TO: Director, FBI (65-59184)
FROM: SAC, New York (65-15301)
SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN, was ESPIONAGE - IS

Rebulet 7/16/53. Enclosed herewith are the original and four copies of report of SA at NY dated containing information re the subject's activities in connection with the case.

As pointed out in rebulet, dissemination in the Case is being deferred and information in this regard is not to be made available to outside agencies without prior Bureau authority.

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**TITLE**

NAHUM BERNSTEIN, was

**CHARACTER OF CASE**

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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Webster recording machine purchased consigned to Silver and Bernstein. Informant advised firm of Silver and Bernstein has represented Prudential Insurance Co. in general litigations, but has never handled matters which would require use of technical equipment. Silver and Bernstein has never purchased technical equipment for Prudential Insurance. Messenger delivered recording tape to an employee of Prudential. Informant advised offices of Silver and Bernstein contain all types of technical equipment.

- of known reliability, advised that purchased three Webster recording machines from New York City. The informant advised that one of these machines was consigned to the firm of Silver and Bernstein.

- of known reliability, advised that is believed to be associated in some unknown capacity with the Prudential Insurance Company.

- of known reliability, an individual who is familiar with the Prudential Insurance Company, Newark, New Jersey, advised that the law firm of Silver and Bernstein has been employed on a fee basis to represent the Prudential Insurance Company in connection with general litigation work. The informant further stated that the

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firm has also been engaged at times with respect to labor cases by the Prudential Insurance Company when it was found necessary to resort to litigations. The informant stated that instant law firm has never handled any matters in the past for Prudential, nor is it handling any matters at the present time which would necessitate the use of any technical equipment whatsoever.

Further stated he is positive none of the members or associates of this firm have purchased any technical equipment for the Prudential Insurance Company. Went on to say that approximately seven or eight years ago was connected in some manner with the firm of Silver and Bernstein. The informant stated that is still closely associated with Bernstein, although the subject has an office of his own and is apparently no longer connected with the firm. The informant pointed out, however, that there is a possibility that is still connected with Bernstein but has a separate office in which to handle certain cases.

The informant recalled that the law firm of Silver and Bernstein was originally employed by the Prudential Insurance Company to represent the latter company in connection with the following situation:

The agents of the Prudential Insurance Company who were members of an organized union went on strike against the company and thereafter Prudential issued a brochure or a book concerning this union, parts of which alleged that the union was connected with or infiltrated by Communists. As a result, Prudential was sued by the union and according to the firm of Silver and Bernstein was retained to defend the company.

Previously mentioned, further advised that had a messenger pick up a parcel at the Harvey Radio Company, which was subsequently delivered. The informant advised that this parcel consisted of tape used in a Webster wire recorder.
advised that [ ] is a long-time employee of Prudential Insurance Company.

According to [ ], would have occasion for frequent and repeated contacts with the law firm of Silver and Bernstein in connection with matters which this firm might be handling for Prudential. The informant emphasized, however, that there would be no occasion in connection with official capacity for him to have any use for any technical equipment whatsoever.

[ ] stated he knew of no basis for any connection or association between [ ] other than that set out above. [ ] also advised that the law firm of Silver and Bernstein at 20 Pine Street, New York City, is equipped with all types of technical equipment.

[ ] of known reliability, advised that a checking account was opened at the Rye National Bank on February 27, 1953.

Nahum Bernstein, an attorney with the firm, Silver and Bernstein, 20 Pine Street, New York City. This account, according to the informant, reflects that on May 1, 1953 a deposit was made.

This deposit was made up of a check from Hallgarten and Company, a check from the Bankers Federal Savings and Loan Association, and a check of the Chase National Bank. All three checks were dated April 30, 1953, New York City.

As of July 1, 1953 there was a balance of [ ] having been made to Nahum Bernstein in May and June of this year. A deposit was made on July 2, 1953. It was ascertained that this amount was a check of Hallgarten and Company drawn on the National City Bank of New York (check number [ ] made on June 30, 1953.
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Because of the latter deposit, the account as of July 24, 1953 showed a balance. Approximately twenty-six checks were drawn on this account during the months of May, June, and July, ranging from $1.63 to $350. None of these withdrawals appeared to be pertinent to this investigation.

It is noted that Hallgarten and Company is a stock brokerage firm located at 44 Wall Street, New York City, New York.

The information furnished is not to be made available except in a proper legal proceeding only after issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

There is no account at the bank in the name of NAHUM BERNSTEIN.

Of known reliability, advised that a review of the available records for the accounts of Silver and Bernstein, NAHUM BERNSTEIN at the Chase National Bank, New York City, for the months of January through July, 1950, failed to reflect any withdrawals from these accounts.

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At New York, New York

will continue to report any activity on the part of the subject with relation to the New York case.

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Will continue to follow activities of subject in an effort to determine any activities indicating that the subject is active in connection with.

REFERENCE: Report of SA New York, dated 7/30/53
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Localities
Birthday & Place: 09/22/53

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DATE: September 6, 1953
TO: Mr. John N. Horan
    Acting Director
    Office of Security
    Department of State
    515 22nd Street, N. W.
    Washington, D. C.
FROM: John Edgar Hoover, Director
      Federal Bureau of Investigation
SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

This investigation was instituted in March, 1953, upon receipt of information from a reliable source that certain technical operations had been conducted in New York City in the early part of 1948 by or on behalf of the Israeli Intelligence Service. This activity consisted of the operation of two technical surveillances, the first being a recording device installed in the trunk of an automobile utilized by

The other consisted of two microphones concealed in a suite at the Hotel McAlpin, New York City, occupied by

These operations were under the control of an attorney who directed the operations from his office

Our investigation has disclosed that the operations which Lester headed were conducted by a complete and highly organized network.
Our investigation has further established that an additional technical surveillance was maintained by members of this same group in 1947. This surveillance consisted of a transmitter installed in the trunk of a car utilized in travelling which broadcast conversations through concealed microphones to individuals monitoring the conversation in another automobile following at a distance from which they could not be observed.

It is not known to date whether and/or his group are presently involved in any such technical operations. There is no evidence to date that this group has been, or is, involved in any espionage against the United States purchased three-wire recording machines, the significance of which is unknown as yet.

This Bureau has under active investigation cases on the individuals hereinafter listed who participated in the aforesaid operations. The reports concerning these individuals are enclosed for your information as indicated below their names:

Report of Special Agent dated
August 19, 1953, at Newark, New Jersey.
Report of Special Agent dated
Report of Special Agent dated
July 20, 1953, at Newark, New Jersey.
Report of Special Agent dated

Report of Special Agent dated
August 6, 1953, at New York, New York.
Report of Special Agent dated
June 2, 1953, at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent dated
Report of Special Agent dated
Report of Special Agent dated


Report of Special Agent dated August 14, 1953, at Salt Lake City, Utah.
Report of Special Agent dated July 15, 1953, at Newark, New Jersey.

Report of Special Agent dated July 31, 1953, at Newark, New Jersey.

Report of Special Agent dated July 28, 1953, at Omaha, Nebraska.
Report of Special Agent dated July 14, 1953, at Newark, New Jersey.
Report of Special Agent dated June 22, 1953, at St. Louis, Missouri.

Report of Special Agent dated May 29, 1953, at Kansas City, Missouri.
Report of Special Agent dated August 10, 1953, at San Diego, California.
Report of Special Agent dated June 17, 1953, at Boston, Massachusetts.
Report of Special Agent dated

Report of Special Agent dated

Report of Special Agent dated

Report of Special Agent dated
August 20, 1953, at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent dated

Report of Special Agent dated

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa.

Report of Special Agent dated

Report of Special Agent dated
July 28, 1953, at Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent dated

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, New York City Detective Who Assisted
in Installation of Technical at Hotel McAlpin - 1948

Report of Special Agent dated

Report of Special Agent dated
July 10, 1953, at Baltimore, Maryland.

Report of Special Agent dated
June 29, 1953, at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent dated
June 9, 1953, at Baltimore, Maryland.

Report of Special Agent dated
June 8, 1953, at Chicago, Illinois.

Report of Special Agent dated

Report of Special Agent dated
May 6, 1953, at New York, New York.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT.

Report of Special Agent dated
August 16, 1953, at New York, New York. (Photostat)
The investigation of the subjects involved in this case is continuing and reports received in the future in this matter will be furnished to you.

It is requested that this information and the data set forth in the enclosed reports not be disseminated beyond your Department and that such dissemination within your Department be restricted to those officials having need for such information in the performance of their duties.

Enclosure
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Our investigation has disclosed that the operations which Lester headed were conducted by a complete and highly organized network.

Our investigation has further established that an additional technical surveillance was maintained by members of this same group in 1947 on an Arab official accredited to the United Nations. This surveillance consisted of a transmitter installed in the trunk of a car in travelling between his New York hotel and United Nations headquarters, which broadcast conversations through concealed microphones to individuals monitoring the conversation in another automobile following at a distance from which they could not be observed.
It is not known to date whether [redacted] and/or his group are presently involved in any such technical operations. There is no evidence to date that this group has been, or is, involved in any espionage against the United States, [redacted] has, however, purchased three wire recording machines, the significance of which is unknown as yet. (X)(M)

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Report of Special Agent dated June 30, 1953, at Newark, New Jersey.


Report of Special Agent dated August 14, 1953, at Salt Lake City, Utah.


Report of Special Agent dated July 15, 1953, at Newark, New Jersey.


Report of Special Agent dated July 31, 1953, at Newark, New Jersey.

Report of Special Agent dated July 28, 1953, at Omaha, Nebraska.
Report of Special Agent dated July 14, 1953, at Newark, New Jersey.
Report of Special Agent dated June 22, 1953, at St. Louis, Missouri.


Report of Special Agent dated May 29, 1953, at Kansas City, Missouri.
In addition, the following reports are furnished concerning the connections of Nahum Bernstein with the afore-mentioned Israeli intelligence group. You have previously been furnished reports on the Bernstein case:

Report of Special Agent dated
August 20, 1953, at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent dated
The investigation of the subjects involved in this case is continuing and reports received in the future in this matter will be furnished to you.

In connection with this matter, you may desire also to refer to your communication of August 26, 1953, captioned Internal Security Act of 1950, Espionage - IS, Registration Act, your reference WC:JFR:tm, and to my communication in the case dated August 29, 1953, since that case and instant case both concern the operations of the Israeli Intelligence Service.

You are requested to advise whether any of the individuals mentioned in the enclosed reports are in violation of any federal statutes.

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ESPIONAGE - IS ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED CLASSED DECLASSIFY ON 25X

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

- advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN was in contact with "Israel Speaks," and other contacts of subject set forth. Results of check of bank account set forth. - P -

**DECLASSIFY ON: (CONFIDENTIAL)**

**On July 30, 1953 a source of known reliability, advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN was in contact with a subject who had a business discussion in which it was pointed out that the subject was to receive stock in a fountain pen corporation for acting as an attorney. He was unable to identify the company under discussion.

**On July 6, 1953 a source stated that the subject and his wife, MARINA BERNSTEIN, planned to meet on July 7, 1953.**

**On July 27, 1953 a source advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN was in contact with another subject who advised that he understood the subject was going on vacation on the following date.

**Interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI on September 25, 1953, advised that "Israel Speaks" and that he was leaving the United States that date.**
also learned that NAHUM BERNSTEIN and his wife, MAXINE, departed from the United States on July 28, 1953 for a two week tour of the Caribbean islands and that they returned home August 13, 1953.

was in contact with the subject on July 27, 1953, and advised the subject that he had a little problem he wanted to discuss with him. stated that he would take up the problem inasmuch as the subject was leaving town. The informant advised that did not state specifically what this problem was.

of known reliability, made available information concerning the accounts of Silver and Bernstein and NAHUM BERNSTEIN. The August 31, 1953 balance for NAHUM BERNSTEIN's personal account was There were no checks drawn on this account which appeared pertinent to this investigation.

The Silver and Bernstein business account—a special checking account, showed a balance of on August 3, 1953, and as of August 8, 1953 this balance was The Silver and Bernstein regular account, as of August 31, 1953 showed a balance of There were no checks drawn on Silver and Bernstein accounts which appeared pertinent to this investigation.

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of known reliability, advised that the subject was in contact with the following individuals and organizations during June, July and September, 1953, at his office, 20 Pine Street, New York City.

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Date       Individual or Organization
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                P.O. Drawer
                594., Newark 1, New Jersey

July 15, 1953   "Israel Speaks"
                34 Park Row
                New York 38, New York

July 17, 1953

July 18, 1953   Material for Israel
                250 West 37th Street
                New York City

September 17, 1953   The Committee Celebration 3,000th Anniversary
                    of Jerusalem
                    120 Broadway
                    New York 5, New York

September 21, 1953   The Embassy of Israel
                    Washington, D.C.
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DIRECTOR, FBI 10/1/53
INTERVIEWED SEPTEMBER TWENTYONE.
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[Handwritten note: SIGNATURE]
BALEMORE AND RECEIVED Long DISTANCE CALL FROM BERNSTEIN WHO REQUESTED HIM AID ISRAELIS. SUBSEQUENTLY, IN PERSONAL INTERVIEW IN BERNSTEIN'S LAW OFFICE IN NYC WAS TOLD THAT PRIVATE BRITISH INDIVIDUALS WITH OIL INTERESTS IN ARABIA WERE SUPPLYING ARABS WITH MUNITIONS. WAS TO SET UP EXPORT DASH IMPORT BUSINESS NYC AS COVER IN ORDER REPORT ON THIS ACTIVITY. WAS INTRODUCED AND HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH BERNSTEIN.
ISRAELI AGENTS KNOWN TO HIM AS SUCH. LOCATED SOME OLD NOTES CONTAINING NAMES
HE IDENTIFIED BUT UNABLE TO IDENTIFY OTHERS, STATING BELIEVES MET THEM
POSSESSED BUSINESS CARD NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN THE BACK OF WHICH CONTAINED
INTRODUCTION AND REQUESTED TO GIVE TICKETS TO ANY EVENT AT COLISEUM.
Office Memorandum

To: Director, FBI (65-59184)
From: SAC, New York (65-15301)

Subject: NAHUM BERNSTEIN, wa

For the information of the Bureau, attention is invited to an article which appeared in the September 21, 1953 issue of the New York Herald Tribune. The article captioned "McDonald Due to Run for Bench" by B. J. CULTER, stated that District Attorney MILES F. MC DONALD, of Kings County was due to receive a Democratic nomination for Justice of the Supreme Court. His chief assistant, EDWARD H. SILVER, was to replace MC DONALD on the party ballot for District Attorney.

The article stated:

"Headed by Kenneth F. Sutherland, Kings County Democratic leaders, the committee is expected to select Mr. Silver, who has been Mr. McDonald's principal assistant since 1946 and who has collaborated with him in leading investigations and prosecutions over the years.

"Mr. Silver is also likely to receive the Liberal Party nomination. A former assistant United States Attorney, he has been chairman of the Israel Bond Campaign in Brooklyn and has been active in the Boy Scouts, Catholic Seamen's Institute and many civic causes."

It is noted that EDWARD SILVER is a partner in the law firm of Silver and Bernstein, 20 Pine Street, New York City and has been an associate of the subject for a number of years.

A news story which appeared at a later date in the New York Journal-American stated that SILVER did in fact receive the Democratic nomination for District Attorney for Kings County.
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Maryland, and received a long distance telephone call from
BERNSTEIN, who requested him to aid the Israelis.

Subsequently, in a personal interview with BERNSTEIN
at BERNSTEIN's law office in New York City, was told
that private British individuals with oil interests in
Arabia were supplying the Arabs with munitions. BERNSTEIN
requested to set up an export-import business in New
York City as a cover company in order to report on this
activity.

BERNSTEIN introduced and
after this contact had no further dealings with BERNSTEIN.

possessed a business card of NAHUM A.
BERNSTEIN, the back of which contained an introduction to
which requested tickets to any event at the Colosseum.
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This report is being given the classification of Top Secret inasmuch as information contained herein was obtained from the report of SA New York, 10/12/53, in the case entitled, __________ (S).

In compliance with Bureau letter to New York, 7/16/53, information contained in this report should not be disseminated in whole or part without permission from the Bureau inasmuch as it contains __________ (S).

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LOS ANGELES (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished for the information of Los Angeles inasmuch as Los Angeles is conducting investigations relative to __________ (S) in that area.

WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will report any further information concerning the subject's activities in connection with the __________ (NY) case.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA ______________ New York, 10/12/53, entitled ________________
November 12, 1953

SAC, New York

Nahum Bernstein, WA., Espionage - IS. RRIP SA

Dated 10-28-53 at NYC. First sentence in paragraph 3, page 2, of RRIP is not clear. SUAIRTEL meaning of sentence in order that RRIP may be corrected. Advise whether address appearing therein is correct as stated or whether it should be HANDLE IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER THAT REPORT MAY BE DISSEMINATED.

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NOVEMBER 16, 1953
SAC, NEW YORK (65-15301)

NAHUM BERNSTEIN, WAS., ESP - IS. RREP-SA
DATED 10-14-53 AT LOS ANGELES IN CASE. LAST SENTENCE,
PAGE 6, OF REPORT STATES THAT DURING INTERVIEW
ON 9-22-53

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TO: Director, FBI (65-59184)
FROM: SAC, New York (65-15301)
SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN, wa: Ned Berney

DATE: 11/23/53

Rebuttal 11/16/53.

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effort to try to determine the sources of supply in the United
States through which British interests were obtaining arms and
ammunition which they were supplying the Arabs.

NED BERNENY is an attorney who currently maintains offices
at 20 Pine Street, New York City.

For the information of the Detroit and Boston Offices
the following is furnished:

A confidential source of the New York Office, advised that
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Israel Intelligence operated technical surveillances on United Kingdom delegates to the United Nations and one who was the Syrian delegate to the United Nations mentioned above, supervised these operations.

It is known that microphones were installed by Israelis in 1948 in United Nations automobiles used by the British delegates.
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The attention of the Boston and Detroit offices
is directed to the fact that the subject's correct name
is Nahum Bernstein.

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thereafter refers to the subject as Ned Berney. He
should have been referred to in paragraphs 3, 4, 5, and
6 as relet as Nahum Bernstein. Boston and Detroit should
keep this fact in mind when handling inquiries in this
case.

CC - 2 - Detroit
2 - New York (65-15301)

December 3, 1953

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NAHUM BERNSTEIN, wa.,
Ned Berney
ESPIONAGE - IS


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CC - 2 - Detroit
2 - New York (65-15301)
Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU b7C

NAHUM BERNSTEIN, WA; ESP-1S. REBUAIR-TEL, 11/12/53 AND REPORT OF SA NY, 10/28/53. PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH 3, LINE 1 SHOULD READ RENTED NOT ROUTED. LINE 2 OF SAME PARAGRAPH SHOULD REFLECT ADDRESS BOARDMAN

(3) - BUREAU (65-59184)

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Mr. Belson
Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

N AHUM BERNSTEIN, WA; ESPIONAGE-ES. RE NY LETTER 11/23/53

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### Synopsis of Facts

On September 2, 1953, [redacted] of known reliability advised that the subject was in contact with [redacted] (phonetic) of the Prudential Insurance Company. [Redacted] discussed the labor problems involving this company and the policies of the company with regard to union activities.

It is noted that [redacted] of known reliability, advised that the law firm of Silver and Bernstein, 20 Pine Street, New York City, has been employed on a fee basis to represent the Prudential Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, in connection with litigation. This informant further advised that the firm has also been engaged at times with respect to labor cases by the Prudential Insurance Company when it was found necessary to resort to litigation. [Redacted] previously mentioned, also advised that on September 20, 1953, he learned that a [redacted] tried to contact the subject at the subject's home. [Redacted] advised he was staying with [redacted] and could be reached at his [redacted] home.

### Details

- **Date:** 12/15/52
- **Agent:** FBI, State (New York), National, 18th Floor
- **Report Made At:** New York
- **Report Made By:** 10753
- **Title:** Nahum Bernstein, wa
- **Character of Case:** Espionage - IS
- **Details:**
  - [redacted]
  - [redacted]

### Estimated Date

- **Estimated Date:** 12/18/52
- **Estimated Period:** 9/2/20; 10/16; 11/18, 30; 12/15

### Property of FBI

This confidential report and its contents are loaned to you by the FBI and are not to be distributed outside of agency to which loaned.
Information received from [redacted] of unknown reliability, who is in a position to know the subject, reflects that [redacted] of NAHUM BERNSTEIN.

Of known reliability, furnished information on February 18, 1953, that [redacted] was associated with the Israeli Industries, Incorporated. This informant also advised that [redacted] which firm was engaged in the manufacture of refrigeration equipment in Jerusalem.

Concerning EDWARD SILVER, a partner in the law firm of Silver and Bernstein, 20 Pine Street, New York City, it is noted that he was nominated by one of the two major political parties for the Office of District Attorney for Kings County, New York. According to the "New York Times" of November 4, 1953, SILVER was elected to this office to succeed MILES F. MC DONALD.

Of known reliability, advised the subject was in contact with the following individuals and organizations during the months of November and December, 1953:

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<td>Post Office Box 367, Tel Aviv, Israel.</td>
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<td>November 24, 1953</td>
<td>Young Israel, 3 West 16th Street, New York 11, New York.</td>
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It is noted that the New York City Telephone Directory for 1953 contains a listing for the Young Israel Institute For Jewish Studies, Young Israel Employment Agency and the National Council of Young Israel all at the address of 3 West 16th Street, New York City.

Date | Organizations and Individuals
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November 27, 1953 | Esterbrook Pen Company, Camden, New Jersey
November 27, 1953 | Chase National Bank, Pine Street, New York 15, New York
December 1, 1953 | American Fund for Israeli Institutions, 267 West 71st Street, New York 23, New York
December 1, 1953 | 
December 2, 1953 | Material for Israel, 250 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York
December 2, 1953 | Hallgarten, 44 Wall Street, New York 5, New York
December 2, 1953 | 


Date | Organization
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December 8, 1953 | Westminster, 275 Seventh Avenue, New York 1, New York.
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It is noted that the Westminster Recording Company, Incorporated, is located at 275 Seventh Avenue, New York City, according to the current New York Telephone Directory. The telephone exchange for this listing is AL 5-9550.

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**INFORMANTS**

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This report is being classified secret per Bureau instructions.
LEADS
NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will identify occupant __________________________ with whom subject was in contact on December 2, 1953.

Will identify occupant __________________________ with whom subject was in contact on December 8, 1953.

Will continue to follow the activities of the subject in an effort to determine any activities indicating the subject is active in connection with ____________________________ [Covered Dec 14] 5

ESPIA'G: IS CHARACTER OF CASH TO YOU BY THE FBI AND ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF FBI PROPERTY AND ITS CONTENT.

He stated that he was an instructor at the school he had lectured on courses involving an accountant on November 24, 1953 in New York.
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propaganda techniques and public opinion polls.

went on to say that NAHUM BERNSTEIN never discussed any activities with him which would indicate that he, BERNSTEIN, was engaged in any type of intelligence work for the Government of Israel.

further stated that he sees BERNSTEIN on infrequent occasions but has telephone contact with him.
concerning mutual business interests. [Redacted] advised that he and BERNSTEIN have a number of similar business accounts and that any discussions they have are related to mutual business interests.
On December 16, 1953, advised that sometime in 1948, probably August or September, he resided with him at the above address. He stated, however, that was only with him for about a four or five day period.

stated that as far as he knows, was engaged in some sort of an import-export business in New York City for a group whom he believes to be interested in Israel. stated that never specifically told him for whom he was working nor did he mention the names of any individuals with whom he had contact in this business.

stated that since 1948 he has not been in contact and that he can furnish no additional information concerning the work which was doing while in New York City in 1948.
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In compliance with Bureau letter to NY dated 7/16/52, information contained in this report should not be disseminated in whole or part without permission from the Bureau inasmuch as it contains ___________ information.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished for the information of Los Angeles inasmuch as Los Angeles is conducting investigation relative to ___________ in that area.

WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished for the information of Washington Field inasmuch as that office is conducting investigations relative to ___________ in that area.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York
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LEADS (cont'd)

Will continue to report any activity on the part of the subject with relation to the NY case.

REFERENCE

TO: Director, FBI (65-59184)

DATE: January 6, 1954

FROM: SAC, Detroit (65-2621) (65-2621)

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN, w.a. nidberger

Re New York letter to Bureau, November 23, 1953.

Inquiry made reflects that BERNSTEIN only handles the mail and he is assigned.

For the benefit of the Anchorage Office, referenced letter advises that on September 21, 1953, was interviewed by the Los Angeles Office.

In the September 21, 1953 interview, stated that BERNSTEIN work for the Israelis in New York City at the suggestion of a New York attorney, and BERNSTEIN, set up as a front an export-import business in New York City. This was a cover in an effort to try to determine the sources of supply in the United States through which British interests were obtaining arms and ammunition which they were supplying the Arabs.

BERNSTEIN is an attorney who currently maintains offices at 20 Pine Street, New York City.
Letter to Director, FBI
Re: NAHUM BERNESTEN, wa.
ESP - IS

In 1948, Israeli Intelligence operated technical surveillance on United Nations automobiles used by the British delegates. It is known that microphones were installed by the Talmelis in United Nations automobiles used by the British delegates. This information is confidential. Referenced letter, for the information of the Detroit and Boston Offices, furnished the following:

...
Letter to Director, FBI

Re: NAHUM BERNSTEIN, wa.
   ESP - IS
Reference is made to the various memoranda furnished you in regard to the captioned matter, the last being dated January 16, 1954. Reference is also made to my memorandum in captioned matter dated January 13, 1954, wherein I advised you of the result of our interview with the subject in this case. 

A new subject in this case was interviewed by Agents of our New York office on January 12, 1954. He stated that he was employed during 1947 to 1948 in the New York area for the Israeli cause. He stated that he worked under the direction of two principal subjects in this matter. He advised that he was referred for this employment by Nahum I. Bernstein, subject whom you have been furnished reports in the past.

He stated that he conducted investigations concerning shipment of arms and war material to Israel and said that he had some knowledge of a technical surveillance at the Hotel McAlpin in New York City. He identified a photograph as an individual involved in this operation. He also stated that members of the New York City Police Department did investigative work and he identified a photograph of a subject in this matter, as one of these police officers.

Further details concerning the captioned case will be furnished to you as received by this Bureau.
Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-59184).
FROM: SAC, ANCHORAGE (65-345)
SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN, wa.

Ned-Berney

ESPIONAGE - IS

DATE: January 18, 1954

Re Detroit letter to Director dated January 6, 1954.

1954.

on January 13, 1954:

advised as follows

specifically requested that his name be held
in strict confidence.

In 1947 wrote a letter to BERNEY requesting
the latter to contact his friend (last name not
recalled), a former Bureau agent.

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REGISTERED MAIL
cc: 1-New York (65-15301) (REGISTERED)
1-Detroit (65-2621) (REGISTERED)
was attempting to get a job for a friend of his with the Underwriters. He later received a letter from BERNEY in 1947 informing him that he had contacted and had written him in what, more or less, amounted to a form letter advising his friend to go through channels.
advised that he would be quite willing to discuss this matter further with any Bureau agent, providing that his name was held in confidence. He was not questioned further inasmuch as the Anchorage Office was not in possession of sufficient details to conduct an intelligent interview at this time. did advise that was a very unreliable individual who attempted to perjure himself in order to keep out of difficulty following a personal escapade.


[Redacted]

advised that he had never been recruited by the subject or by anyone else to work for the Israel Government. Related that he knew of no unfavorable information concerning the subject's loyalty to the United States.
stated that the subject at no time has ever approached
him requesting that he work for the Israel Government nor did
he ever convey to him that he was interested in the Israel
Government.

described the subject as being a very brilliant
individual who at no time gave any indication that he would
be disloyal to the United States. It was determined

that his meetings with the subject since about 1945 were
brought about when he visited New York City on a busi-
ness trip, or when the subject came to Boston, Massachusetts,
on a business trip.

With regard to the subject's business trips to Boston, stated that he recalls that the subject was handling the
estate of a person by the name of Miss ALICE LAUGHLIN, who
is now deceased and whose death did away with subject's reason
for visiting Boston. He recalled that in connection with the
settling of this estate, subject visited Boston on approxi-
mately two or three occasions.

It was ascertained that he has no knowledge of
subject ever approaching any person or persons for the purpose
of requesting them to work for the Israel Government.
DATE OF MAIL 2-4-54

HAS BEEN REMOVED TO BE KEPT PERMANENTLY IN HIS OFFICE, ROOM 1736

SEE FILE 66-254-7530 FOR AUTHORITY.

SUBJECT JUNE MAIL

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Form No. 1**

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**TITLE**

NAHUM BERNSTEIN, wa

**CHARACTER OF CASE**

ESPIONAGE IS 339.5-39

**SATA OF FACTS**

was employed through NAHUM BERNSTEIN and that he conducted investigations regarding shipment of goods to Israel. was asked by BERNSTEIN to investigate persons reportedly Communists. impression was that BERNSTEIN actually formulated policies regarding investigations. interviewed and advised that during 1947 and 1948 groups met at home of NAHUM BERNSTEIN in NYC to formulate plans to "further cause of establishing new State of Israel." never approached by

**AGENCY**

RBB. STATE (FLOWER)

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**REPORT MADE AT** NEW YORK

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BERNSTEIN explained at that time that the State of
Israel was actually a "de facto" recognition. BERNSTEIN
explained he would not actually supervise
work or give him assignments, but that this would be done
by Attorney
New York. BERNSTEIN referred and began
to do investigative work.
It is noted that EDWARD SILVER was formerly a law partner of NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN and is presently District Attorney of Kings County, New York, having been elected to that office in November 1953.

[Redacted]

It is noted that NAHUM BERNSTEIN are associated with the Prudential Insurance Company of America in legal capacities.
Prentice Insurance Company, New York City, an official of the company, explained that he worked for the Prudential Insurance Company in a confidential capacity and that his work necessitated the recording of various conversations. He pointed out that he had a small recording machine for the same purpose.

He advised that in about May 1932, a recording machine was purchased for him by an attorney employed by the Prudential Insurance Company in connection with investigations in regard to union activities of employees.
Prudential employees stated that he first made acquaintance in about 1951, at which time there was a big strike of Prudential Insurance Company agents, during which many legal problems arose.

He pointed out that actually was working for Attorney NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN, who was the attorney actually hired to handle the case by the Prudential Insurance Company. However, since 1951 stated that he has been informed by his company to deal directly with matters which might arise where he would need assistance. He stated that the recording machines were purchased so that conversations which he and which might want to retain, could be recorded. He stated that these machines were used strictly in line with the business of the Prudential Insurance Company.

On January 22, 1954, SA of the Boston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation interviewed Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, with regard to NAHUM BERNSTEIN and whether or not BERNSTEIN had requested participation in work for the Israeli cause.

He stated he had not seen or heard from the subject since about December 1947. advised that he had never been recruited by the subject or by anyone else to work for the Israeli Government. related that he knew of no unfavorable information concerning the subject's loyalty to the United States.
E. A. Shaw and Company, cotton brokers, 128 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts, was interviewed by SA of the Boston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on January 6, 1954, concerning any approach made to him by NAHUM BERNSTEIN to work for the Israeli cause. He advised during the interview that he first met the subject some time during the month of January 1944, at which time he,

...According to he came in close contact with the subject from January 1944 to about April 1945.

In April 1945 and that since that time he has seen the subject on approximately six occasions, the last time being about one and one-half years ago.
This report is being given a security classification of "Secret" inasmuch as it contains information extracted from reports of SA[...] entitled "NEW YORK," dated January 13, 1954 and February 1, 1954, which are so classified.

In compliance with Bureau letter to New York date July 16, 1953, information contained in this report should not be disseminated in whole or in part without permission from the Bureau, since it contains [ ] information.

LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD (INFO)

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office [ ] that office has an investigative interest in [ ]

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to report any activity on the part of the subject with relation to the NEW YORK case.

REFERENCE: Report of SA[...]

New York, 12/31/5
In interviewing [Name redacted] on 2/16/54 advised that he had discussed a previous interview of his with the FBI with NAHUM BERNSTEIN. Also mentioned that it might be a good idea for BERNSTEIN to discuss the matters concerning this investigation with agents of the Bureau. Attention is invited to the fact that during the interview, indicated that he believed that the Bureau was investigating Zionism. It was specifically and forcefully brought to attention by the interviewing agents that this Bureau was conducting no investigation of Zionism and he should well understand, as it had been previously explained to him, that we were investigating his participation in the installation of microphones and related matters. He denied any knowledge of these activities. On leaving, remarked that perhaps BERNSTEIN might want to discuss this matter with agents of the FBI and suggested that the agents contact BERNSTEIN. Was informed that if BERNSTEIN wished to furnish any information, he should feel free to contact this office.
Letter to Director
NY 65-15301

It is brought to the Bureau's attention that NAHUM BERNSTEIN has supplied information that he attempted to recruit him to operate on behalf of the Israelis in the New York area around the pertinent time. It is contemplated that in the interview of BERNSTEIN he will be closely questioned concerning his participation in these activities in the late 1940's. As the Bureau is aware, NAHUM BERNSTEIN was previously questioned by agents of the FBI concerning recruitment. At that time it was obvious that he was attempting to give the impression that he was cooperative while at the same time he was evasive in answering questions.

It is being brought to the Bureau's attention in connection with the proposed interview that the Bureau should keep in mind that NAHUM BERNSTEIN's law partner, EDWARD SILVER, is presently the District Attorney in Kings County, New York.

The Bureau is specifically requested to grant permission at this time for an interview with NAHUM BERNSTEIN. This interview will be conducted according to security regulations and will not be conducted at BERNSTEIN's residence or office. In the event the Bureau or the Washington Field Office has any suggested ideas concerning this interview, this office should be advised in detail. This interview will be held in abeyance until specific instructions are received from the Bureau authorizing the interview with NAHUM BERNSTEIN.
Subject: Nahum Bernstein

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A review of files reflects that your office is in possession of all pertinent data concerning the subject. Your attention is called particularly to the report of file on July 28, 1950, at Los Angeles, captioned "Nahum Bernstein, Neutrality Act, Conspiracy." This report sets out considerable information as to Bernstein's testimony in Los Angeles in January of 1950 and also sets out data concerning the interview of Bernstein by Bureau Agents on January 13, 1948. It is noted that Bernstein was evasive at that time, although attempting to give the impression that he was cooperative. You should carefully review the subject's file and references prior to conducting this interview and, in addition, you should review the "TH" case and the case captioned "Foundry Associates; Adolph William Schwimmer, et al, Neutrality Act," your file B-349, for all pertinent data which would assist you in your interview of the subject. This interview should be handled in accordance with current Bureau instructions relating to interviews of subjects of security-type cases and should be conducted by two Agents, one of whom is completely familiar with (continued on next page)
SAC, New York (85-15301)

March 3, 1954

Director, FBI (65-59164)

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NAHUM BERNSTEIN, Wa.

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A file review is under way at the Bureau, and on completion of same, you will be advised as to the Bureau's decision concerning such interview of subject.

PMB: mh

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COMM — FBI

MAR 3-1954

MAILED 27
Re NYlet 2/16/54, requesting that WFO advise whether it has any suggestions concerning contemplated interview with subject at New York.

New York should attempt to ascertain the manner in which this information was furnished by the subject and to whom it was sent. RUC

MPC: FCP
On January 13, 1954, of known reliability, was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and furnished information concerning his association with NAHUM BERNSTEIN.

Recalled that BERNSTEIN was a garrulous individual and outspoken on any issue under discussion, advised that to his recollection BERNSTEIN did not have any strong political feelings at that time. According to however, BERNSTEIN was a strong advocate of equal rights for minority groups, especially the Jewish people.
recolonad that BERNSTEIN was very adept in the
deaf language, observation reporting, and interrogation
methods.

In 1947 advised that wrote a letter to the
subject requesting the subject to contact a friend of his
who was head of the Fire Underwriters. The purpose of this
letter was an attempt to get a job with the Fire Underwriters
for a friend of his. In 1947, the subject wrote advising him that it was suggested that his friend in an
effort to obtain a position with the Fire Underwriters should
go through normal channels.

According to had an aunt (last
name not recalled) who lived

advised that after the war he made inquiries
of several government agencies in an effort to determine
if there was anything known
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As per Bureau letter, dated July 16, 1953, information contained in this report should not be disseminated in whole or in part without permission from the Bureau since it contains information.

WASHINGTON FIELD INFORMATION

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office inasmuch as that office has an investigative interest in

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to report any pertinent information
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LEADS (Cont'd.)

NEW YORK

At New York, New York (cont'd.)

relating to the subject's activities in connection with the New York case.

REFERENCE

Anchorage letter to New York, 1/18/54.
TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE MESSAGE TO: BUREAU

NAHUM BERNSTEIN, wa. ESP-18. RESULT 3/9 LAST. PERTINENT FILES ARE BEING REVIEWED PRIOR TO INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT. IT IS ANTICIPATED BERNSTEIN WILL BE INTERVIEWED WEEK OF 3/28/54. RESULTS WILL BE EXPEDITIOUSLY FORWARDER TO BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

KELLY

(3) BUREAU (65-59184)
AIR TEL
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
472754
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU
NAHUM BERNSTEIN, WA. ESPIONAGE-IS. REMY 0-1 FORM, 3/24/54.
REPORT WILL BE DictATED 4/5 NEXT AND SUBMITTED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

KELLY

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Mr. Bolmer

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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

NAHUM BERNSTEIN, WASH., ESPIONAGE-IS. REQUEST 3/9/54 AUTHORIZING INTERVIEW WITH

BERNSTEIN. BERNSTEIN WAS CONTACTED ON AFTERNOON OF 3/30/54 AND REQUESTED TO COME
TO THE NYO FOR INTERVIEW. BERNSTEIN STATED THAT HE SUPPOSED THIS WAS ON THE
"ISRAELI" MATTER; THAT HE WAS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW, BUT THAT INTERVIEW WOULD
HAVE TO BE CONDUCTED AT HIS OFFICE WHERE HE WOULD HAVE HIS SECRETARY PRESENT TO
RECORD THE INTERVIEW AND WHERE HIS OWN FACILITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO HIM.

BERNSTEIN WAS ADVISED THAT THE NATURE OF THE INTERVIEW WAS SUCH THAT IT WOULD BE
MOST INCONVENIENT AND IMPractical TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEW AT HIS OFFICE. HE WAS
FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE MATTER CONCERNED WAS OF INTEREST TO HIM AND THAT IT WOULD
BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO HIM TO HAVE THE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED AT HIS OFFICE. THE
INERENCE WAS GIVEN THAT IN THE EVENT BERNSTEIN SO DESIRED, THE INTERVIEW WOULD
BE CONDUCTED AT A NEUTRAL LOCATION AWAY FROM HIS OFFICE AND ALSO OUTSIDE OF THE
FBI OFFICE. BERNSTEIN'S ATTITUDE INDICATED CLEARLY THAT HE HAD DECIDED IN THE
EVENT HE WERE CONTACTED BY THE AGENTS THAT HE WOULD REFUSE TO BE INTERVIEWED ANY
PLACE OUTSIDE OF HIS OWN OFFICE IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS OWN SECRETARY AND WITH HIS
OWN FACILITIES AVAILABLE. NO FURTHER CONTACT IS CONTEMPLATED WITH NAHUM BERNSTEIN.

KELLY

3 - BUREAU (65-59184)
Transmit the following Teletype message to:

NAHUM BERNSTEIN; ESPIONAGE - IS. RE NY AIR-TEL 3/31/54 CONCERNING PROPOSED INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT. A LETTER POSTMARKED NY, 3/31/54, 8 P.M., FROM NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN WAS RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE TODAY. THIS LETTER STATES AS FOLLOWS: "I WISH TO CONFIRM MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH YOU OF YESTERDAY TO THE EFFECT THAT I AM ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WITH RESPECT TO ANY OFFICIAL INQUIRY. AS I TOLD YOU, I SHALL BE PLEASED TO MEET YOU OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION AT MY OFFICE AT ANY MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME." NO FURTHER CONTACT IS BEING MADE WITH NAHUM BERNSTEIN AT THIS TIME.

KELLY

Bureau (REGULAR)
The above information and attachments are being referred to the attention of the Espionage Section.
April 12, 1954

Inasmuch as these are the only copies available to the Bureau, they should be returned when you no longer have need of them.

Enclose

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HAS BEEN REMOVED TO BE KEPT PERMANENTLY IN HIS OFFICE, ROOM 1736

SEE FILE 66-2544-7530 FOR AUTHORITY.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
Contacts of subject at 50 Court Street, Brooklyn, NY, and 120 Broadway, NYC, identified. Other contacts set out.

DETAILS
As previously reported, according to of known reliability, the subject was in contact with an individual or organization occupying Suite 1201 at 50 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York. Also advised that the subject was in contact with an individual or organization occupying Room 2255 at 120 Broadway, New York City, New York, on December 8, 1953.

Also of unknown reliability, who is familiar with the tenants of the above addresses, identified the occupants of the above addresses as Huberman, Rose and Company and Josephal and Company, respectively. It is noted that Josephal and Company is a stock brokerage firm.

Also mentioned above, also advised that the subject was in contact with the following individuals and organizations at his office at 20 Pine Street, New York City, during the months of December 1953 through March 1954.
It is noted THEODOR KOLLEK probably identical with the above individual is currently serving as Minister Plenipotentiary of the Israel Government and recently visited in the United States.

It is noted that the occupant of Room 2255 has been identified as ecstatic & Company, stock brokers.

It is noted that LEON HENDERSON was former director of the Office of Price Administration.
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It is noted the current New York Telephone Directory lists M. Z. Otterstein & Company as certified public accountants.

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It is noted that EDWARD SILVER, a partner of the subject was recently elected District Attorney for Kings County, New York.

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This report is being classified Secret as per Bureau instructions.

**LEADS**

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D. C.

An information copy of this report is being submitted to the WFO inasmuch as that office has an interest in

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will identify occupant who was in contact with subject on 12/17/53.

Will continue to follow activities of subject in an effort to determine any activities indicating the subject is active in connection with

**REFERENCE:** Report of SA 12/18/53 at NY.
SYNOPSIS:

Israel intelligence in 1948 operated technical surveillance on United Kingdom delegates to the UN and EL KHOURI, Syrian delegate to the UN. supervised operations. Webster Recording Machine purchased consigned to SILVER and BERNSTEIN, 20 Pine Street, NYC. At direction of MAHUM BERNSTEIN export-import business set up as cover to lecture to Israeli group on propaganda techniques at request of BERNSTEIN, private detective, employed through BERNSTEIN in 1945 to conduct work for Israel, believed BERNSTEIN actually formulated policies regarding investigations.

DETAILS: of known reliability, advised that the subject continues to reside at the Old Putnam Estate, Locust Avenue, Harrison, New York, also advised that the subject still conducts a law firm at the address 20 Pine Street, New York City, under the firm name Silver and Bernstein.
He stated that he assisted in technical surveillances which were placed on United Kingdom delegates to the United Nations and who was residing...

The United Nations directory for 1948 lists...

According to [his supervisor in this operation]

According to [of known reliability, the records of the Harvey Radio Company, New York City, reflect that purchased one Webster Recording Machine, Model 210, and one electric scriber. This equipment was picked up by [The records further reflect that one Webster Recording Machine, Model 210, was purchased [The price was listed as $154.50.]

The records of the Harvey Radio Company also reflect that purchased wire recording material in the amount of $10.20.
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Also advised that on May 16, 1953, had a messenger pick up a package at the Harvey Radio Company, which was delivered to. The informant advised that this parcel consisted of tape used in a Webster Wire Recorder.

It is noted above that a check was made payable by Silver and Bernstein. It is also noted that this check was signed by a partner in the firm Silver and Bernstein.

The above information furnished is not to be made public except in the course of a legal proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum

of known reliability, an individual who is familiar with the Prudential Insurance Company, Newark, New Jersey, advised that the law firm of Silver and Bernstein has been employed on a fee basis to represent the Prudential Insurance Company in connection with general litigation work. The informant further stated that the firm has also been engaged at times with respect to labor cases by the Prudential Insurance Company when it was found necessary to resort to litigation.

The informant stated that the firm of Silver and Bernstein has never handled any matters in the past for
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Prudential nor is it handling any matters at the present time which would necessitate the use of any technical equipment whatsoever.

Also advised that is a long time employee of Prudential Insurance Company.

According to would have occasion for frequent and repeated contacts with the law firm of Silver and Bernstein in connection with matters which his firm might be handling for Prudential. The informant emphasized, however, that there would be no occasion in connection with official capacity for him to have any use for any technical equipment whatsoever.

Further stated he is positive none of the members or associates of this firm has purchased any technical equipment for the Prudential Insurance Company. Went on to say that approximately seven or eight years ago was connected in some manner with the firm of Silver and Bernstein. The informant stated that is still closely associated with Bernstein, although he has an office of his own and is apparently no longer connected with the firm. The informant pointed out, however, that there is a possibility that is still connected with Bernstein but has a separate office in which to handle certain cases.

Also advised that he knew of no basis for any connection or association between other than connection with the law firm of Silver and Bernstein set out above. Also advised that the law firm of Silver and Bernstein at 20 Pine Street, New York City, is equipped with all types of technical equipment.

Was interviewed by agents of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 22, 1953.
In July, 1948, [redacted] was residing at Baltimore, Maryland, and received a long distance telephone call from Bernstein, who requested him to aid the Israelis. Subsequently, in a personal interview with Bernstein at Bernstein's law office in New York City [redacted] was told that private British individuals with oil interests in Arabia were supplying the Arabs with munitions. Bernstein requested [redacted] to set up an export-import business in New York City as a cover company in order to report on this activity.

Bernstein introduced [redacted] and thereafter his contact with Bernstein was terminated, according to [redacted] stated that he was employed for two or three weeks beginning on October 8, 1948, and ceased his activities prior to December 1, 1948.

[redacted] rented mail and telephone service.

According to [redacted] he spent his time collecting pamphlets and other data concerning export-import activities from the State Department, United States Customs, and the Office of International Trade, etc. This information was then turned over [redacted] stated he was never introduced to any other individuals known to be Israeli intelligence agents.
stated that sometime prior to November, 1949, the exact date of which he could not recall, NAHUM FERNS'TEIN contacted him and requested that he give a lecture to a small group of about six or eight individuals who were here from Israel accepted this invitation and lectured to this group at a place which he cannot now recall but located somewhere in New York City. Advised that the subject of his lecture was propaganda techniques and proper methods of conducting public opinion polls. He advised that FERNSTEIN never advised him of the nature or purpose of this group's interest in such a topic, nor did he have any knowledge that these individuals were engaged in any type of intelligence or espionage work.

went on to say that NAHUM FERNSTEIN never discussed any activities with him which would indicate that he, FERNSTEIN, was engaged in any type of intelligence work for the government of Israel. Further stated that he sees FERNSTEIN on infrequent occasions but has telephone contact with him concerning mutual interests. Advised that he and FERNSTEIN have a number of similar business accounts and that any discussions that they have are related to mutual business interests.
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private detective, was interviewed January 6, 1954, and stated that in 1947 he learned that NAHUM BERNSTEIN was looking for an investigator. BERNSTEIN explained that he went to BERNSTEIN's office and was interviewed there by NAHUM BERNSTEIN, who explained to him that he wanted someone to do investigations which concerned the Israeli cause.

Bernstein explained at that time that the State of Israel was actually a "de facto" recognition. BERNSTEIN stated he would not actually supervise work or give him assignments but that this would be done by an attorney. BERNSTEIN referred Bernstein to begin to do investigative work out of his office at the above address. While working Bernstein made the acquaintance of who, according to Bernstein, also gave him assignments of an investigative nature.

It is noted that RALPH IRVING GOLDMAN is the publisher on leave of the publication "Israel Speaks." He is also a former official of the Israeli Consulate in New York City.
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advised that after he was employed for about six months, he was instructed to try and secure a new office from which the organization might operate. He did locate an office which he decided to lease. According to him, after assuming this office, he worked out of it almost exclusively. He stated that the space also had desk space.

It was stated that there were several members of the New York City Police Department who did investigative work for the Israeli cause under the supervision of a detective of the New York City Police Department, and that from the telephonic conversation it appeared that the one who was maneuvering this transfer was the one who was maneuvering this transfer. It was implied that this transfer referred to a transfer within the New York City Police Department because of the work which had been doing for the Israeli cause.

It is noted that EDWARD SILVER was formerly a law partner of NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN and is presently District Attorney of Kings County, New York, having been elected to that office in November, 1953.

He stated that during the time he was employed he received approximately $75 a week. He pointed out that on one occasion while employed he was asked by NAHUM BERNSTEIN to conduct an investigation on some individuals who were reportedly Communists, and it was his impression this investigation had something to do with an insurance company.

It was his impression that the subject was actually the one who formulated the policies with respect to investigations which were supervised.

He stated that most of his work which was supervised was of a messenger type. He explained that on several occasions he delivered envelopes which were given
to the office of Congressman.

On one occasion he secured railroad...

Que:-tion concerning any technical equipment which he might have stated that he had in his office a recording machine which he purchased from a radio shop on West 43rd Street, New York City. At the time of purchasing this recording machine, he also purchased one for the recording machine, which he had in his office a...

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Insurance Company, New York City. explained that he worked for the Prudential Insurance Company in a confidential capacity and that his work necessitated the recording of various conversations. He pointed out that he worked closely in this respect and that had a small recording machine for the same purpose.

The Prudential Insurance Company was interviewed on January 25, 1954, by SAG. He advised that a recording machine had been purchased for him in conducting investigations in regard to union activities of Prudential employees. He stated that he first made acquaintance in about 1951, at which time there was a big strike of Prudential Insurance Company agents, during which time many legal problems arose.

He pointed out that actually was working for attorney NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN, who was the attorney actually hired to handle the case by the Prudential Insurance Company. However, since 1951 stated that he has been informed by his company to deal directly with matters which might arise where he would need assistance. stated that the recording machines were purchased so that conversations which and which might want to retain could be recorded. He stated that these machines were used strictly in line with the business of the Prudential Insurance Company.

Of known reliability, advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN was in contact with the following individuals or organizations on the dates indicated below:

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("Israel Speaks" is a bimonthly publication published in the United States concerning Israel.)
(It is noted that THEODOR KOLLEK, who is previously mentioned in this report, is probably identical with the above individual. He is currently serving as Minister Plenipotentiary of the Israel Government and recently visited in the United States.)

March 2, 1954

March 27, 1954

District Attorney's Office
Brooklyn 2, New York

(It is noted that EDWARD SILVER, a partner of the subject, was elected District Attorney for Kings County, New York, in the November, 1953, election.)

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### LEADS

**LOS ANGELES and WASHINGTON FIELD (INFO)**

A copy of this report is being sent to Los Angeles and to Washington Field for information inasmuch as these offices are currently conducting investigations relative to

**NEW YORK**

At New York, New York

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Will continue to report any activity on the part of the subject with relation to the "NEW YORK" case.

REFERENCE

SYNOPSIS:

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

DETAILS:

of known reliability, advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN and family are currently residing at the Old Putnam Estate, Locust Avenue, Harrison, New York. Also advised that the subject still continues a law firm at the address 20 Pine Street, New York City, under the firm name Silver and Bernstein.

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PROPERTY OF FBI—This document and its contents are shown to you by the FBI and are not to be leaked which leaked.
It should be noted that EDWARD SILVER, law partner of NAHUM BERNSTEIN, was elected District Attorney for Kings County, New York, in the November, 1953, elections.

On July 30, 1953, of known reliability, advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN was in contact with. According to they had a business discussion, in which it was pointed out that the subject was to receive stock in a fountain pen corporation for acting as an attorney. was unable to identify the company under discussion.

On July 27, 1953, advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN was in contact with. who was interviewed by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 25, 1953.

Also learned that NAHUM BERNSTEIN and his wife, MAXINE, departed from the United States on July 28, 1953, for a two weeks' tour of the Caribbean Islands and that they returned home August 13, 1953.

Also learned that was in contact with the subject on July 27, 1953, and advised the subject that he had a little problem he wanted to discuss with him. stated that he would take up the problem with inasmuch as the subject was leaving then. The informant advised that did not state specifically what his problem was.
advised on September 20, 1953, that he learned
that tried to contact the subject at the subject's
home. It was learned, was at that time staying at
the home who was mentioned above.

It is noted that of unknown reliability but
who is in a position to know the subject, advised that

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES and WASHINGTON FIELD (INFO)

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow the activities of the subject in an effort to determine any activities indicating the subject is actively participating in (s)

REFERENCE

Reports of SA in New York, dated 10/15/53 and 12/18/53
TO: Director, FBI (65-59184)

FROM: SAC, New York (65-15301)

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN, was ESP-IS


Enclosed herewith are five copies each of the reports of SA dated MAY 8, 1954, and MAY 14, 1954.

As requested in referenced Bulletin, it will be noted that information obtained from an anonymous source and a highly confidential technique has been incorporated in one report dated May 14, 1954.

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III
Director, FBI
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NAHUM BERNSTEIN, with aliases
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Reference is made to this Bureau's communication to
the Criminal Division in captioned matter dated July 7, 1954,
and to the various reports on Nahum Bernstein which have been
forwarded since that time to the Records Administration Branch.
Reference is also made to this Bureau's memorandum dated
September 6, 1953, and January 19, 1954, captioned


There is enclosed, for your information, one copy
each of two summary reports prepared by Special Agent
of our New York City office and dated May 13, 1954,
and May 14, 1954, respectively. A copy of these reports,
together with copies of all previous reports submitted to
the Department, has been made available to the Department
of State.

In reviewing the material which has been furnished
to the Department in the past, it will be noted
by a reliable source

It will be recalled that during this
Bureau's investigations of various individuals in connection
with the aforementioned case relating to
information has been developed

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MAILED 7
JUNE 1954
THE COMM. FBI
In an effort to bring our investigation in the Bernstein case to a logical conclusion, Agents of our New York office contacted Bernstein on March 30, 1954, and requested that he call at our New York office for an interview. Bernstein stated that he supposed this was on the "Israel matter." He stated that he was available for interview but that the interview would have to be conducted at his office where he would have his secretary present to record the interview and where his own facilities would be available to him. The following day Bernstein addressed a letter to our New York office which stated, "I wish to confirm my telephone conversation with you of yesterday to the effect that I am always available to cooperate fully with the Federal Bureau of Investigation with respect to any official inquiry. As I told you, I shall be pleased to meet you or any other authorized representative of your organization at my office at any mutually convenient time.

Of possible relevancy with respect to the desirability of interviewing Bernstein at his office, it may be noted that the attached report of Special Agent dated May 14, 1954, sets forth information in paragraph four, page four as received from Confidential Informant. This informant has stated that the law firm with which Bernstein is associated at 20 Pine Street, New York City, is equipped with all types of technical equipment. This information was furnished by the informant when he was being interviewed regarding the possible disposition of a recording machine which had been delivered to the Prudential Insurance Company on May 17, 1953, by the Harvey Radio Company, New York City. The recording machine had been paid for by Bernstein.

Just five days before the machine was delivered by the Harvey Radio Company, another recording machine had been purchased from the same company by Bernstein's law firm. Silver and Bernstein, 20 Pine Street, New York City.

It is of possible interest to note that Edward S. Silver, who was formerly a law partner of Nahum Bernstein, was elected to the position of District Attorney of Kings County, New York, in November, 1953, and is presently serving in that capacity.
In view of the apparent use of technical equipment to record conversations in Bernstein's law office and his insistence that an interview with him be conducted at that office in the presence of his secretary in order that she might record the interview, it is not contemplated by this Bureau to make any further efforts to interview Bernstein.

It is requested at this time that the Criminal Division review the attached reports, together with all other material previously submitted in captioned matter, and advise this Bureau whether the facts developed to date reflect that Bernstein is in violation of any Federal statute and whether he may be required to register under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, or the terms of Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

In the event you desire to institute any prosecutive action in this matter, it should be noted that confidential techniques of the nature described in the memorandum of former Attorney General J. Howard McGrath dated February 26, 1955, have been utilized in connection with the captioned investigation.
Office Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (65-59184)
    SAC, New York (65-15301)

FROM: NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN

SUBJECT: Espionage - IS
         Authorization is requested for a mail cover.

Name: NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN and/or NED BERNEN
Address: 20 Pine Street, New York, New York
Type of Mail: all mail
Type of Cover: return cards
Period Covered: 90 day period
Purpose of Cover: To determine contacts of subject.

Justification:
(Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau. If necessary, continue on extra page.)

Mail covers on the subject's office, 20 Pine Street, have proven productive in the past. It is felt that there is little possibility of such a cover causing any embarrassment to the Bureau.

Postmaster to whom form FD-115 will be directed if authorized: General Post Office
33rd Street and Eighth Avenue
New York 1, New York
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (65-59184)

FROM: SAC, New York (65-15301)

DATE: 6/4/54

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN, was ESPIONAGE - 1949-1954

Heburet, 4/12/54

Enclosed herewith is a photostatic copy of the personal history statement completed and the original personal history statement of BERNSTEIN. Both were forwarded with referenced Bureau letter and are being returned as requested.

Pertinent information has been appropriately noted by this office.

Encs. (2)

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2/6/54 84122731-80
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Interviewed and admitted participation in microphone installation at Hotel McAlpin, 1948.

Advised that he was very active in investigations of dissident Jewish groups, and the subject believed the subject were part of larger group of Jewish individuals active in Zionist activities in New York City.

On June 16, 1954, was interviewed by background information concerning himself.

Stated that early in 1948 he met an individual whom he knew who was very active in his interests.

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DATE WHEN MADE 7/7/54
PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/18, 23, 29/54
REPORT MADE BY Special Agent in Charge
CHARACTER OF CASE Espionage - Is
NY 65-15301

in the Israeli cause and was instrumental in recruiting him to do some work for this cause. He advised that he assisted in monitoring the microphone conversation at the Hotel McAlpin in 1948. He also furnished information concerning various individuals whom he knew to be active in this microphone installation technique at the Hotel McAlpin.

Concerning his relations at this time, 1948, engaged in some form of social research concerning various dissident Jewish groups. He stated that he was associated in identifying some of these groups which were engaged in illegitimate fund raising under the guise of aiding the Israeli cause.

advised that he knew and explained that he was associated in investigation conducted concerning these dissident Jewish groups. He stated that actually did not do any active investigation himself, but that he learned that it was through BERNSTEIN that operations in this respect were financed.

stated that he thought BERNSTEIN were part of a larger group of prominent Jewish individuals who were active in Zionist activities and who financed the operations of pointed out that on several occasions assisted him in the professional capacity of attorney. admitted that about five months ago had met with him and had told him that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was conducting an investigation concerning the activities in 1948. stated that merely mentioned this and gave no instructions to him as to what he should say if he were questioned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
In compliance with Bureau letter to New York, 7/16/53, information contained in this report should not be disseminated in whole or part without permission from the Bureau.

LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished for the information of Washington Field inasmuch as that office is conducting investigations relative to [__] in that area.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York
Will continue to report any activity on the part of the subject with relation to the [__] "New York" case.

TO: Director, FBI (65-59184)
FROM: SAC, New York (65-15301)
SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN ESPIONAGE - IS

On 7/8/54, Attorney was interviewed at the NTO of the FBI by SAS

It is noted that when interviewed previously had stated that he believed NAHUM BERNSTEIN should be contacted and interviewed regarding those who were active in the cause of Israel in the late 1940's.

was informed during this interview of 7/8/54 that NAHUM BERNSTEIN had been invited to come to the NTO for an interview and had refused. said that he was aware of this, adding that BERNSTEIN had told him that he would not come to the NTO, but was willing to talk concerning this matter with agents of the Bureau in his own office at 20 Pine Street, NYC. stated that he could not control BERNSTEIN's actions in that anything BERNSTEIN did, he did of his own accord.

again restated that BERNSTEIN was active in the cause of Israel in the late 1940's and that among other things in which he was active was the collecting of money to assist in this cause. stated that BERNSTEIN had turned over to him sums of money from time to time which were used to pay those who were actively engaged in investigations in behalf of the State of Israel. also advised that BERNSTEIN's had on at least one occasion given him money to be used to pay those who were working for the Israeli cause. advised that he is still in frequent contact with NAHUM BERNSTEIN on matters pertaining to the Prudential Insurance Company.

It is noted that EDWARD SILVER is currently serving as the District Attorney for Kings County, NY.

An information copy of this letter is being furnished to the WFO inasmuch as that office is conducting investigations concerning

It is noted that this communication is being classified secret and should not be disseminated in whole or in part without permission from the Bureau.

RM
1-Washington Field (65-5508) (Info.)

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5-59184-165
9/4/729
This is to advise you that the review of the reports thus far submitted has been completed with the general conclusion that the information contained therein does not indicate there has been any violation of the espionage laws of the United States on the part of the individuals involved.

An administrative determination has been made, however, that a number of these individuals fall within the purview of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended by Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Reference is also made to your memorandum of May 20, 1954, in which you request to be advised as to the status of the review of the reports furnished in this matter.

The second category concerns a leak of classified information from the Department of State to Israeli officials. The reports thus far submitted regarding this phase of Israeli intelligence operations fail to identify with sufficient certainty any particular individual as the source of the leak so as to warrant a conclusion that any person employed by the Department of State or having access to information in that Department falls within the purview of the registration requirements.

Reference is made to your memorandum of April 7, 1954, in which you request to be advised whether any of the individuals involved within the United States have incurred any obligations under Federal laws, particularly the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended by Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Reference is also made to your memorandum of May 20, 1954, in which you request to be advised as to the status of the review of the reports furnished in this matter.
The third category involves the activities of others, in connection with the illegal entry into the consular offices of certain Arab nations. The obligations under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of the individuals involved in this operation were the subject of a memorandum to the Bureau dated June 28, 1954, from Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division. With respect to this matter, reference is made to your memorandum of June 25, 1954, with which was enclosed a copy of a memorandum addressed to you, dated June 22, 1954, from the Department of the Army. In accordance with the request contained in your memorandum of June 25, you will be kept advised of any correspondence or conferences between this Division and the office of Department, G-2.

In this connection you may be interested to know that letter dated July 9, 1954, has advised this Department that after consideration of the factors involved the Department of State has no objection to the solicitation of registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act or any other person but desires to be consulted in advance of any prosecutive action which may result under the provisions of the Act.

In view of the foregoing, letters soliciting their registration will be directed to the addresses supplied in his memorandum of June 22, 1954, unless there is some overriding objection to this procedure by the Department of the Army.

In regard to in his letter stated that her activities as related by were not within the scope of her functions as a member of the staff of or a person, employed by a July accredited consular official so as to make available to her the exemption from registration contained in Section 3(c) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. As indicated in the memorandum of June 8, 1954, from Mr. Olney, the only evidence now available to establish the activities which create the non-exempt agency status is the uncorroborated statement. His testimony standing alone would be insufficient to warrant prosecution in the event of a refusal to register. As you know, has denied any participation in or knowledge of Israeli intelligence activity and therefore it is not believed that she would voluntarily comply with a request for registration.
Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
Director, FBI

Nahum Bernstein, with aliases
Espionage - 18

Reference is made to our communications in captioned
matter dated June 8, 1954, and August 12, 1954, the first of
which was addressed to Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney
III and the second of which was addressed to you.

The first of these communications pointed out the
connections [1] with Nahum Bernstein and with
the activities which have been reported in the past to the
Criminal Division under the caption

Internal Security Act of 1950." It also noted the fact that
Edward S. Silver, former law partner of Nahum Bernstein, is
presently the District Attorney of Kings County, New York.

By memorandum dated August 18, 1954, our New York
office has reported that during a recent interview,
[2] stated that Nahum Bernstein was active in the cause
of Israel in the late 1940's and that his activities included
the collecting of money to assist the Israeli cause. [3]
[4] stated that Bernstein had turned over to him from time to
time sums of money which were utilized to pay those who were
actively engaged in investigations on behalf of the State of
Israel and its proponents. [5] Also advised that Bernstein's
[6] had on at least one occasion
given money to him to be used to pay those who were working
for the Israeli cause.

The above information is being called to your
attention to assist in your deliberations in connection
with the opinion requested in our communications of reference.
It should be noted that this is the first information reported
in captioned matter indicating that [7] had in
fact turned over [8] money to be utilized in furthering
the activities of those involved in 1947-1948 operations on
behalf of the Israeli cause. This Bureau does not contemplate
undertaking an active investigation [9] at
this time in the absence of a specific request from you.
Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
Director, FBI

NAHUM BERNSTEIN, with aliases
ESPIONAGE - IS

Reference is made to this Bureau's secret memorandum
in captioned matter to Assistant Attorney General Warren
Olney III dated June 8, 1954. It was requested therein that
this Bureau be advised whether the facts developed in the
Bernstein case reflect that Bernstein is in violation of
any Federal statute and whether he may be required to register
under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938,
as amended, or the terms of Section 20(a) of the Internal

It would be appreciated if at this time you would
advise the Bureau whether any decision has been reached in
this matter to date.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**NEW YORK**

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

NAHUM BERNSTEIN continues to maintain law office at 20 Pine Street, New York City. Advised still active in firm of Silver and Bernstein, although currently among contacts of subject was one 11 East 46th Street, New York City.

**Subject contacted by**

- FBI

**Other contacts**

- P

**DETAILS:**

Whose reliability has not been established but is in a position to know of the business activities of the subject advised that the law firm of SILVER and BERNSTEIN is still located at 20 Pine Street, New York City, and have telephone number WE 3-7170. Also stated that is still active with the firm.

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The Manhattan Telephone Address Directory for July, 1954 carries 20 Pine Street, New York City, with telephone number WE 3-7170. The above number is also listed for the law firm, SILVER and BERNSTEIN, at the same address.

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**AGENCY**

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- RE: 59184

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- 2/13-54

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- W: 59184

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of known reliability, advised that the subject was in contact with the following individuals and organizations at his office at 20 Pine Street, New York City, during the months of May, June, and August, 1954:

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American-Israel Society, Wiliard Hotel, Washington 4, DC

June 10


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<td>Material For Israel,</td>
<td>250 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York</td>
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<td>Arias, Fabrega and Fabrega,</td>
<td>Apartment 409, Panama, Republic of Panama</td>
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<td>District Attorney's Office,</td>
<td>Brooklyn, New York</td>
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<td>L. Luria and Son, Incorporated,</td>
<td>160 5th Avenue, New York 10, New York</td>
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<td>August 10</td>
<td>Montross and Brewer,</td>
<td>N. W. Building, White Plains, New York</td>
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(It is noted that the current New York Telephone Directory for White Plains, New York, lists Montross and Brewer as attorneys at 175 Main Street, White Plains, New York.)
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August 11        Israel Speaks, Incorporated,
                 34 Park Row,
                 New York 28, New York

August 11        Bache and Company,
                 405 Lexington Avenue,
                 New York 17, New York

(Bache and Company is a member of the New York
Stock Exchange.)

August 12        American-Israel Chamber of Commerce,
                 250 West 57th Street,
                 New York 19, New York

August 18

August 18

It is noted that previously mentioned,
advised that on December 17, 1955, the subject was in contact
with someone occupying

It is noted that according to the building
directory

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

This report is being classified SECRET per Bureau instructions.
LEADS
WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, DC

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office inasmuch as that office is conducting investigation concerning [ ]

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will monitor subject's business and personal banking accounts at the Chase National Bank, New York City, in an effort to determine any unusual activity.

Will continue to follow the activity of the subject in an effort to determine any activities indicating that the subject is active in connection with [ ]


7-7-54
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK.

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK

DATE WHEN MADE OCT 20, 1954

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/10, 21, 24; 10/15/54

REPORT MADE BY

CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - IS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's bank accounts monitored; results set forth: no significant data noted. Contacts of subject include investment broker, New York City.

DATE WHEN PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE

NEW YORK OCT 20, 1954

TIME 10/15/54

REPORT MADE BY

CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - IS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's bank accounts monitored; results set forth: no significant data noted. Contacts of subject include investment broker, New York City.

DETAILS: of known reliability, advised that the subject was in contact with the following individuals and organizations at his office at 20 Pine Street, New York City, during August and September 1954:

Date

August 23, 1954

Individual or Organization

R. S. Liberson

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Special Agent

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<td>United States Attorney</td>
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Post Office Box 939
Church Street Station
New York 8, New York

This Post Office Box is subscribed to by the National City Bank, New York City.

It is also noted that according to [of known reliability],

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of known reliability, made available information concerning the bank accounts maintained by the subject at the...
There were no other significant transactions noted in the account of NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN.

The above information furnished should not be made public except following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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**INFORMANTS**

**Information re**  
Newark letter, 10/2/52, entitled **SM-C**, NY 100-111641

**Date monitor of subject's bank accounts**  
10/15/54

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This report is being given a classification of SECRET as per Bureau instructions.

Unless otherwise indicated there is no pertinent information in the files of the New York Office concerning individuals or organizations mentioned in the body of this report.

LEADS

NEWARK

At Newark, New Jersey

Will report any pertinent information in the files of the Newark Office re Newark letter to New York, 10/2/52, SM-C", Newark file 100-36903).
LEADS (Cont'd.)

WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office inasmuch as that office is conducting investigation concerning

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will report results of thirty day mail cover placed on subject's office at 20 Pine Street, New York City.

Will identify occupant of

Will attempt to determine the significance of the check made payable to the Westminster Recording Company, Inc. in the amount of $5,400.

Will continue to follow the activity of the subject in an effort to determine any activities indicating that the subject is active in connection with

REFERENCE

Report of SA

8/31/54, New York.

- 8 -
NAHUM BERNSTEIN, AKA, ESPIONAGE - IS. RECRUIT SA
DATED 10-20-54, AT NYC. NEW YORK OCCIDENTAL THIS BUREAU AND
AUXILIARY OFFICES ADVISING WHETHER DATE SEPTEMBER 1, 1957,
APPEARING IN LAST LINE, PAGE 4, OF RECRUIT IS CORRECT.

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1 CC - WASHINGTON FIELD (65-5508) (BCS)

WR: JMR

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
Director, FBI

NATHAN BERNSTEIN, WITH ALIAS
ESPIONAGE - IS

October 21, 1954

In a memorandum dated June 8, 1954, addressed to Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III, this Bureau reviewed the results of its investigation of mentioned individual, Bernstein, a New York City attorney.

Two summary reports on Bernstein were furnished to Mr. Olney and his opinion was requested as to whether the facts developed in the matter reflected that Bernstein was in violation of any Federal statute or whether he might be required to register under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, or the terms of Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

In a memorandum dated August 18, 1954, addressed to you, your attention was directed to the fact that Bernstein's

Edward S. Silver is presently serving as District Attorney of Kings County, New York, having been elected to that position in November, 1953.

It would be appreciated if at this time you would advise this Bureau whether any decision has been reached with respect to Bernstein's possible violation of any Federal statute or possible liability for registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, or Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

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CC - 2 - New York (65-15301)
2 - Washington Field (65-5508)

CC - 1 - Room 4714

WRW: mh

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Transmit the following Teletype message to BUREAU NAHUM BERNSTEIN, AKA, ESPIONAGE-IS. REBUAIRTEL 11/2/54 AND REPORT OF SA 10/20/54, AT NY. DATE 9/1/37 APPEARING IN THE LAST LINE, PAGE 4 OF REREP IS INCORRECT, IT SHOULD READ 9/1/54. PLEASE CORRECT. NY COPY BEING CORRECTED.

KELLY

O - BUREAU (65-59184)
1 - NEWARK (100-36903)
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SAC, New York (65-15301)

Director, FBI (65-59184)

NAHUM BERNSTEIN, was.
ESPIONAGE - IS

New York letter of June 4, 1954, returned the material and pointed out that pertinent information therefrom had been appropriately noted by your office.

It has been noted that information from the material has not yet been set forth in a report from your office in the Bernstein case. You are requested to advise whether any pertinent information was found in this material which should be set forth in a report and, if so, when the material will be reported.

WRW:JMr

(4)
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-59184)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-36903)

DATE: 11/24/54

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN, aka. ESPIONAGE - IS

RE: Report of SA New York, 10/20/54

Newark letter to New York, entitled SM-C dated 10/21/52

In referenced report, it was requested that any pertinent information in the files of the Newark Office regarding be reported to the New York Office.

Newark files indicate in a memorandum dated 7/29/52 that

REGISTRERED MAIL INDEXED-99

CC: New York (Info.) (3) (65-15301)
Washington Field (Info.) (1) (65-5508)
Office Men

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (65-59184)

DATE: DEC 3 1954

RE: SAC, New York (65-15301)

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN, WAS

ESPIONAGE-IS

Re: Bulletin 11/13/54.


It is noted that information furnished with Bulletin of 4/12/54 consisted of an application for employment and a Personal History Statement completed in March 1943.

Information contained in these documents consisted solely of background data.

There was no data contained therein which was considered pertinent to this investigation. Background information has been previously reported during this investigation.
Assistant Attorney General (orig. 6-1) December 6, 1954
William P. Tompkins
Director, FBI

NAHUM BERNSTEIN, with aliases
ESPIONAGE - IS
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to your memorandum in captioned matter dated November 24, 1954, your reference #TF:NB179, 146-7-51-22s9. You asked this Bureau's advice therein as to whether Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of Special Agent dated June 5, 1951, at New York City, and captioned as above, is available as a witness. If so, you further requested to be advised whether there is any other evidence to corroborate this informant's statement with respect to Bernstein's position in the Israeli espionage apparatus.

With regard to your first inquiry, you are advised that the above-mentioned informant is not available as a witness. With respect to your second inquiry, you are advised that the only evidence available to corroborate this informant's statement has been furnished to you in the 20 investigative reports and in various other communications which have been forwarded to you, your predecessors, or the Records Administration Branch in the past. It is assumed that such evidence, being available to you, was considered in connection with the decision rendered in your communication of reference.

In view of your decision in this matter, this Bureau contemplates no further active investigation in this case in the absence of a specific request. A closing report in the matter will be submitted to you in the near future. This Bureau will, of course, be alert for any further pertinent information regarding Bernstein's activities during the course of our continuing investigation in other matters relating to espionage activities. Should any such pertinent information be received, it will be made available to you.

(Note: TF 1 is anonymous source)

cc - 2 - New York (65-15301) - You are instructed to complete all outstanding investigation in this case and to submit a closing report within 30 days from the date of receipt of this communication. In your continuing investigations in cases related to espionage activities, you should be alert for pertinent information regarding Bernstein. If same is received, it should be forwarded to the Bureau immediately for referral to the Internal Security Division, Department of Justice. (End.)
Reference is made to your memorandum of October 21, 1954, in which information was requested concerning the subject's possible liability for registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, or Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

In view of Bernstein's attitude and insistence that any interview with Bureau agents be conducted at his office, it is believed that he would not comply voluntarily with a request for registration. In this connection therefore your advice is requested as to whether the confidential informant mentioned in the above cited report of Special Agent is available as a witness and if so, whether there is any other evidence to corroborate his statement with respect to Bernstein's position in the Israeli espionage apparatus.
SAC, New York (65-15301) (orig. & 1)

Director, FBI (65-59184) - 172

NAHUM BERNSTEIN, was.
ESPIONAGE - IS
REGISTRATION ACT

Reulst 12-17-54 submitting a closing report in captioned matter and advising that Bernstein's name would be removed from the Security Index UAGB.

You are advised that Bernstein's name is being removed from the Security Index at the Seat of Government and you are authorized to remove it in your office. It may be noted that his name has been carried in the Special Section of the Index in the past.

(?)

WRW: Jnr

(1/1)

THE COVER MEMORANDUM FROM BELMONT TO BOARDMAN WAS PREPARED BY WRW; FOR UNDER DATE OF 1-19-55 IT BEARING ABOVE CAPTION.)

COMM - FBI

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MAILED 34
It has been ascertained that the number 125 Broadway is nonexistent, however, it is believed that the address should be Room 2255 at 120 Broadway, the occupant of which is Josephthal and Co., a brokerage firm from whom BERNSTEIN has received correspondence in the past.

With regard to the lead set forth in the report of 10/20/54 to attempt to determine the significance of the check payable by BERNSTEIN to the Westminster Recording Co., Inc., in the amount of $5,400, it is noted that the enclosed report sets forth the nature of the business conducted by this company and describes it as being engaged in retailing phonograph records.

It is felt that this lead could not be covered discreetly enough to protect the source of our information, therefore the lead will not be covered.

It is also noted that NAHUM BERNSTEIN has been maintained on the Security Index list during the past four years or more.
Letter to Director
NY 65-15301

The purpose of the investigation concerning
BERNSTEIN has been to determine the extent of his participation
in espionage work for the Israelis. During the period of
this investigation there has been no evidence disclosed
to indicate that the subject is interested in or actively
participating in activity involving subversive groups and
he has no record of Communist affiliations.

JACB BERNSTEIN'S name will be removed from the
Security Index.
Opinion of the Justice Department is that there has not been any violation of the espionage laws of the U.S. on the part of individuals involved in subject, maintained Marxist literature in home.

On August 16, 1954 Mr. WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, advised that a review of the reports submitted to the Department in the cases involving Israeli Intelligence operations did not indicate that there has been any violation of the espionage laws of the United States on the part of the individuals involved.

By memorandum dated November 24, 1954 Mr. TOMPKINS advised as follows regarding the subject's possible liability for registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938,
NY 65-15301

as amended, or Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950:

[Blank]

[Blank]

[Blank]

[Blank]

[Blank] of known reliability, advised that the subject received correspondence on September 4, 1954.

[Blank] of known reliability, advised in July, 1952 that

[Blank] stated that he has on a number of occasions visited

[Blank] and noticed during a tour of the house that the cellar was set up in such a way so as to make it suitable for meetings. The blackboard was observed with a chalk drawing of a hammer and sickle. [Blank] did not indicate the purpose of the set up of the cellar but immediately ushered [Blank] from this locality.

[Blank] also noticed Marxist literature in the cellar and great quantities of canned foods were observed. It was estimated that this supply of canned goods would be enough for about a year or more use.

[Blank] also advised that while visiting

[Blank] he had observed a copy of "The Masses", a newspaper."
NY 65-15301

It is noted that "New Masses" was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, on June 24, 1943 and March 29, 1944.

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, on January 25, 1948 announced that "Masses and Mainstream" was a new monthly cult magazine formed by merging the publications "Masses and Mainstream" and "New Masses."

An advertisement in "The Worker", the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker" for February 8, 1948 stated that "Masses and Mainstream" would provide Marxist initiative and leadership on the cultural front.

It is not known whether "Masses and Mainstream" is identical with the publication observed stated that he could furnish no information concerning any subversive affiliations or connections of known reliability, advised that the

an organization which maintains records of business organizations in the New York area, advised that their records reflected that the Westminster Recording Company, Incorporated, 275 Seventh Avenue, New York City, was chartered under the laws of New York State in October, 1949. Its officers are JAMES CRAYSON, President; HENRY L. GAGE, Vice President; and MICHAEL AUDA, Secretary-Treasurer. The company retails a general line of phonograph records.
The above officers hold identical positions in the Jewish Music Documentary Society, Incorporated, located at the same address, which was chartered in New York State in April, 1954. This company engages in the manufacture of records of Jewish liturgical music.

Information furnished is not to be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

mentioned previously, advised that the subject received correspondence on November 15, 1954.
### ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

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### MISCELLANEOUS

This report is being given a classification of Secret as per Bureau instructions.

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office inasmuch as that office is conducting investigation concerning...
REFERENCE Report of SA 10/20/54, NY.
Bureau letter to NY, 12/6/54.

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Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins, on 11-24-54, pointed out that above information regarding Bernstein's connections with individuals if capable of proof, would warrant determination that he falls within registration provisions of Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended by Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Tompkins asked whether the informant who provided this information was available as a witness and, if so, whether there was any other evidence to corroborate the statement.

In view of this, Tompkins was advised 12-6-54, that source would not be available as a witness. Concerning corroborative evidence, Tompkins was referred to some 20 investigative reports and various other communications which had been forwarded to the Department in the past and to which he had access when he rendered his opinion in this case. He was advised that in view of his decision, no further active investigation would be undertaken in absence of specific request.

Since 11-25-50, Bernstein's name has been carried in the Special (Espionage) Section of the Security Index. This was based on his reported connections and because of his contact with individuals who had formerly come under investigation because of their communist activities and backgrounds. In memorandum dated 12-8-50, it was pointed out that our investigation had revealed that Bernstein's activities should be followed "from viewpoint of his connections with Israelis rather than his contacts with persons having communist backgrounds."

Attachment
cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Branigan
Mr. Tannall

WR: jmk
Memo to Mr. Boardman from A. H. Belmont

Re: NAHUM BERNSTEIN, was., ESPIONAGE - IS, REGISTRATION ACT

On 3-30-54, New York Agents requested that Bernstein call at NYO for interview. He stated he was available for interview but it would have to be conducted at his office where he would have his secretary present to record the interview and "where his own facilities would be available to him." In latter connection, our investigation had revealed that Bernstein's office is equipped with all types of technical equipment he claims to be an expert on wire tapping, microphone surveillances, and similar techniques; therefore, Bernstein was not interviewed. On 6-8-54, Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III was advised of this fact and was advised that no further efforts would be made to interview him in view of the apparent use of technical equipment to record conversations in Bernstein's law office.

NYO has submitted a closing report, copies of which have been forwarded to Records Administration Branch. NYO has noted the fact that during the period of this investigation, no evidence was disclosed indicating subject is interested in or actively participating in activities involving subversive groups and that he has no record of communist affiliations. NYO has recommended that his name be removed from the Security Index.

Since Department is of the opinion that no action against Bernstein is possible based on his alleged intelligence connections, and since investigation has failed to indicate he is involved with subversive groups or in Communist Party activities, the Espionage Section agrees with the recommendation of the New York Office. It is, therefore, recommended that Bernstein's name be removed completely from the Security Index and that the attached letter advising New York of this decision be approved for transmittal to that office.
the State Department advised 5/1/56 that Bernstein had applied for passports on 4/19/56 and 4/30/56 respectively for travel to England, France, and Israel. Bernstein was stated that there appeared to be no reason to deny a passport to Bernstein Bernstein, a practicing attorney, was subject of espionage - ISA investigation from 4/50 to 1/55. He was previously on the Security Index because of his contacts with individuals who had come under investigation because of CP activities. 

was investigated under Hatch Act in 1942 based on allegations that his name appeared in the indices of the American Peace Mobilization and Washington Committee for Democratic Action. He was interviewed under oath 3/28/42 and denied any CP activity. In late 1940's he was investigated in connection with the case which reflected that was in contact with several subjects of that case and persons with CP sympathies. He was placed on Security Index in 8/46 and removed 3/55 because no information had been obtained that he had recently been active in a subversive organization.

presently

State Department is in possession of all pertinent reports re Bernstein
Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

ACTION:

Inasmuch as the issuing of passports to individuals is strictly the State Department's responsibility, it is felt that we should not comment one way or the other concerning furnishing of passports to Bernstein. If you agree, Liaison will advise that this is a matter within State Department's jurisdiction and we have no advice or comments one way or the other.

APPENDIX 5-3-56 WTW

ADVISATED THAT THE PASSPORT DIV. OF STATE HAD RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM SEN. SMITH'S OFFICE RE: BERNSTEINS PASSPORT AND FROM SENATOR BENDER'S OFFICE RE: HAD NO FURTHER INFO IN THIS REGARD BUT WANTED TO PASS IT ON FOR THE BUREAU'S INFO.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

OCT 6 1964

FBI LIAISON:

RE:

RESIDENCE:

BUREAU FILE NUMBER:

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

PASSPORT NUMBER:

ATTORNEY:

TRAVEL PLANS

PORT OF DEPARTURE:

DATE OF DEPARTURE:

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION:

PROPOSED LENGTH OF STAY:

COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED:

PURPOSE OF TRIP:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Nahum Amber Bernstein
BORN: September 5, 1907
PLACE: New York City, New York

Locust Ave.,
New York (Rye)
Unknown

2102734 issued April 14, 1960;
Renewed September 3, 1964 at New York

New York City
September 16, 1964
Air - Northwest Airline
4 weeks
Japan and Hawaii
Business

PASSPORT OFFICE
PT/L - ROBERT D. JOHNSON
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Nahum Amber Bernstein
Born: September 5, 1907
Place: New York, New York

Amelia Earhart Lane
Rye, New York
Unknown

FBI Liaison:

Re:

Residence:

Bureau File Number:

Washington Field Office:

Passport Number:

Attorney:

Travel Plans

Port of Departure:

Date of Departure:

Means of Transportation:

Proposed Length of Stay:

Countries to be Visited:

Purpose of Trip:

Prepared for: 5 Sep 22 1965

Not Recognized

Passport Office

PT/L - Robert D. Johnson
FOLLOWING SERIALS REMOVED FROM FILE AND DESTROYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN 66-3286-891

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[Signature]
PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

Instructions: 1. Answer all questions completely. If question does not apply write "not applicable." Write "unknown" only if you do not know the answer and cannot obtain the answer from personal records. Use a separate sheet for extra details on any question or questions for which you do not have sufficient room.

2. Attach 2 recent passport size pictures to this form, date taken written on the back of each.

3. Type, print or write carefully; illegible or incomplete forms will not receive consideration.

HAVE YOU READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE INSTRUCTIONS? Yes

Yes or No

SEC. 1. PERSONAL BACKGROUND

A. FULL NAME Miss Pfc. Nahum A. Bernstein

PRESENT ADDRESS Hq. & Hq. Co. 1222 SCSU Camp Upton, New York, U.S.A.

PROJECTED ADDRESS 25 East 86th Street, New York City, N.Y. U.S.A.

LEGAL RESIDENCE

B. NICKNAME None

ANY OTHER NAMES THAT YOU HAVE USED Meyers, Cormen, and others.

UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE YOU EVER USED THESE NAMES? During investigations to conceal my identity

specific conversation or inquiry.

HOW LONG? for a/ If a legal change, give particulars No

When

Where

By what authority?

C. DATE OF BIRTH Sept. 5, 1907 PLACE OF BIRTH New York New York U.S.A.

RACIAL ORIGIN THROUGH MOTHER Jewish

THROUGH FATHER Jewish

D. PRESENT CITIZENSHIP U.S.A. BY BIRTH? Yes

BY MARITALIZATION? --

BY NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE # --- ISSUED --- BY Court

AT City State Country

HAVE YOU HAD A PREVIOUS NATIONALITY? No

WHAT?

HELD BETWEEN WHAT DATES? --- TO --- ANY OTHER NATIONALITY? --
GIVE PARTICULARS: ________

HAVE YOU TAKEN STEPS TO CHANGE PRESENT CITIZENSHIP? No GIVE PARTICULARS: ________

E. LAST U.S. PASSPORT: NUMBER, DATE AND PLACE OF ISSUE May 1941, State Dep't. Sub-Treasury Building, New York City. (Number unknown.)

HOW MANY OTHER U.S. PASSPORTS HAVE YOU HAD? two
GIVE APPROXIMATE DATES: 1926 and 1934

PASSEPORTS OF OTHER NATIONS? None

F. IF BORN OUTSIDE U.S. WHEN DID YOU FIRST ARRIVE IN THIS COUNTRY? not applicable

PORT OF ENTRY? ________ ON PASSPORT OF WHAT COUNTRY? ________

LAST U.S. VISA ________

SEC. 2. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

AGE 36 SEX male RACE white HEIGHT 5'11" WEIGHT 163

EYES Brown HAIR Brown COMPLEXION Dark SCARS 1" circle-left leg

BUILD Medium OTHER DISTINGUISHING FEATURES eye glasses

SEC. 3. FATHER (GIVE THE SAME INFORMATION FOR STEP-FATHER AND/OR GUARDIAN ON A SEPARATE SHEET)

FULL NAME Charles Bernstein

LIVING OR DECEASED Deceased DATE OF DECEASE 1912 CAUSE apoplexy

PRESENT, OR LAST, ADDRESS 84 Grove Street, New York, New York, U.S.A.

DATE OF BIRTH Oct. 1860 PLACE OF BIRTH Warsaw Poland


OCCUPATION Restaurateur LAST EMPLOYER Self

EMPLOYER'S OR OWN BUSINESS ADDRESS 191 Mercer St., New York, N. Y., U.S.A.

MILITARY SERVICE FROM None TO None BRANCH OF SERVICE None

COUNTRY None DETAILS OF OTHER GOV'T SERVICE, U.S. OR FOREIGN not applicable
SEC. 4. MOTHER (GIVE THE SAME INFORMATION FOR STEP-MOTHER ON A SEPARATE SHEET)

FULL NAME

First
Jennie

Maiden
Steinberg

Last
Bernstein

LIVING OR DECEASED
Living

DATE OF DECEASE

CAUSE

PRESENT, OR LAST, ADDRESS
277 West End Ave., New York, New York, U.S.A.

DATE OF BIRTH
Dec. 17

PLACE OF BIRTH
Kovna City

Lithuania State

CITIZENSHIP
U.S.A. WHERE ACQUIRED?

1883 WHERE?

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, U.S.A.

OCCUPATION
Housewife

EMPLOYER'S OR OWN BUSINESS ADDRESS

LAST EMPLOYER

not applicable

DETAILS OF GOV'T SERVICE, U.S. OR FOREIGN
not applicable

SEC. 5. BROTHERS AND SISTERS (INCLUDING HALF-, STEP-, AND ADOPTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS)

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SEC. 6. MARITAL STATUS

A. SINGLE No MARRIED Yes DIVORCED No WIDOWED No

STATE DATE, PLACE AND REASON FOR SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

not applicable

B. WIFE OR HUSBAND (IF YOU HAVE BEEN MARRIED MORE THAN ONCE USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR FORMER WIFE OR HUSBAND AND GIVE REQUIRED DATA FOR ALL PREVIOUS MARRIAGES)

NAME

Maxine

Corman

Bernstein

PLACE & DATE OF MARRIAGE

New York City Apr. 20, 1941

FIRST

middle; (for wife, maiden)

last

(HER OR HIS) ADDRESS BEFORE MARRIAGE

160 Riverside Dr., New York, N.Y., U.S.A

ST. & NO.

City

STATE

COUNTRY

LIVING OR DECEASED
Living

DATE OF DECEASE

CAUSE

PRESENT, OR LAST, ADDRESS

203 West 70th Street, New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

ST. & NO.

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SEC. 10. RELATIVES BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE OR ADOPTION, WHO LIVE ABROAD, ARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF
A FOREIGN POWER ARE NOT CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES, OR ARE MARRIED TO NON-CITIZENS:

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SEC. 11. RELATIVES BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE, IN MILITARY, NAVAL OR OTHER GOV'T SERVICE - U.S. OR FOREIGN:

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SEC. 12. GIVE FIVE CHARACTER REFERENCES - IN THE U.S. — (GIVE BUSINESS ADDRESSES WHERE POSSIBLE)

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SEC. 13. NAMES OF 5 PERSONS WHO KNOW YOU SOCIALLY IN THE UNITED STATES. NOT REFERENCES OR EMPLOYERS. (GIVE BUSINESS ADDRESSES WHERE APPROPRIATE)

1. NAME: [ ]
   ADDRESS: [ ]

2. NAME: [ ]
   ADDRESS: [ ]

3. NAME: [ ]
   ADDRESS: [ ]

4. NAME: [ ]
   ADDRESS: [ ]

5. NAME: [ ]
   ADDRESS: [ ]

SEC. 14. GIVE THREE NEIGHBORS AT YOUR LAST NORMAL RESIDENCE IN THE U.S.

NAME: [ ]
ADDRESS: [ ]

NAME: [ ]
ADDRESS: [ ]

NAME: [ ]
ADDRESS: [ ]

SEC. 15. EDUCATION

SCHOOL: P.C. Z. 134, 109, 123 ADDRESS New York, N. Y. U.S.A.
DATES ATTENDED: 1913 to 1921 DEGREE None

DATES ATTENDED: 1921 to 1925 DEGREE None

COLLEGE: of New York ADDRESS New York, New York, U.S.A.
DATES ATTENDED: 1925 to 1929 DEGREE B.S.S.

COLLEGE: Columbia Law School ADDRESS New York, New York, U.S.A.
DATES ATTENDED: 1929 to 1931 DEGREE L.L.B.

SEC. 16. MILITARY, NAVAL OR OTHER GOV'T SERVICE - U.S. OR FOREIGN

U.S.A. DEML, AUS Pfc. June 1943 to date

Hq. & Hq Co. 1222 Service Rank Dates
SOSV. Camp Upton, New York - 32967216 none Capt. Frank Ehrenbach
Last Station Serial No. Type of discharge Com. Officer

REMARKS: At present in active service. The Section Officer under whom I serve is Chaplain Samuel N. Sherman, 1st Lt. Post Chapel, Camp Upton, New York.
SEC. 20. FINANCIAL BACKGROUND (CONT'D)

GIVE three CREDIT REFERENCES - IN THE U.S.

NAME: [ ] ADDRESS: [ ]
NAME: [ ] ADDRESS: [ ]
NAME: [ ] ADDRESS: [ ]

SEC. 21. CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF EMPLOYMENT FOR PAST 10 YEARS. INCLUDE CASUAL EMPLOYMENT. INCLUDE ALSO PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT. GIVE ADDRESS AND STATE WHAT YOU DID DURING PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT. INCLUDE LAST 5 POSITIONS AND COVER AT LEAST 10 YEARS.

EMPLOYER Silver & Goldstein TITLE OF JOB Attorney
ADDRESS 11 Park Place New York New York U.S.A.
St. & No. City State Country
YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALTY Lawyer and Investigator
KIND OF BUSINESS: Law, Investigations NAME OF SUPERVISOR Edward S. Silver
FROM: 1931 TO: 1933 SALARY $50. to $75. PER week
REASONS FOR LEAVING Became a member of the firm

EMPLOYER Silver & Bernstein TITLE OF JOB Partner
ADDRESS 20 Pine Street New York New York U.S.A.
St. & No. City State Country
YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALTY Investigations, Prosecutions, Trials
KIND OF BUSINESS: Law NAME OF SUPERVISOR Self employed
FROM: 1933 TO: 1942 SALARY $20,000. PER Annum
REASON FOR LEAVING Enlistment in Army of the United States

EMPLOYER [ ] TITLE OF JOB [ ]
ADDRESS St. & No. City State Country
YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALTY [ ]
KIND OF BUSINESS: [ ] NAME OF SUPERVISOR [ ]
FROM: [ ] TO: [ ] SALARY $ [ ] PER [ ]
REASONS FOR LEAVING [ ]

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SEC. 17. SELECTIVE SERVICE STATUS - not applicable - in active service.

CLASSIFICATION ——— ORDER # ——— APPROX. INDUCTION DATE ———

BOARD # ——— ADDRESS ———

IF DEFERRED, GIVE REASON ———

SEC. 18. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED FROM ANY POSITION, OR LEFT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WERE NOT ENTIRELY FAVORABLE? PLEASE GIVE DETAILS: No

SEC. 19. MISCELLANEOUS

DID YOU EVER HAVE OR DO YOU NOW HAVE MEMBERSHIP IN, OR SUPPORT, ANY POLITICAL PARTY OR ORGANIZATION WHICH ADVOCATES THE OVERTHROW OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES? No IF "YES," EXPLAIN:

DO YOU USE, OR HAVE YOU USED INTOXICANTS? Moderately

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, INDICTED OR CONVICTED FOR ANY VIOLATION OF LAW OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION? IF SO, STATE NAME OF COURT, CITY, STATE, COUNTRY, NATURE OF OFFENSE AND DISPOSITION OF CASE. No

SEC. 20. FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

ARE YOU ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON YOUR SALARY? No IF NOT, STATE SOURCES OF OTHER INCOME Securities and investments in various enterprises

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF BANKS WITH WHICH YOU HAVE ACCOUNTS: Chase National Bank - 20 Pine Street, New York City; Corn Exchange Bank - 265 Broadway, New York City; Branchville National Bank - Branchville, New Jersey.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN BANKRUPTCY? No GIVE PARTICULARS ———
SEC. 20. FINANCIAL BACKGROUND (CONT'D)

GIVE three CREDIT REFERENCES - IN THE U.S.

NAME:                           ADDRESS:                           
NAME:                           ADDRESS:                           
NAME:  Chasr National Bank      ADDRESS: 20 Pine Street, New York, N.Y.

SEC. 21. CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF EMPLOYMENT FOR PAST 10 YEARS. INCLUDE CASUAL EMPLOYMENT.
INCLUDE ALSO PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT. GIVE ADDRESS AND STATE WHAT YOU DID DURING
PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT. INCLUDE LAST 5 POSITIONS AND COVER AT LEAST 10 YEARS.

EMPLOYER: Silver & Goldstein       TITLE OF JOB: Attorney
ADDRESS: 11 Park Place New York New York U.S.A.
YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALTY: Lawyer and Investigator
KIND OF BUSINESS: Law, Investigations NAME OF SUPERVISOR: Edward S. Silver
FROM: 1931 TO: 1933 SALARY: $50. to $75 PER week
REASONS FOR LEAVING: Became a member of the firm

EMPLOYER: Silver & Bernstein       TITLE OF JOB: Partner
ADDRESS: 20 Pine Street New York New York U.S.A.
YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALTY: Investigations, Prosecutions, Trials
KIND OF BUSINESS: Law NAME OF SUPERVISOR: Self employed
FROM: 1933 TO: 1942 SALARY: $20,000 PER Annum
REASON FOR LEAVING: Enlistment in Army of the United States

EMPLOYER:                             TITLE OF JOB:                    
ADDRESS:                             City State Country
YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALTY:           
KIND OF BUSINESS:                    NAME OF SUPERVISOR:               
FROM: TO: SALARY: $ PER
REASONS FOR LEAVING:                 

SEC. 21. CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY (CONT'D)

EMPLOYER ___________________________ TITLE OF JOB ___________________________

ADDRESS ____________________ City __________ State __________ Country __________

YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALTY ___________________________

KIND OF BUSINESS: ___________________________ NAME OF SUPERVISOR __________

FROM: __________ TO: __________ SALARY $ _______ PER __________

REASONS FOR LEAVING ___________________________

EMPLOYER ___________________________ TITLE OF JOB ___________________________

ADDRESS ____________________ City __________ State __________ Country __________

YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALTY ___________________________

KIND OF BUSINESS: ___________________________ NAME OF SUPERVISOR __________

FROM: __________ TO: __________ SALARY $ _______ PER __________

REASONS FOR LEAVING ___________________________

SEC. 22. RESIDENCES FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS

277 West End Ave., New York, New York, U.S.A. FROM: 1933 TO: 1941
St. & No. __________ City __________ State __________ Country __________

St. & No. __________ City __________ State __________ Country __________

25 East 86th St., New York, New York, U.S.A. FROM: 1942 TO: 1943
St. & No. __________ City __________ State __________ Country __________

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SEC. 23. RESIDENCE OR TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

South - England - pleasure DATES June 1934 TO July 1934
City or Section __________ Country __________ Purpose __________

Paris - France - pleasure DATES June 1934 TO July 1934
City or Section __________ Country __________ Purpose __________

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SEC. 23. RESIDENCE OR TRAVEL (CONT'D)

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SEC. 24. CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

LIST NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL CLUBS, SOCIETIES, LABOR UNIONS, PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES, EMPLOYEE GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS OF ANY KIND (INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP IN OR SUPPORT OF ANY ORGANIZATION HAVING HEADQUARTERS OR BRANCH IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY) TO WHICH YOU HAVE BELONGED:

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<td>N.Y. County Lawyers Ass'n.</td>
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<td>Congregation Shearith Israel</td>
<td>2 West 70th St., New York</td>
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<td>Zionist Organization of America</td>
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SEC. 25. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

CHURCH OF ATTENDANCE: Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue (Shearith Israel)

ADDRESS: 2 West 70th St., NAME OF MINISTER OR PRIEST: Dr. David De Sola Pool

SEC. 26. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

A. FOREIGN LANGUAGES (STATE DEGREE OF PROFICIENCY AS "SLIGHT" "FAIR" OR "FLUENT")

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SEC. 26. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS (CONTD)

B. HAVE YOU ANY SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OR TRAINING WITH RESPECT TO:

MOTOR VEHICLES? Yes AIRPLANES? No RADIO? Yes

GIVE PARTICULARS Operate Trucks and Tractors (U.S. Army license);
Understand elementary radio theory and assembly.

C. LIST all SPORTS AND HOBBIES WHICH INTEREST YOU; INDICATE DEGREE OF PROFICIENCY IN EACH.

Horsemanship: Riding, training, teaching (18 years) - good
Skiing - Fair Farming - Fair
Tennis - Fair Photography - Fair
Golf - Fair
Swimming - Good

D. HAVE YOU ANY QUALIFICATIONS, AS A RESULT OF TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE, WHICH MIGHT FIT YOU FOR A PARTICULAR POSITION?

(1) Supervisor of investigations and prosecutions and instructor of
crime methods including surveillance, cover, wire-tapping,
dictaphone, sound recordings, Agent's reports, records, statistics,
Voices Interrogation, and personnel.

(2) Labor relations advisor - acted in this capacity for
Prudential Insurance Co. of America, Newark, New Jersey.

SEC. 27. PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

NAME Maxine Bernstein RELATIONSHIP Wife
ADDRESS 200 West 70th Street, New York, New York, U.S.A.
SEC. 28. YOU ARE INFORMED THAT THE CORRECTNESS OF ALL STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN WILL BE INVESTI-
GATED, AND YOU ARE INVITED TO MAKE ANY CHANGES (OR ADDITIONS) IN YOUR STATEMENTS THAT
YOU MAY THINK ADVISABLE.

A. ARE THERE ANY UNFAVORABLE INCIDENTS IN YOUR LIFE NOT MENTIONED ABOVE WHICH MAY BE DIS-
COVERED IN SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION, WHETHER YOU WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED OR NOT, WHICH
MIGHT REQUIRE EXPLANATION? IF SO, DESCRIBE. IF NOT, ANSWER, "NO."

No

B. I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
AND BELIEF, AND I AGREE THAT ANY MISSTATEMENT OR OMISSION AS TO A MATERIAL FACT WILL
CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL.

SIGNED AT New York City, New York, CITY AND STATE

DATE November 24, 1943

Signature of applicant

Witness

COMMENTS OF INTERVIEWER:

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