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KARL ZERK
3703 Monon Street
Los Angeles, California
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIMINAL SECTION - GENERAL
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Re Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 1/22/64.

A review of the files of the Los Angeles Office revealed that on 7/29/60, Mrs. IRVING KAUFMAN, wife of Federal Judge IRVING S. KAUFMAN, furnished an envelope addressed to Federal Judge J. IRVING KAUFMAN, Beverly Hills Hotel, 9641 Sunset, Beverly Hills, California, and bearing the return address, KARL ZERK, 3703 Monon Street, Los Angeles 27, California. The envelope contained a four page pamphlet entitled "The Rosenberg Story", which attempted to justify the actions of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, in giving atomic secrets to the Soviets. The files contained no additional information identifiable with the subject.

The files of the Los Angeles Registrar of Voters, as checked 1/28/64, by IC FREDRICK E. BECKER, revealed that KARL ZERK, 3703 Monon Street, Los Angeles, California, was born in Czechoslovakia. He acquired citizenship by decree of the court on 4/14/43, at Camp Hale, Colorado, Affidavit of Registration number E-962292, Court Docket number 547967. The record further revealed that ZERK was a textile engineer. The date of his last registry was 4/22/48, as a Democrat.

Records of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, California, as caused to be checked 1/28/64, by IC GERALD A. BOSWELL, revealed that KARL ZERK had been on file since 9/26/55. His employment was listed as

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Wool Yardage Buyer, Bullock's Department Store, 7th and Broadway, Los Angeles, California, since 6/1/48. His marital status was listed as single. His former address was 3709 Monon Street, Los Angeles, California.

Records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, as checked 1/28/64, and 1/29/64, respectively by IC PAUL H. CHAMBERLAIN, Jr., contained no record identifiable with ZERK.

Records of the California State Department of Motor Vehicles, Driver's License Division, Sacramento, California, as of 1/30/64, reflected that KARL ZERK, 3703 Monon Street, Los Angeles, California, was issued California operator's license Y214912 on 4/12/60. He was born 5/20/12, and was described as 5'10", 150 pounds, brown hair, and brown eyes.

By means of a pretext interview to the subject on 1/30/64, conducted telephonically by SA ROBERT E. SAGE,

b7E [REDACTED] it was determined that ZERK is currently employed at Bullock's Department Store, 7th and Broadway, Los Angeles, as a silk and cloth buyer.

Los Angeles is conducting no additional investigation concerning the subject at this time, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.