
Since Surine is to appear before the Grand Jury investigating this matter on the 20th of February, 1951, it is hoped that this information can be made available prior to that time.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE MORRIS FAY
United States Attorney
December 5

Tuesday

Dear Mr. Freedman:

Congratulations on the terrific job you are doing in helping to keep the Zionist Jew Anna H. Rosenberg from becoming the dictator of the Pentagon. This is to introduce two gentlemen who are helping us in this fight. One is the bearer of this note. I understand he is Mr. Neller, the chief aide to Mr. Fulton Lewis. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Neller should be treated very kindly. You should give them any information that will help them, because Mr. Lewis is doing a magnificent job in the Rosenberg matter.

Please destroy this upon reading it.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten Signature]

P.S. The bearer and Mr. Neller are flying up.
TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Transmit the following message to:

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APRIL 6, 1951

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON FIELD (BSM)

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CC - WASHINGTON FIELD (BSM)

RSP: ERC

SENT VIA 10:05 PM Per
The letter dated December five (nineteen fifty) is quoted as follows:

Quot congratulation on the terrific job you are doing in helping to keep the Zionist Jew Anna M. Rosenberg from becoming the dictator of the Pentagon. This is to introduce two gentlemen who are helping us in this fight. One is the bearer of this note. I understand he is Mr. Neller, the chief aide to Mr. Fulton Lewis. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Neller should be treated very kindly. You should give them any information that will help them, because Mr. Lewis is doing a magnificent job in the Rosenberg matter. Please destroy this upon reading it. Sincerely yours, Gerald L. K. Unquote. The dictator's initials are GNS and stenographer's initial L. A P.S. on the letter stated quote the bearer and Mr. Neller are flying up unquote. The USA has requested that Smith's secretary Renata Le Gant be interviewed to determine if the carbon copy of this letter is in existence and if so, where; also to determine from her if Freedman, Donald Suhine, of Senator McCarthy's office, or Edward Neller, employee of Fulton Lewis, Jr., visited Smith at the congressional hotel in Washington in late November or early December, nineteen fifty and if so, how frequently. Renata Le Gant appears identical with Renata Le Gant, former CI your office who has discontinued December, nineteen fortyfive. Ruviles reflect last known address as four three
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REPORTED.

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NEW YORK 66 FROM WASH DC 6 10-05 PM

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DE WFO ADVISED

END ACK PLS

WA R-66 NYC ECJM
Miss Gandy:

I called Mr. Nichols last night regarding the wire to Detroit, New York and WFO on the Allegation of alleged membership of Anna M. Rosenberg in the John Reed Club, Perjury.

He asked that he see the yellow of the wire in the morning. He was furnished with the substance.
February 8, 1951

Special Agent in Charge
Washington Field Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

In re: Grand Jury Investigation into
Possible Federal Perjury Statute
Violations Growing out of Hearings
on Confirmation of Anna M. Rosenberg.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above referred to matter, we request your assistance in further investigation and on February 7, we orally requested the following information from Mr. Edward J. Armbruster of your office:

1. To investigate any bank account of [name] and Benjamin Freedman for activity during November and December of 1950 and January of 1951.

2. Whether the F.B.I. has an independent file on [name] Benjamin Freedman, Walt Carmine, Sam Eastman, and The John Reed Club.

It is requested that we be allowed to make certain oral requests for investigation to Mr. Armbruster to be subsequently confirmed by memorandum.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE MORRIS FAY,
United States Attorney

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April 30, 1951

Mrs. Henry A. Gallagher
6440 Overbrook Avenue
Philadelphia 31, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Gallagher:

Thank you for writing as you did on April 25, 1951. Your kind comments are indeed appreciated.

I must advise that it has long been our procedure to refrain from making any comment on such matters as you referred to in your communication.

The function of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as an investigating agency is to develop facts and we have no jurisdiction with respect to clearances, or prosecutions, the latter being within the purview of the U. S. Department of Justice.

I feel certain that you will agree with this procedure and will also understand the very sound reasons why this Bureau cannot and will not pass on or comment concerning such matters.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Indices negative re Mary S. Gallagher and Mrs. Henry A. Gallagher
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director.
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

All my friends are asking the following questions:

If Anna M. Rosenberg is not a Communist, why have not her accusers been brought to trial.

Why have not any pictures of the alleged other Mrs. Rosenberg been published?

All of also believe that a woman (especially a foreign born woman like her who has been steeped neck deep in the slime of the New Deal) should not be given the post of Assistant Secretary of Defense.

You are one of the few men in Washington today in whom we have any faith, and I pray every day that God will continue to guide you in your magnificent service to our beloved country.

Most sincerely yours,

Mary S. Gallagher

(Mrs. Henry A. Gallagher)
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Transmit the following message to: SAC, LOS ANGELES

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SUTHERLAND AND SUREP.

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HOOVER

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RSP: M.C. 126-486-396

cc-Washington Field (BSM) (Info)
cc-New York City (Info)
ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, PERJURY. RETEL DETROIT TO LA APRIL TEN LAST. REQUEST CLARIFICATION REFERENCED TELETYPE. WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE ADVISE NAME OF INDIVIDUAL AGAINST WHOM PERJURY INDICTMENT CONSIDERED AND PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW WITH CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, ADVISES IMPOSSIBLE TO INTERVIEW WITHOUT SUBSEQUENT KNOWLEDGE OF SMITH, BUREAU ADVISE IF INTERVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED WITH UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.
February 12, 1951

Special Agent in Charge
Washington Field Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

In re: Grand Jury Investigation into
Possible Federal Perjury Statute
Violations Growing out of Hearings
on Confirmation of Anna H. Rosenberg.

Dear Mr.:

In connection with this inquiry, Mr. Drew Pearson, Washington Columnist, contacted and had a conference with Mr. James McInerney, Assistant Attorney General at which conference he stated that he had a copy of a purported letter, dated approximately December 5, 1950, written by Gerald L. K. Smith to Benjamin H. Freeman introducing Mr. Surine and Mr. Nollor to Mr. Freeman.

He also stated that he had information that a bellboy employed by the Congressional Hotel in Washington, D. C., would state that he took Mr. Edward Mallor up to Gerald L. K. Smith's room in the Congressional Hotel on more than one occasion on or before December 5, 1950. In connection with this information, I would ask that Mr. Pearson be interviewed either by phone or personal interview to get a statement on his knowledge of these facts and particularly, the name of the bellboy referred to above.

It would be helpful for you, in interviewing Mr. Pearson, if it could be ascertained as fully as he would divulge, the authenticity of the copy of the letter he purported to have referred to above. The agent should attempt to obtain from Mr. Pearson, a copy of the letter referred to above.

It is requested that this matter be expedited as to is presently before the grand jury.

Very truly yours,

s/ George Morris Day
United States Attorney
SAC

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SUTEL AND SUREP.

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HOLD PLS
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

April 12, 1951

Transmit the following message to:

SAC's, NEW YORK
WASHINGTON FIELD (BSM)

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ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA W. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB, PERJURY, RE NEW YORK TEL ELEVENTH, INSTANT. REQUEST ______ TO KEEP HIS FATHER, ______ APPRAISED OF HIS WHEREABOUTS SO CAN BE CONTACTED IF NECESSARY. WASHINGTON FIELD ADVISE USA OF INFORMATION.

RETEL.

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cc Washington Field (By Special Messenger)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Per
ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN.

ALLEGATION OF ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF ANNA M. ROSENBERG IN THE JOHN REED CLUB., PERJURY. REBUTEL APRIL NINTH, FIFTY ONE, AND REPORT OF SA JAMES P. MARTIN, FEB. TWENTY SIXTH, FIFTY ONE, AT NY.

TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE INTENDS TO LEAVE NYC SATURDAY, APRIL FOURTEENTH FIFTYONE, FOR A TRIP TO THE SOUTH, SOUTHWEST AND FAR WEST, AS MENTIONED ON PAGE SIX OF RERP. WILL BE GONE APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AND DESIRES TO BE COOPERATIVE IN EVENT BUREAU WOULD WANT TO CONTACT HIM FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING DURING HIS TRIP.

SAYS ITINERARY WILL ROUGHLY CORRESPOND TO THAT PREVIOUSLY GIVEN, AS MENTIONED IN RERP. SUGGEST THREE POSSIBILITIES FOR CONTACT.

ONE, WILL KEEP HIS FATHER, OF NYC, APPRISED OF HIS WHEREABOUTS AND CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH HIS FATHER. TWO, WILL CONTACT GENERAL POST OFFICES AT LARGE CITIES ON HIS TRAVEL ROUTE SO THAT BUREAU CAN ADDRESS LETTER TO HIM FOR REQUESTED CONTACT.

THREE, WILL CONTACT ANY SPECIFIED FIELD OFFICES OF BUREAU ALONG ROUTE TO ASCERTAIN IF BUREAU DESIRES FURTHER INTERVIEW. SAYS WILL DO ANY ONE OF THE ABOVE, BUT DOES NOT DESIRE TO DO ALL THREE. ALSO
REQUESTED THAT USA AT WASHINGTON, DC, BE ADVISED OF CONTemplated TRIP SO THAT ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS THAT USA MIGHT HAVE IN MIND COULD BE ASKED OF PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. BUREAU REQUESTED TO SUGGESTIONS RE ABOVE. REBUTEL.. DICTATED REPORT CONTAINS BACKGROUND INFO ON RUSSELL McGUIRE AND JOSEPH LEVY, INCLUDING PROBABLE ADDRESS OF LATTER.

SCHENIDT

SSFF

END

NY R 27 WA RD
April 23, 1951

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA LIAISON

Honorable George C. Marshall
The Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

An anonymous communication was recently received by this Bureau from Geneva, Switzerland, in which an allegation was made to the effect that Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, "is a crypto-communist," and that she is betraying state secrets to Moscow. The communication further pointed out that it "will not be easy to confound her, but the welfare of the USA and of the world demands it."

This communication was signed "BOA" and was captioned "Benevolence Organization Anti-Bolshevique."

No information appears in the files of this Bureau relative to this organization and the Central Intelligence Agency has advised that it has no information identifiable with the above-mentioned organization.

No further action is contemplated in connection with this matter by this Bureau.

The above is being furnished for your information.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,
NEW YORK 57 FROM WASH D C 12 646 PM

SAC DEFERRED

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WA R 57 NYC REOT
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO
SUBJECT: ANNA M. ROSENBERG
       ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP IN JOHN REED CLUB
       SPECIAL INQUIRY
       (Bureau File 126-486)

DATE: February 14, 1951

You are advised that at 10:30 A.M., February 13, 1951,
AUSA HAROLD H. BACON telephonically contacted the Washington
Field Office and stated that he would like to have the Bureau
secure the following additional information and documents:

1. Correspondence between BENJAMIN E. FREEDMAN and
   ASHAM/PASHA.

   Mr. BACON believes that the correspondence was
delivered to the FBI and the State Department by the Anti-Defamation
League in January, 1951, according to his information.

   Photostatic copies of this correspondence will suffice.

2. Mr. BACON also stated that he would like to know
   if the Bureau has made any effort to determine the authenticity
   of the correspondence, and if so the results of same.

   He believes that the person to whom the copies of
   correspondence was sent to in the State Department was a Mr.
   ARMSTRONG, Chief of Intelligence.

   Mr. BACON advised that he would confirm this request in
   writing to the Washington Field Office.

   Mr. BACON was informed that his request would be
   immediately referred to the Bureau and that no action would be
   taken on same unless and until authorized by the Bureau.
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